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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

It's that time of year when those who left 5 feet of snow are back watching the flowers bloom and listening to the beautiful birds sing.

Now that everyone's home, we're ready to begin our upcoming programs. Even though we had a rough winter, F.F.A. kept on working and thought about new ideas to keep us going strong and to continue the friendship and love we have with one another that takes us from coast to coast.

And the above is a prelude to what I'm going to say:

Dear friends of F.F.A., without your support we could have difficulties in continuing our fantastic organization. Like some other associations who ask for a yearly fee, we don't. Our \$10.00 membership has never changed and never will. That is why, as I always ask you through our newsletter, to please continue to send in donations - whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated. If you have an article or photograph you would like to share, please send it along (Photos are returned) with a contribution. Your article of interest will be seen by every member. The board and I sincerely thank you for whatever you can do.

And remember - we are still seeking new board members. If you are able to give a couple of hours a month (except in the winter months), we would love to have you with any and all your ideas.

On June 28th we will enjoy a great Jazz Brunch - the best ever. Please see the enclosed flyer and as time goes on, we will have more events for all to enjoy, not only in Massachusetts but in Florida as well.

Before I close, let me share a few memories...Remember - roller skates with keys, erector sets; gasoline for 35 cents a gallon; when gas station attendants would check your oil and clean your windshield; and last but not least - metal ice cube trays with levers. A few more memories in the next newsletter.

It is a pleasure to be your president. Thanks to our wonderful board of directors, I couldn't do it without them.

See you soon,
Sincerely,
Herb Raffelson

P.S. Have whatever kind of day you want and enjoy it.

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I HAVE A HAPPENING

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you share your happenings with all of us.

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75th Dec. 17, Harriet (Katz) Charnitsky of N. Easton, MA.
75th Dec. 24, Judy (Beckwith) Goodman of Duxbury, MA
Best wishes from Harriet (Katz) Charnitsky, of
N. Easton, MA.
79th Ernie Sochin on 1/18/15, of cutler Bay, FL
80th Bernie Pearl of Boynton Beach, FL, best wishes from
Ellie Forman of Canton, MA.
80th Gerry Rosenberg of Boynton Beach, FL, best wishes
from Ellie Forman of Canton, MA.
80th Congratulations to Barbara Shapiro on her 80th
birthday from Selma Engler of Norwood, MA.
90th I just had my 90th birthday on July 5, 2014 Leonard
(Lenny) Carvitt of Boynton Beach, FL.

NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

I am so excited my poetry book, "Remembrances" (written under the pseudonym Becky Hamm) has just been published! It is an adult poetry book, you'll laugh, you'll cry and you'll remember. Frances (Jacobs) Sharon, of Randolph, MA and Delray Beach, FL.

Thanks for all the effort you put into the Newsletter. Fran and Stan Ross of Delray Beach, FL.

Many thanks for all you do. Wishing all a very Happy Healthy 2015. Elaine (Milden) and Bernie Goldin of Boynton Beach, FL

Allen and Natalie Wernon reside in Leesburg, FL. Allen is currently living n a facility and Natalie is at home. They send their fond regards to whomever remembers them, especially the "Matadors". From Oliver Davidson of Winthrop, MA

Thank you for the enjoyable newsletter. We always look forward to reading it. Helayne (Bornstein) and Nathan Dratch of Boynton Beach FL.

Lou and Sandy (Soroco) Saklad are located in Tuscon, AZ. E-mail sandi-lou@gainusa.com. We would like to hear from our old Dorchester, Mattapan friends.

Reading the FFA newsletter brings deep and long forgotten memories, so thank you immensely. I want to remind you all that if you ever get to Mexico (the south-central mountains in a town called San Miguel de allende) I would love to hear from you. My US Vonage line is 209 349 6874, and my Mexican landline is 415 152 1744. I graduated from the J. E. Burke High School in 1955...and I remember a great many of you. Leona (Lee) Sidman

I have enclosed a picture of Bunny Haase, Anne Wolfe and Cindy Rosenberg. If any of those girls read this I would like to hear from them. Burt Tankel, 16 Tapley St., E. Lynn, MA.

I very much enjoy reading the newsletter, keep up the good work and a Happy, Healthy, New year to all of you. Selma Engler of Norwood, MA.

My name is Leonard (Lenny) Carvitt and I live in Boynton Beach, FL. I married Jeanette Dolph three years ago. For those who may not know, Ruth Nannis has passed away.

GET WELL

Get well wishes to board member Arthur Kagno of Boynton Beach, FL for a speedy recovery, from The Board of Directors of the FFA.

“MEMORIES”

Throughout my lifetime I always remembered Eddie Rotman and Doris Paul as the smartest students in my class at the Solomon Lewenberg. After 65 years, my wife and I visited Eddie at his home in Randolph. He was surprised that I still remembered him. Eddie's father was a well-known barber. The Rotman Barber Shop was on Wilcock St. for over 45 years. Eddie was an outstanding baseball player (third baseman). He played for the Dorchester “NONAMES” and also played in the championship game at Braves Field. Eddie talks about how much he misses his wife Pearl (Snyder) who passed away 13 years ago. She graduated Jeremiah E. Burke H. S. class of 1956. We had such an enjoyable visit talking about old times it was great seeing him, he showed us his yearbook and many pictures. Mazel Tov to Eddie from Billy Lombardi of Dedham, MA.

It is with much anticipation that I look forward to receiving my Franklin Field newsletter. I like reading the many things that take place in the lives of people I remember from our wonderful years of growing up in such a select community, Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan. I remember dancing at “Teen Town”, skating at “Chez Vous” and ice skating on the pond at Franklin Park. What I remember about Franklin Field is of course, the wall, the tennis courts, and the swings. What a blast we had. I remember going to the very first FFA reunion at the Blue Hill Country Club. I never imagined there would be so much love and feelings of camaraderie in one place. It was like going back in time especially when the Talbot Bowladrome, owned by Sumner & Henry Ross was recognized for being that special place where so many of us would gather and even meet our future mates.

Even now when I meet someone from “Our Era” there is such a feeling of warmth that comes across in our greetings, it's almost like family. Let's not forget the Oriental with the stars in the ceiling, Brigham's hot fudge sundaes, Simco's hot dogs, G& G's corned beef sandwiches, the Brown Jug and of course “Cutler's Poolroom (for the guys) I am looking forward to the Jazz Brunch in June and seeing friends from our “way back days”.

A devoted and original member of the FFA. Love & hugs to all. Ruthie (Berger) Sandler is alive and well, living in Stoughton, MA.

The recent snow battering in Boston brought back “memories” of those snow days in the Mattapan, Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods. I grew up on Greendale Rd, Morton St. and Lorna Rd. “SNOW MEMORIES”!! “NO SCHOOL, ALL SCHOOLS, ALL DAY”. On a snowy winter morning that was “pass go and collect \$200” announcement we'd listen to on the kitchen radio.

It seemed every community, with the exception of Boston, got the day off. Brookline, Newton, Quincy, Weymouth etc...etc... But NOT Boston! We'd listen again and again...thinking perhaps we missed it. The occasional no school announcements...they were few and far...were greeted with unrestrained joy, like being released from prison. When it came, it was “our day” Get on our snow suits, foolish looking hats, ear muffs, mittens and those stupid black overshoes with the metal clips and of course our sleds. We'd shlepp those Flexible Flyers and Speedways to the nearest hill, steep sidewalk, or long driveway and away we'd go. (The best and longest was Wellington Hill Street). No one ever

“MEMORIES”

called it “sledding”. It Was “coasting”! We'd make trains (hooking the rope from one sled to another) or planes (one sled on top of another) and race one another.

Oh yes...remember “slurring”, using your sled to push the other person's sled into a snow bank. We made snow fortresses, huts, “special” snowballs we'd bury in the snow to use in snowball fights, and some of us used the opportunity to go from house to house looking to pick-up a few quarters or if lucky a dollar or two for shoveling a neighbors porch, sidewalk or drive-way. No one had snow-blowers, or rock salt, rather the ashes from the coal burning heating furnaces were used to prevent people from slipping on the ice.

The good old days??? They were the best!!!

Aaron (Army) Shepard of Albany, N.Y.

ANNIVERSARIES

- 50th Mel and Mikki Gondelman of Milton, MA recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 2/14/15, with lots of love from Adam, Dana & Jay Gondelman.
- 50th Mazel Tov to Mikki and Mel Gondelman on their 50th Anniversary celebrated on Valentines Day, 2/14/15. From Irwin & Roberta Chafetz of Brookline, MA.
- 53rd Edward & Carol Cohen of Ambler, Pa 1/14/15 Best Wishes from Ernie & Rhoda Sochin of Cutler Bay, FL.
- 53rd Ernie & Rhoda Sochin of Cutler Bay, Fl. 6/3/15
- 60th Sumner & Joanne (Engelson) Katz, of Delray Beach, FL 3/20/15. We will celebrate on Martha's Vineyard this summer, with our 6 children, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.
- 60th Congratulations to Barbara & Sonny Shapiro on Their 60th Anniversary, may you have many more. Love, your dear friend, Selma Engler of Norwood, MA.

FFA COMING EVENTS

Hold the Date!

We are planning a Jazz Brunch on June 28th, 2015, at the Holiday Inn, in Mansfield, MA entertainment by the Steve Hick Quartet, featuring Gary Johnson on the drums. See enclosed flyer for more information.



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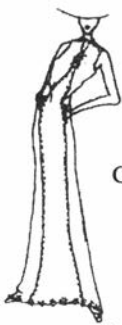
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IN MEMORY OF

In memory of my beloved wife Paula, from David Landy of Boynton Beach, FL

In memory of our sister, Shelly Silverman, she will be in our hearts forever. From Gloria Steiman, Sandra Salzman and Louis Bielinki of Delray Beach, FL.

In memory of my dear wife Barbara Franklyn, sister of Leonard Sack, who passed in March, 2014, and in memory of my dear daughter Joanne Brown who passed away in April, 2014. From Michael Franklyn of Natick, MA

In memory of my husband of 60 years, Jerry Goldoff, who died Nov. 26th, 2014. From Phyllis (Hurwitz) Goldoff of Atlanta, GA

In memory of our dear brother Marvin Hyman who passed away on Nov.3, 2014. From his sisters Ruth Lightman and Arlene Hyman of Coral Springs, FL

In memory of my wonderful, generous, funny brother, Burt Cooperstein. I miss our daily 1:00a.m conversations, and I miss you calling me "Hey, Jude" instead of Judy. Rest in Peace. From Judy (Cooperstein) Rothenberg of Silver Springs, MD.

In memory of an old friend Manny Richman. My thoughts are with her family. From Bobbie (Hymovitz) Krozy of Stoughton, MA.

In memory of my Brother Stanley Siegel. He was a great brother and uncle. From his sister Irene Ginsburg and family of Boynton Beach, FL.



L/R: Adam, Dana, Mikki, Mel and Jay Gondelman



L/R: Bunny Haase, Anne Wolfe and Cindy Rosenberg

NEW MEMBERS

"The F.F.A. would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members"

Dr. Michael & Jill Common
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"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



L/R: Annette (Brooks) Davis, Cynthia (Albert) Bramberg, Phyllis (Finkelstein) Fuld

MAZEL TOV TO

Congratulations to my beautiful and accomplished granddaughter Erica Rose Melito on her graduation May 2, 2014 from Northeastern University, summa cum laude-with high honors and distinction. I am so proud of her as she embarks on her new brilliant career. Love to all. From Ruthe Averbuck of Brockton, MA.

We are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of our twin grandsons, Ben and Matt Reinstein. They are the sons of Alan and Viviane Reinstein of West Roxbury, MA. From Max & Lois Reinstein of Potomac, MD.

We're extremely proud to announce that our granddaughter Briana, after graduating with honors from Oxbridge Academy was accepted to Washington University in St. Louis, MI and awarded a full scholarship to continue her education. She's loving her freshman year. Our other granddaughter, Sapir is in her third year at Stern University in Manhattan studying for her Master's in psychology. Our oldest granddaughter has recently opened her Dental practice in Rhode Island. From Rickee (Fritz) & Harvey Jores of Boynton Beach, FL.

I am happy to inform the FFA that my daughter Leigh was married to Shawn McNutt. It was a beautiful wedding. Leigh is daughter number three. I have one more daughter to go, Dana. Most of the FFA happenings are about grandchildren and great grandchildren, I am still making Marriages of my children. It is not that I started late, it is that I am a late finisher. From Marshall Kawadler, of Delray Beach, FL.

Tara Jill Novack, daughter of Rochelle and Robert Novack of Newton and granddaughter of Doris Zeprun of Westwood recently became engaged to Evan Davis, son of Cynthia and Jeffrey Davis of West Warwick, R. I. Tara is an attorney in Manhattan and Evan is an AVP in the risk management department of Bank of America in Manhattan. They currently reside in Kew Gardens, NY., A December 2015 wedding is planned in Newport, RI. From Doris Zeprun of Westwood, MA.

In honor of our 9 grandchildren. From Ken and Linda Kipnes of Hyannis, MA.

Elaine (Slavin) Shneider of Mashpee, MA and Davie, FL. is happy to announce the arrival of her fifth grandchild, Alexander Donovan Shneider. Alex was born Sept. 26, 2014 and is the son of Gary and Michele Shneider of Coral Springs, FL.



L/R: Phyllis (Fife) Satter Tanner, Sandra (Sneider) Liftman, Arlene (Cooper) Saperstein, Rita (Kaplan) Libman

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L/R: Eddie Rotman, Billy Lombardi



Morton Theatre, February 1945

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members,

I would like to thank our members who helped find some of our "Missing Members", the list has now gotten shorter because of you. A special thanks to Bill Lombardi who has gone above and beyond to help us.

It was a struggle to put this Newsletter together due to lack of stories, memories and photos. The guts of the newsletter comes from you. We love putting it together and making it fun and interesting but we need your help in doing this.

I look forward to seeing you at our Jazz Brunch, on Sunday, June 28th, 2015. It's going to be a wonderful afternoon.

We have added some new ads, please check them out. We encourage our members to patronize our Advertisers,

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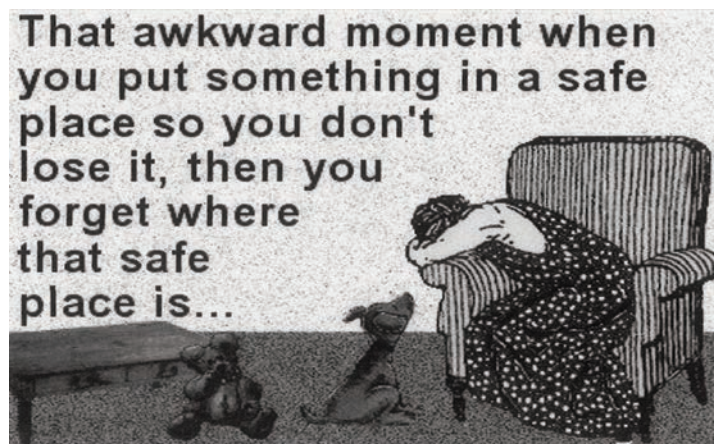
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