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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi to all FFA Friends,

First on my list is to sincerely thank you for your generous donations, as you know it goes to the cost of our expenses, especially the newsletter, which our members enjoy.

Well it's spring and the board and I hope you and your family are well, I know with the pandemic it wasn't easy and still isn't. I found the way to staying healthy, stay busy, exercising, walking and try doing sit ups. Join a gym and keep moving. Lay off too much Chopped Liver.

There 's really not much to discuss because it's been very Quiet, as for the FFA, we will still continuing the newsletter, our members have been great writing us stories about themselves and families. Send pictures, articles of interest and of course, Happy Birthdays, Mazel Tov, and Anniversaries. You would be surprised how many of us are interested.

In all the years I've been president of FFA, I have never once mentioned anything about myself, we are hearing about our members, so I decided I would do the same. Let's start with 1953, it was during the Korean Conflict. I decided to enlist in the United States Air Force I was stationed at different bases, beginning with Sampson Air Force Base in N.Y., then to Albany Georgia after GA I went to communication School in Wyoming then to GT Falls, Montana and from their to Sidi Slimane in French Morocco, 100 miles from Casablanca, where I was in communication and played in a jazz band and was M,C. for all the shows that entertained the troops. I came back from Morocco and was stationed at Westover AFB in Chicopee Falls, MA. I was discharged in 1957 with the rank of staff sgt. In 1960 I formed my own band, I changed my name to Herbie Rae (not legally just a show name) I actually stole the name Raes from my sister Arlene, she loved Johnnie Ray so she started her singing career. She changed her name Arlene Rae.

I am going to be 89 on Nov. 5th and I still entertaining with my keyboard player, I average 3 jobs a week and various nursing and assisted living homes and work as a dressman at Chapel on the Hill (Schlossbergs), when ever they need me.

The reason I share this information with you, it's to let you know working and being active enhances better health and a stronger mind, and keeps us to live a longer life. All the years I was in the USAF my Dad would end with his letters with the following K.S. K.P. & K.Y.C.U which means keep smiling, keep punching and Keep your chin up.

God Bless you, Herb Rae Raffelson, President of FFA

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NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

I want to thank all those dedicated people who make this newsletter possible. I really enjoy all the news.

Gloria (Epstein) Koltz, of Holyoke, MA

Hello to my classmates from RMHS. We had a great time in our class of 1954! Wishing you all good health and sunshine.

Anne (Wolfe) Silva of Greenacres, FL

Thanks for finding me. I live in MA, I hurt my shoulder and had to and wanted to move near family. Irene Ginsburg of Hopkinton, MA

Keep up the good work. Earl Titlebaum of Boca Raton, FL

Thank you for all your work, well done. Sandra (Kaufman) Berger of Boca Raton, FL

Never give up, it's the greatest. Myra & Bob Pransky of Randolph, MA

I do hope this contribution will help keep your association and newsletter operating for as long as possible. It represents a time not forgotten and an illustration of what courageous and determined people achieve! Barry Haight of Venice, FL

Keep up the wonderful work you do, love getting news about the old neighborhood. Claire Stearns of Needham Heights, MA

Barbara and I look forward to receiving the newsletter and enjoy the pictures and comments, which trigger our memories. Barbara (Custin) and Philip Poverman of Chestnut Hill, MA

Thank you for all the hard work to keep the newsletter going.

Ann Marsh of Lake Worth, FL

Enjoy reading the newsletter, thank you.

Marilynn Grosky of Sharon, MA

Hope my donation helps keeping the Association active.

Gerry Gitner of Boynton Beach, FL

Hi, I am still living, nice picture of my cousin Allan and Sheldon Adelson. I saw the Cutler sisters at your last dinner. Hope we all stay well. Irving Murstein of Weymouth, MA

A special thank you to all who help put a great newsletter!!!! We always enjoy reading every word.

Jeannie (Poretsky) & Charlie Albert of Foxboro, MA

My pleasure to enclose a check to support of your continual good work in continuing the FFA Newsletter. Sincerely,

Sid Kaufman of Boca Raton, Fl and New Seabury, MA

It was much appreciated that Rita (Kaplan) Libman put a remembrance in the newsletter. I hope that the enclosed check helps keeping the letter going. Tell Rita Libman, I think of her brother in law every day. Thank you again.

Jay Shapiro of Boynton Beach, FL

Thank you for your Newsletter, I'm afraid I don't know anyone listed, but is is fun to see the pictures, and read about my old neighborhood. I guess no one remembers me or my brother, David Jacobs, because no one has ever responded to my pleas for contact. I am hoping to hear from anyone fro the classes of '43 or 44' J. E, Burke, anyone who might remember me. Please keep up the good work. It's a tough job to put out your paper and it is most certainly appreciated and eagerly awaited.

Frances (Jacobs) Sharon of Randolph, MA

MAZEL TOV

My grandson Matthew Callan is graduating from Syracuse, my granddaughter Emily Callan is teaching in China, my granddaughter Grace O'Sullivan is ranked 9th in girls basketball in New England. Paul Waitze of Stoughton, MA

Arlene (Shaff) and Lenny Elman of Delray Beach, FL are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Jodi to Cantor Glenn Sherman of Del Ray, FL.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Naomi Fox Sidney Mostow Boynton Beach, FL Norton, MA

L/R: Ellie Heffron Forman, Arlene Shaff Elman, Gerry Rosenberg, Dottie Williams Rosenberg, Lennie Elman, Phyllis Shaff Mendelsohn

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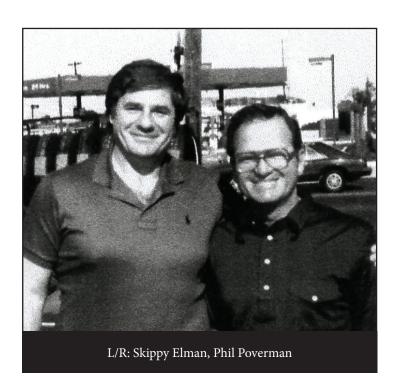
BIRTHDAYS

85th Happy 85th birthday to our dear friend, for many years Carole Charloff. Rita (Smith) & Don (Buz) Zide of Boynton Beach, FL

90th Larry Galer of Milton, MA celebrated his 90th birthday with his wife Marilyn (Hecht), his 6 grandchildren, many relatives and friends. Hosted by his sons Russell, Bradley & Gregory Galer.

ANNIVERSARIES

65th We are happy to be celebrating our 65th Wedding Anniversary. Rita (Smith) & Don (Buz) Zide of Boynton Beach, FL



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My name is Anita (Leavitt) Caruso. I grew up on Deering Road, Mattapan and graduated J.E. Burke High School in 1954. I went to the Boston Dispensary to be a laboratory technician and graduated in 1956. I worked at Peter Bent Hospital for a private doctor, doing research work on Mitral Valve Prolapse in correlation to rhuematic fever. Married in 1957, we had three children, a boy and two girls. We moved from Waltham in 1966 to Falmouth on Cape Cod and then to Hyannis in 1968. I Was a Sunday school teacher for several years.

In 1970, I became an Interior Decorator and we moved to Brewster-Cape Cod where I currently live. I was divorced in 1979 and remarried in 1981 becoming stepmother to eight more children, four boys and four girls. My second husband owned a retail furniture store and I worked there as an Interior Decorator. We traveled quite a bit and had a time share in ST. Marten for 22 years and a condo in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Sadly, he passed away in February 2007 after 25 1/2 wonderful years.

In June 2007, I started to write my memoir. I met so many wonderful people in my writing class that eventually we formed our own group which we still have today. After I retired from Interior Decorating in 2010, my memoir was published in 2014. Soon I was ready to fulfill my childhood passion which was to write children's books. I knew there would be no shortage of stories to write because I had 32 grandchildren (6 of them mine and 26 of them by step-children) plus 16 great grandchildren.

My first book in the Brayden's Magical Journey Series was published in 2015. I went on to publish two more in 2016. The 4th book was published in 2019 and the 5th in 2021.

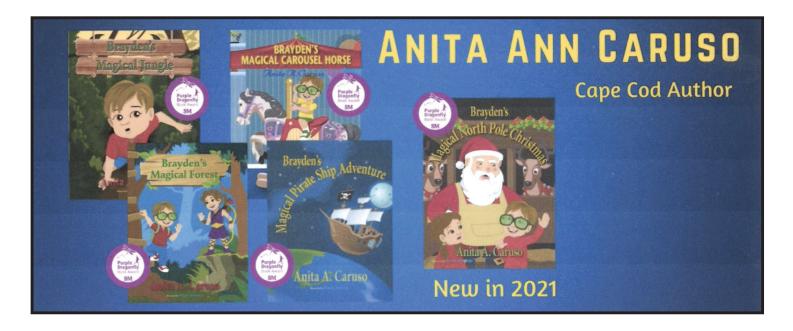
Brayden, my great grandson, is the main character in all five books, along with some of my other great grandchildren. When he finds magic green sun glasses and puts them on, Braydon travels into magical adventures, creating a character that children can identify with.

My books have won awards from the Purple Dragon Fly Award contests sponsored through Story Monsters magazine. Vibrant pictures capture children's interest and encourages imagination. (Ages 2-7)

You can find them on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, your local independent bookstore, or e-mail me at anlocar@ aol.com. I will ship anywhere with a personalized signature and a free pair of magic glasses.



Anita Caruso anlocar@aol.com



IN MEMORY OF

Sorry to hear about Herbie Ray's brother, Marvin Rafelson passing away. We grew up together in Dorchester. Selma Engler of Norwood, MA

In memory of my husband Leonard (Lenny) Lightman. He passed away on November 28, 2021. He will be remembered in the heart of many friends and family members. Ruth Lightman of Coral Springs, Fl

My brother, Lenny Dress, passed away this past September of Glioblastoma, his senior page of his Boston Latin yearbook said it all; They come bigger but not better. May his memory be a blessing. Daniel Dress of Winchester, CA

"I am honoring my dearest friend Sonya Speen of Framingham, MA who passed away much too soon on November 2, 2021. She was a talented artist who had her own Graphic Design Studio. She loved life and her only son Jeff and his wife Trish. I will miss her." Carolyn Nathan of Bradenton, FL

My husband Edward Lemack passed away on January 9, 2021, he will be missed. Bernice (Feinberg) Lemack of Hamilton, NJ

In memory of my grandson Colby Hills, son of Jodi and Donald Hills of Ghent, NY. He passed away on November 23, 2021. He was a 20 year old junior at SUNY POLYTECH, NY. He was a wonderful fun-loving, delightful person. All who knew him, loved and respected him. He will always be remembered and missed. Bernice (Feinman) Lemack of Hamilton, NJ

In memory of my loving wife, Deanne (Gebell) Gitner, who passed away in 2021, she was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Gerry Gitner of Boynton Beach, FL

In loving memory of my beloved husband Clint Israel who passed away on January 31, 2022. He was an amazing husband, father, grandpa and friend, and will be deeply missed. RIP, Carol (Fuld) Israel of Marblehead, MA

In memory of an outstanding young man, Sam J. Forman, grandson of my dear friend Ellie (Heffron) Forman. Elaine (Milden) Goldin of Boynton Beach, FL

In memory of Samuel Forman. Our sincere condolences to Ellie, Bruce, Carrie and Ben. Sandy & Manny Kassler of Milton, MA

In memory of Samuel Forman, wishing Ellie my heartfelt condolences. Arlene (Berinsky) Morris of Stoughton, MA In memory to the Forman Family on the loss of their beloved son, grandson and brother Ben. Elaine & Pat Weith of The Villages, FL

IN MEMORY OF (CONT.)

In memory of Gilbert (Gilly) Chudnow who passed away on June, 2021. He was a good friend for many years and he will be missed. Arlene (Shaff) and Lenny Elman of Delray Beach, Fl

In loving memory of my brother, Louis Segal, who died on December 17, 2021 in Westport, CT. Louis will be missed by his adoring family and friends for his charismatic ways and fun-loving nature. He was always full of energy and never stopped being active. "I can do that" was his mantra. Barbara (Segal) Gerber of Dorchester, MA

In memory of Lou Korey and Ron Slovin who passed away in June and August of 2020. We all grew up together on Harlem Street in Dorchester. Along with other friends in that neighborhood, we formed the Indians club in the early 40's. They say that you never have friends better than the ones you have at twelve. Lou and Ron were my closest friends when I was that age and although we went in different directions, we got together every summer. We remained good friends for over 75 years. Great guys, great friends. I will miss them. RIP! Shep Raskind of ST Helena ISL, SC

2021 was a very sad year for me. I lost two dear cousins Lee (Shear) Aster & Rita (Palan) Cohen, and just before 2021 ended my life-long friend of 80 years, Louise (Hoffman) Stokar passed away. Evelyn (Solomon) Vaz of Miami, FL

In memory of my beloved grandson Sam Forman, he is survived by his parents Cary and Bruce Forman and his brother Ben, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends. Ellie (Heffron) Forman of Milton, MA

In memory of my brother in law Clinton Israel, a wonderful, caring and loving man, he will be missed by all. Phyllis (Finkelstein) Fuld of Stoughton, MA

In memory of my beloved Mother Anne (Wolfe) Silva of Stoughton, MA, She was President of B'nai Brith and co founder of Capeway Company, She touched the lives of everyone around her and made countless wonderful friends. Loving Mother of Wendy and Scott Norman, Lori and Peter Monaco and Jody Stevens.



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STORY OF THEODORE



There were two notable Teddy's in my life.

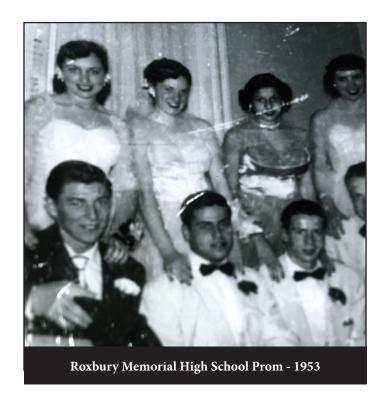
One of them is my kid brother, Theodore Leroy White, also known as "Teddy Terrific". RMHS '54, BU '58. The other teddy was my second cousin, on my Mother's side, Theodore Harold White, sixteen years my senior. Our families lived an austere life on Boston's Greenwood & Erie Streets. Teddy White was sixteen when his father died during the Great Depression. It was now up to him to protect his mother, sister, and brothers. He rose before dawn to sell newspapers at the busy Franklin Park street-corner and on the trolleys that ran along Blue Hill Avenue from Franklin Park to Mattapan Square and back. Selling newspaper was a ten-hour day...from five in the morning until three in the afternoon. Teddy's mother would bring him a

thermos of hot cocoa on wintry mornings. Teddy would yodel, read all about it! Get your Globe, Post, Herald and Boston American here. After the chant came the sell, the newsboy's imagination from the lurid Boston American one of the worst Hearst newspaper of the day. For each one hundred papers sold at two cents each, two dollars came in, of which he could keep seventy cents.. Theodore White was the first of four children of Mary Winkler and David White, a scholarly man trained as a lawyer, who collected rents for slumlords during the depression. One of the Theodore White's earliest childhood memories was the sound of his mother crying to his father because there wasn't money to buy shoes for the children.

Sociologues Maintained.....

"It was not hunger but the erasure of poor men's identity that was the worst thing about depression." Teddy White graduated from Boston Latin and then with a full "Newsboy Scholarship," majored in Chinese history at Harvard, graduating summa cum Laude. White went from Newsboy to newsman with his first job with Time Magazine. In 1946 he co-authored, "Thunder out of China". He is acclaimed for his "Making of the Presidents" series, receiving a Pulitzer Prize, about the election of John J. Kennedy. Theodore White covered the spit and polish of the Japanese surrender on the Battleship Missouri for Time Magazine. His unique style was treating presidents as personalities instead of symbols.

William F. Buckley said, "White revolutionized the art of political reporting." About the 1960 presidential campaign, White wrote, It was my thought that historians would tell the story of the quest for power in more precise terms with greater wealth of established fact, there might, nonetheless, be some Permanent value in the effort of a contemporary reporter to catch the mood and the strains, the weariness, elation and uncertainties of the men who sought to lead America in the decade of the sixties." In a step toward transparency, after six decades of secrecy, our government released a tranche of secret documents that some historians and conspiracy theorists hope will shed more light on the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.



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A PLEA FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members,

I would like to thank our many generous supporters who have repeatedly sent us donations to keep our publications going. Just as important, we need special interest stories, memoirs and pictures, anniversaries, birthdays, in memory, Mazel Tov. and etc.

That's what our newsletter is all about, without our members we cannot keep going. So please send us anything of interest, we are happy to add new columns at any time. We will have to decide whether we can keep going.

We had hoped to plan a luncheon but due to the covid, we will have to put it at a later time for the safety of our members.

PLEASE KEEP THE NEWSLETTER GOING, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO IT.

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