

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

On May, 1989 the first newsletter was sent out, from that time on the organization grew and the rest is history.

The newsletter became a success, the members sent in, Birthdays, Mazel Tov, Anniversaries, Get well and Notes from our members, Condolences, Messages from the Editor. We then added a new Writers column, the Newsletter went from 4 pages to 8 pages because of our members.

During all these years, we had some wonderful Weekends Away, Trips, Plays, A Day at Nantasket Beach and some in Florida, New Year Parties, Spirit of Boston, etc. I wish I could make a list of all the wonderful things we did together. We are planning our last 35th Anniversary celebration, we look forward to see all of you as this is the last one. We were so fortunate to have such wonderful memories.

It has been my pleasure to write The Newsletter, of course we wouldn't have one if not for our members, who kept sending in donations and messages. I want to thank the many members who called me, it was great to talk with them. I would like to thank all the members and friends who helped us to send out the newsletter, I will miss seeing you.

We are very near the end of the Franklin Field Association, I will always have them in my heart and think of all of our wonderful members. I could not have written the FFA Newsletter without you.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ONE OF THE MANY GOALS OF THE FRANKLIN FIELD ASSOCIATION IS NEVER TO FORGET THE GOOD OL' DAYS

To all the kids I grew up with and those who were before me & those who were after me, but there wasn't a big difference in ages. It's funny I may have passed you going to the Morton Theatre or at the same time passed each other going to the Oriental Theatre or Franklin Park Theatre.

We hung at the G&G, or Brown Jug, Bowladrome, Cutlers, and so many other places, Twin Pharmacy, & Rothenberg's. We met at the Hecht House, or Talbot Bowladrome, or maybe at Franklin Field on the 4th of July when Julie Ansel would pass out ice cream hoodies to all who attended. I could go on but we are ended up at the most famous place in the world, THE WALL AT FRANKLIN FIELD.

In 1988 a group was formed called Franklin Field Alumna Association, with a handful of people who grew up from Roxbury to Mattapan. This group and grew with 500 people who had stories printed in the newsletter, we could read about what was going on with our old and new friends. We had weddings, Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, engagements – happy occasions, and unfortunately sad stories.

From 1988 to 2023 we had many stories, unfortunately through the years our organization dwindled. I have had the pleasure of being President in 2011, with many great events and programs, but now the time has come to close our wonderful book of memories, we will never forget. I thank the board and our members.

Years have passed since the FFA days and always wonderful memories.

With love and affection,
Herb Raffelson
President since 2011 - 2023

All Good Things Come To An End.....

For 35 years, the Franklin Field Association and its many members, supporters and volunteers have contributed to our success. Our reunions and newsletter have shown us all fond memories of family, friendships, schoolmates, favorite haunts, and local businesses. Our organization has also helped to keep us connected with each other. But all good things must come to an end. It has been a pleasure to serve you but our staff are now having a well deserved retirement.

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NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Thank you FFA for your Newsletters, threw all the years, it is greatly appreciated. Leatrice Miller of Delray Beach, FL

Get well to Irving Murstein of Clinton, MA from hip surgery, Good luck in your new condo.

We love reading the good old days hopefully we can all meet and catch up! Thanks for keeping us in the loop. Jeannie and Charlie Albert of Foxboro, MA

Keep the newsletter coming. Louis Katz of Brockton, MA I as a new member I am enjoying the newsletter. I want to thank my good friend Phil Poverman for informing me about the newsletter, we have been friends for 75 years. Elaine & Sid Mostow of Norton, MA

I always look forward to receiving the newsletters. It brings back pleasant memories of living in Roxbury. I remember the high Holidays, we were all gathering at Franklin Field to remind all the events of the past years, regards to all. Arnold Fritz of, West Bridgewater, MA

Thank you, always a smile when the newsletter arrives. Sandi Berger of Boca Raton, FL

This is the 70th year that I and fellow students graduated from the Jeremiah E. Burke High School. I have tried, in vain to set up a virtual reunion on my computer with Classmates online. After several tries I gave up. I have been in touch with some of our fellow classmates and it is wonderful to receive their life stories. We had a very warm, talented group of young women then. Hearing from them now is amazing!!! They are living all over our country and fulfilled their dreams. They have relayed to me what wonderful productive lives they have had. But there are many of us still around enjoying what we can, are we not lucky!!! Our class Prophecy set our horizons high and so many woman accomplished their goals while raising beautiful families. I live in Boca Raton, Florida and if anyone from our class would like to contact me, please call me at 561 961 4353. I'm only a phone call away. Good Health and congratulations on making it to still be here to celebrate our 70th Anniversary. Iris (Hunt) Segal Past President of Boca Raton, Florida

Hi: I was just made aware of this publication. Amazing I graduated J.E. in "52" under the name of Esther Sidman. I was married to Lloyd Cameron for 48 years until he died eight weeks ago. I received my MSW and was a social worker until I retired. I lived in Long Island, N.Y. until 25 years ago when we moved to Santa Monica, CA to be near our kids. My sister, Leona Sidman lives nearby. I look forward to hearing from you and reading future editions. Esther (Sidman) Cameron of Santa Monica, CA

A WONDERFUL JOURNEY



We thoroughly enjoy the FFA's Newsletter. We also felt that perhaps a "snippet" of Janice and Andre Bolaffi's journey together might be of interest particularly since (a) we came from two different worlds and (b) we celebrate September 12th a date that will live in eternity... It is the date of our 68th wedding anniversary. So here goes...

Janice Caen Lerner was born in Boston and grew up on Glenway Street in Dorchester. Massachusetts. She is the second oldest of four daughters born to a Russian Jewish father and an American Jewish mother. She and several other friends founded the Delmar's Club. Janice attended the Sarah Greenwood school and graduated from Girls Latin School in Boston. In 1950 she enrolled in the freshman class at Brandeis University... a brand new University that opened its academic doors in 1948 and had yet to have a graduating class. Janice graduated, Cum Laude, from Brandeis in 1954. Later she graduated from Boston University's graduate school earning a Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Endocrinology.

Andre Bolaffi was born in Cairo, Egypt and raised in both Cairo and Alexandria. He is the only child of a Russian Jewish mother and an Italian Jewish father. He had a privileged surrounding (maid, servant, chauffeur). He was educated at Victoria College (a prestigious British Boarding high school for boys in the Middle East) where he learned English. In 1948 he and his mother emigrated to the United States of America. He lived in Revere where he attended Revere High School for one year. He then enrolled at Brandeis in 1949 and graduated in 1953. He too, later on, went on to Rutgers University where, with the aid of the GI bill, he earned his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Food Science and Technology.

We met at Brandeis in 1950. One day I (Andre along with my roommate) was in the "chow" line of Brandeis University's cafeteria. Janice was working behind the counter at the dessert station. One look and I was thunder struck with the beauty of her eyes, lips and smile! I told her she was beautiful and asked for her name. Her reply was "you only get one dessert, move on"! I was disappointed and decided to try again. I went back into line and as I approached the dessert "department" she looked up and sternly told me "I told you before, you get only one dessert".

Devastated I went back to the dining table thoroughly depressed. My roommate, trying to cheer me up, said "there are plenty of other fish in the ocean". I was not interested in fish. With Brandeis' small student body Janice and I would see each other on campus. But my attempts (again) at flirting were to no avail. However, one day I received a note... "would you like to escort me to the Sadie Hawkins' dance" signed JL. First, I did not know who JL was and secondly who/what/was/is Sadie Hawkins? When I discovered who JL was I was thrilled!

After the dance, we strolled on the campus ground and came to the "Wishing Well", a spot that had a park bench and a real (but dry) decorative water well. We sat on the bench and I asked "may I kiss you? We kissed. I again told Janice that she was very beautiful and asked her "would you marry me"? To which she said "What a line!" Having been in America for only two years I was not yet familiar with American expressions so I asked... "What does what a line mean?" Janice laughed and replied "that's a better line than the previous one!" Shortly thereafter, Janice introduced me to her wonderful family and to a fascinating Dorchester...its people, G&G and Parkview "delis", Egermen's bakery, Grove Hall (where, on Saturday nights, I worked for Janice's father selling the Sunday editions of local newspapers), the beach at Nantasket and Kenberma street, a movie theatre that had a retracting roof...All of which I found fascinating and "exotic".

We were married on September 12, 1954 after Janice graduated from Brandeis and I was at the mid-point of my eight weeks of infantry basic training in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. We honeymooned at the Nevelle hotel in the Catskills of New York State. After my service Janice worked at Sloan Kettering institute for Cancer in New York City. I worked for General Foods Corporation and other food companies. We moved to California in 1983. After a brilliant career Janice retired from the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco. I worked with the Food Industry and likewise I am retired.

We have two wonderful children David Bolaffi and Mimi (Miriam) Bolaffi-Angst. They all work and live in San Francisco. We traveled (professionally and for pleasure) all over the world. We lived in many states of this wonderful country. We differ in certain aspects of life but our love for each other and our dedication to growing old together triumphs over all other issues.

In sharing this snippet of our journey together we offer our take on life...be healthy and live life to it's fullest. If ever you feel depressed we offer you the Bolaffi motto: "Illiegitimi Non Carborundum!" ... (Latin for "Don't let the bastards grind you down").

Finally, we leave you with Edward R. Morrow's broadcasting signature sign-off... "Good Night and Good Luck."

With Great Admiration,

Andre & Janice L. Bolaffi
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IN MEMORY OF

With deep sorrow, Estelle (Dashute) Deutch passed away on December 25. My heartfelt condolences go out to Caryn, Michael and family on the loss of their beloved Mother and my friend. Leatrice Miller of Delray Beach, FL.

In memory of a very dear friend, Lou Keimach truly a special guy! Arlene (Berinsky) Morris of Stoughton, MA

Passing of Lou Keimach, Loving caring and kind friend for 75 years. We miss you. Carole & Stan Charloff of Boynton Beach, FL

In loving memory of beloved wife, Elaine (Simon) who passed away on January 1st, 2022, in Delray Beach, FL. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and friends. She was a caring, loving and fun loving nature. Alan Aarons of Delray Beach, FL

In memory of my wife Marcia-Lee (Rodney) Freeman who passed away Nov. 2021. Harold Freeman of Stoughton, MA

My husband Jan Schultz died June 23, 2000, and since then you have continued to send me the Franklin Field Association Newsletters. I read them, and felt closer to so many of you, especially throughout my years living in Randolph, MA (Thank you and hope that I have many more years to appreciate your newsletters). Sincerely, Ethel V. Schultz of Enfield, Ct. 06082

In memory of our long time friend of over 80 years. We will miss Judge Jerry Krafzur, Latin school, Babson and Wayne Univ. led him to a Federal Judgeship. We will miss discussing his liberal policies. R.I.P Friend. Paul Rosenblatt of Stoughton, MA, Barry Tutin of Delray, FL, and Ed Weisman of Boynton Beach, FL

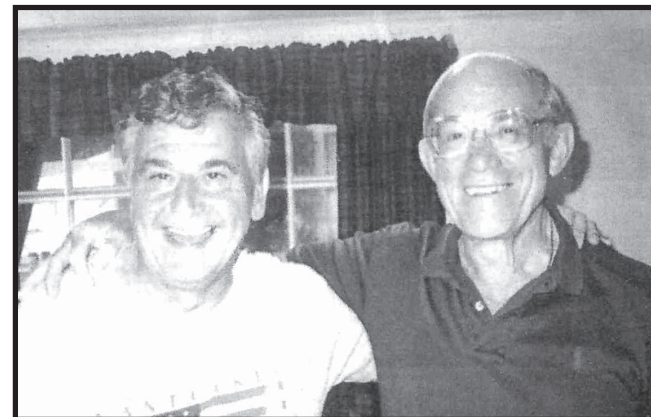
In loving memory of Stanley I. Berger from family: Sandra (Kaufman)Berger, Herb and Fran Kaufman and Beverly (Kaufman) Wolfe, MA. Long time resident of Newton, MA, Boca Raton, FL, and Marston Mills, MA. A very special person.



MY RECOLLECTIONS

Growing up in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan was a wonderful journey, So let's take a walk down "Memory Lane", Elementary School-Junior High School and High School where we made friends for life, for sure. So I list my Highlight's Galore. Ruth (Berger) Sandler of Stoughton, MA

- We had Franklin Field and Franklin Park
- Where we drank from any bubbler we could find
- Our theaters were the Franklin, the Morton, and the Oriental
- All for a 25 cents admission
- The G & G for corned beef sandwiches and more
- Simco's for hotdogs
- Brighams for hot fudge sundaes (my favorite)
- Lakins for sherbet, pickles and penny candy
- We played outside and walked everywhere
- We skated at Chez Vous and went to the "Y"
- Danced at Teen Town and the Hecht House
- We knew all our neighbors and their families
- We had parties with Friends
- Played spin the bottle, though most of us were shy
- If you were lucky, some sweet boy walked you home
- We bowled at the Talbot Bowladrome where some of us met our future husbands & wives
- We were in a world of our own
- It was the best no money could buy
- These are some of my recollections
- Do you have some as well?



MAZEL TOV

Congratulations to our beautiful granddaughter Alix Israel and her amazing fiancé Wiley Houldin on their engagement. Love you. Carol Israel of Marblehead, MA

Our granddaughter Robyn Casper became engaged to Kevin Case on July 2, 2022. Lawrence and Gloria Steiman of Randolph, MA

NEW MEMBERS

Lillian (Davidson) Breen Ashland, MA
Esther (Sidman) Cameron Santa Monica, CA

BIRTHDAYS

- 4th In honor of our great granddaughter Emma's 4th Birthday. Doris and Elliot Hershoff of Peabody, MA
- 85th Happy 85th birthday Stan Greenberg of Milton, MA
- 89th Happy 89th birthday Irving Murstein of Clinton, MA
- 90th Happy 90th birthday to our dear friend Joe Albert, from Deena, Evan and Neil Crocker of Boynton Beach, FL
- 91st Happy 91st birthday to Len Aaronson of W. Yarmouth, MA

ANNIVERSARIES

- 60th Sid and Deanna Wolk of Boston, MA are celebrating 60yrs married
- 60th Jane and Stan Greenberg are celebrating their 60th wedding Anniversary.
- 65th Chickie and Dick Rutfield of Canton, MA and Delray Beach FL. Just celebrated their 65th wedding Anniversary and have four children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild
- 69th Fran and Len Aaronson, of W. Yarmouth are celebrating their 69th Anniversary.

TO THE MANY READERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FRANKLIN FIELD ASSOCIATION:

I would like to thank each and everyone who have donated and continued to support our Newsletter over these many years since 1988 when this organization was founded. Your photos of years gone by of friends who most of us knew and grew up with were always welcome. Seeing those photos brought back so many memories for all, keeping up with friends who live in different zip codes kept us in touch with one another. This organization was an idea of a handful of people and never thought that it would grow to have this many people who have come to celebrations and gatherings all these years. I always looked forward to getting the Newsletter. Reading about what was happening in your lives.

I want to wish each and every one of you a very happy, healthy, New Year. With much affection, Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL



