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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi to all my friends,

It seems like we're almost back to normal, I know how the pandemic took its toll on many of us, but thank God with the masks and vaccinations & carefulness, we are coming along just fine at the age we are, we've seen and been through a lot and we'll beat this too.

Now back to FFA business, yay, you wonderful members are keeping us going, you've taken the time to send in letters, pictures, articles, but mostly you have helped so much by mailing in your donations and let me tell you, all combined is what's keeping us alive. As soon as we are able to we will get together and formulate events, be patient it will come ASAP. Please keep your letters coming, keep your pictures coming, keep whatever you have to say coming. Most of all please keep your donations coming. You, my dear friends have helped our organization immensely.

Happy Mother's day and Happy Father's day. Stay well & God bless you.

Sincerely
Herb Raffelson, President



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NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

I enjoy receiving the newsletter, keep the FFA Newsletter going. Nathana Berman of Tamarac, FL

Happy Days-Great memories, they flew by too fast!! A happy and healthy New Year to all! Now and always will miss the wonderful Dorchester days, especially the Hecht House. Elaine (Katz) Kates of Braintree, MA

Please keep the newsletter going, we enjoy it so much. Eddie & Claire (Astrachan) Klein of Middleboro, MA

I look forward to the FFA newsletter, keep it coming. Seena (Chandler) Goldman, Columbus, OH

I so enjoy getting the newsletter, keep up the good work. Joanne Katz of Delray Beach, FL

Keep the FFA newsletter coming, Ruth (Bell, Federman) Levine of Boynton Beach, FL

Good luck, we hope the newsletter will go on. Stanley and Sandra Berger of Boca Raton, FL

Best regards from Barbara (Rosenberg) and Bernie Pearl of Boynton Beach, FL

Thank you! Stay safe. Myra and Bob Pransky of Randolph, MA

I was Elaine Newberg, lived at 45 Lucerne St., Dorchester and 145 Savannah Ave., Mattapan, graduated Solomon Lewenberg in 1953 and Roxbury Memorial H. S. for girls in 1956. I Attended Hebrew school at the Beth Hillel. I have never seen a name I recognize in the FFA. Is a whole generation missing? Elaine (Newburg) Frankowski of Minn. MN

Former resident (70yrs ago) curious if any friends still live in Mattapan, and Dorchester? Victoria (Rotman) Kahn, of Boynton Beach, FL

I pray that all the members will send gifts to keep our FFA strong and our newsletter in the mail. Thank you for all you do to keep this going. Anne (Wolfe, Pritzer) Silva of Greenacres, FL

We appreciate all the committee's hard work, we look forward to receiving each issue. Manny & Sandy (Schultz) Kassler of Milton, MA

Could you put a note in the newsletter asking Sidney Wolk, whether he lived at 17 Roxton St., Dorchester in the 1940's. Sara (Weinstein) Rothman of Silver Spring, MD

I want to reach out to many of the FFA members, family and friends who have called, sent flowers, cards and text messages of get well wishes after my accidental fall and surgery. I appreciate it and love all of you. Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

Would like to connect with my namesake and Roxbury Memorial '49 classmate, Richard Herman of Delray Beach who contributed to the November 2020 "Writers Corner". I would like to hear from you, contact me: email: burton.herman@hermanagency.com or call 630 379 7996. Please get in touch. Burt Herman of Sarasota, FL.

MAZEL TOV

Congrats to my grandson Sebastian Taylor on his acceptance to George Washington Medical School. Don Goodman of Duxbury, MA

I am proud to announce that my granddaughter Somera will be attending Stony Brook University in the Class of 2024! Estelle (Dashute) Deutch of Wellington, FL

Announcing the birth of my first grandchild, Bruno. To my daughter Rachel and her husband Todd, in Northampton, MA. Daneil Dress of Winchester, CA

Congratulations to our granddaughter & grandson on Stephanie & Bobby Sanborn on the birth of Lucca Sanborn, 9lbs 4oz. We love you, grandma & Papa. Arlene & Lenny Gross of Newport, R. I.

Carole & Stan Charloff, of Boynton Beach, FL are proud to announce the birth of their first great grandchild, a girl, Jaclyn Margot Charloff, daughter of David & Catherine Charloff, granddaughter of Jeff & Sharon Charloff, born 12/1/20. We could not be happier.

Paul Waitze's granddaughter Emily Callan graduated from Univ of Washington in Seattle in June and is now going to China for two years to teach. Her brother Matthew is a sophomore at Syracuse, my other granddaughter Caitlin O'Sullivan is a freshman at Cornell. Paul Waitze of Stoughton, MA

I am thrilled to announce the birth of my third great grandchild, Wesley Richardson Williams, son of Ben and Monica Williams, born on January 14, 2021. Sonia Ravech of Boca Raton, FL

Delighted to celebrate sweet sixteen to our great grandchild Lillyen. Gloria & Laurie Steiman of Randolph, MA

Manny and Sandy (Shultz) Kassler of Milton, MA are proud to announce that their grandson, Matthew Kassler, was named to the Top 100 Best and Brightest Business Majors for 2021 by Poets and Quants. Matt is graduation Summa Cum Laude from the Isenberg School of Management at UMASS Amherst and will be joining PwC following his graduation.

Mazel Tov to Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL on the birth of her new great granddaughter Dakota Rose born on 7/20/2020. She is welcomed by her parents Marisa and Joshua Drew and her brothers Brayden and Logan of Plymouth, and her grandparents Susan and Doug Drew of Carver, MA

NEW MEMBERS

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

Stephen & Harried Pollard
Joel Weinstein

Stoughton, MA
Carmel, CA

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Wishing my beautiful great-granddaughter Maya Simone Dvorkin a happy 2nd birthday on July 30, 2021. With love from Gigi. Anne (Wolfe, Pritzker) Silva of Greenacres, FL

80th Happy Birthday to my dear friend Phyllis (Averbuck) Sundook. I have been your weekend roommate/houseguest, since the corona virus hit. We have enjoyed many take out dinners, dining indoors and many glasses of wine. Watched lots of Turkish series on Netflix and had a lot of fun. I will never forget those special times with you. Love, Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach FL

85th In spite of the onus of Covid, we were able to celebrate Ernie Sochin's birthday with our immediate family, January 18, 2021. Ernesto & Rhoda Sochin of Cutler Bay, FL

-- Happy Birthday to: Herb Kaufman, and Beverly Wolfe. With love Sandra (Kaufman) and Stanley Berger, Boca Raton, FL

85th Marty Udelson has celebrated his 85th birthday this past February. Best Wishes from his wife Carolyn Nathan Of Bradenton, FL

ANNIVERSARIES

62nd Gloria & Laurie Steiman of Randolph, MA celebrated 62 yrs this past September.



L/R: Cynthia (Caplan) Mortlock, Phyllis Diamond, Elaine (Aronstein) Zane, Marlene (Binder) Freeman, Estelle (Dashute) Deutch, Janice (Linsky) Atkins, Rita (Kaplan) Libman

WRITERS CORNER

Dear Writers Corner,

It has been a long time since I lived in Dorchester, MA but it will stay with me forever. My family moved to Helen Street when I was 4 years old. I went to Sarah Greenwood Elementary School and graduated from the Oliver Wendall Holmes Junior High in 1952 and started Roxbury Memorial High School, (girls' side of course). My family decided on moving again, this time to California to other relatives. They packed up my dad's old Studebaker with essentials including my younger brothers and me and drove cross country for 10 days. It was a good thing my older brother, Bill had previously joined the air force with his friend Bob Leafer as we wouldn't have had room for him in the car anyway. Bill was a great guy and had lots of friends. I remember he and his friend formed a club called: The Iroquois and they had blue and gold jackets of which they were very proud. After Bill passed away 5 years ago Bob and I kept in touch. I miss him as he passed away in September of this year. I have seen the name Mel Kramer in the FFA Newsletter. I remember him as one of Bill's friends. I still keep in touch with a couple of my Dorchester friends, Anne (Pactovis) Snyder and Cynthia (Albert) Bramberg and Fran (Goldstein) Barg. I recognize a few others' names, some of which have also passed away. I often think of the landmarks of the old neighborhood; Blue Hill Avenue and the wall, the bowling alley, Franklin Field, the Hecht House and the 4th of July celebration. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me or my family. My email is: ettygarber@yahoo.com Thank you so much for keeping the memories or our youth alive. Etty (Ethel) Garber of Groveland, CA

I am an alumni of the J E Burke High School class of 1952. We have lost many woman from that class, and to their families I send my condolence. I know they are truly missed by their families. They were a great group of "girls". We who are still living have wonderful memories of that time so long ago. I remember Louise Daniels on the Dick Clark radio show, Bertica Shulman playing the piano magnificently, Rhona Krakofsky beautiful voice, Marilyn Lock's ballet dance in our scholarship play. That play was such fun!! All the "girls" who danced and sang were fabulous! Years later at class reunions they still sang some of the songs. I remember the "girls" who came to my house Sunday after Sunday to write the play. My mom's cookies didn't go to waste.. I remember Sara Zide, who deserved a great deal of credit for directing and putting the show together. We had so many TALENTED AND BEAUTIFUL "GIRLS" in that class. I still look at the pictures I have from our unforgettable prom. I married my date three years later as I know many of the "girls" did.. Memories for us at this age keep us thinking of our youth and the fun we had.. That's why your newsletter is so important. Everyone I'm in touch with feels the same way. I live in Florida and would love to hear from any of my classmates. 561 961 4353 or email me at ids400@aol.com. Love to hear from you. Iris (Hunt) Segal class of '52 of Boca Raton, FL

WRITERS CORNER (CONT.)

Hi, Always such fun to receive the Newsletter. The one I received yesterday was dated November, and here it is the end of January, which makes me wonder if I've missed an issue??? Enclosed is my usual stipend and a poem which I published just prior to leaving for Florida this past November. It was nice to see the note from Bert Lerner. We go back a long way to when we belonged to the Free Sons of Israel, a wonderful organization, no longer around. Very interesting to hear from Dick Herman. Seems as if we grew up in similar areas around Blue Hill Avenue and ate Simco's hot dogs. My dad had a locksmith shop in Grove Hall for many years. My son in law graduated from Lowell Tech, and my daughter from Lowell State. They both live in Lowell and own University Music School in Lowell. I still call Randolph my home, but I've been a snowbird, for many years, at King's Point in Delray Beach, Florida. I am so relieved to have received both of my vaccine shots, and hope you are all well and stay well until this terrible time has passed. Fran (Jacobs) Sharon of Kings' Point in Delray Beach, FL

I lived on Lorna Road off Morton Street, graduated from English High in 1950 and Boston University in 1954. After the army, eventually settled in N. Y. where I started my business. As I moved from Mattapan at age 15, I am not familiar with most of your members. I enjoyed my teen years at the Hecht House where we danced badly and played basketball, also badly. Worked at Leshner's Creamery on Blue Hill Ave. and enjoyed the corn beef at the G & G, and skated at Franklin Field in winter. I retired in 1985 and moved to Lake Worth FL where I still live. Unfortunately, I have lost touch with my teenage friends. I do enjoy reading the Newsletter recognizing a few old acquaintance. Sincerely
Lloyd Waters of Lake Worth, FL



L/R: Allan Rice, Sheldon Adelson

IN MEMORY OF

In memory of my cousin Sheldon Adelson. Don Goodman of Duxbury, MA

My mother Inez Katz passed away May, 2020, she lived at stagecoach Rd. in Canton, MA, she and my dad moved to Randolph & settled there to raise my brother and myself. She was a well known manicurist for years in a Randolph salon. She will be sadly missed. Cindy Mace of Kingston, MA, and Dick Katz of Southern CA.

In Memory of Barry Linsky, a special friend, he will be missed by all. Phyllis Fuld of Stoughton, MA

In memory of our dear friend Len Kagno who passed away in December. We like to think he is with his best friend, Bob Cohen. Jerry and Helen Bell of Boynton Beach, FL

In memory of my beloved husband Robert (Bob) Goldstein, he passed in Dec. 16, 2020. Rhoda Goldstein of Boynton Beach, FL

In memory of our dear loved sister Doris (Brockman) Zeprun (former owner of Zeppy's Bagel bakery of Randolph). She passed away March 29, 2021. She will be sadly missed by many friends and family. Marilyn (Brockman) Geller of Canton, MA and Allyn Brockman of Mashpee, MA

In memory of Paul Katz Z"L, I love you. Robert David of Rochester, N.Y.

In memory of my boyhood friend, and FFA member Marty Burd. Elliot Hershoff of Peabody, MA

"In memory of my beloved husband Barry Linsky", one of the original founders of the FFA" Elaine (Elfman) Linsky of Port St. Lucie

In memory of Barry Linsky. Marlene & Ron Freeman of Palm Beach, FL.

In memory of my special friend Deanna (Keimach) Werrick, we began our friendship during our teen years living in Roxbury and she was my maid of honor when Archie and I married in 1955. Deanna was both a beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed by all who were blessed with her caring and friendship. My deepest condolences to Buddy and their family. Lee (Sooper) Kruskall of Boynton Beach, FL

In Loving memory of my friend Barry Linsky. Over the many years of our close friendship Barry and Elaine became part of our family. We shared both happy and sad times and Barry was always there for us with love, caring and support. Barry had a smile that would light up a room and he always greeted you with his infectious smile. My love to Elaine and family for their loss and I will always cherish the memories of the special times we shared together. Lee (Sooper) Kruskall of Boynton Beach, FL

In memory of Mary (Jacobs) Rovner, who passed on December 21, 2020 due to complications from Covid. Mary was lovingly known as "Ma" by her kids and grandchildren. She married her forever love, Laury Rovner and together raised a family in Stoughton, MA with a big heart and generous spirit. She then moved to Fort Myers, FL. Eric Rovner of Fort Myers, FL

Clara (Bakerman) Trainor passed away on January 1, 2021 at the age of 95. She grew up in Dorchester, and forever cherished her

IN MEMORY OF (CONT.)

memories of those years. After marrying, she lived in Mattapan, until 1964 when she moved to Sharon. In later years, she lived in Stoughton, Brockton and moved to Florida to be near her daughter, Judy in 2018. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother and is missed every day. Judy (Trainor) Humphrey of Boynton Beach, FL

In memory of Louis Bielinki brother of Gloria Steiman who passed from the Covid 19. Lawrence & Gloria Steiman of Randolph, MA

Condolences to Ben Susan on the loss of his dear girlfriend Ruth Morgan of Boca Raton, FL Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

Condolences to the family of George Spector. I was a neighbor of his for many years. Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

Condolences to Fran Ross on the loss of her loving husband Stan of Delray Beach, FL Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

Condolences to Jay Shapiro on the loss of his loving wife Marilyn of Boynton Beach, FL Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

Condolences to Joan Brown and family on the loss of her husband of many years Lenny. A very funny guy who always made me and others laugh. Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

Condolences to Elaine Slovin and family on the loss of her husband Ronnie. He sold me my bedroom set when I got married which I still have. Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

Condolences to my dearest friend Elaine and family, on the loss of her devoted and loving husband Barry Linsky. He was a wonderful guy, a terrific dancer, and he was a part of the original committee to plan and name the first FFA reunion at the Blue Hills Country Club on June 4th, 1988. He will be missed by many who knew and loved him. They reside in Port St. Lucie, FL. Rita (Kaplan) Libman of Delray Beach, FL

In memory of Lucille (Lucy Langer) Cutler, wife of Label (Ed) Cutler. Lucy left us years ago with the onset of dementia but her radiant smile was on her face to the end. From her sister in laws Roz (Cutler) Vineberg of Milton, MA and Sydell (Cutler) Rosen of Needham, MA.



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NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members,

I want to thank our members for always supporting our endeavors for the FFA. We have asked for help with the newsletter and our members came through. The newsletter will keep going as long as our members support us.

Thank you to Sonia Ravech who suggested our newest column "WRITERS COLUMN", and you have answered by sending stories and we hope our members enjoyed them. Now it's your turn to write a story, a message or whatever you feel like writing, it can be short or long.

Keep the columns going, Mazel Tov, Birthdays, Anniversaries, In Memory, and our newest, Writers Column. If you can come up with a suggestion we would gratefully appreciate it.

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

Thank you to our members and friends who help to send out the newsletter.

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