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BROCKTONIA '60 B.H.S. Alumni news

Mini Reunion on Cape Cod
September 25

Based on the enthusiastic response to an e-mail survey we sent out last month, we have planned the next BHS Class of 1960 mini-reunion for

Sunday, September 25 from 1-4 p.m.
at Riverway Lobster House

http://riverwaylobsterhouserestaurant.com/

Several classmates have checked it out and decided it would be a great place to meet. The atmosphere is casual and comfortable and the food is good, according to our "scouts." (The menu is below.) We would have a large private room with plenty of time and space for socializing.

The Riverway Lobster House is located on Route 28 in South Yarmouth. (Take Exit 8 South off Route 6 and go two miles.)

Unlike past mini-reunions, we will need a head count in advance this time. So please **RSVP** to Hugh Ellis at hellis@oreckhosp.com by September 15. (If you don't have e-mail, please call Hugh at 508-209-0278.)

Although this gathering was planned with Cape Cod classmates in mind, we know from our recent email survey that many of you plan to come from other parts of the New England and beyond. It's a great chance to enjoy Cape Cod in the beautiful autumn season and to reconnect with your classmates --who are also in the autumn season.

MENU FOR RIVERWAY LOBSTER HOUSE

cost:$13per person
Note: actual cost is $17 pp. $4 pp is coming from our treasury.

Stationary:
Cheese, Fruit & Crudités Spread
Spinach & Asiago Ravioli
Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus
Quahog chowder

Passed:
Vegetable Spring Rolls
Cheddar Burger Sliders with Roasted Tomato
Chicken Satay
Mini Bruschetta

Dessert:
Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

If you would like to tell your story on **Classmate of the Month,**, it is simple. All it takes is a phone call. Just pick up the phone, call and record your story. Talk for 1 to 2 minutes and don't worry about the slip ups, Kerry will edit those out. If you are not satisfied, you can start over and re-record. When done, just hang up. Kerry will be notified of the call and will download your audio file. Here is the number: 781-253-4029 (This is a special line leased by our webmaster, Kerry Harkins.) Kerry would also like you to send as many photos as you can (up to 25), electronically if possible to KFHarkins@comcast.net . If not, mail them to Kerry Harkins at 430 Franklin Village Drive, PMB 132, Franklin, MA. He will scan each photo And make up a Flash video with your audio story. If you wish to have the photos returned, make sure you provide your return address and they will be returned to you.

Thank you, Kerry Harkins and Judy Donohue

Where Are They Now?

Mike Casieri and Marylou Bergeron Sergio

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mike Casieri

Mike Casieri has wonderful memories of growing up in Brockton's Campello section. He recalls attending Mass at St. Margaret's Church on South Main St., buying donuts at Breen's Donut Shop and walking by the Campello fire station with its signature brass poles.

Mike's parents were first generation Italians who worked hard to make sure their children could have a good life in the USA. His father worked at various shoe and leather factories and his mother was a seamstress at London Clothing, where many of our classmates bought their "Sunday best."

He remembers the excitement of attending the brand new South Junior High. After graduating from BHS, Mike earned an associate's degree at Bentley College. In the fall of 1963, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve unit that met at the Walkover Club. After completing active duty, he went to work for General Electric Credit Corp and then switched to Westinghouse Supply in Boston. He returned to night school at Bentley to complete a bachelor's degree in accounting. He left Westinghouse briefly to work as a cost control analyst at Raytheon, but then returned to the company for several more years.

Along the way Mike married Ellen Irving (BHS '61), his friend and former co-worker at Tedeschi's grocery store at Westgate. They lived in Bridgewater for a few years until Mike was promoted and transferred to Connecticut. They now live in Tolland, Connecticut, northeast of Hartford.

A few years after moving to Connecticut, Mike changed companies again, joining MacDermid Chemical in Waterbury. "During my first week on the job, I was asked if I knew Charlie Cobb (BHS' 60). I didn't, but I met him soon after. Charlie and his wife (Jeanne Lanoue, BHS '61) have remained our good friends," he said.

After 10 years in various positions at Macdermid, Mike's job was eliminated as part of a corporate restructuring. "So I took the big leap," he recalls. "I started a new company--Dynamark Security Centers-- now in its 25th year of operation. We sell and install residential and commercial burglar alarms, fire alarms and CCTV systems. A few years ago, my daughter Tina accepted my offer to assume the reins and take ownership."

"So now we are having fun," Mike says. "Our son introduced us to St. Augustine, Florida when he attended Flagler College and it was love at first sight. Ellen and I have a condo there and spend as much time as we can there, relaxing on the beach."

Mike says his faith has become a central part of his life since the late 1970s. He is involved in several ministries, including Fellowship of Companies for Christ, which he describes as "an international organization of business leaders committed to operating in accordance with biblical principles."

Mike and Ellen have three children: a daughter Susan who lives in Maryland; a son Mike who lives in Newport, RI and a daughter Tina in Connecticut. They also have four grandchildren. You can reach Mike at mgcasieri@Comcast.net or by phone at 860-209-7284.

Marylou Bergeron

Marylou Bergeron Sergio has spent most of her life on Brockton's south side, a unique community composed of distinct ethnic pockets, knit together into a neighborhood that was both diverse and integrated. She recalls spending hours and hours cooling off at the Campello Pool, the main summer gathering for many Brockton kids back in the day.

One of four children, Marylou grew up on Holmes Street and attended Huntington School. Like our classmate Mike Casieri *(see related story)*, she recalls being part of the first class to enter South Junior High School, an event marked by a lot of local hoopla.

After graduating from BHS, Marylou attended Newton-Wellesley's School of Nursing. She stayed at that hospital for a year after completing her training and then decided to work closer to home. She spent the next 25 years as an operating room nurse at Brockton Hospital, retiring in 1993.

Marylou is married to Roger Sergio (BHS '57) who, until four years ago, owned and operated the Big & Tall Men's store in Westgate Mall (and later in North Easton). She and their four children all helped out at the store over the years. The Sergios have lived on Country Club Lane (about a mile from Marylou's childhood home) for the past 34 years.

It was not all work for the Sergios, according to Marylou, who remembers many wonderful family vacations to the Bahamas and Florida over the years. Although she and Roger are both facing health challenges, they are enjoying retirement, especially spending time with their children and eight grandchildren-- six grandsons and two granddaughters.

Where Are They Now?
Jack DeLoid

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

Jack Deloid

Pharmacist to farmer to Hog. Jack DeLoid has followed an interesting career path since graduating from Brockton High School.

He graduated from Mass. College of Pharmacy in 1965 and went to work for Dunnington's in Brockton. In 1967 he married Carolyn Jones and in 1969 they purchased the historic Mayflower Farm in Duxbury where they have spent the past 42 years. Built in 1695, the 11-acre tract has been in continuous operation, as a truck farm, a dairy farm and later as a tree farm. "Over the years, we raised cows, sheep, goats, pigs and turkeys. It was a great place to raise children. They were all involved in 4H," Jack said.

In addition to his farming duties, Jack owned and managed three pharmacies in Braintree, Rockland and Hyannis. After 20 years of operating, Jack decided to sell all three stores and work as a CVS pharmacist until his retirement last year.

Although their lives have been filled with many joys and successes, the DeLoids have had their share of tragedy. In 1992 their 22-year-old son John, who was studying to become a forensic psychologist, was killed by a drunk driver. And in 2008 their 39 year-old daughter Julie, also a pharmacist, died from lung cancer, leaving four young children. Their son Glen DeLoid is a doctor living in Natick and their daughter Susan, who lives in Duxbury, is a pharmacist.

Despite (and perhaps because of) the sad times, Jack manages to embrace life to the fullest, bringing passion and commitment to a broad range of personal interests and community outreach projects. He says he likes "anything that involves speed," especially downhill skiing and driving Corvettes. He is also an antique car buff.

When he retired from CVS, Jack found a new way to indulge his love of speed. He bought a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and hit the road. He is active with two biker groups, OFR (Old Fart Riders of Massachusetts) and the Brockton-based South Shore Hogs. "Contrary to popular belief, bikers are not all Hell's Angels," he said. "We are old guys having a hell of a time." In the past two years, he has traveled thousands of miles on his "hog," riding across the country, visiting such popular biker destinations as Sturgis, South Dakota, Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse monument and Devil's Tower in Wyoming. He has participated in the Rolling Thunder Protest in Washington, DC for the past three years.

When he is not astride his Harley, working on the farm, or tinkering with one of his cars, he can be found volunteering for many community service projects with the Rotary Club of Braintree, the Braintree Youth Center, or serving as a human rights advocate at the multi-service center in Brockton.

He and Carolyn also enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren, two of whom live next door.
Jack is one of our "Classmates of the Month" and has an audio/video on our BHS website.

Brockton High School Class of 1960

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Where Are They Now?

Mabel Bell Sawyer

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

Mabel Bell Sawyer

" Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience. "

This quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, etched on a large rock, is one of Mabel Bell Sawyer's most treasured possessions. The inscribed stone, which sits at the entrance of the Hanover Elementary school nature trail, was a retirement gift from fellow teachers who appreciated the many years she had devoted to teaching children about nature.

Mabel retired in 2005 after 40 years as an elementary school teacher in Hanover. During those years she played a key role in developing a nature trail where children could experience and appreciate the wonders of their environment.

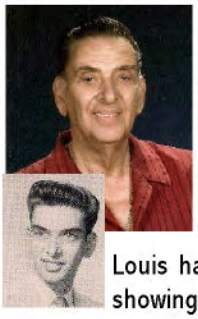
Mabel studied elementary education at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy and then earned a masters degree in education at Cambridge College. Although she moved from Brockton to Braintree for several years in the 1940s and early 50s, she spent every weekend at the Pleasant Street house owned by the grandfather. In the 7th grade she moved back to Brockton where she resided until she went off to college.

She met her husband, an East Bridgewater High School math teacher, at the Nazarene Church, where she was the Sunday School teacher for one of his five children. Soon after their marriage, they moved to East Bridgewater where they have lived for the past 35 years. The Sawyers went on to have two children together, a 33-year-old daughter and a 31-year-old son, both unmarried. They also have eight grandchildren.

Since retirement, the Sawyers have enjoyed traveling to Europe. They have taken two riverboat trips, one through the Rhine/Mosel area and, more recently, an excursion along the Danube River, from Vienna to Amsterdam. In September they are scheduled to take a mission trip to Honduras where they will volunteer at an orphanage with 11 other members of the Community Covenant Church in East Bridgewater, including our classmate Marie Syverson. In another classmate connection, Mabel taught two children of our classmates, Judy Jones Noon, during her early years as an elementary school teacher in Hanover.

Three of our classmates have passed since our last newsletter, **Lou Lombardi** , **Kathleen Emord** Pray and **Albert C. Yucius** . Details are below. Also, we were also sad to learn that **Georgette Tougas** Ippolito died in Florida in 2003.

Our classmate Carol Denley Stanton recently lost her husband Dick. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carol during this difficult time.



Louis J. Lombari, 68, of East Bridgewater, died peacefully at his home on March 27, 2011, surrounded by his family following a courageous battle with lymphoma. He was the beloved husband of Christine M. (Borgeson) Lombardi. Born and raised in Brockton, he was the son of the late Michael and Rossina (Dodero) Lombardi. He was a graduate of Brockton High School class of 1960, and attended Wentworth Institute. Louis retired from ADT in 2007 after 35 years as a Fire Alarm Inspector and had previously been employed by Abington Fire Department as a paramedic and Randy Boat Shoe.

Louis had many interests including collecting T-Birds and showing them at car shows, flying, hunting, fishing, traveling, and growing fruit trees in his backyard. He was a lifetime member of Hanson Rod & Gun Club and a member of IBEW Local 103. However, his grandchildren brought him the most enjoyment in his life, with NASCAR racing running a close second.

A memorial website for Lou has been established at:
http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/LOMBARDIMEMORIALWEBSITE/homepage.aspx

Our classmate **Albert C. Yucius** of West Bridgewater died July 22 after a period of failing health. Born and raised in Brockton, he was the son of the late Albert J. and Mary (Krachukoski) Yucius. After graduating from BHS, Al attended RETS Technical School. He was employed as an electrical engineer for Baker Brothers for many years and patented several automated plating systems.

Al served in the Navy during the Vietnam era and was a member of the American Legion in Whitman. He is survived by his daughter Tatiana Yucius of California, a brother David Yucius of Plymouth, nieces and nephews and former wife Leslie Yucius of Stoughton.

Kathleen Emord Pray, 70, died on April 13. She was the wife of the late Philip Pray and the mother of Tammy Joyce of Onset, Edward Pierce of Pembroke and Jane Matta of Brockton. Kathleen had 10 grandchildren and a great grandchild. She was also survived by a longtime companion, William Beebe of Brockton.

Kathleen was the former manager of the Public Storage Company, first in Brockton and later in Lynn and also worked for the Knapp Show Company for many years.

She was devoted to her family. She enjoyed the company of her dog Twink and devoted time and energy to the prevention of cruelty to animals. She enjoyed the sociability of bingo, the hunt for bargains, the excitement of Red Sox games, and cheering on her grandchildren in school sports. The family suggests that those wanting to give memorial gifts in Kathleen's name donate to the MSPCA-Angell Headquarters, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

MEMORY MAKER MOMENTS from the Spring Mini

Thank You to Nick Camillone for doing the photos!

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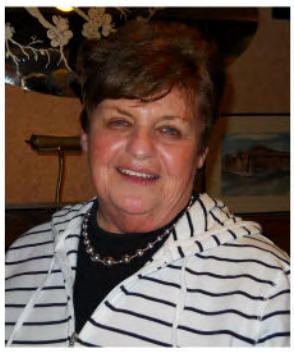

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Judy Metta McMahon, with back to camera is Roberta Camillone