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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fall and winter have passed and here we are into spring and, before you know it, summer. Can you believe 25 years has passed since FFA was first organized?

Hi everyone. The board and I hope you all had a happy and healthy winter wherever you were. First, the board and I would like to thank you for the outpouring of donations that have come in. It seems as if every time we go to the post office we find many envelopes from you. Don't forget to include some tidbit of information with your donation so we can share it with everyone in our "Notes from Members", column of our newsletter.

It's almost here---our 25th FFA Anniversary Reunion---June 23, 2013. This will be the best-ever event, so please send in our reservations for as many people as you like---this is open to friends of members.

Before I close, let's take a walk down Memory lane:

It was 1940's. Remember the Twin Pharmacy at the corner of Havelock St., and Blue Hill Avenue. Irving Gellerman owned this drug store. We never called Irving by his first name—we always called him "Twinee". Besides being a drug store, he sold magazines and had a great soda fountain. But most of all, he had the most updated pin ball machines in all of Dorchester. During the war years, the guys served would send Twinee souvenirs' from overseas and they were all displayed along with photos of servicemen in his window on Blue Hill Ave. I have to admit those were the greatest days of growing up.

Again—I will repeat myself—thank you, thank you, thank you for all your support of our FFA.

Respectively,  
Herb Raffelson, President

*"Life is short so smile while you still have teeth"*

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## NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Thanks a lot for a great Newsletter. It is something that keeps my memories alive from Dorchester. ( Harvard Street) across from the "Twin Pharmacy". Gloria (Fagut) Chazin, Scotch Plains, N.J.

If any of my friends, class of 43" or 44" , J.E. Burke, are around, I would like to hear from them. Frances (Jacobs) Sharon, Delray Beach, Fl. franst@net.zero.com

Looking for friends---Maxwell Shore R.M.H. 1949, Maxie Weitz R.M.H.S and Myrna (Levenbaum) Loiterstein. Please email me at: bstankel@hotmail.com Burt Tankel , Lynn, MA.

What a nice surprise to see my picture with the "Silhouettes" in your November Newsletter, All the best, Gloria (Poli) Zahon Wellington, FL

The issue of the last Newsletter was really great with all the personal stories. Many thanks---Barbara (Liss) Chertok, Sarasota, FL

I enjoy receiving the Newsletter, and trying to recognize any of my high school friends. Thanks---Bea (Rice) MacDonald, Winter Pk. FL

As always, I enjoy each issue, so please keep up the good work. I would enjoy hearing from any of the old gang that remembers me, now that I have been living in Washington, D.C. for the last 40 years. Please email me at: djsox@aol.com. David Kline, Washington, D.C. Go Red Sox!!!

Keep up the great work. Sidney Wolk, Boston, MA

Thank you all for your hard work. Love the Newsletter. Best wishes to all. Elaine ( Hinda Bloom) Mancini,

Ernie Sochin, Vice Mayor of Cutler Bay, and his wife Rhoda have lived in Cutler Bay since 1968. At one time he was a talk show host in Dade County. He also writes a column for a national trade magazine. Ernie Sochin, Cutler Bay, FL

I would like to say hello to Audrey Katz (maiden name). If anyone can give me her telephone # or email address, I would really appreciate it. She lived in Roxbury in 1962, when I left Boston for L.A. My phone #: 818 894 0086 email: bostonpapa4@g.mail.com Thanks, Arnie Ossen, North Hills, CA.

Wishing you good luck for a continued future, Paul Rosenblatt, Stoughton, MA

Just received the outstanding newsletter and want to thank the FFA board for all their hard work. Elaine (Milden) and Bernie Goldin, Boynton Beach, FL.

What a great Newsletter! I am enjoying it more than ever! You are doing a great job and so are all the notes and donations from members. God Bless them all! Keep up the good work!!! Best Wishes to all. Betty (Grushkin) Landa, S. Palm Beach, FL.

## ANNIVERSARIES

30th Diane & Sonny Forman, Delray Beach, Fl & Boston, MA Jan, 2013.

50th Phyllis (Fienberg) & Marvin Noller will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary June, 2013.

48th Burt and Li Tankel, Lynn, MA

## CORRECTIONS

"In loving memory of the following men from our crowd, "the Kids," Arnie Spegal, Laurie Rovner, Danny Sands, Charlie Wilson, and most recently our beloved Al Goodman. They were all wonderful men-gone but never forgotten. Irma Sands, "One of the Kids"

My husband Godfrey Harris founded High School of America (HAS) one year ago when he realized that millions of constituents of one of the nations' most influential institutions had no single national voice. He hopes that HAS will fill that void in the future. We have members across this vast nation. He can be reached by email at: hrmg@mac.com. Barbara DeKovner-Mayer.

We apologize for any inconvenience the errors may have caused you.

## IN MEMORY OF

In memory of my very special dear friend, Rae Finestone, who had lived in Randolph, and moved to Boynton Beach, FL with her husband Robert Finestone. She is so deeply missed by all her friends and family. I will never stop missing her or forgetting her. She was the most caring, loving, kind, sincere person, and a real true friend to everyone she met. She died too young. Elaine & Alan Aarons, West Yarmouth, MA

In loving memory of Phyllis (Shaff) Mendelsohn. She was beautiful, sweet and pleasant. Ashton Street in Dorchester was never the same when she moved out. The "Dukes" of Dorchester—Mike Liberman, Ed Bianchi, Sonny Paige, Bob Flink, John DiRuscio and Fred Holtzman all loved her. May she rest in peace. Fred Holtzman, Bridgport, CT

In memory of a wonderful friend and gentleman, Elliot Cohen, known as "Coney" to everyone. I can still remember chasing his long high fly balls to right field during our Sunday morning softball games at Franklin Field, Dorch. Coney, we all miss you. Fred Holtzman, Bridgport, CT

In memory of Phyllis (Shaff) Mendelsohn. Our love to the family. Carolyn (Marder) and Marvin Miller, Pittsford, N.Y.

In memory of Ernie Wolf of Stoughton, a very good friend. Norman and Micky Resnick, Palm Beach Garden, FL

In memory of my dear husband, father & grandfather Sumner Ross (owner of Talbot Bowladrome). He is deeply missed and his loss is tremendous and will be felt by us for many years to come. Ruth Ross, Beverly, MA

In memory of Elliot "Coney" Cohen, who has just passed away. From his fellow team mates:

Mel Gondelman	John DiRuscio
Sonny Paige	Mike O'Conner
Milt Kriger	Irwin Cohen
Charles Keone	Marshall Krasnow
Lou Rosen	Len Blau
Arnold Smith	

In loving memory of my husband and best friend David Morgan. In loving memory of my beautiful cousin, Phyllis (Shaff) Mendelsohn "May they both rest in peace". Ruth Morgan, Delray Beach, FL

A note of appreciation from the family of Elliot "Coney" Cohen who passed away December 26, 2012 (wife Rita, son Wayne, grandchildren Fiona, Sarah & Sophia) Perhaps you sent a lovely card, a thoughtful note, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day. Perhaps you sent a generous donation, or said a prayer or two. Perhaps you were not exactly sure of what to say or do. Whatever you did, whatever the part, We wanted to thank you with all of our heart. With heartfelt thoughts of my husband, we "Thank you" all so very much. Rita (D'Amore) Cohen, Stoughton, MA

In loving memory of our dear friend, Ina (Shapiro) Steinman. Rita (Smith) & Don (Buz) Zide Boynton Beach, FL  
In memory of my dear friend, Elliot (Coney) Cohen. Elliot was a friend of mine for 71 years, he was a member of "The Indians". Although I hadn't seen him for a number of years, I was always in touch with him through other friends. He surely will be missed. Gloria (Fagut) Chazin, Scotch Plains, N. J.

## IN MEMORY OF

In loving memory of Marilyn (Waldorf) Carmusin of Delray Beach, FL. She will be sadly missed. The Carmusin Family

In memory of, Phyllis (Schaff) Mendelsohn. Dottie and Gerry Rosenberg, Sharon, MA

In memory of Phyllis (Schaff) Mendelsohn, wife of Howard, and mother of Susan and Barry. She will be missed by all. Ellie (Heffron) Forman, Canton, MA

In memory of a great friend, Fred Mesnick, who recently left us all too soon. Our reuniting in Florida these past few years, was a very special time. We will all miss his finding special restaurants that catered to his special requests to do it his way. His special stories of the mortgage and banking world he belonged to, and the special place he held for his wife Jean and his five children. We will miss you Fred.

Harvey & Marcia Vetstein  
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Barry & Barbara Tutin

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Howard Mendelsohn on the passing of his wife Phyllis. Elaine & Arthur Kagno, Boynton Beach, FL.

Condolences to Anny Pransky on the passing of her husband Sidney. Elaine & Arthur Kagno, Boynton Beach, FL.

Condolences to my dearest and life long friend Micky Winn on the passing of her husband, David. Elaine & Arthur Kagno, Boynton Beach, FL

Condolences to the family of Phyllis Mendelsohn. Carol & Stan Charloff, Boynton Beach, FL

Condolences to the family of Phyllis (Shaff) Mendelsohn. Rita (Smith) & Don (Buz) Zide, Boynton Beach, FL

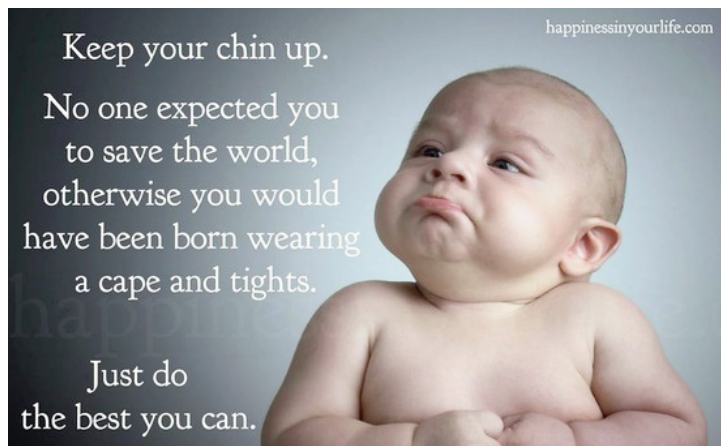
## BIRTHDAYS

70th Phyllis Noller from Marvin Noller, Delray Beach, FL

80th To our wonderful and long time friend Stan Charloff, happy 80th birthday, Rita (Smith) & Don (Buz) Zide, Boynton Beach, FL.

80th Happy 80th Birthday to Stanley Charloff. Diane and Sonny Forman, Delray Beach, FL

80th Happy 80th birthday Stan Charloff from your loving wife Carol, Boynton Beach, FL





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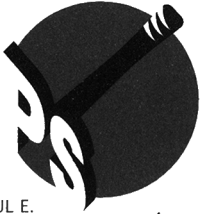
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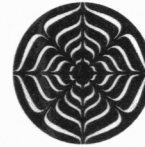
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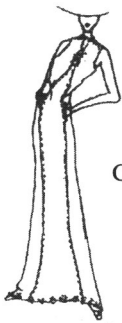
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▲ I captained the team pictured and would be happy to discuss or receive any information. I am now living in Mills, 81 years young.  
Leonard (Butch) Kaster

First Row: George Peterson, Babe McNeeley, Jow Burke, Butch Kaster, Kenny Wardsworth, Arthur Mintz, Stan Rosen, Babe Berman, Eddie Koffman, Al Shear, Jason Berkowitz

Second Row: Ben Horowitz, Warren Agnew, Warren Jones, Sandy Koren

Third Row: Red Kaufman, Red Abramowitz, Buddy Baxter, Bill Sheridan, Richie Knight, Dom DiRuscio, Shelly Rothman, Frank Montesano, Eddie Opper, Sol Spitzberg, Bob Keezer, Burt Shain



▲ L/R: Willie Shohan, Dick Tobin, Gus Blaustein, Dick Sundook



"Jerry girls" get together during a recent luncheon in Delray Beach. Staff photo/Lindsay Moore

▲ Jerry Girls Class of 1954, at their yearly get together in Florida. Many of us belonged to the Redaels which met at the Y.

L/R: Helen (Slawsby) Woronoff, Barbara (Fagut) Kessler, Lenore (Marcus) Ryan, Elaine (Hinda Bloom) Mancini, Diane (Goldman) DiFranza, Harriet (Rubin) Rosenthal, Phyllis Pullman (Honorary Member), Marilyn (Bickoff) Gorodetzer, Absent: Gloria (Pitchel) Kublin, Florence (Thompson) Drobnis, Eleanor (Ginsberg) Golden, Sandra (Ginsberg) Miller, Barbara (Sulkin) Litel



▲ Front Row: L/R Judy (Wilfrand) Maltz, Carol (Palatnick) Flashner, Beverly (Furman) Kaufner, Anita (Leavitt) Caruso

Back Row: L/R Ruth (Gordon) Stavisky, Elaine (Milden) Goldin, Barbara (Sparks) Rothstein, Marilyn (Neber) Strohecker, Sylvia (Medverd) Witman, Sheila (Wolfe) Agranat, Lenore (Robinson) Smith, Missing Sylvia (Bloom) Aaronson

*"The best things in life are the people you love,  
the places you've seen  
and the memories you've made along the way."*



## MEMORIES

Remember the Field Spa (Blue Hill Ave., Talbot Ave. and Harvard St.) a successor of the Franklin Field Drug Store? I worked there as a soda jerk in 1946 for \$.30 an hour, made \$1.50 for a 5 hour stint. Ah, those were the good old days! Danny Rosenfield, Somerset, N.J.

In the 30's, 40's and 50's we had access to the greatest music ever written or sung by many wonderful entertainers such as Al Jolson, Tony Bennett, Patti Page and the The Four Lads, music that we had to entertain us with romancing, dancing and singing at places like the Hecht House, The Y, etc. For a few dollars we could go to the Totem Pole or the King Phillip in Wrentham where we danced and listened to these great bands and singers of our era. To get this music, that was dear to us in our youth, you can download it onto your computer or tablet with the free app Pandora. You don't have to buy it, it's all free on the internet from Pandora. A lot of this music we used for romancing, dancing and singing, watching submarine races at Wollaston Beach or sitting on a blanket on Kemberma St. at Nantasket Beach. As Barbara Streisand once sang "Memories.... In the corner of our Minds" Enjoy..... Arnie Fritz, Brockton, MA

During my periodic visits to Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan, I relish the ride through the neighborhoods. While the area has dramatically changed, my memory of the people and places are as vivid as yesterday. It was a wonderful place to grow up with cherished memories of a fabulous childhood. Your newsletter keeps the dream alive. Max Reinstein, Potomac, MD

How many remember 1949 when Winky (Eddie Winick) was pitching for English High School and he threw a no-hitter against Brandeis and I don't mean the college, but Brandeis High School which is now Don Bosco in the South End. A special note for Lenny Elman in FL my Mass # plate is 827-166. All the best, Lenny (Butch) Kaster, Millis MA

I would love to go back in time about 50 years so I can again experience the thrill of the sights, sounds gaiety, and hustle and bustle of downtown Boston as it was in the 1950's and 1960's I just need time so I can run into S.S. Pierce to buy a few Jellies or jams, visit Raymond's basement for that little extra gift – walk through R.H. Stearn's or was it R.H. White's? and take a moment to stop to buy flowers from the vendor outside of the subway stop on Winter Street. I always meant to do that, but never did. I'd also like to go to the original Windsor Button shop on Chauncey Street to find a replacement button for my favorite coat and resist the urge to buy a new one at either Morton's or Conrad's & Chandler's instead. Also, having the opportunity to buy something at Jordan Marsh basement store on "Dollar Day", or a visit with my aunt as she sat perched on her little seat operating the store's elevator. Once shutting the gate with a twist of her white gloved hand would send us bouncing from floor to floor as she called out each department's offerings. Two rides up and down was always a special treat around the holidays. We would stand ready listening for the sound of the metal canister as it shot up the recent sales to wherever. It would be fun to return to the afternoon I met my girlfriends, where else but under the clock at Filene's on the corner of Washington and Summer Streets, or inside by the Revlon cosmetic counter if the weather was bad. To laugh with them as heartily as we did when we invaded I J Fox to try on fur coats that none of us could afford to buy. At the time we barely had enough money to go to the lunch counter at Kresge's, Neisner's or Woolworth's for a hot dog, let alone to buy a mink. I would love if I could walk into Filene's, get on the escalator and as the scent of the perfumes on the street floor fade away, have one more chance to look down at the breathtaking view below. We would have dinner at Dini's or Café Marliave on Bromfield Street or how about the restaurant in Filene's for the chicken shaped ice cream and vanilla wedge cookie desert. No it would be ending our evening at Bailey's to devour ice cream and hot fudge from not only an overflowing sundae cup but from the silver tray underneath it as well. Don't go without bringing home either a blueberry muffin from Jordan Marsh or a couple of the famous almond macaroon cookies baked on-site at Gilchrist's. Further, while I'm back in time, I swear to you that when I drop a coin into the slot to release the latch holding the shopping bags at the entrances to most of the stores, and as tempting as it may be, I'll be nice and not naughty and pull only one. It would be wonderful to be back in those times. How lucky we are to have such wonderful memories. Author Unknown

## MAZEL TOV TO

Seena (Chandler) Goldman's granddaughter, Sarah Goldman has completed training in the Army National Guard and will be attending college in the Chicago area. Seena has lived in Columbus, Ohio for 35 years.

Selma Engler of Norwood, MA is proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Alexander Mark Hickey, on Oct. 13 2012. Alex is the son of Meryl and Ken Hickey of Framingham, MA and brother of Matthew Hickey, who is in the confirmation class at Temple Beth Am in Framingham.

Mae (Kripke) Leas of Delray Beach, FL, is proud to announce that my grandson Zachariah, has been admitted to the University of Colorado. He lives in Boulder, CO. with his parents. I was the Editor in chief of "The Quill" at J.E.B. 1939.

Our granddaughter Rebecca Reinstein was Bat Mitzvah in October 2012. Her parents Alan Reinstein and Viviane Viroslive of West Roxbury, MA Max & Lois Reinstein, Potomac, MD

Bert & Vivian Lerner of Middleboro, MA announce the 21st birthday of their granddaughter Chorale Miles..

Esther (Platzman) and Marshall Schneider of Boynton Beach, FL, announces the publication of their daughter's (Rabbi Ilene Schneider) new book "Unleavened Dead", the second in her mystery series. It is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Ilene lives in Marlton, N.J. with her husband Rabbi Gary Gans and their two sons Natan and Ari Schnieder-Gans.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Barbara (Klebonow) Stowe

Deerfield Beach, FL  
Wayland, MA

Beverly Sheiffer

Carolyn (Cohen) Nathan &

Martin Udelson

Sarasota, FL

Rabbi Marvin & Reba Levine

Sharon, MA

Frances Sharon

Delray Beach, FL

## GET WELL

A speedy recovery to Chet Block. Sherman Miller, Winter Pk., FL

In gratefulness for my husband Bert Lerner's recovery ( though slow) from complicated back surgery. Vivian (Angoff) Lerner, Middleboro, MA.



▲ L/R: Carl Silk, Frankie (Rosen) Geller

## NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for all the accolades regarding the newsletter. We are happy to do this for our members and appreciate how much you enjoy reading the newsletter.

The newsletter is wonderful because of our members who send in donations, announcements and pictures, please keep them coming. The newsletter is as good as you the members make it. If you don't see your pictures in this issue, watch for them in future issues.

The 25th Anniversary Reunion is getting here very fast. A lot of hard work has gone into planning the function for our members. We hope you will join us for a memorable evening.

Articles and photos published in our newsletters are selected on the basis of their interest to our membership, and may be printed or shortened at the discretion of the editor.

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*"When life knocks you down,  
roll over and look at the stars"*



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▲ L/R: Archie Kruskall, Arona Bower, Lee (Sooper) Kruskall,  
Al Bower, Donnie Weiner, Ruth (Sooper) Weiner

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