
The YMHA Alumni Association Newsletter

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NEW AD COVER

We would like to sincerely thank all of our members and friends who placed ads in our new enclosed ad cover. It is through their support, and friendship that we are able to fund our newsletter. We hope that you will support our advertisers whenever the opportunity arises.

A special thanks to Committee Chairman, David Scheuer, and the Board of Directors for their time and effort in securing the ads.

TRIVIA QUIZ

by Dr. David E. Kaplan

1. Who was the principal of Madison High? (Our Miss Brooks TV & Radio series) Who played the role?
2. Who was Doctor Sivana?
3. What was the name of Roy Roger's German Shephard? (1951-1957 TV series)
4. What was the hit record sung by Grace Kelly & Bing Crosby in 1956?
5. Who played Gillis in the 1949 TV debut of the Life of Riley?
6. What was the real identity of the pseudonym Wonder Woman?
7. Oldies, but Goodies...Who sang these songs?
 - a. In the Still of the Night
 - b. Earth Angel
 - c. Eddie My Love
 - d. Tonight, Tonight
 - e. Heaven & Paradise
 - f. The Letter
 - g. Let the Good Times Roll
 - h. Confidential
 - i. Stranded in the Jungle
 - j. The Way You Look Tonight
 - k. Convicted
 - l. Dance with Me Henry

If you have any Dorchester, Mattapan, or Roxbury trivia you would like to submit, please send it to: Dr. David E. Kaplan, P.O. Box 102, Randolph, MA 02368.

LOST & FOUND

The following are members who have moved and failed to notify us of their change of address. If anyone has any information as to how we can contact these people, or if anyone on this list is reading this, please let us know your correct address.

Marc Bourne - Natick
Harvey & Dale (Karisky) Cohen - Randolph
Marvin Cowan - Las Vegas, NV
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Paul Hyman - Brookline
Clyde Leaman - Marshfield
Steve Lipman - Bourne
Ira Pearlman - Florida
Sarah (Kupper) Uva - Miami, FL

REUNION 1983

Where can you talk about a "porch" and not have it confused with an expensive foreign car? Where can you wax nostalgic about your "three-decker" and not have it thought of as something from Burger King? Where can a discussion about "the Wall" not have people think of China, Jerusalem or Berlin?

At the Y.M.H.A. Alumni Association Reunion, that's where!!

Tickets are still available but going fast for the October 8th Dance, to be held at the Holiday Inn, Dedham, at the junction of Routes 1 and 128. For \$12 per person meet once again with old friends and reminisce about what is, and retrospectively, what was.

Speak to those who have attended past Reunion Dances, and find out why they keep returning. Look at the enclosed flyer, fill out the bottom portion and reserve your place. Remember, these Dances are scheduled only once every two years, so don't wait for 1985 to rekindle the past. Meet old (er, middle-aged) friends, dance to the records of then and now. You'll spend the next two years thinking about the wonderful time you had. Reserve now, before all the places are filled.

Do you remember the day we were sitting on the Wall when...

ORGANIZATIONAL NOTES

Please take a minute to look at the mailing label on the envelope, is everything spelled correctly? Has your name appeared misspelled in any of our newsletters? If so, let us know, and we will correct our files.

If you're interested in joining the "Happenings" telephone squad, please call Harriet (Katz) Charnitsky at 762-8906. Your help will be most appreciated.

Our Charity Committee will be meeting to select the organizations that will receive this year's donations. We appreciate the recommendations of our members, and if you would like to submit a name or organization, we would be glad to review it for this year's contributions. Please send your requests to: Libby (Kossmann) Kay, Chairperson, Charity Committee, 82 Beaver Dam Road, North Easton, MA 02356.

If you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter, please do! We are especially interested in nostalgic articles, and old pictures. Our newsletter committee welcomes your help, ideas and suggestions. Please call or write: Robert Sontag, 126 Edgemere Road, West Roxbury, MA 02132 - 327-3223 for more information.

This is your association - take an active interest!

If you would like to locate an old friend, who is not a member of the organization, write to us and we'll try to help.

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Articles published in our Newsletter are selected on the basis of their interest to the majority of our membership. Letters published are chosen in a similar manner, and may be reprinted in full or as excerpts as space allows. Letters reprinted in full are not always published in the same time frame received. This is due to the fact that we publish quarterly, and may be limited by prior commitments to the space available. Also, due to the large volume of correspondence received, it is not always possible to acknowledge each letter through our newsletter. We do read each and every letter received at our monthly board meetings, and we certainly appreciate your comments, suggestions, and personal thoughts.

If you do not wish your letter to be used or you would like your name deleted, please note your preference at the bottom of the letter. All letters received become the property of the Y.M.H.A. Alumni Assoc. and will not be returned.

Pictures sent to us are selected in the same manner, and whether or not we use them, they will be returned in the same condition we receive them.

If you submitted a "Happening" that does not appear, we have not neglected it. Each issue has a cut-off date, and your information may have arrived too late for the publication. Look for it in the next issue.

The information for the "Happenings" column is gathered in part by our telephone squad. Names and numbers of our members are selected at random, and called to see if they have anything to contribute to the column. If for some reason, you do not wish your name and number given to the telephone squad, please notify us in writing.

HAPPENINGS by Harriet (Katz) Charnitsky

BIRTHS

Barry & Harriet (Katz) Charnitsky - daughter Shari
Sarney & Kathy Gray - daughter Krystal
Howard & Joyce (Stoller) Sperberg - daughter Erica

BAR & BAT MITZVAH'S

Mike & Sara (Chajmowicz) Appel - son David
Howard & Patti (Soreff) Clouse - son Brian
Gail (Butkovitz) Diaz - son Jason
Michael & Toby (Presser) Federman - son Aaron
Andrea (Bronstein) Flanzbaum - son Scott
Steve & Bobbie (Schwartz) Holtzman - son Eric
Alan & Brenda (Stern) Kagan - son Phillip
Daniel & Linda (Stroll) Lapin - son Barry
Burt & Judy (Luster) Norris - daughter Heidi
Harvey & Frances (Weinstock) Pressman - son Robert
Donny "Oakie" & Sharon (Sadow) Samuels - daughter Lori
Charlie & Elaine (Titelbaum) Swartz - son Stephen
Carl & Gail (Smith) Weinstein - son Howard

MARRIAGES

Bernie Stone & Elaine Shuman

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Artie Feinberg
Fran (Weinstein) Gray
Russell Livingston

CONDOLENCES TO:

Sandra (Glazer) Hyman on the loss of her father
Jeannette (Rosen) Murstein on the loss of her sister
Eliot & Leonard Sohmer on the loss of their father
Anita (Caswell) Wassersug on the loss of her father
Steve Weingarten on the loss of his father

MOVES

Barbara (Allen) Snider - Nashua, NH

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Andrea (Bronstein) Flanzbaum on her graduation from Massasoit Community College.
Jimmy & Rona (Fisher) Katz on their daughter Marci's graduation from Katherine Gibbs. She completed two years in one and graduated with highest honors.
Eddie & Marsha (Stone) Leavitt on their son Alan's graduation from the University of Mass-Amherst, and his acceptance to the N.E. College of Optometry. Their daughter Gail completed two years at the University of Mass-Amherst, and graduated from the Burdett School of Business.
Matt & Stephanie (Schwartz) Cohn on their son Daniel's graduation from Holliston High School. He'll be attending Boston University in the fall.
Myron & Marjorie (Leben) Cummins on their daughter Lori's graduation from Holliston High School. She'll be attending Dean Junior College in the fall.
Michael & Toby (Presser) Federman on their son Josef going on a six week trip to Israel thru the NEFTY Academy.
Hinda (Beberman) Azer on her re-election to the Booster Club.
George & Barbara (Rosenfield) Bernstein on the marriage of their oldest daughter.
Bobby Ann (Halpern) Rabinovitz on her new business venture called "Bobby's Bookkeeping & Accounting" in Hull.
Michael & Roberta (Markowsky) Weiner on their son Robert's graduation from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School in Easton.

Minnie (Linsky) Yaffee on her new business venture, Sea Coast Real Estate in Hull.

Bill & Joan (Hoffman) Levy on their daughter Alison's graduation from Columbia University.

Lenny & Shirly (Yanoff) Rudkin on their daughter Jennifer's being a member of the Hull Marching Pirates Color Guard.

Lenny & June (Cohen) Raisman on the engagement of their daughter Terri.

Rita (Kaplan) Libman on her daughter Susan's engagement.

Daniel & Linda (Stroll) Lapin - first on the graduation of their son Howard from Randolph High School, he'll be attending Bridgewater State. Also, son Barry, 13, is attending Stonehill College this summer studying computers.

Mike & Arlene (Kohner) Kamin on their son Gary's acceptance to Harvard University.

Bob & Rachel (Cone) Schulze on their son Marc's trip to Finland where he competed in a hockey tournament.

Mel & Doreen (Krasnow) Lipman on their daughter Lanie's graduation from Randolph High School. She'll be attending Johnson & Wales studying court reporting.

Bob & Joan (Goldman) Livingston on their sons Barry & Joel graduating from Marblehead High School.

Jerry & Freddie (Davidson) Blechner on their daughter Tami's graduation from Dean Junior College, a two month trip to Europe, and her acceptance to Syracuse University.

Norty & Gloria (Arbit) Aronson on their son Wayne's graduation from Stoughton High School, and his acceptance to Bridgewater State. Also, to Gloria on becoming manager of Women's World at the Village Mall in Canton.

Mike Appel on his promotion to Vice-President of Materials Management at Coleco Industries in New York.

Richard Goldman on earning a masters degree in business administration from Northeastern University. He was also recently promoted as manager of project engineering at Metal Bellows in Sharon.

Roger & Evelyn (Baar) Kahan on their three sons - David who recently got married, and is stationed in Florida with the Navy - Jeffrey who graduated from Randolph High School, and will be attending Clark University - Michael who is on the Dean's List at Franklin Institute after completing his first year.

Frank & Lee (Jacobson) Goldman on their daughter Jennifer's becoming President of the B.B.G. (B'nai Brith Girls) in Malden.

Sheldon & Anne (Kana) Liberman on their daughter Donna's making the Dean's List in her sophomore year at Northeastern University.

Sid Hentoff who was elected President of B'nai Brith Knollsbrook, Unit #5062 in Stoughton.

Ralph & Anita (Kaitz) Waxman on their daughter Debbie's graduation from Canton High School, and acceptance to the University of Mass-Amherst.

Stanley & Sandie (Wallace) Swartz on their daughter Debbie's graduation from Stoughton High School, and acceptance to the University of Mass-Amherst.

Debra (Brown) Waggenheim on the outstanding job she did organizing a very successful fingerprinting clinic for the Junior Fortnightly Club of Sharon.

Leo & Judy (Reisman) Weinstein on the daughter Marcia's graduation from Sharon High School, and her acceptance to Mass Bay Community College.

Susan (Levenson) Glantz on her son Joshua's acceptance to the Solomon Schechter Day School.

Michael & Ruth (Usack) Rapaport on the opening of their new restaurant in Natick called "The Village Deli."

Steve & Carole (Frank) Kaplan on their son Stuart's graduation from Canton High School, and his acceptance at Southeastern Mass. University.

Gerald Feld & Michael Feinberg on having formed a new law partnership called, Feinberg & Feld P.C. They are located at 33 Broad Street in Boston. Their offices were planned and designed by Phyllis (Belsky) Feld.

Marc & Joyce (Brown) Hoffman on buying their first new home in Newton.

Judith (Levine) Greenberg on her election to the Board of Directors at the Hull Temple. She is also Chairman of the Planning Board in Hull.

Joseph & Marilyn (Eisenman) Koss on their daughter Roberta's graduation from Hull High School.

Mike & Elinor (Kemler) Dorfman on their daughter Lisa's graduation from Framingham High School, and her acceptance to Southeastern Mass. University.

Freddy & Phyllis (Braverman) Stern on their son Todd's acceptance to American University in Washington, and son Craig is attending the University of Mass-Amherst.

Robert & Linda (Baron) Abrams on their son Michael's graduation from Stoughton High School, and his acceptance to the University of Mass-Amherst.

Bernard & Betsy (Seigel) Price on the engagement of their daughter Carrie to Mark Seligman.

RAMBLINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Susan (Levenson) Glantz - 40 years old
 Cal Gray - 40 years old
 Sandra (Aronson) Foster - 40 years old
 Philip Kachinsky - 40 years old
 Richard Weinstein - 40 years old

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Allyn & Elaine (Shuman) Brockman - 15 years
 Howard & Patti (Soreff) Clouse - 10 years
 Skippy & Eleanor (Cooper) Elman - 25 years
 Jay & Gail (Wax) Fink - 20 years
 Sam & Janice (Goldberg) Frydman - 15 years
 Mitchell & Stephannie (Borenstein) Goldstein - 20 years
 Ed & Charlotte (Cabit) Katz - 25 years
 Robert & Fran (Epstein) Lampell - 20 years
 Daniel & Linda (Stroll) Lapin - 20 years
 Carl & Gail (Smith) Weinstein - 15 years
 Mel & Minnie (Linsky) Yaffee - 25 years

A surprise 20th anniversary party was given to Richard & Susan (Gilfenbaum) Pearl by Michael & Sandy (Pearlmutter) Zola. It was complete with a mock wedding!

Another surprise 20th anniversary party was given to Stuart & Ellen (Halzel) Sherman by Kenny & Linda (Lemack) Bauman & Harriet (Lebow) Sette.

A surprise 40th birthday roast was given to Marvin Kopp by his wife Sandy (Goldberg) Kopp. All the Sabres were reunited for the party, and the Roastmaster was Jimmy Slovin.

Harriet (Sher) Ohlberg of Northridge, CA was visiting her sister, Carol (Sher) Glazer of Randolph. She also spent a fun filled day visiting with Claire (Astrachan) Klein.

The next issue of our Newsletter will be published in the fall. Please call or mail your Happenings to Harriet (Katz) Charnitsky, 81 Hampden Drive, Norwood, MA 02062-762-8906, or committee member Ellen (Halzel) Sherman, 115 Curtis Avenue, Stoughton, MA 02072 - 344-8433. Thank you Telephone Squad.

NEW MEMBERS

The Y.M.H.A. Alumni Association would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new Life Members:

Bunny (Visnick) Barletta - Miami, FL
Ellen (Belinsky) Bikash - Needham
Susan Fox - Brookline
Leeanne (Fisher) Gitell - Hull
Jerome & Sharon (Vetstein) Greenspoon - Stoughton
Carol (Rossman) Guinasso - Revere
Donald & Peggy (Irwin) Hecht - Mashpee
Joel & Roberta (Marks) Kachinsky - Summertown, TN
Annie (Devine) Leahy - Canton
Susan Radonsky - Cambridge
Leonard Segal - South Weymouth
Elliot & Ellen (Strauss) Titlebaum - New City, NY
Martin & Judy (Belinsky) Ulman - West Roxbury
Erwin & Ellen (Abrams) Zonis - Brookline

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help in bringing into our organization so many old friends. As you know, the only way in which our organization continues to grow is thru your efforts. We count on all of you to spread the word, and you can take a much deserved bow, because you've done a super job!

If you still have friends from Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan who are not members of our organization, please send us their names and addresses, and we will be happy to send them membership applications.

For those of you that would like extra membership applications or newsletters to keep on hand, they are available. Please contact our Membership Chairperson, Faye (Bornstein) Weisman, 22 McDonnell Drive, Randolph, MA 02368 - 963-4524.

GET WELL AND CONDOLENCE CARDS

The Y.M.H.A. Alumni Association sends get well and condolence cards to our members whenever notified. There is no charge and contributions are not accepted. We do this out of respect to our members, and we need you to notify us when these situations arise.

Please contact Irene (Goldberg) Borden, 30 Powell Street, Stoughton, MA 02072 - 344-6906, and she will send the appropriate card from the association.

TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Osgood Conklin played by Gale Gordon
2. World's wickedest scientist. Arch enemy of Captain Marvel
3. Bullet
4. True Love
5. Sid Tomack
6. Diana Prince
7. a. 5 Satins
b. Penguins
c. Teenqueens
d. Mello Kings
e. Don Juan & Meadowlarks
f. Medallions
g. Shirley & Lee
h. Sonny Knight
i. The Cadets
j. Jaguars
k. Oscar McLollie
l. Etta James

OF HISTORY AND DELICATESSEN

By George F. Weinstein

At frequent intervals during the year, Steve, Bob, Sheldon, and I, four Jewish guys in our late 30s, get together over kishki, knishes, roast brisket and noodle pudding. Is this so remarkable? My answer is, most emphatically, yes. Now, please, let me explain.

We four have remained friends for over 25 years. This fact alone is significant in our highly mobile, competitive, and generally shook-up society. And after all these years, we are still able to provoke each other to curse and laugh over old insults and embarrassments. I primarily attribute the longevity of our friendship to one fundamental experience we all shared. We came of age in Mattapan when that section of Boston was predominantly Jewish.

We all had our hair cut by Jewish barbers, one of whom was the father of Leonard Nimoy, the Mr. Spock of Star Trek; we all wore clothes that were mostly purchased at Jewish haberdasheries; and we all brought our families' laundry to Jewish cleaners, some of whom were survivors of concentration camps, and still bore the numbers which had been tattooed on their arms by the Nazis.

We hung out at Cutler's pool hall, which was next door to Ye Olde Brown Jug at the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Morton Street. There we played pinball or shot pool, while the bookies took the action in a green smoked-glass enclosed back room.

If we were not at Cutler's we were probably standing in a crowd across the street in front of the Morton Drug Store; or, perhaps, we were eating at the G&G Delicatessen, where all the politicians who wanted to capture the Jewish vote of Ward 14 (and this included the Kennedys) found themselves, at one time or another, sampling Jewish cuisine.

As adolescents, we worked for Kosher butchers, Jewish fruit merchants, or Jewish pharmacists. We ran errands for our mothers, picking up orders at Jewish variety stores or at deliciously aromatic Jewish bakeries. Blue Hill Avenue, that seemingly endless main street, was lined with thriving businesses whose origins went back centuries into Jewish history and many decades into the history of Boston.

Now Mattapan, like so much else of Boston, has changed. But the stories we four guys tell each other, time and again, while we still have breath in our bodies, thank God, and the sense of taste to savor good delicatessen, again, thank God, are helping keep a precarious part of Boston's rich ethnic history alive.

George Weinstein is a free lance writer who lives in Auburndale, and is a member of our organization. Reprinted courtesy of *The Boston Herald*, Thursday, March 10, 1983.

T-SHIRTS

We still have a few Y.M.H.A. T-Shirts available for sale. The shirts are navy with white lettering, and the sizes are small, medium, and large. Sorry there are no more extra large. The price of the shirt is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 for postage. Send your check to:

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