

# WHS NOTE

## Class of 1963 Association

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### Hi Storytellers of Southwardian Newark,

Elaine Zax Gold (6/54) has changed her wigwam address to [elainegold@optonline.net](mailto:elainegold@optonline.net).

### Remembering the departed:

Elana Sinsabaugh

Sandra Bass (56), my mother, passed away in her home on December 24, 2018 in Manhattan after a long illness. She was 80 years old. She was born on July 6, 1938 in Newark, NJ to Pauline and Hyman Bass. She graduated from Douglass College in 1960. My mother also studied at the Sorbonne in France and earned her Masters in Education from Bank Street College.

In 1966 she married Don Sinsabaugh and began working at the United Nations as an interpreter. In 1970, I was born and we moved to Israel for several years. Upon returning to the US, my mother taught ESL, as well as worked as a stockbroker on Wall Street. She was an avid runner and travelled extensively. She was devoted to her Jewish heritage and Torah study and was very involved with her synagogue, Shearith Israel. Besides myself, she is also survived by her brother David Bass. Elana

Fred Goldman (6/62) shares the passing of Gerald Coopersmith (44), whose obit can be read at <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=gerald-coopersmith&pid=191209687&fhid=17084>.

### Alumindians in the Archives:

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Sandy Scheps (6/63) shares some trivia game questions:

1. What was the third eatery owned by the Baumans beside the Weequahic Dinner & Claremont?
2. True or False; the Claremont had its own credit card?
3. When the waiting line went out the door, who got tables first at the Claremont?
  - A. Anyone with Doctor in front of their name.
  - B. Friends of Morris & Leo Bauman
  - C. Regulars
  - D. Anyone who went to the bakery first and had the bags to prove it
  - E. All of the above
4. True or False; the bathroom at the Weequahic Diner was the first and only "pit stop" open 24 hours off Route 1&9 for those who returned to Newark from NYC drunk at all hours?
5. True or False; Grunning's On the Hill instituted a \$3 dollar per person table minimum charge by 1963.
6. True or False: Burgeramma tolerated noise?
7. If you didn't have \$.25 for a hot dog at Syds, they would put

mustard, relish and sauerkraut on a hotdog roll for you for \$.10. What was that called?

8. What was the name of the candy store located two doors down from the Indian Pizzeria?

9. How much was a Jerry Bomb at the Bunny Hop in 1961?

10. The Hot Dog Haven, as it was sometimes known, was owned by whom? Sandy

### **Binnie Klein (WHS 64-66) shares memories through a podcast:**

I just launched a podcast set in Newark in 1967. It's 6 episodes, FREE, available on iTunes, Stitcher, and at the website ([www.tendaysinnewark.com](http://www.tendaysinnewark.com)). It follows a group of Weequahic students in the summer of 1967 and the personal and political changes which affected them. It's a tribute and been a labor of love! I want to get some ears on it from people who will remember and resonate with the references (streets, music, events, etc.). You can share through the *WHS Note* and I can be reached at [binniek@comcast.net](mailto:binniek@comcast.net). Binnie

### **Stan Finkelstein (6/61) again illustrate that it is a "Small Weequahic World:"**

Having lived in Olympia, Washington for the better part of the past half century, I was surprised when my son and his family relocated from Chicago to Warren, NJ following his acceptance of a position with Prudential. My grandson mentioned that he has a friend whose name is Lucas Finkelstein. While attending one of his softball games, I had the opportunity to meet his friend's mother. During the course of our conversation she mentioned that her father was from Newark. I responded by indicating that I, too, was from Newark. She immediately assumed that I was a Weequahic High graduate and asked what year I had graduated. After my response (1961) she gave me a rather startled look and asked whether I knew her dad, Lou Salz, who was also a June 1961 graduate. After I indicated that he was a friend of mine, she sadly mentioned that he had passed away some ten years previously. The experience reminded me that we live in a very connected world, and don't really separate from our roots. Stan

### **Lois Pilsner Kernan (1/56) sends a late reply to a prior Carol Miller (56) inquiry:**

In response to your question about games we played as kids in Newark, I remember two different games we played with the same pink ball. I lived at 175 Lehigh Avenue. We played one game with the ball aiming at different front stairs in the front of the house. For some reason that I can't explain, we called that game "Points." We played another game called "Russia," throwing the ball against the side of the house. That game had 10 different moves, each one different and you added on to the ones before as the game went on. Lois

### **A few more comments about the Fine Arts Teachers:**

Bill Weiss (39)

I also wish to respond to the request for information on Mathew Brady and Seymour Weiss, my older brother. Both Seymour (Sy) and I had our first contacts with Mathew Brady at Peshine Avenue School where he was our Manual Training teacher, different dates, of course. Mr. Brady recognized Sy's talents in Industrial Arts and encouraged him to follow a career in that field. He did and ended up teaching the subject for many years at Weequahic. Sy and Mathew became close friends for the rest of their lives.

Although I developed skills in carpentry over the years, my primary pursuit was in the field of medicine. After graduating Weequahic, Class of 1939, I blitzed through pre-med and medicine at NYU where early acceptances and WW2 vacation eliminations allowed me to receive my M.D. degree in 1944, at the age of 23. Following my service in the Army Medical Corp and specialty training in Internal Medicine and Allergy & Immunology I practiced those specialties for 43 years.

In my retirement in Florida I have kept active and among other activities had built houses with Habitat for Humanity for 20-plus years and have been a practicing physician on the medical staff of Friendship Centers of Sarasota, FL. I am in my 97th year and still see patients once a week. If any of my Weequahic classmates or friends are still around, please feel free to reach me at [bill@weiss.net](mailto:bill@weiss.net). Bill

Philip Lustig (46)

The weekly newsletter is a great column for memories and the lasting effect Weequahic has had on us. Now, 73 years after I graduated, and after reading the recent comments about printing teacher Mr. Mayer, his sage words are imbedded in me. When we turned in a sample of our printing, he would say to us, "Never say it's good enough. If you even hear me say those words, you can paint it on the ceiling. Look up, do you see them there?" Because of him, I have always tried to go beyond, "just good."

Still in high school, Larry Siegel and I bought a professional printing press and started a thriving business of printing letterheads and name cards. When I entered the army (WW II), I listed my "profession" as printer and was assigned to the printing plant at Fort Belvoir VA.

Take note, the last member of my brother Ted's (44) gang, Morris Sussman has died at 93. Phil

### Thoughts on the neighborhood

Steve Care (66)

To Lenny Wolkstein (49), Smith Bros were hard; so were Luden's, which are still available, but they come in bags, not boxes. The gummy cough drops were Pine Bros. The only difference between the two, Smith Bros were round and Luden's were oblong (and still are). Steve

Dennis Estis (65)

When I lived on the corner of Renner and Goodwin Avenues from about 1956 until 1962, I would often stop at Harry's Luncheonette on my way home from either Hawthorne Avenue School or Clinton Place Jr. High School. To be very precise, the luncheonette was on Clinton Place about 30 feet from where Walcott Terrace ended and Clinton Place continued at the bend. I really didn't know either Harry Boodish or his wife Lillian very well at that time and I certainly didn't know his kids.

Going forward many years, in 1979 I moved into an apartment on the second floor of a building in Roselle Park (Sovereign Arms – 300 East Westfield Avenue). To my pleasant surprise, who should be living only three apartment units away on the same floor but Harry, Lil, their daughter, son-in-law and children. We became friends during the 3 years that I lived there and often would talk about the "good old days." Unfortunately, when I moved out of Roselle Park in late 1982, we lost touch. Dennis

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