

WHS NOTE

Class of 1963 Association

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Hi Assembly of the Weequahic Faithful:

Changes in the Orange and Brown Network:

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Sad news for the WHS extended family:

Barbara Lerner Blumberg (60)

It is with great sadness that I share the news that my sister Ruth Lerner Smith (57) died February 16th. Ruth had bravely fought cancer for nine years. Her husband Bill Smith, five grandchildren and brothers Larry Lerner (52) and Herb Lerner (55) survive her.

Her death will not be news to many alumnae because her funeral and shiva were attended by so many friends and relatives who knew Ruth from as far back as her days at Talmud Torah, Peshine Avenue elementary School, Weequahic, Newark State Teachers College, her State job in Trenton, Westfield Senior Citizen's Housing, Temple- Emanu-El, every bridge and mahjong game she could fit in and Lantern Hill.

Ruth chose to make the rest of her life the best of her life. She chose to be happy. All those wonderful friends helped to make that possible. Barbara

Myrna Jelling Weissman (1/53) reported that Robert Lapidus (1/50) passed away. Word has it that Bob was buried wearing a WHS shirt. His obituary appeared in the Star Ledger;

<http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=robert-bert-lapidus&pid=191569356&fhid=17116&f=portal>.

Fred Goldman (6/63) sent news that Burton Klein (46) died and that his obit can be read at

<http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?n=burton-klein&pid=191603951>.

Alumindians in the Archives:

5/22/03

Jacob Toporek (6/63)

Another great article in the Star Ledger of May 16th about the restoration of Weequahic Park (WP). The author writes, "What has happened is a little like a miracle. People, wildlife and esteem have returned to the park, which is well on the way to being restored as the jewel it was." The article was full of bits of WP trivia (none concerning the number of discus throws it took my Peshine and WHS classmate Billy Belfer to perfect his championship style). Here is a quiz for the trivia-injuns (no fair peeking at the article):

1. WP was first landscaped in? a) 1901 b) 1910 c) 1921
2. WP was designed by Frederick Law Olmstead who also designed? a) Central Park b) Olympic Park c) Palisades Park
3. WP was the second park to be laid out in the 19 park Essex County system; which was the first? a) Branch Brook Park b) South Mountain Reservation c) Verona Park
4. A favorite meeting place for people between 1867-1890's, WP was then called? a) Waverly Fair Grounds b) Lyons Farms c) Lenape Gardens
5. In the late 1800's the park was famous for its horseracing trotters and a U.S. Pres. who rode there? a) Grant b) McKinley c) T. Roosevelt
6. The Lenape Indians called the area "Weequahic", which translates into? a) head of the creek b) beat those tom toms c) orange and brown is cool
7. WP's highest point is called? a) Dividend Hill b) Lookout Point c) Place Where Running Bear Met Little White Dove
8. WP's highest point is the place where, in 1668, settlers met to agree on a boundary line between Newark and? a) Elizabeth b) Hillside c) Lenape
9. WP's new 2.2-mile orange track is made of recycled? a) tires & sneakers b) Millman's and Sabin's hot dogs c) Weequahic Diner cheesecake

If you answered "a" to all of the above, give yourself a gold star. However, for each one incorrect, as Leo Pearl would say, "Take a lap!"...around WP, that is. Jac

Natalie Levine Bailin (66) shares memories of her Senior Prom:

The prom was held at the Military Park Hotel, downtown Newark. It was a really nice night. This is a picture of me; standing with Eric Star, my date. Sitting is Sandy Schwartz and her date Michael Shapiro. We danced, we ate, we talked, we mingled. Then found ourselves in Bradley the next morning. What memories do the rest of you have? Natalie



Wayne Chen's (64) WHS Note archival moment about his family's Chinese delight, Ming's, motivated fans who still remember:

Bless Roochvarg Young (65)

Wayne Chen's photo of Ming's and his commentary brought back many "don't tell your father" moments of the weekly Wednesday lunches my mom and I shared there when I was in high school and she worked at the Beth. She would always order the shrimp dishes (thus the "don't tell your father"). I was more of a Chicken Chow Mein girl (I am allergic to shellfish). These Wednesday dates were our little secret. I suspect that my brother is learning of it for the first time here. Sorry Elias (67). Bless

Steven Epstein (6/63)

We lived at 229 Weequahic Avenue around the corner from Ming's. We either ate there or carried out about once a week. I still long for a place that would have a combination plate of Spare Ribs, Egg Roll and Fried Rice. Steven

Esther Gordon (6/52)

It is hard to swallow all these lurid tales about the luscious food at Ming's. Have you no pity for the kosher kids who could only stand wide-eyed on Clinton Place or Lyons Avenue, noses pressed to the glass? Esther

Barry Herman (1/53)

Wayne, you and I never met even though I was in the class of January 53. Ming's was an absolute must after a Sunday afternoon date in Bradley or around town. You could be sure to run into many of your friends. I can't remember what I ordered, but an egg roll was a must. In fact, I would often call ahead and stop to pick up an egg roll or two on my way home after working late. Ming's set the bar up so high no other egg roll has ever compared. Barry

Mary Sherot Mandel (64)

Thank you, Wayne Chen, for writing about Mings. It was a Sunday night favorite for dinner for so many of us! All those combination plates you listed were my favorites and of course with won ton soup, hot and steamy first! I always had a hard time deciding what to order. Such wonderful memories. Mary

Barry Koblentz (2/62)

Does anyone recall that prior to Ming's being on the corner of Lyons Avenue and Clinton Place, there were a few stores east on Lyons; one was originally called "Ying's". Also, does anyone recall the Marshall Banner Hobby Shop on Lyons further west of Ming's?

I remember my parents taking me to Ming's and running into my father's aunt who proclaimed to be "strictly kosher." She said she wasn't eating the pork or shrimp! Yeah, right. I used to go to Marshall Banner's to buy kits to build antique car replicas. He nicknamed me *Stutz* after I bought a Stutz Bearcat. Barry

Arthur Chausmer (59) airs (flies) a response to Erwin Jacobs (6/42):

A few weeks ago, Erwin wrote about how WHS impacted his interest in flying. Like Erwin, I, too, have had a lifelong interest in flying. At Weequahic I was friends with Jerry Goldstein who shared that interest, too. He was able, however, to get his pilot's license while still at WHS. One day, he asked if I wanted to go up with him. Needless to say, while not lying to my parents, I did not tell them about this. We went to Totowa airport, or perhaps it was Lincoln Park. Totowa Airport does not show up on current charts, but Lincoln Park still exists (N07). He took me up in a Piper Tri Pacer for about an hour flying all over the area. It was GREAT!

We, eventually, both went to medical school and he used his airplanes (over time he had several) in his practice. I got my license when I started grad school after my 3rd year of med school. I took my first stipend check, on which I was supposed to live for six months, and promptly went out to Deer Park Airport on Long Island (now a shopping center) and signed up for flying lessons.

Immediately after getting my license, I took my then current girlfriend, who had no idea what she was in for, flying for my first flight as a real, full-fledged, pilot. A long story, but at about 15 seconds from our final landing of the day she threw up all over me. We have been married now for 50 years.

I did finish med school and grad school, currently still flying with a commercial pilot's license and a bunch of ratings, including flight instructor. I am also a docent at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, at Dulles. Jerry and I did not keep in touch after WHS and he passed away several years ago. I don't think he ever knew how much he influenced my flying future. Arthur

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