

# WHS NOTE

## Class of 1963 Association

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### Hi "OBN" (Orange & Brown Network) Fans:

For the last 20 years the connection we all shared to Weequahic High School and its neighborhoods has been kept alive via the weekly *WHS Note* mailed to over 3000 subscribers. The *Weequahic Class of 1963 Association* has provided this weekly forum where we have shared experiences, comments, thoughts, emotions and lots of fun.

The Association also helps to ensure that the rich Weequahic spirit continues. Thanks to the generous support from readers of the *WHS Note*, the "Class of 1963 Scholarship Fund" has sent more than \$40,000 to the WHS Alumni Association scholarship program. The scholarships are making a difference as to the future of WHS students of today.

To all who answered the call to provide assistance, much appreciation? Please continue to endorse the activities of the Class of 1963 Association with your membership and with support for the Scholarship Fund. Receipt of the *WHS Note* will continue whether you respond or not.

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### Rita Kravet Rzepka (1/55; [ritarz@roadrunner.com](mailto:ritarz@roadrunner.com)) is new to the Cyber Indians Reservation:

I look forward to receiving the WHS notes. I went to college at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio (graduated from Ohio State in December, 1959). I have lived in Ohio ever since. I am looking forward to our 65th reunion in May. We are in the Florida Keys now and are recently met Sonnie Gerkin Yefsky (1/55) and Herb Yefsky (1/53) in Key Largo for lunch. Keep the WHS notes coming. Rita

### W-Obits:

Joseph Zagorski advised this week that Marc Wiener, (66) died on December 16, 2018.

Howard Burakof (56) notes that Mel Glucksman (55) passed away January 1, 2019 while living in Boynton Beach FL.

### Alumindians in the Archives:

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Joel Schanerman (6/63)

What I really want to know is memories other than the Tavern, Weequahic Diner or Bunny hop.

How about memories of friends, relationships, joys, sadness, life for real memories. My recollections center on my love for my friends. There was no stronger love than mine for June 63 classmates Charlie Conrad, Paul Galpen, Richie Schwartz,

Marc Tarabour, Donna Buchner, Roz Weiss and on and on and on. My experiences of growing up center on love and friendship, not food.

Not too long-ago Charlie died. I have memories of trips we took, classes we cheated in, girls we loved and basketball games. Charlie meant so much to me. What about you all, who do you remember and love, what did you do with them, where did you go? These are the things I would like to talk about and more importantly hear from all of you.

So, if anybody cares I will start and who knows maybe others will follow. I can remember playing basketball at Hawthorne Ave School gym every day after school. I can still smell in my mind the stench of the gym sweat. I can still see Jeff Elson, Paul Galpen, Charlie, Daryll W, Seymour S, the Walker Brothers, Seymour Y. and so many others. The camaraderie and friendships I will always remember. It was the last carefree time of my life. Joel

**Steven Epstein (6/63) likes the WHS connection:**

Oh, what memories are revived about growing up in the Weequahic section of Newark. Reading the *WHS Note* gives us a wonderful opportunity to relive those wonderful years growing up. I now anxiously await Friday for the *WHS Note*. It is amazing how far away most of us are from the Weequahic neighborhood and high school and the love and affinity we have for those wonderful years. It is great to be able to relive those wonderful years, while I am far away in Illinois. Being near Chicago, they have similar neighborhoods but no following like those of us who attended grade school and then on to Weequahic. My best to my old classmates from Chancellor Avenue School and Weequahic H.S. Steve.

**Judy Muskat Lasman (57) recalls a special school day:**

I have read and thoroughly enjoyed this newsletter for many years, but I can't remember any discussion about "Play Day." Does anyone else recall the annual elementary school "Play Day?" Students would walk, two-by-two, from Chancellor Avenue Playground to Weequahic Park (with teachers stopping traffic at each block). At the park, we would meet and compete against students from Maple Avenue School, Bragaw, and others.

Through the newsletter, I have reconnected with Nancy Wildstein Curtis and Susan Feintuch Stuermer. I look forward to seeing them soon in Southwest Florida. Is there anyone else who lives or winters in the Sarasota area? Let me know: thelasmans@yahoo.com. Judy

**Wilbur Bill Feldman (6/44) reaches out:**

Anyone from Class of 6/44, let's hear from you via newsletter or directly (ruthsbill@aol.com). Bill

**The Weequahic HS Alumni Association saves a date for a special event at the Wigwam on the Chancellor Hill:**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Sunday Afternoon, June 9, 2019

**ALUMNI  
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ALL CLASSES  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE  
AND FUNDRAISER

*Meet and Greet  
Basketball Game  
Music & Activities  
Snacks & Beverages*

at the Weequahic High School  
Ronald G. Stone Gymnasium

More details to come.  
*Come out, have fun,  
support the school!*

### **Lenny Wolkstein (6/59) writes of a lesson learned:**

My homeroom teacher, Helen Deutsch, taught me a great life lesson that I have never forgotten. One day while the class was reciting the (required) Lord's Prayer, I, as usual, was talking to my neighbor in the back of the room. Mrs. Deutsch, who I believe was Jewish, stopped everyone and yelled at me, "What are you doing?" My reply was, "I don't believe in this." Her reply, "I don't care whether you believe in this or not. We are praying. You will at least give us the respect of remaining silent." To this day, whenever I am in a synagogue, which I admit is infrequent, I do exactly that and it bothers me to see and hear others, who are supposedly religious, talking to each other during services. Lenny

### **Alan Ginter (64/65) responds to Judy Horowitz Wolff (64) re: WHS Home Ec:**

I remember Chancellor Avenue School had a Home Ec. room with stove tops and ovens, etc. We were taught to not let the pot handles stick out from the stove, how to light a gas burner (pre-pilot light, I suppose) and we once made Junket Rennit custard pudding. I still don't know what that is. I think you went to Maple Avenue School so maybe you didn't have the same experience.

The summer when I was 14 years old, I first went away to play music in the Catskills. My mother taught me how to sew and iron. Of course, most of us already knew how to do laundry and how to hang out a second story window to hang clothes on the line. Alan

### **Ming's Mein Menu:**

Elaine Hersh Krusch (6/50)

Charles Chin, whose family owned Ming's Chinese Restaurant in the Weequahic section, passed away last week. He was 93, would have been 94 this week. He had a good and successful life and a large family. After he retired, he lived to cook and prepared Chinese dishes for neighbors, family, and friends. I spent many Sunday afternoons sharing them at his dining room table. His wife, Bernice, who played golf and did Tai Chi with me survives him along with children and grandchildren. A nephew, Wayne Chen (64), and niece, Diane Chin Rue (6/63), are also alumni of Weequahic. The obituary can be read at <https://jacobhollefuneralhome.com/tribute/details/9713/Charles-Chin/obituary.html#tribute-start>. Elaine

Beryl Lieff Benderly (6/60).

When I was in about fourth grade at Maple, my best friend was Carol Simon, who lived around the corner from Ming's. We were, I think, nine when Carol's parents arranged for her to have the most exciting, sophisticated birthday celebration that we could imagine. We had both been to Ming's many times with our respective families, but this time, Carol and I went to Ming's alone, with me as her guest. We entered the restaurant alone, were greeted and shown to a table (I think it was a booth) alone, then studied the menu and ordered whatever we wanted, alone. The waiter took our order just as if we were adults, brought our food, and treated us like any other customers. We were thrilled to receive grown-up treatment.

We then left and returned to Carol's house, trailed by smiles and thank yous from the staff, just as they would give our parents. Afterward, Mr. Simon went around and paid the bill. Obviously, from the fact that I recall it so vividly and fondly what must be 66 years later, this birthday dinner was one of the most memorable social events of my young life. Thank you, Simon family and Ming's! Beryl

Judy Horowitz Wolff (64)

Can you stand another Ming's story? Back in the day, we had realistic lunch periods. They were long enough for my friend, Judi Goldstein, and me to stroll to Ming's, order an egg roll each (obviously pre cell phones!), wait for them, and eat them on our walk back to school. When I retired from teaching 9 years ago, the lunch periods had been reduced to a mere 30 minutes. And, the kids were required to remain at school during that time. Too bad. Judy

Edith Shaffer) Jazmin (1/54)

Read Steven Epstein's (6/63) account on Ming's. His sister Harriet (6/53) introduced me to Chinese food for the first time after a rehearsal of the Y's "Bits of Hits." I was hooked after that. Sadly, we lost a few of our friends and my WHS classmates (since we were just out of grade school); Sheila Nurin Pollack, Lois Saunders (remember her duck) Elaine Wexler Nagy and Flo Kaufman Epstein. Edith

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