

# WHS NOTE

## Class of 1963 Association

JUNE 12, 2020

PLANS THAT WOULD HAVE DELAYED THE FOR A WEEK THE JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE “WHS NOTE” HAVE BEEN CHANGED ALLOWING FOR THE DELIVERY OF TODAY’S NEWSLETTER.

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**Hi W-Indians of Yore-quahic,**

Walter Chinoy (66) has changed hi e-mail address to [elainechinoy@gmail.com](mailto:elainechinoy@gmail.com).

**Remembering our friends:**

Mickey Mintz (6/59)

I am sad to report the passing of Ira Sokoloff (6/59). Ira and I were friends for our entire life., going to grammar school, high school, and college together. We both worked for the Rose Lifschutz (Larsen) family at the Clinton Manor in Newark as hat check boys. Ira and I would walk to Dreamland Skating every Saturday morning to skate with the Betty Lytel Dance & Speed Team. He introduced me to my wife Adrienne at a dinner at the Clinton Manor in 1961. Ira will be missed by all. His obituary appears at [Link to Ira Sokoloff's obituary](#). Mickey

Barbara Polk Marina

Dallas Polk Link, Class of January 1963, passed away on May 21. I was informed she passed from Covid-19 having been hospitalized for approximately six weeks. Prior to her death, Dallas continued to work for NJIT in Newark.

I met Dallas the second week of my junior year at Weequahic. Both of our last names were Polk and someone apparently told her of this new girl with the same last name. She introduced herself and from that day on we were friends. As a matter of fact, I spoke to her the week before she was hospitalized. Dallas was very

outgoing, knew many people and would make sure she kept in touch with her circle of friends, including from WHS, no matter where they moved. Keep her family in your prayers. Barbara

June Eckstein Hartman (1/48)

It's with a heavy heart I'm reporting the passing of my dear friend, Judee Slatnick Horel of Jupiter, Florida. We shared a friendship since our freshman year at Weequahic and graduated in the January 1948 class. Judee fought a valiant fight after having suffered a severe stroke last year. She leaves her daughter, Joy Horel. June

Jeffrey Beckerman

I would like to report the passing of my dad, David Beckerman, who I, believe was a member of the Class of 42. He was an extremely proud graduate of Weequahic and donated annually to its scholarship fund. In fact, he owned orange Weequahic T-shirts and would often wear them around whenever he went shopping. [Link to David Beckerman's obituary.](#) Correspondence can be directed to me at [jeffrey@beckermanlawyers.com](mailto:jeffrey@beckermanlawyers.com). Jeffrey

*(Several years ago, the David and Lenore Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships for current Weequahic students. It is administered by the WHS Alumni Association.)*

### **Follow-up comments on HBO's "The Plot Against America:"**

The Newark Public Library Foundation has extended an invitation to a zoom based discussion of Philip Roth's novel "Nemesis" in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic scheduled for Thursday, June 25th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. RSVP by visiting [www.npl.org/nemesis](http://www.npl.org/nemesis).

Rita Bleckner Weisstuch (6/59)

I just watch the Newark Public Library's panelists and their commentary about "The Plot Against America" (<https://npl.org/plotagainstamerica/>); all hour and 3 minutes. I highly recommend it. Rita

Arnie Kohn (56)

I read "*The Plot Against America*" when it first arrived on the bookshelves at Borders. I loved it, mainly for its nostalgic value, the Metropolitan Industrial Insurance collectors, Rabbi Prinz, etc. Arnie

Jack Cobin (Peshine/Linden 60)

We all recall the things and places of our youth, but I got a kick out of the blonde neighbor whose son plays with Philip being sent to Marlboro Psychiatric, which as a kid we knew as a mental hospital. Marlboro, the town, is where I have lived for forty-years. Jack

Ken Vogel (64)

On another note, I have to say in watching "*The Plot Against America*" I do not see any resemblance to the flats that I lived on at 20 Goodwin Avenue or 216 Goldsmith Avenue. All the rental flats were just that either four to a building like we had on Goodwin; two on each side with bedrooms towards the back yard, a bathroom by hallway to back steps, kitchen, dining room, living room, sun parlor and porch off that room. We had another small room off the dining room that faced that porch. A set of front steps led to front stoop.

The flat on Goldsmith was a three-story building with two similar size apartments on first and second floor and a much smaller one on the third. I do not recall seeing the type of rentals that are shown on the show. Plenty of beautiful houses, but for those of us that lived in flats or apartment buildings, I do not recall any streets that looked like the ones on the show.

I also read the book a several years ago like I read most of his novels. It was certainly a bit strange, but worth reading. Ken

### **Calvin Schwartz's (6/63) reference to the "Stein Boys" sparked replies**

Paul Moskowitz (6/59)

Cal, on your piece about pin ball, you are so wrong about our beloved Stein's Candy Store. Today, we are still "The Stein's Boys," getting together when we can, but emailing frequently. Besides myself, members include Mike Mintz, Barry Blinder, Howard Palan, Joel Bodnar, Ira Sokoloff and Mike Klein. We were a

bunch of great guys, “lovers” not “fighters.” We used to play the pinball machine, flip quarters, and watch girls! It was a great time and still a part of our lives. Paul

Harlee Palan Steinberg (6/63)

I have to disagree with you Cal about your interpretation of the “Steins Boys.” My brother, Howard Palan, was a Steins boy. I don’t remember ever hearing that they were any violent stories of anyone getting beat up. Yes, they were an older group, a lot of them athletic, but good boys. They were very close group of friends. And I only remember them playing stickball on Osborne Terrace. Many of them are still in touch with each other and their family’s lifelong friends. Harlee

Barry Blinder (1/59) & Mike Mintz (6/59)

We are responding regarding comments made about Stein’s Confectionary Store located on the corners of Osborne Terrace and Shephard Avenue. Izzy and Martha Stein, who in their sixties, loved kids and all those individuals utilizing their store as a gathering and social meeting place. At times, on a Friday or Saturday night, there could have been 10 to 15 of us congregating in front or inside their store. Izzy and Martha never stopped us or any other person from entry into their establishment.

The Stein Boys was started in 1951 by Mike Mintz and Johnny Drewry, two individuals who were devoted to working in the neighborhood and initiating the beginning of a sports club. Resulting from their devotion to the area and their love of sports was the Stein Boys. Thanks to the hospitality of Martha and Izzy Stein, their store became our meeting place.

Most of our activities were centered around sports, playing football on Shephard Avenue, stick ball in a vacant lot three stores from Steins on Osborne Terrace, basketball at Maple Avenue Grammar School, softball at Chancellor Avenue playground and more football in Weequahic Park and other activities in and around Newark, Irvington, Hillside and City Stadium in Newark. At times, some of us would utilize the wall in front of Stein’s to pitch pennies or baseball cards. As you can see most of our time was spent outside the store, leaving little time to play the one pin ball machine inside the store.

Stein’s also was the place where the guys would meet before and after our dates. We would once again meet in front of Stein’s and then proceed to either the

Weequahic Diner, Stash's or some other eatery place to discuss whatever we wanted as to girls, sports, school or whatever.

Who are the Stein Boys? We are all "Brothers." Today as senior citizens, we are very proud to say some of our best friends are still the Stein Boys. Even though some of us are separated by geography and some have passed away, we find time to call, e-mail and find ways to get together. Barry Blinder's daughter was married twelve years ago, eleven of the Stein Boys from California, Indiana, Florida and New Jersey attended the wedding. There wasn't a mean streak in any one of us or in Izzy and Martha's bodies. No one would stop anyone from walking into Stein's for a drink, sandwich or playing the pin ball machine.

Thanks to the original Stein Boys; Mike Mintz, Barry Blinder, Howard Palan, Joel Bodner, Paul Moskowitz, Ira Sokoloff, Yuss Littman, Richard Burke, Johnny Drewry, Ronald Weinstock, Lenny Furer, Harvey Morantz, Gary Hirschorn (Harris), David Miller and others who made our high school days and beyond filled with love, respect and brotherhood. Barry & Mike

### Weequahic Ways:

Sharon Balis Bauers (57)

To Phyllis Adler Metz (6/58), who could ever forget your dad, my milkman. To this day, I can remember his energy and smiling face. He was always happy. Your dad was a gem. They don't make them like that anymore. I couldn't wait to open the milk bottle and taste the delicious cream on top. I take this opportunity to say, "Thank you Jules" (always in my heart) for the great service, your caring, kindness, and the delicious *Port Murray Milk* you delivered to every lucky customer (including me of course) because our routes were assigned to you. Sharon

Herb Trinkler (55)

*Baker's Bakery* was built and started by my wife Elaine's grandfather and another family member. Herb

Joyce Janoff Fader (6/60)

My dad belonged to an orthodox *shul* (synagogue) on Aldine Street. The rabbi was Rabbi Zinn. Does anyone have a recollection of it? Joyce

Rita Kravet Rzepka (55)

*The Tavern* (2nd pictured, below; Tavern used to be the Weequahic Inn, 1st picture) was a favorite of my family, too. Especially my dad. We always had whole Maine lobsters and they were always good. We had bibs, too. My father liked a certain waiter and we always requested him. I remember the cheesecake as being the best dessert. That was the good old days before the Coronavirus. Rita



The Weequahic Inn became the Tavern Restaurant on 444 Elizabeth & Meeker Ave

Ellie Miller Greenberg (49)

Mention of Longie Zwillman in a prior post sent me looking for my house at 66 Keer Avenue, where I grew up and when I went to Weequahic. I found it online with a big tree across the street blocking my view, since the photo was taken from across the street. If anyone has another view of the house from the same side of the street/ Keer Avenue, please send it to me at [greenbergellie@gmail.com](mailto:greenbergellie@gmail.com). Ellie

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