



SEAGULL SENTINEL

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, here it is October. As of this writing the leaves are starting to change color here on our island known as Staten. Every year there seems to be more and more people here on our little Island. The Army Corps of Engineers say that with the added weight and the mere number of people only two things can be done to stop the Island from sinking: stop people from coming here or everybody on Staten Island must lose weight.

On October 5th, we held a dinner dance at the Old Bermuda Inn. Despite the low turnout, everyone had a ball. The dance floor, at most times, was covered with dancers. Only once did we have to pick up a few off the floor, but that is what happens when there is an open bar. I want to thank all the people who keep supporting our alumni, some of which never went to dear old McKee.

We missed some of our regulars like our beloved Mrs. Popp, Mr. John De Palma and of course, my prom date Dawn and her husband Tak. All had other commitments.

We had a competition as the Class of 1961-62 had their 50th reunion at the Staaten the week before. One thing, though, we were on top of Curtis at the Inn. They were downstairs and we were upstairs. Hey, wasn't that a TV show?

Again, we had the best 50/50 of any fundraiser Terri and I have attended. For such a small group, we have in the last few years, split almost \$1000.00 with some lucky individuals. That is thanks to Millie who had the idea to send out chances with the reservations.

We want to thank the Bertolinis who made and donated the centerpieces for our dance. The Generation Gap provided the music for our
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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Giving up was never an option for Al Basile and Philip McGee co-owners of the Wall Street Group, Inc. a printing & fulfillment company located in Jersey City, NJ.

The Wall Street Group has printed our newsletter (gratis) since the fall of 2003.

Al Basile started the company in lower Manhattan in 1966. Along the way he was joined by Philip McGee. They acquired another printing company and moved both operations to New Jersey, finally settling in their present waterside location in Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ.

In preparation for Super Storm Sandy, Al & Phil with their staff prepared the plant as best they could and sent everyone home.

No one was prepared for what would happen.

The storm surge, reportedly so severe, obscured the base of the Statue of Liberty! Unfortunately, the water swelled into an inlet facing the building, flooding up the street and into the plant.

Loading dock doors were torn from their frames as the water forced its way in, pouring into the plant covering presses and damaging every piece of equipment!

When they were able to gain access to the plant, it was still dark and still flooded.

Faced with devastation, Al & Phil and their 30 employees pitched in to clear away the debris. Removing sheetrock, along with an immense amount of damaged paper in dark and cold conditions!

Al & Phil worked quickly to broker out whatever work had to be done as well as work that had to be replaced – this became the norm for the following three months.

The 32,000 square foot plant is back in
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“Dance Through the Decades.” Compliments to the Old Bermuda Inn. The ambience in the room was much more than I had imagined and I have been there many times before.

Some of our group went to Ireland this year. Sorry I missed it. Actually, two different groups went at two different times. It is a beautiful country and the people are very friendly just like your Alumni president (LOL).

I wish you all health and happiness and may our government straighten this mess out before the year’s end.



As ever, your president
on the sinking island,

Ken McIntyre

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MISSION

operation and while there may still be difficulties to face, the plant is open for business thanks to the determination, dedication and loyalty of the partners and their staff!

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DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

The winner of the 50/50 was Helen Kreiger

Rosemary Ferrara won the lifetime raffle

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bertolini
Joe carved and donated the centerpieces
for our Dinner Dance.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fredmalyn Williams
Class of 2013

Roemary Hoffmann- Ferrara
Class of 1962

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance June 30, 2013 \$5,398.82

INCOME

Dues/New	10.00	
Lifetime	150.00	
Renewals	90.00	250.00

Events

Dinner Dance		
Reservations	4,301.00	
50/50	450.00	
Lifetime	15.00	
Donation	70.00	4,836.00
Total		\$10,484.82

EXPENSES

Florist		
Accountant Fee		300.00
Oasis Christian church/ general & board meeting		100.00
Postage/Bulk mail/supplies		368.30

Events

Dinner Dance		
Old Bermuda Inn	3,189.00	
Entertainment	700.00	
Total		\$4,657.30

Credits \$10,484.82

Debits - 4,657.30

Check book balance		
10/15/2013	\$ 5,827.52	
Certificate of Deposit Account		+13,102.90
Total		\$18,930.42

Donation to school
(2002-2013) \$40,922.25

Millie Del Bove, Treasurer

POPP'S PERSPECTIVE



Our wonderful school on St. Mark's Place in St. George comes frequently to mind and I am transported to the time I was fortunate to be assigned to the school where I spent most of my career – Staten Island's McKee Vocational and Technical High School. How lucky can a gal get?

Yes, those years are memorable for many reasons. Mainly, of course, my wonderful students with whom I share time today through the McKee Alumni Association. I have been fortunate, indeed!

My envy of our student's ability to make or repair anything was justifiable in that our graduates were those running all the businesses on Staten Island!

Our principal, Moses Sorola was an expert "tailor" who made his own suits! And he was a super principal. And, yes, I eventually took an in-service course in auto mechanics (under the great Roy Tolefsen) and boasted that I could repair my own car, a Fiat or Morris Minor at the time. That may have been an overstatement but it gave me the courage to change a tire when needed! I can still remember the day my "tiny" car was placed on the sidewalk by some very daring students!

Those were the days when theatre tickets were available to students for a dollar or two. My boys and girls saw every Broadway show and some became true theater buffs. And that was accomplished through Mr. Sorola's generosity in letting us take some "school time" to become "theatre time".

Recently, I was indeed privileged to have lunch with my former student, John Armstrong, founder of The McKee Alumni and Friends Association, who is a long –time resident of the State of Washington.

We enjoyed reminiscing about our days in McKee. John is still charming and articulate and I loved hearing about their life on the West Coast. Come again, John and soon! Also joining us were Fran Dowling, Millie and Joe Delve and Ken and Teri McIntyre – my boys and girls.

Chats with Roberta Sparandera are great and her devotion to McKee through the Alumni newspaper is generous and super-super. Way to go, Roberta!

My good friend and Alumni Association President, Ken McIntyre, came to my rescue

recently when I needed help to repair a ceiling light fixture. My thanks and gratitude, Ken!

Let me know what is or has been happening to you!

With affection until the next time, and all the best.

Lilian M. Popp

A VISIT

Our founder, John Armstrong, visited Staten Island and it gave him a chance to visit old friends and enjoy lunch.



John Armstrong, Fran Dowling, Millie & Joe Del Bove, Terri & Ken McIntyre and Lilian Popp

DONATIONS

James Dankelman
Dora Anasrasi-Arslanian

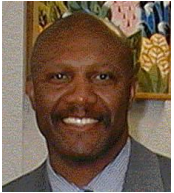
WARNING

Some of our members have received an email from alumni.class.com offering lifetime membership for \$10.

Please be aware this is not an offer from our alumni association. Our lifetime membership is still \$150.

FRAUD IS EVERYWHERE!

Protect Yourself



The digital age has made it abundantly easy for us to get any information we want at any time of day from any location. It has also made it very easy for others to get your personal and financial information at any time and from anywhere.

Credit Cards and Debit Cards

Remember, a debit card withdraws money from your own personal account while a credit card is a loan from a bank. When fraud hits, credit cards and debit cards are not treated alike. Check your statements and your accounts regularly and do not, repeat do not, keep large sums of money in a debit account!

Home Repairs

The first rule on paying for home repairs or home remodeling is: Don't pay a dime until they start work. If it's a small job that will take a day or a few hours, then pay when the job is completed. If the job is big requiring lots of materials then pay in stages 1/3 to start, 1/3 at the half way point and the balance when the job is done. And remember; always get a contract stating exactly what will be done and what will be paid! The days of the firm handshake are gone, I am sad to say.

Cosigning a Loan

It's simple. Never cosign a loan. However when you absolutely must do it for your son, daughter or grandchild, understand that the lender will come after you if the payments are not made by the primary borrower. First, they will hit your credit score for the late payments and then they will hit your bank account for the balance due. There is just no way out for a consignor when the primary borrower stops making the payments. It does not matter that the primary borrower died, lost his or her job, is in the hospital or even declared bankruptcy. The debt becomes yours to pay and the bank will pursue the consignor for every penny they are due.

The Property Deeds Scam

Did you fall for this one? Get a certified copy of your property deed for just \$50. As we said at the

start, in the new digital age anyone can get any information anywhere. That includes getting a copy of your property deed and printing it out in the comfort of a living room. That is exactly what these deed service companies do to get your \$50. They print the deed then take it to the County Clerk and have it certified for \$4.00, and then they mail it to the sucker who sent them \$50 gaining a 1000%profit on the deal.

Fact is you will never in life need a certified copy of your deed but if you want one you can do it yourself for just \$4.00.

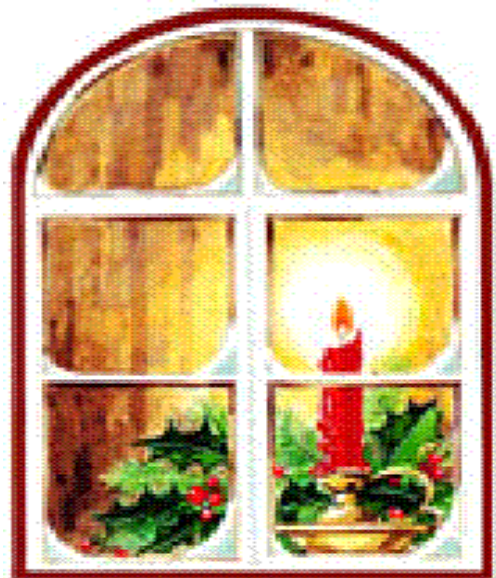
Remember, in this holiday season, be careful and stay alert. Fraud does not discriminate!

Duane C. Felton, Esq
Class of 1967

MOSES SOROLA AWARD
Class of 2013

Gillian Beyer

Michael Gambardella



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



2013 SPRING LUNCHEON



2013 DINNER DANCE

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Check one: Alumni: _____ Friend: _____ Faculty: _____

Membership dues \$10 per person per year. Lifetime dues \$150.00 per person

\$10X _____ number of years = _____

Make checks payable to: McKee Alumni and Friends Association and mail to:
 McKee Alumni and Friends Association, Inc, 51 Bell Street, Staten Island NY 10305
 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date: _____ Check Number: _____ Amount: _____

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Expiration Date: _____

CONGRATULATIONS



**Moira and Don Juliano
 Married 60 years
 July, 1953**



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OCTOBER

Richard A. Brown, Jr., Thomas Calandra, Dolores Covino-Bouwman, Salvatore Cucuzza, Frank Dalotto, Dominick D'Angelo, John J. DeForge, Lester Driscoll, Michael Fagone, Francis Gibson, Jacqueline Isola-Diorio, Joe LaBargo, Gasper W. Mogilnicki, Anita Petosa-Palmier, Patrick Rizzo, Robert Ruggeri, Marge Santo-Devlin, Fred Schwefringhaus, Helen Unrein-LaManna, Walter P. Werra

NOVEMBER

Anita Beyer-Terrana, James Brown, Marie Cafaro-Battipaglia, Michael Cherkaski, James J. Dankelman, John De Meo, Alberta D. Doerr-Muir, Edward Elliott, Nicholas Festa, Philip Garlisi, Anita Grecco-Micciulla, Glen A. Hall, Maryann Kowalski-Seror, Karen Lategano-Darcy, John Manna, Jean Mastroberti-lavarone, Kenneth McIntyre, Shirley McKay-Copeland, Irene J. Molway-Quill, Louis Soriano, Frances Vazzana-Hemmerly

DECEMBER

Victoria Baker-Rivelli, Howard Berwanger, Shelton Bright, Sr., Anna Carlo-Labbate, Ricky Cherkaski, Victor Confessore, Lorenzo Corsi, Dominic D'Ambr, Pat De Meo, John A. De Palma, Adrienne Diggs-Sanhueza Lucille Ditoro-O'Keefe, Charles J. Ferguson, Jacqueline E. Hansen-Tobin, Mafalda Intartaglio-LaRocca, Roy N. Johnsen, Henry Jorin, Edward Kahan, Carol King, Ralph LoPresti, Annette Maiello-Rooney, Estelle Mangin-Neube, Edward Midboe, Philip Neilson, Nicholas J. Pakidis, Vincent Palazzola, Ramon R. Quevedo, Nellie Sakshaug-Bolt, Rosemarie Unrein-Andriulli, Carmela Varriano-Mazza, Robert Viggiano

