



"There is an eternal landscape, a geography of the soul; we search for its outlines all our lives." ~Josephine Hart



Notes from the Wildwood Historical Society

located at 3907 Pacific Ave. in Wildwood.
609-523-0277



Nov. & Dec. Hours:
Fri. & Sat. 9:00am - 2:00pm

We are now into the Fall, and there's been a change in our winter schedule. We will be open Friday and Saturday, 9AM to 2PM. This will remain in effect until January 1. Then we will be open on Saturdays only, through March. However, we are a phone call away if you need the resources of the museum. Just call our number, 523-0277 and leave a message, and someone will get back to you.

One of our current most important projects is the digitizing of old microfilm files on to DVDs. The subject film is very old and we're having a difficult time trying to find a company, somewhat local (within the state), to say they can do it and give us a price. Another monster problem that has surfaced is the replacement of two flat roofs to the tune of \$15,000.00. You can bet we'll be out there "begging" for donations. Help us out if you can.

As you know, we are always collecting items for the museum that are part of the history of the Wildwoods. One day this summer, a lady by the name of Joanne Sprague, called to say she had a vintage maternity crib that was used at Mrs. Long's Maternity Home on East Montgomery Ave. The story goes that Mrs. Long gave it to Joanne's mother and told her that most of the babies born at the maternity home rested in this crib. It needed a bit of "sprucing" up, and one of our volunteers, Ed Calabrese, was kind enough to clean and paint it. It now stands in our new south wing for your inspection. My daughter, Joanne Vinci, has promised a few of her vintage dolls to put in it for display.

In reference to the alumni of the two area schools, this is the time of the year that we

hear about reunions. One tradition that has survived 28 years is the Wildwood High School 50 Plus Reunion. This dinner dance is open to anyone who attended school prior to 1961 (or 50 years ago). This year it was held at the Wildwood Convention Hall. There were almost 250 people in attendance representing every class from 1942 on to 1961. The evening was an absolute success. There were people that hadn't seen each other in 50 years and there were hugs and handshakes all over the place, not to mention the clicking of camera shutters. The 50 Plus Committee works very hard trying to bring this affair together each year looking for value for their guests. This year the Convention Hall people did an outstanding job trying to accommodate everyone. If you haven't given it much thought, think about it for next October. It will be held at Convention Hall, again, and the committee has already lined up a date; Sunday, October 7, 2012, which happens to be Columbus Day weekend. Plan now for a long weekend.

"Watchthetramcarplease.com" Ever heard of that website? It was founded by Bob Ingram and Tony Deutsch. These blogmates are doing a great job of bringing current events to the fore. They've also added old photos from the archives of the Wildwood Historical Society. Thanks guys for giving me an opportunity to write my very first blog.

Before signing off, I must remind you of TWO important things: stop in to see us, AND make a donation to our badly needed, leaky roof fund.

Until next time be happy and be well!

Anne Vinci,

PRESIDENT OF WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

A Blast From the Past!

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Joanne Cavalier Hinke
WCHS 1955



Evelyn Snooks Bailie
WHS 1954



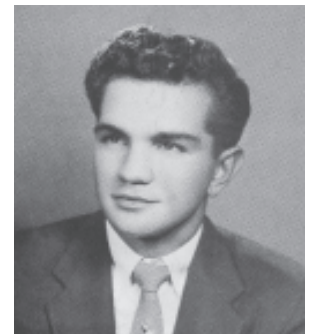
Brook Koenek
WHS 1954



Ron McGowan
WHS 1960



Gertrude Hubbard McGowan
WHS 1964



John D'Amico
WCHS 1955



Millie Tozour Baker
WHS 1954



Jack Baker
WHS 1954



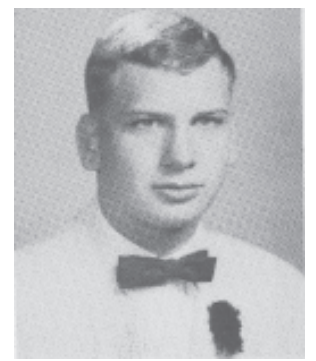
Rita Rosenberg Best
WHS 1954



Vince Piccirilli
WCHS 1955



Tom Kinnemond
M Mace 1951



Kenneth Tabone
WCHS 1963



Playland Pier circa 1940s. Now Mariner's Pier.

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