



"Always hold the view that your most productive years are ahead of you." ~From Life's Little Handbook of Wisdom

Notes from the
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Blast from the Past

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WILDWOOD HIGH & WILDWOOD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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We are so pleased to report that our visitors' count has been steadily increasing throughout the summer. It appears that locals and out-of-town visitors are finding their way to our museum. They stop in to either research a property, a friend or relative, donate some photo or artifact or just plain enjoy the "Wildwoods their grandparents knew." We originally began the season staying open from Tuesday through Saturday, but thanks to our Board Member Treasurer, Kathy Skouras, we are also open on Mondays. Between Kathy and our office manager, Mona Pluck, the ladies are doing a fantastic job of helping our visitors find their way around the museum. We have also been fortunate enough to have an additional volunteer help with our scanning project. Her name is Joan Husband from Wildwood Crest, and joined us in July. We are so very grateful to these volunteers who faithfully give us their time to secure the history of our island for generations to come.

About three years ago a young man and his family came into our office and gave us a disk. It seems the young man researched the various buildings of the island including, motels and apartments, condos, restaurants and some niteclubs. He listed them by name, address, year built, whether they were still standing and the year they were demolished, and a "special notes" column where he gives the builders' names, the various names the building took on, additions to the building, etc. That year he was going into his freshman year in high school. This year he and his mother came into the museum again, with an up-dated version of his first disk. He included well over 500 structures and possibly closer to 800. The young man is Jackson Betz from Downingtown, PA, and he's going into his senior year of high school this fall. Jack-

son's effort has become a big part of our research resources. We are so appreciative of this young man who walked into our museum one day and made a difference. Thank you, Jackson, and we wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Then, in March of this year, I heard from a Keith Shepherd, owner and operator of Airdevil Airbrushing from New Hope, PA. He asked if we would be interested in an interactive mini billboard he would construct for our museum, to put on display in our Boardwalk Room. It would be about 66 x 23 inches with chase lights around the Castle Dracula Sign. You could press a button, and it would play "spooky" music. The Executive Board agreed, and Keith constructed this mini billboard, complete with sound. He drove down here to install it along with the help of our Board Member, Al Brannen. Local electrician, Len Lauriello installed the necessary outlet, and we were in business. Needless to say, the Dracula billboard is a favorite of the young crowd. Thank you, Keith for approaching us with your "labor of love". It's been a GREAT success!

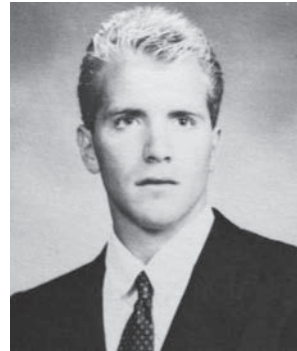
We remind you that we are still selling memorial bricks. They have been installed outside of our front door. Stop by and take a look. AND, if you haven't already placed your order, stop in for an application.

Keep in mind, that we will be open Monday through Saturdays until September 28, and then we go on our part-time schedule of Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We are closed Sundays and all national holidays.

Until next time. . . be happy and be well.

Anne Vinci,

PRESIDENT OF WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



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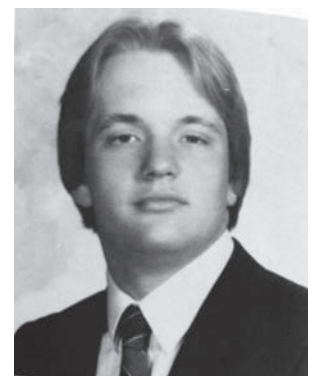
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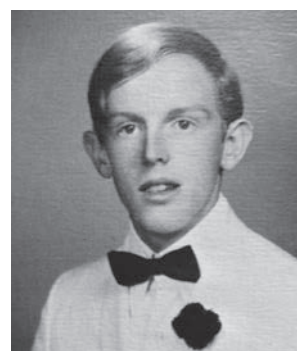
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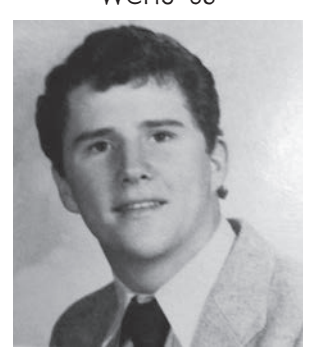
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