



"Everything holds its breath except spring. She bursts through as strong as ever." ~Emily Carr (1871-1945) artist and writer

The Sounds of Christmas

Dec. 7, 2008~ The Church of the Assumption in Wildwood Crest held its 8th Annual Christmas Concert which featured The Bel canto Lyric Opera Company. This company celebrates their 14th anniversary as a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing a performing venue for singers and bringing opera into the community. They present this concert with a full orchestra and are just magnificent every year. It's a Kimmel Center-worthy performance right here in the Wildwoods! Over seven hundred people were in attendance and the night provided a beautiful holiday event to inspire the season and to bless us with such amazing talent. Be sure not to miss this company when they come again!

Special thanks to Fr. Hadyka, Marianne Casiello, Mary & Nick Nastasi, Aurora Wilsey, Margie Hughes, Debbie & Tom Martino, Linda Shaw, Debbie Pinto, Cathy Gould, and all of those who made this night possible.



Mary & Nick Nastasi



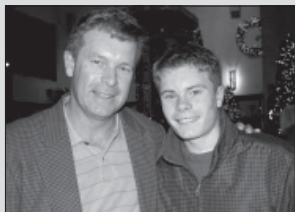
Richard & Aurora Wilsey



Rose Alfe, Joyce Gould, & John Corino



John & June Barkovitch



Bob & Austin Neri (soon-to-be St. Augustine Hermit!)



John & Carole Pantalone



Kim Casiello, Kate Von Savage & Aunt Carole Von Savage - Pantalone



Assumption Church Deacon Joe Costello with his daughter Bette Ann Towler



Sr. Barbara Worley



Mary Vey, Joyce & Alan Gould



Mary Kulisek

Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure there are no smiles available.



FIVE MILES of Smiles!



Nifty Fifty!
Can you guess who turned 50 on Feb. 3rd? He shares an important date in musical history. "The Day The Music Died" Feb 3rd 1959. He's an Architect, Musician, Author, Film Producer, Collector and the Coolest Ice Cream Man in town. **Happy 50th Birthday Paul Cool Scoops Russo!!**

SENT IN BY LORI RUSSO



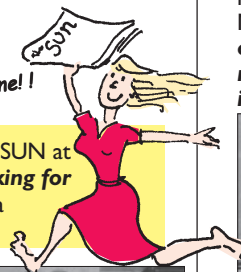
Wildwood Crest Ocean Drive Bridge, Toll Taker **JIM BALZER** Bridge Commission for 23 Years.

Jim says he had nothing to do with the toll increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50!



North Wildwood Fire Chief Paul Evangelista & his wife Debbie

♪ Good Day SUN-Shine!



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Wildwood High School Class of 1956

FRONT ROW L-R: Audrey Fields Countiss, Rosalie Pfeiffer Sturm, Doris Hentges Williams, Beverly Gross Clark, Joan Carter Dixon, Donald Gruff, Nancy Holden Gruff
BACK ROW L-R: Ann Gaskill Rea, Mercer Hedgeman, Louise Barber McHugh, John Gerth, William Cottman

island news



Bob & Buddy (the dog) Bright from the Wildwood Historic Museum. Buddy now has his very own handicap ramp for accessing the car so he can get to and from the museum.



TAZ Chatelain, a North Wildwood summer resident cat who knows what's important when he's at the shore! Taz is a 3 year old 15 pound hunka burning love! The love of Nancy Chatelain's life! He loves to play fetch with hair scrunchies at 3a.m. As Nancy was getting ready for the beach one day she turned around to find Taz with his paws in her flip flops! Truly a Kodak Moment! **If Buddy's the coolest dog, then TAZ is definitely the coolest cat on the island!**



1944~ Bob Bright and Jim Schellenger pose on trolley car driven by motorman **Horton K. Banks** who was Bob's babysitter while his father was in the service and his mother worked.



Lenore DelCupolo Martino sent in this photo from Christmas 1964 at her old Cardinal Rd. DelCupolo home.



Team Balford Farms celebrated their end of the season soccer party on November 23, 2008 at the Grand Hotel in Cape May. The entire team was awarded with sweatshirts for being undefeated for three years in a row. Pictured are: (front row) Katie Queen, Giovanna Palermo, Meghan Courtney and Julia Jett. (second row) Chris Johnson, Bobby Belansen, John Ciglinsky, Dennis McAllister, Mike Sharkey, Micah Rucci and Dan Stefankiewicz. Coaches Back Row: Bob Belansen and Michele Devine-Hartnett



"In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends." ~ John Churton Collins

A Blast From the Past!

Margaret Mace Elementary School ~ 1969



Rosemarie Martino

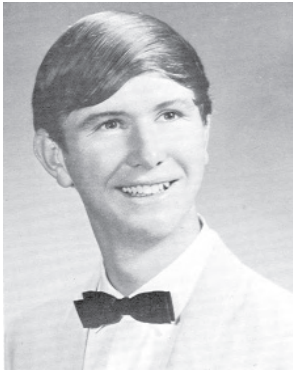


Sam Bradway



Jim Bratten

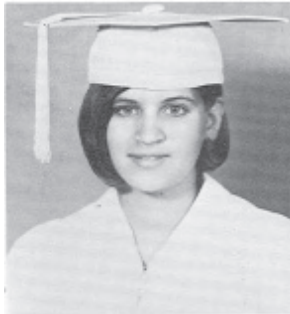
Wildwood & Wildwood Catholic High School ~ 1969



Kendull Kennedy WHS



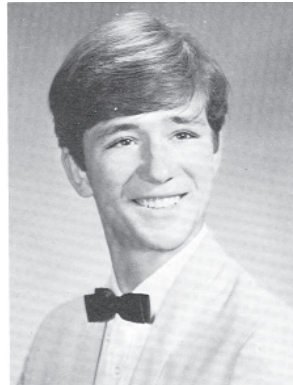
Cynthia Curvan WHS



Karen Versaggi



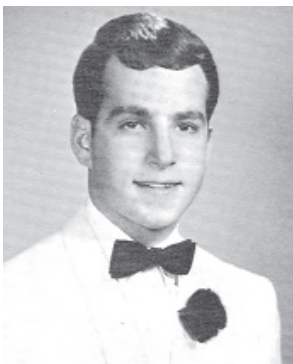
Ann Cartalano WCHS



Ernie Troiano, Jr. WHS



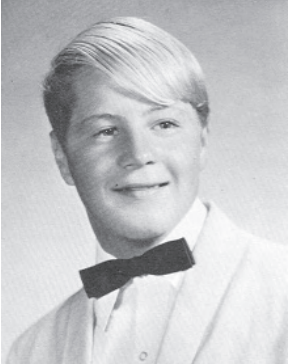
Michelle Verna WCHS



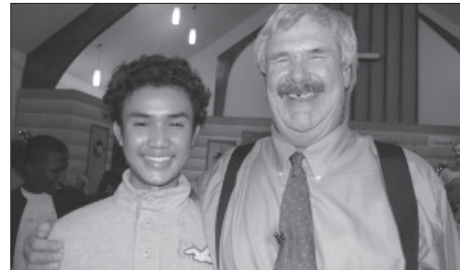
Carlo Accardi WCHS



Patricia Steiger WCHS



Ray Morey, Jr. WHS



Exchange student **Tatah & Jerry Rosenberg** at Tabernacle Church for their Christmas performance of The Homecoming, A Smokey Mountain Christmas. Jerry found himself a new career with his premier role as *Jimmy, the Farmhand*.



Jerry & Dee Rosenberg, with Dave Thompson, and friends



Lori & Chico Santiago



Exchange students from China & Africa

4/13 Greater Wildwoods Lions Club 50/50 Raffle. Lions Center, Wildwood. 6:30pm.

1st prize up to \$5,000.00

2nd and 3rd prize up to \$500.

4th prize up to \$250.

Only 500 tickets sold @ \$25.00 each. Proceeds from the raffle benefit our local scholarship fund. To purchase tickets please contact the **Lions Center @ 729-1111** or stop in.



Wildwood Local Special Olympian Athlete Skier Jeff DiAntonio, age 24, brought home 2 gold medals at the Special Olympics NJ State Winter Games in Mt Creek Ski Resort on January 24th-27th in the Giant Slalom and Slalom Races. **WAY TO GO JEFF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

LEGAL SECRETARIES of CAPE MAY COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP



Currently seeking applicants who are a Cape May County resident enrolled in the Paralegal Studies Program at Atlantic Cape Community College OR a graduating Cape May County high school senior who intends to enroll in the Paralegal Studies Program at ACCC. Applicants are also evaluated on grade point average and community service. Contact Michele Devine-Hartnett at 846.0969. **DEADLINE for applications is April 21, 2009.** Applicants may also obtain an application on our web site at www.legalsecretariesofcmc.com.

Tides Roll in. . . Tides Roll out. . .

March (Eastern Standard Time)						April (Eastern Daylight Time)					
		High		Low				High		Low	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	Sun	10:29	10:54	4:21	4:24	1	Wed	12:35	1:13	7:08	6:59
2	Mon	11:16	11:47	5:13	5:12	2	Thu	1:41	2:28	8:16	8:11
3	Tue		12:14	6:15	6:09	3	Fri	2:55	3:45	9:25	9:25
4	Wed	12:51	1:26	7:25	7:17	4	Sat	4:08	4:54	10:29	10:36
5	Thu	2:05	2:47	8:39	8:31	5	Sun	5:14	5:53	11:27	11:39
6	Fri	3:22	4:03	9:48	9:43	6	Mon	6:12	6:45		12:18
7	Sat	4:30	5:07	10:49	10:48	7	Tue	7:03	7:32	12:36	1:04
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						10	Fri	9:15	9:36	3:01	3:07
						11	Sat	9:55	10:14	3:44	3:45
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						24	Fri	8:01	8:20	1:47	1:45
						25	Sat	8:45	9:02	2:33	2:27
						26	Sun	9:30	9:47	3:20	3:12
						27	Mon	10:18	10:36	4:10	3:59
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						29	Wed	12:09	12:09	5:59	5:50
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Moon Phases			
First Quarter	2	
Full Moon	9	
Last Quarter	17	
New Moon	24	

Moon Phases			
First Quarter	4	
Full Moon	10	



"There are times when forgetting can be just as important as remembering - and even more difficult."

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY PAUL RUSSO



September 25-28, 2008
Premier Event!

GWHMA Exec. Director Ed Mebs, Actor Ryan Homchick, Actor/Daytime Soap Star Scott Bryce, Paul Russo and Actress Jenn Gotzon at the 2008 WWBTSFF Award Ceremony held at The Bolero



Actor Paul Sorvino and his Film Icon Award from Festival Director Paul Russo



Chubby Checker, Actress Jenn Gotzon (Frost/Nixon & Yes Man) Actor/Director Brian Delate (A Soldier's Heart) & Festival Director Paul Russo



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Notes from the
Wildwood Historical Society

located at 3907 Pacific Ave. in Wildwood.
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SPRING HOURS 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Closed Sundays and National Holidays

The Wildwood Historical Society has just had its reorganization meeting, and I will be serving as president for another year. Work on the addition finally got started, and we are anticipating a dedication date of **Saturday, April 18, 2009**. We plan to hold the Annual Post Card show and Open House at the same time. Doors will open at 11 AM. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend to buy, sell or trade postcards, check out the museum for one of your favorite interests or memories and attend the dedication ceremony we have planned. We are looking forward to an exciting day!

In the meantime, we continue to conduct business as usual. We are actively soliciting donations for our new addition, selling books and DVDs from our gift shop and always accepting new artifacts from our visitors. Pick up your copy of Bob Ingram's new book, SUN Songs, hot off the press!

John Carr gave us a photo of the Margaret Mace graduating class of 1949, along with photos of the **Ye Old Mill** amusement ride, the **Roto Jett** ride, **Photo Shoot** and **Mars** ride. He also had a photo of the "**SS Patty K**" ferry that was docked at the Wildwood Yacht Basin and was used as a dance hall. **Susan Stockridge Lederer** stopped in and dropped off a Wildwood Catholic High School's graduation program for 1976. We are still gathering alumni names for Wildwood Catholic from 1960 to the present. **Bill Bramble**, a Wildwood High School alumnus dropped off a 1922, City of Wildwood plumbing code book. **Ralph Grassi**, of *funchase.com*, gave us some really great 1974 photos of various stores on the Strand Block on the Boardwalk. They include **Hawaiian Tropical Drink**, **Polar Cub**, and **Taylor Pork Roll**.

All the way from Westminster, Maryland, **Connie Hadry**, WHS Class of 1955, and good friend of our manager, **Bob Bright**, brought us a number of items including a WHS 1940 Class photo and a WHS year book, "The Breakers" from 1940. **Elio Pizza** of A &

LP Market in North Wildwood, gave us a 1934 Silver Jubilee Baby Carnival official's medal, along with a variety of very old sheet music. A medicine bottle from a Juniper Avenue pharmacy came to us from the **Glenn Family**. **Eric Kern**, retired Wildwood police captain, gave us a 1968 photo of the Sea Girt graduating class, and photographs of the entire WPD taken over a period of several years.

Sometimes, in the morning before coming to the museum, I stop at **Gus' Pizzeria** on Park Boulevard for breakfast, and the owner, **Maria Mattera** gave me her WCHS yearbooks from the 70s. You never know where you're going to come across neat stuff! From **Don Brunnell** of Wildwood, we received a copy of a 1908 invoice signed by **Henry Ottens** made out to the Mayor and Council of Holly Beach. Mr. Ottens was an early pioneer of the island.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the loss of another stalwart member of the Wildwood community in the person of **Harold Sherwood**. Harold, 90, was a member of our Executive Board until his health prevented him from participating. He could recite chapter and verse stories of the old Wildwood days that were part of him. Over the years, he indulged his passion for airplanes, was a musician, and the owner of a hobby shop. His longest career was chief projectionist for Hunt's Theaters. When he passed away, I attended a "celebration of his life" at the Civic Club and met many of his friends that continued those stories. I thought how nice to pass through this life and be remembered for a liveliness of spirit and so many interesting adventures. He will be sadly missed.

Don't forget, we are on our winter schedule: Thursday through Saturday, 9:00 to 2:00 PM. We are closed Sundays and National holidays.

Until next time be happy and be well!

Anne Vinci,

PRESIDENT OF WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Mystery Photo found in Owen's Pub!



If anyone knows any information about this photo taken in front of **Bennie's Cafe**, stop in at Owen's Pub. . . the Haldeman's would love to see you!

PHOTO SENT IN BY PEGGY HALDEMAN