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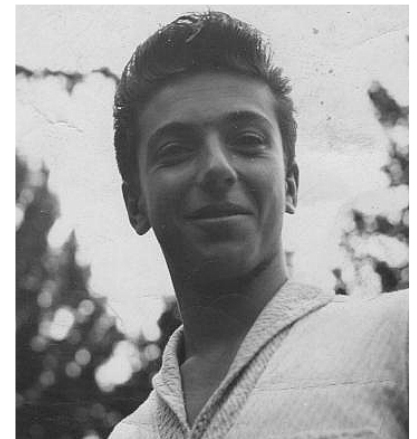
BERNADETTE writes (March 21, 2007)

"Hi Lenny,
Got your phone message this morning and looked in at the website(newsletter)it's great. I was showing everyone in work. Most of us here are of the "older" generation but we have a young fella (graphics artist)who really got a kick out of the graduation photos, etc. I just turned 62 on March 9th and decided to take early retirement so that I can enjoy being a full time grandma to my granddaughter who is 11, at least during the summer this year and since my son and daughter

-in-law are adopting. Pray all goes well for them. It should be soon I will be watching their child, my grandchild full time. We all live in Bayonne, NJ now and I guess that's my retirement village also.

BERNADETTE continues –
"I've worked here at the Eastern Territorial Headquarters for the Salvation Army for 20 years and enjoyed every minute of it. I am(was) a Secretary to the Prayer and Holiness Ambassador for the past 6 years. I even managed a prayer website that is worldwide through them.

But I guess it's time for me to move on into retirement. I am so happy to hear from you, and as soon as you said your name on the phone, your face (back in school) popped right into my mind. I so look forward to communicating with all of you when I retire which is next Friday March 29th. I would love to attend



Guess Who? (July 1960)

a reunion also. I am a widow, and like I said I have a Son, Rolf 34 and a daughter Allesandra who will be shhhhhhhh don't tell, x0 in August. (She's very sensitive about her age). And my granddaughter is 11. Her name is Rosalia.

Oh, and my daughter-in-law's name is Sandra and my son-in-law's name is Ricardo. It was good to see Louie D and Carol and Dorothy also (in the newsletter). Maureen Spruyt and I went to All Saints together. So that's about it. Speak to you soon." **BERNIE**



Photo above c.1963-1964 taken by Robert Mangels(1944-1980), lived on 9th street opp. the "Y"
Robert was married to my sister Maude, 1965-1980.

Once upon a time before the Beatles., there was this fab4. We organized in Aug. '63. It was this group above, that appeared for a time at St. Thomas Aquinas' Friday night Confraternity. First rehearsals were at the Protestant Church 8th street and 6th Avenue, opposite PS 39.

We were called Lenny and the Catalinas.

John Kaseta remembers this group well.

He and Fr. Brady used to hire this group, *(with a helping hand from Charlie O'Neil.)*

John K was more like the Dick Clark of the pair.

From left to right: Joe Cassano, still playing guitar, still very married to Maryann, now living in Bay Side, NY, originally of Brooklyn, and many years in Valley Stream, Long Island; Alexander Burnett (Sandy) More, still very married to Maryann(not the same Maryann as Joe) living in Beacon NY, still playing guitar, but perhaps not public performances; "Lenny" Massab, still married living in Brooklyn, NY, *(I am married to Jo, Josephine, not Joe)*, still playing saxophone; Jeff Lake, STA Class of '59, (also headed and managed a group of his own, the Jeff Lake Trio), still married living with Rita in Glen Ellyn IL, (western suburb of Chicago); may play some pots and pans, but not drums lately. I expect him to make a comeback someday. Lenny here, is the only one not a grandparent, but my prospects for a little one have improved.



Here we are again as a Trio playing for the engagement of my sister Maude to Bob Mangels. They married at St. Thomas Aquinas, July 24, 1965. Reception at the Pisa on 86th Street.

Place: Two Toms Italian Restaurant, Date of this party: probably January 1965
Third Avenue between President and Union Streets.
It's still there.

And again, from left to right:

Jeff Lake(STA Class of '59); Sandy More; and me, Lenny Massab.

I just wish I had Bob Iannizzotto's world-class dimples.

More "Catalina" history:

Due to the English invasion, just 6 months after we formed this group, the Catalina's soon segued into playing club-dates and parties (Saxophones, after all, became part of yesterdays' music, except maybe for the English group, the Dave Clark Five).

But not before we bought some Beatle wigs, and played "I want to hold your hand", and "She loves you, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah", for one fun night at Confraternity.

Some of those nearby clubs we played at were: 'Brooklyn 60'. Is that/was that, at the corner of 9th Street and 6th avenue?; the K of C on 8th street, behind the "Y". House band for 'Rainbow Café', 5th avenue at 39th street. Also, some of you may remember The Dukes Club, 8th Ave. Sunset Park.



Ladies and Gentlemen....Please give a big round of applause and warm welcome, to.....*Mia Ann Iannizzotto*



Hello Lenny ...

“Look what No.2 Son Paul and Kariann did over the weekend, a beautiful Granddaughter ...”

**MIA ANN
6 LBS 13 OZS
21 INCHES
2/3/08
10:50 PM**

BOB I

Congratulations to the Iannizzotto Family for a splendid new addition.

Class Prayer

*Merciful and Mighty God,
From all eternity you knew the circumstances of our birth.*

*In our mothers womb, you formed us and gave us life.
At our Baptism, you called us by name into the family of God.*

Together, at St. Thomas Aquinas, we received the foundations of our faith.

*Heal the wounds of our heart, and help us to forgive those who have hurt
us.*

*Renew the gift of faith that united us as children,
that we may be a blessing and an encouragement to one another.*

*Lead us Lord, as we continue on this journey, bound together in faith,
until we are safely home.*

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