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An Evening of Deceit



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It was so marvelous to finally meet you face to face as opposed to eMail to eMail; as we have been...You are a good and courageous (and very funny) man. Wasn't the evening marvelous, first, because of all of the GHS'ers who were there, from my Uncle Pat Biase (Class of 44) and a few more of his cronies, Doris Ponger Benedick

and her husband Wally, Jane Insinga, Helen Ponger Mitchell, Rose Franco, all circa same as Uncle Pat, Rose Melillo Caldwell and Art "Peaches" Caldwell, Class of 54?, Joe and Joann Tripodi Loparco, Classes of 62 and 55, my own 59'ers, Dr. Jack Murphy, Jean Maguire Haywood, Marcia Learned Patterson, Janice Decarlo Lawrence and Sam McClendon, Tony (Page 135) Ginise, and more and more, second, because of the wonderful Joann hospitality and the terrific food and pizza at her restaurant, and third, well, just because it was fun. And wasn't that cake a fantastic thing! Delicious and beautiful. Thanks again, Tony.



Jean Maguire's mother, Steffi Zatorsky Maguire, whom you were lauding, was a childhood playmate of my mother's...the Biase girls (my mother was Mary (Meg) Biase Lanterna and the Zatorsky girls (Jean's mother, Steffi and her sister Olga, also grew up on Davis Avenue and leGrande Avenue in the 1920's and 30's. In later years, Jean and I skated on the sidewalks, played in the road and walked to Island Beach together.

Not only was Steffi an interesting person in the Greenwich town history, but her sister, Olga, was also quite a character. Olga married John Cunningham, whom many of us will remember as a handsome English teacher at GHS. As that marriage dissolved, Olga then married Joseph Hirschorn, the very famous Greenwich businessman and entrepreneur who collected magnificent works of art and then donated many of them to the Town of Greenwich, the Bruce Museum, but most of them to The Hirschorn Art Museum at The Smithsonian in Washington DC. Olga, too was a collector of art, but where her husband might buy a Picasso, worth 5 million dollars, Olga would find and support new artists and pay a few hundred dollars for a picture. Her own collection, for she had a shrewd and discerning eye, is now famous in its own right.

Pizza Ladi's Saturday Night

The event was set for Saturday Night 24 September 2005, before the Picnic at the Point, which I will chronicle in tomorrow's **W3W2** Newsletter. Though the turnout was quite small, we had a great time, with the greatest distance winner being Gwen **MERRITT** Vann, who came all the way from Signal Hill California. Others in the room can be seen in the photos that follow. For those of you who missed the event, you missed out on some of the best food and friends. And after all is said, and done... We are going to do it again next year... because it "works".



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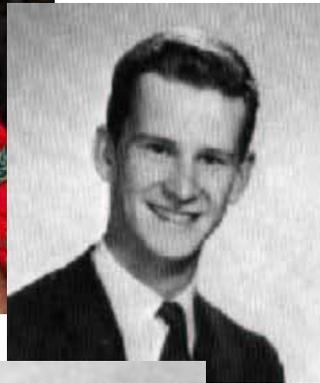
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The Louisiana Purchase



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Great News Reporting about the French Purchase ! Just to note, everyone who left Louisiana, will be required to get a French Visa to get back into the state...French Bureaucracy at its best !

For those who stayed will probably be entitled to the R.M.I. Revenu Minimum d'Insertion meaning they will received money without working !

The conditions are as follows:

Revenue under the Platfond or not working

Less that 25 years old or over 25 years old with one or more children to support

Not a student

Resident of France

That means that probably over 50% of the people in Louisiana will benefit. The problem would be that the people of Louisiana will never accept the takeover by the US Government after all the social benefits they will receive from France.

Thank you George and Jacque !!!