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## *Looking Back at Riverside*



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The last several issues have triggered a few thoughts:

First : about the various ponds and ice skating! As much as I don't remember too much of the skating part, I do remember the my real purpose w as to see how quickly my date w ould get cold necessitating a return to the w arm car! Shame on me !

Second: Jane Benjamin, I think I know you the longest from our Riverside School days. Wasn't "MISS WILSON" our first grade teacher. I remember Miss Wilson because w hen I didn't print correctly and threw away the paper, the old battle axe w ould make me write on each piece of paper in the w aste basket because I w as wasting paper!!! Good grief, its no w onder my handw riting today is hardly legible. Never-the-less Jane's picture of the Riverside Railroad bridge and station has got me puzzled.

I think w e all know where the station is now , so this picture has to go back a long w ay. I moved to Riverside in 1949 and not long after began to w ork with an old Codger named Bill Lockhart. He used to run the mail from the RR station to the post office and had horses and a party wagon for B-day parties. As kids w e would pal around w ith him to ride in the truck etc. Anyway ,he lived at the bottom of Chapel lane, on the river and bordered the RR bridge . His house w as big and old and I sure don't' remember him talking a boat house on the property. I used to moor my boat at the bottom of



PUBLIC BOAT HOUSE, AT RIVERSIDE, SHOWING RIVERSIDE STATION AND R. R. BRIDGE.

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Miltiades lane and don't remember anything left over from the structure in the picture. When the tide went out it was 50 yards of mud to the channel. The yacht club was some distance up the river.

Third: I recently attended a sports dinner and the speaker talked about how kids remember their High School achievements. I still have the trophy from the State Soccer Championship...as small as it is, it remains a fond memory, as does my arthritic knee which I first injured in the final season.

Have a great dinner at Manero's...I still have my fill of garlic from my last visit 10 years ago!!! I'm sure more thoughts will return over time.

## *Webster n Button*



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## *The New Kid on the Block*



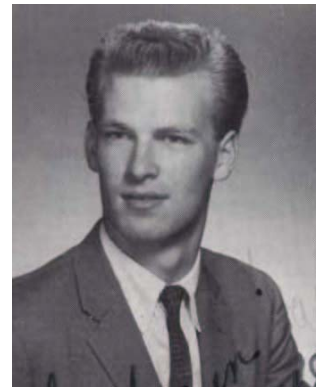
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Can you add Chris Thornley to e-mail list? Ran into him at jury duty this morning.

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(Editor's Note: So I wrote a welcome to Chris and it turns out that Chris is also in the Construction Industry and has experience with several projects by my Firm.

The list of Projects, surprisingly enough include many that I have personally worked on. In my welcome to Chris I added the following)



This Sunday... a few (I won't know how many until Sunday)... but a few of US are getting together at Manero's on Steam Boat Road... for a Mini Reunion... called the Sadie Hawkins Mid-Winter Leap Year Bash... that is slated to begin at 4:00 pm and it's come if you want to... there are no reservations and there is no specific "agenda".... it will end when the last person leaves... The Idea began with George Devol and Gene Davino. Gene will be coming down from the Cape along with Cliff Barber and Judy Bridge... Also (maybe) John McLane, Tom Gorin, Bill Christiansen, Maureen Breuel, Lucille Biase Ball, Ginny Theis... and I can't guess who else... but you are now officially invited... if you want... (He has admitted to previous engagements and will not be attending)

## *Dining Out with Kelley, Ted, Ginny n George*



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Mom's Kitchen

Last Thursday and Friday 19 and 20 February, we had the pleasure of Ginny Theis visiting with us over night. After 41 years of not spending any time together, we had a quality experience here in Boca Raton at our home.

One of the delights we had together was a trip to Ft. Lauderdale for lunch at George Lamonica's Restaurant **MOM'S KITCHEN**. Although I previously reviewed our dining experience there, this visit was entirely different.



When we walked in, George was sitting behind the counter at the Cash Register. He immediately stood up and embraced Ginny, Ted and Me. He and Ginny had much to talk about as you can imagine. George pointed to a table with three men having lunch and told us that they were from Cos Cob! Ginny and I approached them and found out that these men knew many people Ginny knew from the Greenwich, Cos Cob and Stamford areas. It was such a coincidence.

Then George handed Ginny and me the telephone. Who should we unexpectedly be speaking with, but Tommy Vizzo, who lives about an hour away from Ft. Lauderdale. Tommy told us that there would be a Greenwich Day on 28 February 2004 in Boynton Beach... Who knew? What a surprise, that turned out to be. Ted and I will try to attend.

**MOM'S KITCHEN** was crowded and once again, people were waiting in line for a table. We were joined by one of the Cos Cob men and we continued our conversation over our lunch



I only had a Greek Salad which had a well spiced dressing of the type I like. Ted enjoyed a big Gyro sandwich and fries, which he loved and Ginny had homemade Eggplant and Sauce with a salad. We all did well with our choices and polished off every morsel. We all had iced tea, which is a year round favorite in Florida.

After lunch, we spoke more with George and took several photos, including one of Snuggles, George's precious dog. Just three old pals from 41 years ago, getting together for a relaxed experience.

**MOM'S KITCHEN** is not only a dining establishment, but a truly friendly atmosphere, where people congregate and socialize. The more often you go there, the more comfortable you become. We left eventually having felt gratified about our visit, and will certainly return, whenever possible.

### *Home Again*

Wreadin Writin n Wreminiscin, wishes to thank Kelley for her articles of "Dining Out With..." and wish her a Marvelous and Wonderful Birthday Party in Boca "Tomorrow Evening" 29 February 2004, she will be celebrating her Mid Winter re-union here in Greenwich on 21 March 2004... In the:

### *GHP 62 Rites of Spring Brunch Bunch Reunion 21 March 2004*

Yes that's right... pencil us in to your calendars... Kelley's coming to Town and we are gonna set up a place and date for this event at the Sadie Hawkins Bash Tomorrow Night... More on this item as we "formulate".

