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Recollections

One of the worst jobs of a newsletter editor is to read the news of one of your reader's passing on. Of course, it is worse when the reader is one of your earliest contributor's and the basis for a major project sponsored by WW-N-W Newsletters. It was Rosanne Finocchio Licare, who back in August of 2003 asked if anyone had been able to transfer the Senior Chorus recordings to CD format. This was the impetus that led to a slew of eMails across country and the seeds for "A Coda Long Overdue". Rose also came to us in other moments from the past especially in the "class photos" from Byram School, sent in by Ilona Galasso Mendocino and it is for this that I will remember



Rosemary Finocchio Licare

1944-2005

Rosemary Finocchio Licare passed away Saturday, February 5, 2005. Mrs. Licare was a native of Greenwich, CT, and a Peninsula Yorktown Virginia resident for the past 8 years.

Mrs. Licare is survived by her loving husband of 23 years, Angelo Licare. She is also survived by 2 brothers, William Finocchio of Newport News, and Douglas Finocchio and his wife Rosalie of Greenwich, CT. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday 8 February 2005, at 6:00 PM in Amory Funeral Home Chapel with Dan Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

The European Tour... Summer 1961



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No words could express how much I have appreciated receiving these eMails over the past several days. I especially got a kick out of the most recent one re: The European Tour. Every once in a while I go through my scrapbook and pictures and get emotional thinking about how fortunate we were all were to have that opportunity. Mr. Mack was adorable and a leader extraordinaire. He was dedicated to this mission, but so were most of us. I can remember walking to rehearsals from the Pemberwick area to the high school in snow storms, rain, sleet, etc. just to get to rehearsal. The snow storm was on a day that everything was closed, but not rehearsal! Do you know if there are any recordings of the music we sang available? I would love to hear us again -- we were good! What wonderful memories.



Breu's on First



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The song that we sang walking in was "Hey Look Me Over"

Condos Eyed For Site of Popular Eatery

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Manero's restaurant, a Steamboat Road landmark for generations of Greenwich diners, will be demolished to make way for condominiums, according to plans filed with the town. "There's probably no one more nostalgic than me," said Manero's lawyer, John Tesei, who is nearly as old as the restaurant and began working at Manero's washing dishes, making garlic bread and assembling salads at age 15.

"I put myself through college and law school," Tesei said. But after 57 years at 559 Steamboat Road, it's time for the restaurant to close, Tesei said. "The economics simply aren't there," he said.

Manero's was founded by Nicholas Manero Sr. in 1945 as a butcher shop and later evolved into a popular steakhouse and gathering place for families as well as celebrities such as Cary Grant, Yogi Berra and Jack Nicklaus. The family continued to operate the restaurant after the elder Manero died in 1980.

Nicholas Manero Jr. belongs to a group of investors that bought his late father's restaurant 16 months ago. Manero began to explore options for the property at about that time, Tesei said. "He made a decision that it was time to move on with his life," Tesei said.

The plan submitted a week ago to the Planning and Zoning Commission proposes the construction of six three-bedroom townhouses at 559-563 Steamboat Road, where the restaurant, butcher shop, office space and four dwellings now occupy nearly 30,000 square feet.



"It is virtually impossible to renovate at reasonable costs," Tesei said. "It's just too old, it's too tired. It was too much of an addition here, an addition there." A separate single-family house also will be constructed on an adjacent, nearly 8,000-square-foot vacant lot on Davenport Avenue, which had been used as a parking lot for the family business. No zoning change is proposed. "Converting a business zone into residential units is sort of an indication of the residential market in general," Town Planner Diane Fox said, referring to the strong demand for new homes. "In a sense, I'm not surprised by it."

The zoning commission is expected to review the application as early as March, Fox said. Property owners also intend to submit later a separate application to build more condominiums at a third parcel on Steamboat Road, Tesei said.

But don't expect Manero's to completely disappear from Greenwich, he said. "There's a strong desire on the part of Mr. Manero and his associates to find another location in Greenwich, clearly for the butcher shop operation, and a smaller operation of Manero's," Tesei said, adding that owners are shopping around for potential sites. He said it would be months at a minimum before the restaurant closes at Steamboat Road.

Before the Closing Bell

According to the Article, it may be several months before it closes, but if someone in the "area" could get in touch with Manero's, we can plan a "Last Supper" (if that border's on sacrilege, please let me know) and throw a going away party, for another fixture of our youth.