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Manero's Revisited



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The "end" of Manero's was not a surprise as there had been talk of that for a long time. It will mark one of the last remaining "Steamboat Road" buildings to succumb to the wrecker's ball. I'm sure many, if not most of us, all have some memories of the restaurant..

I also have memories of the many times that we had a "spur-of-the-moment" party at Manero's house on Glenville Road. For a period of time there were a bunch of us, Myself, Bill Steinberg, Clark Sorensen, Rick Hvolbeck, Rey Redington, and Steve Wearn hung around with Lita Manero and some others from class of 63', such as Jill Gordon, Chris Sterling, Sharon Williams, Nancy Kerwin and others. On the weekends would often find all of us at Lita Manero's house for an informal party. When we would run out of beer, we would often help ourselves to the father's supply. Often, between about 11:30 or midnight Nick would come home after closing the restaurant, and if he knew our group was going to be there he often brought a 6-pack of Heineken's for us (of course, maybe he brought it for himself, but then just gave it to us). He never complained about us hanging around, or drinking beer, he was as friendly to us as he was to his customers in the restaurant.

I'm not sure about a "last" get together at Manero's. I thought our last time there was a big disappointment food-wise as Manero's (Nick Jr) had already come under new management. I would much prefer we give a big rousing support to any new operation Nick Jr might come up with (I will, of course attend a "last" meeting at the old place, should it be deemed an event to attend.)

A cross the Pond



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When I get a little home sick here in France...Love reading the Weekly Wreeder. Keep up the good work! Yes, Life does begin at 60 !

I'll write you an article soon when I practice my English...I wasn't very good in English at GHS but now it's worst because I am speaking French...I also got thrown out of French class, Ha Ha Ha !



Code Delays Completion of School Steps

By Vesna Jaksic Staff Writer
The Greenwich Time

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The PTA-funded renovation of Old Greenwich School's front entrance has been halted pending further review by the state.

The approximately \$260,000 reconstruction of the school's front steps and plaza, begun last year for its centennial celebration, has suffered a series of setbacks that led the school district to file an appeal with the state over code requirements. The project has reinforced some town officials' long-standing concerns about allowing PTAs to spearhead school improvement projects.

A town inspector has ruled the new stairs do not meet building codes and referred the school district to the state. The district then asked the Middletown-based Office of State Building Inspector at the Department of Public Safety to make an exception for the school's stairs, which it refused to do. District officials have appealed that decision to the state Codes and Standards Committee.

In the meantime, students and staff are using a side entrance because the front remains closed.

Deputy State Building Inspector Daniel Tierney said he denied the district's request because the difference between the width of the smallest and largest tread -- the top of a step -- is five-eighths of an inch. State code allows for a discrepancy of up to three-eighths of an inch.



"Stairs are looked at very strictly only because of the trips and falls on stairs, and the actions somebody takes," he said, referring to liability from potential lawsuits.

Old Greenwich School's PTA hired Danbury-based Hawley Construction Corp. to renovate the front entrance, but the district's facilities department oversees the project, PTA president Amy Denton said.

"We are not the project manager or the construction manager," she said.

Board of Education Chairwoman Sandy Waters said she is not sure who is responsible for the mistakes, but it is unacceptable for a PTA to have a contract for a project on school property. The issue will be addressed soon because the school board is in the process of rewriting its policies, she said.

Workers do not always have to rebuild stairs to make them meet code, Tierney said. They can sometimes alter them with grinding or other methods, he said.

But in a Feb. 3 memo, Sue Wallerstein, the district's assistant to the superintendent for business services, said the district appealed the state building inspector's decision because adjustments could damage the entrance area.

"Among the reasons for appealing are concerns about proposed remediation compromising the structural integrity, longevity and aesthetics of the plaza," the memo said.

The tussle over the tread is just the latest setback on the project, which the PTA originally hoped would be completed last fall. One set of adjustments to the stairs already has been done because a town inspector ruled they did not meet code. Another problem surfaced when some of the bricks kept on site to rebuild a wall near the entrance were stolen. The contractor was responsible for that cost, Denton said.

The project is within its \$260,000 budget, but Denton acknowledged that it could run over before it is finished. In a prepared statement, she said parents still hope to complete the project.

"Although all who are involved in the project are frustrated, (Old Greenwich School PTA) remains optimistic about and committed to completing a high quality, attractive and long-lasting renovation," she said.

A representative from Hawley, the construction company, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Tierney said the state Codes and Standards Committee will select a panel at its March 9 meeting to review the district's appeal. The hearing probably will not take place until April.

Bold Faced Names

On occasion I visit a website called Classmates to see if there are any others out there seeking to be found by our group. Surprisingly there are new names that pop up and often have a star to distinguish them as new. This weeks batch, from the

Class of 1962:

Arthur **ALLEN**, Richard **BARRIBAL**, Joan **BLUME**, Michael **BORCHETTA**, Linn **BRADSHAW**, Geraldine **BREWSTER**, Michele **BRIA**, Sherry **BROWN**, Jean Ellen **BURNS**, Ronald **BUSZTA**, John **CLEARY**, Sandra **COPPOLA**, Rick **CUMINALE**, Andrew **De ROSA**, Lois **DUNN**, John **FAIRGRIEVE**, John **GIDDINGS**, Albert **HENDERSON**, Harriet **HOHMEYER**, Frank **HUNT**, Jan **HURLEY**, Chris **JACOBSEN**, Peggy **KRUPIKA**, Maryann **KYLE**, Phyllis **MASELLI**, Jeffrey **MAYER**, Barbara **O'NEILL**, John **RUSSELL**, James **SAMELWICH**, Rosemarie **SANTORA**, James **SIRBONO**, Suzan **THOMPSON**, and William **YANTORNO**

Class of 1961:

Lawrence **BACKLUND**, Gail **BURLEY**, Doug **BOLLING**, Bonnie **CHAYES**, Paula **CUMINALE**, Barry **GEDNEY**, Mary Ann **GLINKA**, Cindi **KING**, Heather **LEADLEY**, Lorraine **MANCINI**, Smith **McKEITHEN**. Don **McNAMEE**, Al **NAPPER**, Joan **PIRRE**, Pamela **PLUMB**, John **PUTRINO**, Gail **RAYMOND**, Geraldine **RILEY**, Joyce **STUBBS**, Charlene **TARACKA**, Jeanetta **WHITLOCK**

Perhaps there are others that you may know and then again there is someone on this list that you may already know... like a brother, cousin, sister or "spouse" who might like to join our "Happy Little Family".. Contact them and let them know what they are "Missing". Not to mention it's Free.