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## November 9<sup>th</sup> Champagne Brunch Annual Meeting

*Celebrate Valley Crest History*

Valley Crest returns to Christopher Daniel for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 11:00am until 1pm.

Last year, 30 VCCA members enjoyed Champagne, Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, Bellini's, and an astonishing breakfast of custom ordered Omelets, French Toast, Sausages, and lunch smorgasbord, raw oysters and station carved Prime Rib, concluding with fabulous desserts.

This meeting has always served as the general election and turnover of the outgoing VCCA Board

of Directors to the new officers for the coming year.

This year, we will assemble many original artifacts of Valley Crest's past to celebrate 50 years.

Deed copies, plats, stories, appliance literature, photos, and other items of our early history will be on display.

Contact Ed Nelson, PH: (410) 825-8892 for information and to display your Valley Crest artifacts.



**Contact**

**Anmarie Lerch**  
**(410) 828-8733 for Brunch Reservations by October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**11am - 1pm    \$24.00 Per Person**

## 2009 Board of Directors

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CURRENT BOARD</u>	<u>PROPOSED BOARD</u>
<b>President</b>	Michael Panopoulos	Michael Panopoulos
<b>Vice President</b>	Vacant	Terry Feelemyer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Anmarie Lerch	Larry Shackelford
<b>Secretary</b>	Terry Feelemyer	OPEN
<b>Past President</b>	Ed Ranier	Ed Ranier
<b>At-Large</b>	Joanne Hock	Joanne Hock
<b>At-Large</b>	Ed Nelson	Ed Nelson
<b>At-Large</b>	Vacant	OPEN
<b>At-Large</b>	Larry Shackelford	OPEN

There are three OPEN positions remaining to fill the 2009 Board of Directors. Please contact Terry Feelemyer, (410) 296-0022 if you are interested in any open position.

# Back In The Day, Part II

by Ed Nelson



**Back In The Day**, . . . we did much of our grocery shopping at Food Fair on the SE corner of York and Seminary.

In a couple of years Pantry Pride, which was a subsidiary of Food Fair, replaced Food Fair in the same location and Food Fair became an anchor store on the second floor of the Towson Plaza when it was built in 1958. Food Fair and Pantry Pride were both supermarkets.

A & P and ACME were in Towson on Chesapeake Avenue across the street from each other. ACME had the reputation for having the best beef. They were not supermarkets, but were about the same size or smaller than Eddies on Charles Street.

In 1963 A & P was in the Yorkridge shopping center. When the shopping area at the corner of Pot Spring and Ridgely was built about 1965, 7-11 was the anchor store.

The strip mall where the Dunkin Donuts store is now was called the Yorkshire Shopping Center and it was here when we arrived in 1957.

Andy & Frank's was there and was our most convenient grocery store. Benson's hardware store and a

High's store were also there.

## DELIVERY SERVICES

A lot of our groceries were also bought from delivery trucks serving the area.

Mr. Sterner delivered eggs twice a week. He was a tall, very thin man, rarely ever smiled and wore a broad brim felt hat.

My son told me the other night that he was afraid of him and hid whenever he drove into the driveway. About half the time his daughter would be with him and she brought the eggs to the door and you paid on delivery.

If you weren't home they were left by the front door - the same way as the milk.

Green Spring Dairy delivered the milk in glass bottles 3 times a week. The top two or three inches in the bottle were cream.

Sometimes in the winter, it would freeze and the cream would rise up above the top.

Buddy's Produce delivered fruits and vegetables at least once a week. He had a Chevy Metro Van with a canvas curtain on each side that rolled up to display his bins of produce.

He had a bell that announced his arrival in the neighborhood. You would go out to his truck, select your produce and pay.

Rosen's was a liquor store in Towson. They would call by phone once a week and take your order for beer, wine, soft drinks, liquor and potato chips and deliver the next day.

The chips were in the large (about 3 gallons) slip cover "lard can".

When they delivered a full can they would take back the empty. They would bill you at the end of the month.

We subscribed to the Morning and Evening Sun and it was delivered at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning and about 4 or 5 in the afternoon.

Another delivery man served the Baltimore American paper.

The strip mall across Dulaney Valley road from Towson Town Center (where Super Fresh is now) replaced a rather primitive garden center.



## Cont'd ..... **Back In The Day, Part II**

We bought several plants and trees at their "Going-Out-Of-Business" sale when the mall was built. Some of them were Honey Locusts because they grew fast.

I was going to buy a couple more but the owner said: "I think that will be as many as you want." They turned out to be the dirtiest trees I have ever seen and I cut them all down except for one which is still messing up my yard every spring and fall. But the birds and squirrels love it so I tolerate it. I have thanked that nurseryman many times for holding me back.

### **THE BALTIMORE COLTS**

1958 - "The Greatest Game Ever Played." After that season we all had season tickets and our Sunday with the Colts began about ten o'clock when we boarded the bus for the stadium.

We were with a group of about ten others and it was a lot of fun. Lunch was a picnic in the stands or if we drove our cars it was tail gate parties in the parking lot.

Gino Marchetti, Alan Ameche and Bill Pellington were all big Colt stars and each of them opened restaurants after they retired.

Pellington opened his Iron Horse restaurant in the Ridgely shopping center where Charred Rib is today.



Gino had a chain of McDonald type hamburger stands. As I recall there was one at Yorkridge and another south of Towson not far from the college. Ameche opened his at Loch Raven and what is now Goucher

Boulevard.

Unitas opened the Golden Arm later down York Road across from the old Stewart's Department Store.

Johnnie Unitas and Don Shula lived on Pot Spring road and Art DeCarlo, another Colt, built the home on the west side of Lyden at Ridgely.

Timonium Pharmacy on York Road across from the present Dunkin Donuts was our pharmacy until the Lykos pharmacy opened about 1962 at Timonium and York Road. The Lykos family has been long-time neighbors in Valley Crest.

Across Timonium Road from the Lykos pharmacy was a drive-in called the Peacock Inn. It was a drive-in restaurant where you could call in your order from a speaker in your parking space and it would be delivered to your car on a tray that fastened to the window. You could also go inside and be served.

I think it was replaced by an Ameche's restaurant. Down York Road past where the Towson Diner is now was an A & W root beer stand. They served big frosted mugs of root beer and that was a favorite stop.

Another very favorite stop was the Timonium Drive-In Theatre off Timonium Road near where the Holiday Inn is now. We would average maybe once a week going there with the kids.

Big events of the summer for the kids - and the adults enjoyed them too - were Fourth of July at the Dulaney Cabana Club and the Timonium Fair with the rides and the animals and the food stands.

My daughter Shelley and my son

Pat helped me with some of my memories. Pat was telling me that he and the two sons of Mike & Ruth Costanza were good friends.

The Costanzas lived at 313 Ivy Church next to the Sanzos at Southbourne Road and Ivy Church. Mike Costanza was an engineer and worked on the Valley Crest project. He also was an engineer at the Tail of the Fox restaurant and became part owner.

Pat said that, when it snowed he and the Costanza boys would pour water on the banks in back of their home. The water would freeze and he could go on his sled from Southbourne & Ivy Church through the back yards, down the banks to Walpole Court, to Lyden Road and then up our driveway without stopping.

My wife Anita, and Marcie Caffee, who lived in the last house on the East side of Lyden before it was opened, each had a bell that they would ring when they wanted the kids to come home.

Before Lyden was cut through to Ridgely, the area at the end of the street was loaded with blackberry bushes.

The downside was that it was also loaded with Poison Ivy and Sumac.

Incidentally, you can still see where Lyden ended by the difference in the macadam between the old and the part that was laid after the cut through to Ridgely.



## Cont'd . . . . . **Back In The Day, Part II**

The #4 Streetcar was still running to Towson in 1957. School buses did not come to this area for Ridgely Middle or Timonium Elementary schools; however, there was a bus for Dulaney High School. The pickup spot was at Ivy Church and Gateswood.

Along with Tail of the Fox and Valley Inn, Green Spring Inn was a favorite Saturday night spot. They had a large dance floor and live Big-Band music - Ray Girard among others. We were never there, but the Summit, also on Falls Road, was a popular dance spot where Stan Kenton once played.

We attended the First Methodist Church when it was in Towson but in 1958 we built the new church with

the spire on Hampton Lane. Bethlehem Steel, BGE, McCormick, Black & Decker were the big employers and many of the residents worked at one or the other.

I heard several times that the taxes paid by Bethlehem Steel were enough to pay for the County police and fire departments. I can believe it but I have no way of knowing for sure if it was true.

### **OUR MOVE TO VALLEY CREST**

It was traumatic for my children to leave their home and friends in Cambridge and move to Timonium, but they adjusted quickly and have told me many, many times that they feel so fortunate that they lived here during their

school years. We tried to pacify our daughter, who was eight years old when we moved, by telling her she could take horseback riding lessons when we moved here. This worked and when we moved she took lessons at Mrs. Bosley's riding academy at the corner of Cinder and Pot Spring Roads.

While we loved Cambridge, we learned to love Baltimore County even more and remained here after I retired. We never regretted it.

When we would run into friends from Cambridge, who couldn't imagine that we would prefer the "City" to the Eastern Shore, they would always ask: "When are you coming back?" We would say: "We're not!"



## Cinema Shackelford Rains Out Twice

Two efforts by The Valley Crest Civic Association and Larry & Emea Shackelford to host Cinema Shackelford's nighttime outdoor screening of "Ratatouille" were rained out.

The remnants of Hurricane Gustav first washed out the September 12<sup>th</sup> screening and another weekend washout happened again on September 26<sup>th</sup>. 12 days of perfectly dry weather separated the two screening attempts.

Stay tuned until Summer, 2009 when we will screen Ratatouille for a great night of family fun out under the stars.



## Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Climb The Ladder" Bull & Oyster Roast

Valley Crest supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Climb The Ladder Bull & Oyster Roast" at the 4-H Building of The Timonium State Fairgrounds on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Attending were Larry & Emea Shackelford, Ed Nelson, Terry and Terri Lynne Feelemyer and Michael & Phyllis Panopoulos.

A good time was had by all in support of their capital campaign for a new Lutherville Fire Station.

## Valley Crest Summer Kick Off at the Hock Family's Annual Picnic

Good weather prevailed for the June 28<sup>th</sup> Valley Crest Civic Association Family Picnic at Joanne & John's backyard Pool House Swim Party.

As usual, kids stayed wet and adults stayed dry, but all enjoyed the pot-luck food supplied by the association and neighbors alike.

The community is grateful to The Hock Family for their generosity.





## CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Valley Crest congratulates Lyden Road neighbor, Lou Panos on a distinguished journalism career, as noted from this Patuxent Publishing release.



*In the course of his career, Lou Panos was a reporter and columnist for Patuxent Publishing Co. for nearly 20 years*

## Panos Honored For Distinguished Career

### Journalist covered every state legislative session since 1952

*Bryan P. Sears, Posted 7/10/08*

Lou Panos, longtime political reporter and columnist and a Lutherville resident, was honored for his 67 years in journalism by County Executive Jim Smith during a brief ceremony July 9 in the executive's office.

"I grew up a little bit with the Evening Sun and Lou Panos," Smith remarked at the beginning of the ceremony, which was attended by members of Panos' immediate family, as well as former co-workers and county and community officials.

Smith said the example left by Panos, the veteran of every state legislative session in Maryland since 1952, "should inspire young people who are following in his footsteps."

Panos started in journalism at age 15 working for the Associated Press as a copy boy. In addition to the Associated Press, he later worked for the Evening Sun and was a political reporter and columnist for Patuxent Publishing, the publisher of this paper, for nearly 20 years.

Panos entered semiretirement in 2002 but continued to write a weekly column for Patuxent Publishing Co.'s Baltimore County newspapers until he retired earlier this year.

Gov. Martin O'Malley, in a released statement, called Panos "a master of his craft like none other."

"He brought the inner workings of public service to the homes of Marylanders through his unique perspective, having served with Gov. Harry Hughes before becoming a journalist," O'Malley wrote. "I had the opportunity to be interviewed by Lou on several occasions and always learned something from Lou's questions, as they were informed by decades of experience covering the state of Maryland. Lou's retirement leaves a void that will not easily be filled in the world of journalism."

*Bryan P. Sears is political editor for Patuxent Publishing Co.'s Baltimore County papers.*

## And Condolences to the Klosteridis Family

# Constantine Klosteridis, Pizza Shop Owner

By Jacques Kelly, Baltimore Sun  
*October 10, 2008*



Constantine "Gus" Klosteridis, a retired baker and Howard Street pizza shop owner, died of cancer complications Saturday at the [University of Maryland Medical Center](#). The [Timonium](#) resident was 85.

Born in Baltimore and raised near [Patterson Park](#), he graduated in 1941 from City College and then enlisted in the Navy. He was stationed at Camp MacDonough Naval Training Center in Plattsburg, N.Y., and at Fort Pierce, Fla.

He earned a bachelor's degree at Loyola College and joined his father and brother in their Athens Baking Co. on Bouldin Street in [Highlandtown](#), which they expanded to mass-produce hamburger rolls. The business was later known as Automatic Rolls Inc.

In 1970, he joined his son, Basil Klosteridis, who lives in Timonium, in a new venture, Pizza Palazzo at Howard and Centre streets. Family members said they used a thin-crust pizza recipe learned from a baker friend in Portland, Maine, near where the Klosteridis family vacationed. The pizza restaurant closed in 1988 when the city condemned the block for light rail staging.

"He was referred to by our customers as a father-like figure. He never turned down anyone for a meal. It was so popular with travelers from the old Greyhound bus station that a concession there closed down," Basil Klosteridis said. "We stayed open [Thanksgiving](#) and [Christmas](#) to feed the travelers."

The pizza he baked was voted No. 1 in the city by the *City Paper* and the old Channel 13 *Evening Magazine* in the 1980s.

In his free time, Mr. Klosteridis enjoyed boating, fishing and golf in Maine. He also cooked for family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Preston Street and Maryland Avenue, where he was a member.

In addition to his son, survivors include his wife of 59 years, the former Sophia Hoimes; two daughters, Thalia Bussard of Timonium and Renee Tobin of Gambrills; a brother, John Klosteridis of Timonium; two sisters, Georgia Anderson of Towson and Helen Padussis of Timonium; and eight grandchildren.

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