



Barnello Holiday Express

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Hoops Rule!

Basketball season at Solvay High is quite the Barnello affair. Joe coached his first game as varsity coach, after Joe III helped the junior varsity team to victory, and after Jana-Lise sang the National Anthem a *capella* with friend Sarah .

Joe III, according to Uncle Jim and cousin Tom, needs to up his game a bit and be more aggressive. He fouled out of his next game. Is there a happy medium somewhere?

Jana-Lise is one of the captains this year and hopes to get the team to the sectional playoffs for the first time in years.

The woman of the house watches Joe III play in the early evening and then hits the road to catch the girls' varsity later in the night at another venue.

All roads lead to Twin Trees after the game.

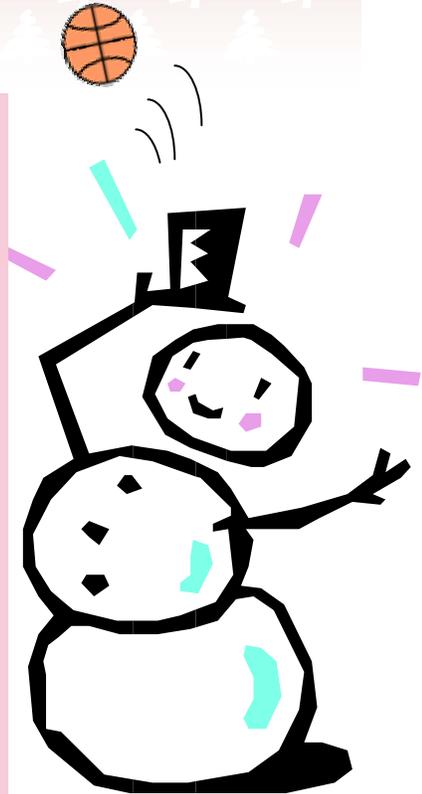
When the girls play on nights that the boys do not, Joe gets to see JL play or I get to watch Joe coach. Joe says it is rather strange coaching the team that he once played on at his own high school. Inga is usually the one with "old home week" stories and

reunions since she spent her entire school years in Solvay. Joe's really a West Ender who went to Solvay.

In any event, it is fun to watch Joe bring out the old Syracuse Parochial League strategies of "32 minutes of hell," and, get this, a prayer before the game!



"Why don't my impatiens look like these?"



Glad Jul. Buon Natale. Merry Christmas.



The tee shirt with the logo "@Bermuda.calm" said it all. If you want to rest and relax, Bermuda is the place. Inga, Joe and brother-in-law Gordie barely made it to Bermuda in a Nor'easter that hit Presidents' Day Weekend 2003. The Barnyardos made it out of Philly

on time at 11am. Joe's sister, Cindy, who lives near Philly told us that the airport closed an hour later. Afterwards, the plane never made it out of Bermuda airport for 3 days. Gordie's plane to the Island barely made it out of JFK after major delays.

Bermuda High

Elbow Beach Resort was waiting with 65 to 70 degrees, and a cool breeze, "dark & stormy" and "Bermuda mama" drinks, and 4 o'clock tea in the lobby.

Soooo relaxing and very pink.



"Kids, we've decided not to come home, ok?"



Joseph G. Barnello III Enters High School



Can't be. Is that little Joey Barnello walking the hallowed halls of Solvay High? Grandson of Joe, Class of '37 and Connie '46? Son of Joe, Jr. ('71)? Yep, and don't forget, son of Inga Henrikson ('75). "Mr. socializes-too-much-in-class" from Hazard Street Middle School? Uh huh. He's 14 years old now. 5' 10" tall, and

eats 5 meals a day with snacks in between.

"He's really an asset to class," Pat Herron commented. "He asks questions. He raises his hand to volunteer answers consistently." "I call on him when no one is answering because I know he'll know," said Linda Ponza, Joey's English teacher.

"I got really good reports on Joey at Open House," said his relieved mother, Inga. "Who knew?"

"He is making a lot of good adjustments and is way more organized," father Joe Barnello added.

His father teaches English in the building, so Joey has been towing the line and doing his work. Poor kid, can't even look crosswise at someone with all those "big sisters," in the form of JL and her friends, keeping an eye on him.

"I kinda like high school," said the young man of few words.

Salute! Salutatorian

Jana-Lise is salutatorian of her June 2004 graduating class. She will be asked to make her first speech at the Academic Banquet in late May, followed by a speech at graduation on June 26th.

"I really wanted to make a speech at graduation. I was dreading finishing 3rd," commented the articulate 17-year-old.

"Just like her Uncle Tom," boasted her father. "Smart like her grand-

mother," added Katherine Henrikson,

"Oh God, I've got to live with her," moaned Inga. "Of course, I'm very proud of her. I just cannot believe how much she wants to make a speech," she continued. "She has got to be the only person ever who wants to make a speech at graduation. But think about it, she practically came out at birth singing and talking."



Yearbook Dedication Goes to....

Joe Barnello will be honored by the senior class of Solvay High School with the 2004 Yearbook dedication.

When asked if she stuffed the ballot boxes, daughter Jana-Lise replied, "I only get one vote like everybody else."

When asked about improprieties in

the yearbook staff room where Jana hangs out in her duties as Sports Editor, she denied any wrongdoing.

Making the morning announcements that day, Jana-Lise proudly broadcast the news about "Mr. Barnello" to the school body.

When asked if he isn't getting a bit tired of all these Barnellos in Solvay High, principal Joe Rotella said, "This, too, shall pass."





Scholarship in Memory of Lise

Lise Katherine Henrickson, Inga's sister, having passed away at age 50 in Hartford, CT in August 2002 after a recurrence of breast cancer, will have a memorial scholarship in her name beginning this June.

Her husband Gordie is setting up a scholarship fund in her memory at Solvay High School for a student going to college to study the visual or performing arts. The fund will be managed by Dollars for Scholars for Solvay High through Solvay Bank. The awardee's college will match the amount given by the scholarship fund.

Jana Catuccio (Solvay Class of '67) will present the first award at graduation on June 26, 2004 in honor of her sister. "She studied art history and she loved dance," remarked Jana. "She also performed in a couple of musicals in high school, so I think it is appropriate to promote the study of either the visual or performing arts."

"I'm going to have enough tears flowing with our daughter graduating, along with her wonderful friends from this great class of 2004. The scholarship is going to be very emotional on top of it all," commented Henrickson's younger sister Inga.



Classified ads

Bedroom organizer. MWF needs MWF to unearth bedroom dresser and table covered with clothes, books, and travel paraphernalia. P.O. Box 123, Solvay.

Cat caretaker. Come to our home to pet needy cat for the 4 hours a day that he is awake. Daily, 6-8am, 5-7pm. 488-5749

Praise Wanted. Teenage boy with dynamic, outgoing, older sister desires to be judged on own merits. Loyal, does his schoolwork, loves his family, hugs his grandmas, likes to take trips, curious, fun-loving, honest. Leave praise on answering machine. 488-5749 (hit star 3 after beep)

Yankee Memorabilia for Sale. Closeout on all Andy Pettit items (including "I wanna go home" poster) "Steinbrenner's a Big Baby" tee shirts. Zip Zimmer's autobiography *Charge!* "We really did win" posters. Place orders on the Web at <http://haditwithyankees.org>

S.U. Bound?

Awaiting word from Syracuse University in the early decision process, Jana-Lise Barnello hopes to be admitted to the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications to study broadcast journalism

Newhouse will only accept 330 freshmen. Let's hope for the best.

Le Moyne College is Jana's backup school. She doesn't want to leave the Syracuse

area. (!)

Under the early decision program, JL cannot apply anywhere else until receiving word from S.U.

"At least we'll know early," sighed Inga. "I hate this whole process and we only applied to one school and visited two!"

ACCEPTED!

Hip, Hip Hooray!

On June 2, 2003, Joe Barnello had surgery to replace his arthritic right hip with a fancy new titanium/ceramic version. Walking, sleeping, breathing, you name it, became so difficult that Joe left work in mid-April, not to return until September 2.



“I’ve had this coming for over 10 years, but I let it go too long. I was told to wait until I’m older when the technology got better. It got suddenly worse in late October,” said Barnello. “I can’t believe the difference. Tremendous,” he added.

“Ahem, I don’t know who it was harder on?” commented Barnello’s wife. “I do,” Barnello responded, as he cleared his throat. “Joe, of course.

Yes, Joe. It was harder on him. Yes it was,” winked Inga.

Wife of the Year
2003*



*albeit self-appointed



*JL in Solvay High School Vocal
Jazz Ensemble*

Wedding Bells to Ring

Inga’s nephew Jonathan Catuccio will be wed in Easthampton, Massachusetts on April 10, 2004.

Stationed in Portland, Maine in the Coast Guard, Jonathan looked up his former high school girlfriend via e-mail. A fateful move.

Alicea (“Cea”) Riccardi is a physical therapist in Florida. One e-mail led to another and so it goes.

The wedding ceremony will take place in the Chapel at the Wiliston School where Jon and Cea met years ago. The reception will follow in Westfield home of Jana and Bob, parents of the groom.

“Couldn’t ask for a better daughter-in-law, boasted Jon’s mother, Jana, Inga’s sister.

“I’m so happy for them. I’ve never seen my nephew happier,” commented the groom’s Aunt Inga. “Cea is an absolutely wonderful young woman, and he’s no slouch either!”

The couple will live in Portland.

