

Lunch with Larry

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Four Class of 1962 "Bethesda Boys" Enjoy Lunch with Lawrence "Larry" Mione, Former APHS Latin Teacher

Even a mild stroke he had in mid-December 2019 couldn't stop Lawrence "Larry" Mione from joining four of his former APHS'62 Latin students for lunch on Feb. 24 for an excellent Maryland sea food meal at Romano's Bar & Grill in Glen Burnie, MD, 45 minutes north of DC.



Larry showing off a warm winter jacket he won gambling in Glen Burnie, MD.

Notice Larry's very bright, brown eyes which seem undimmed from 1958 when many of us had him for Freshman Latin.

The four "Bethesda Boys" (shown l. to r. below) - Steve Klitzman, Jerry Spechler, Arlee Reno & David Bachner - had been scheduled to meet Larry for lunch on Dec. 16, 2019.



Former APHS Latin teacher Lawrence "Larry" Mione sharing a good story to APHS'62 classmates.



But this was the very day Larry had a mild stroke. After a serious brain operation and four-day hospital stay, Larry was told by his doctors for an 85-year-old man (he turned 85 on Feb. 13), he was “too healthy “to stay any longer in the hospital and he was discharged.

Since then, Larry is fully back at his prior routines. Following the untimely deaths of his first wife after 37 years of marriage, and of his second wife after 22 years of marriage, Larry lives by himself in Odenton, MD in a “bachelor pad.” Here he cooks fancy meals for himself and his new girlfriend, plays tennis, sings as a tenor in his church choir, and drives his blue Hyundai Sonata to go gambling in Glen Burnie and at the MGM National Harbor casino and to meet friends like the Bethesda Boys for lunch. They’re planning their next lunch this fall at the MGM casino closer to DC.

At the Glen Burnie lunch, Larry told the “boys” about:

- His varied career as their high school Latin teacher, followed by additional teaching and school supervision appointments in New Jersey and Florida, as well as a

senior construction company position in Florida.

- His “wonderful life” as the husband of two “wonderful wives,” father of a son and a daughter, and grandfather to 14 kids.
- His enjoyment and mastery of such new technology as his car GPS and Pandora music systems, his “Alexa” house assistant, and his new XXL “Air Fryer.”
- His favorite APHS class memories, e.g., teaching his classes how to recite school cheers in Latin and to answer in Latin questions in English; dismissing his Latin class early at 3:30 so they could go outside to buy ice cream from a Good Humor truck: and writing on the class chalk board but then falling asleep as his hand descended in a downward angle and his students kept perfectly still as Larry slept standing.
- His Larry Mione daily philosophy: “try every day to make at least one-person smile!”
