

# Mom's Newsletter

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"When the facts change, I change my mind"

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## Family Archivists on Hot Seat

*"We Must Document the Ways of the Elders"*

**(Geneva)** The calls came fast and furious for the family archivist over the holiday break with frantic rule judgements for Euchre insights and advice. "I had to consult the tablets of the Ancients" said Joanie Boysen. "We have not had a lot of Euchre calls since 2002 so it was a bit of a kerfuffle."

As official third matriarch-in-waiting, Joanie has the holy ("A bit of a stretch" -Ed.) duty and sole responsibility to disseminate all of the known wisdoms of the ancients.



When contacted for a comment, matriarch **Judi** remarked "that she was having 'NOTHING' to do with euchre due to a long-running feud with family elders after they placed Jack at the number one table. "I was ever so slightly older, but he got preferential treatment due to his hitch in the Navy. What a gyp."

After a few hours of dusty research amongst the tablets, Joanie provided the neophytes with rules, but it was clear that the Euchre Research section of the Family Book of Knowledge was long neglected. "I had one simple question about the Left Bauer and Joanie actually had to put me on hold," said an unidentified family cousin.

Subsequent review of the other archived chapters (Grudge Holding, Bing Miller Jokes, Parade Formations, Clown Club rosters and Moonshine Recipes) appear to be in order. An independent audit is scheduled for May 2018.

## COUPON FOR ONE DECENT MANHATTAN

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*Come on over and I will make you a Manhattan that will make your culottes fly off.*

*In Fact, I will have one with you.*

*Curt Breedina*

## Basilleo's Closes Suddenly

*Batchelder Family Blamed as Main Culprit*

**(Wragby Road)** A Faribault institution has shuttered its grease-laden doors at the start of 2018. Known for razor-thin crusts and gondola sandwiches long favored by inebriated locals, Basilleo's Pizza joined a long list of Rice County hallmarks now but just a memory.



"If you want to blame the right people," whispered aged City Councilman **Gary "Laser" Lazarz**, "blame the Batchelder family." Lazarz then provided a story of the mass migration of male Batchelders to locations far away from Rice County and the pizza-eating center of the universe. "All of those boys left: **Jim, David, Tito, Steve** and **Peter**. If they would have stayed and produced several dozen tousled-hair children, business would have boomed." The parents, **Al** and **Janet**, agree with Lazarz's assessment and added, "Hell, we did all we could, especially as Episcopalians. Those boys just took off and never looked back and we can barely eat one sandwich a week."

Basilleo's was famous for several unique pizzas, based (read inspired) by some of their most frequent customers. These recipes will be likely lost forever but included the famous "Hypothetical Girlfriend" (Mike Dapper), the "Gingerbread Forest" (Dixean Pluemer-Clooney), the "Very Unexpected Surprise" (Jan Kinter), "Pickle in the Middle" (Gary Truax) and the "Mayor's Daughter" (Debbie Larson).



The building will not be empty long, as Geraldine's "Shrimp and Gibleet Shack™" is scheduled for an early summer opening. The founder and family creative force (see left) has been quietly opening the shacks throughout the Caribbean to rave reviews.

"It is high time to put a shack on Fourth Street and take care of all the Rice County gibleet fans" said the late twentyish mother and visual performance artist. She was asked about rumors that the Shrimp and Gibleet Shack™ was thinking of sponsoring the upcoming Bingstock 3 festival.

She squinted up her button nose and said, "I will consider it once Billy apologizes for all his antics." When asked what grievous antics she was concerned about, she said, "Oh, he knows....and I know he knows."