

DINNER WITH
DIMAGGIO

Memories of an American Hero

DR. ROCK POSITANO
and JOHN POSITANO

Tuesday, June 15, 1993

Called my grand daughter Paula at 9:15 AM. —
which is 6:15 in California. We finally got to talk.
She has been working most the time at Longs drug store
at night, — the reason we have ^{not} connected. Last night,
she went to her daddy's "stage show" which took place
at night and she did ^{not} get home until 11:00 PM.
That's why Paula did not call — as it was 2:15 PM here.
She told me that Vanessa did a very good job as a
"fire bug". She was the lead girl. My one big regret is
that I was not there. Paula told me, that Vanessa kept
asking for me — as she wanted me to watch her. and
frankly I did tell her sometime ago that I would watch her
perform. I used to go and watch her at school during
her class (Ballet). I forgot it completely, as at least
I would have called her to explain, before the show.

Friday - June 4, 1993

After some soup at Gerdoia's restaurant we left at 2:00 P.M. for Alex and Henry's to say hello to Ned & Marie.

We went to their restaurant to have dinner at 7:30 P.M. Dr. Rocky Positano was there

Had a rough night sleeping out of place for a number of bowlers - who made reservations there for dinner and dancing.

Saturday - June 12, 1993

Up at 5 AM. - Rocky Positano called at ten AM, to meet him at his office at 10:30 to have another treatment to my ankle. Swelling seems to be subsiding, but, for how long? Will continue the treatments as long as I'm in here (at least until this coming week) and watch the results.

My routine seems to be making me feel better the last couple of days. Have ignored my walks, etc. as I have been feeling tired. So, I've been pushing myself.

Saturday - June 19, 1993

John Arcaro - will be here at 6:30 P.M. as well as Dr. Positano. I have too many dinner appointments and appearances. Cancelled out Arcaro. Positano and I went to an Italian restaurant down by the village and had some good pasta.

Saturday - June 19, 1993

Have not gone over my future appearance that I have to make shortly, and he has not lived up to his word about going over my talk, — but, this is a practice she goes through ninety % of the time. He does have my papers that give me an idea of what I want to say. I always trust people, when things are done. So being my philosophy — I have it all worked out what I will say during my acceptance.

Wednesday

Monday - May 12, 1993

John Arraro called to tell me that Mercedes Flores from Seaside, will have my jacket ready to be picked up at 3:00 P.M.

Friday, June 11, 1993

Laundry came in this afternoon and the shirts came on a hanger. — I had her take them to Bob's, but it's hard to wear sometimes.

Tuesday, June 15, 1993

Took a walk after my treatment to the ankle — to the Hilton hotel to get a haircut. (Trim) I hope — my barber's beginning to spirit work cuts. He gave me a good haircut.

May 7, 1994

My trip to New York is for receiving an Honorary Degree from NYU. on the 12th during the Students graduation. I will be shopping for a rental tuxedo as I did not realize I had to dress black tie for the dinner the night before. Dr. Positano, will also make arrangements to get one too.

Friday June 11, 1993

Up at 7:30 AM. Got cleaned and left to see Dr. Positano at 8:30 AM. He gave me a treatment on my ankle and also got some information on why the leg might be swollen. No carbonation liquids and watch my diet - as I have said the past - and will have to get back in gear.

Went to El Gardenia restaurant to have a half of turkey sandwich - with a cup of soup.

Wednesday June 23, 1993

I went to 350 Park Ave to pick up my all Star game tickets, that Bobby Brown made sure I got. He was not in, but I gave his secretary a check for them.

Sunday, - June 13, 1993

On the 20th Phil Ruggato will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at Yankee Stadium (Cold).
I'm leaning towards the invitation, to spend a couple of hours with all the other invitees, in Steinbrenner's Box.

Thursday, - April 7, 1994

we discussed other things of importance regarding statue in Central Park.

Morris also mentioned about a cachic Anniversary Seal Hunt in Connecticut wanting to present me with an honorary degree.

Sunday, - June 13, 1993

Emily - Don & Hope, just called - wants me to spend a week with Don and see each other, which is a rarity.
Told her that that date is not possible (15th of July). Have obligations.
But, will do in some ~~other~~ convenient to see both! Don't like the Postons at Helen's restaurant in Madras Beach.

Wednesday, - June 16, 1993

Called and talked to my grand-daughter Paula, and Vanessa my great grand-daughter to congratulate them on her performance on stage for Ballet Class.

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Monday June 4, 1993

Dick Beerke drove up from Atlantic City to pick me up at 11:30 A.M. We had lunch at the LaBeland restaurant on Madison ave. Dr. Rock Postone joined us a half hour later for coffee. We walked back to 6th street garage and took off at 1:30 P.M. for Atlantic City. Dr. Postone went to his office.

Dick and I went to the Coleridge hotel for dinner. Katie stayed behind to take care of business. Had some pasta as my main course and not too much more - as I don't want my weight to be a problem. I don't know what Dick was celebrating, but he ordered a Dom Perignon champagne, which I only had a couple of glasses - and Dick had one glass - as he is not a drinker. I tried to talk him out of ordering that wine. Signed many things for a while that were fifteen in total.

Tuesday, July 6, 1993

Valerie called from Florida - to find out how many people will be with me for the Jim Thorpe awards for ABC network on the 17th. Told her "just one". Dr. Rael Postano called from New York to tell Mocha will be out in Los Angeles on the 11th - so he will see the one to join me. Told him to take his black tie suit along.

Tuesday - July 11, 1993

Dr. Postano will be with me tomorrow night at the awards ABC appearance. Heard once from the people who are putting the show on. I did not get a call to appear for a dry run. Dr. Postano and group picked me up at 7:15 PM. We drove to the Palm restaurant to have dinner. Got back

Tuesday, June 15, 1993

Took a ride with "Doc" back Positano to Long Island to see my six year old boy graduate at his catholic school. Said, "hello to Mom and other 5 and 6 year olders' girls and boys".

"Doc" and I drove back and we stopped off and had a turkey sandwich. He is watching his weight and he is doing a good job of it - he wants to drop 12 more pounds of the too that he already has. I had been watching myself and Jim pretty much back before this last couple weeks of stuffing myself. No candy - watching TV and ma picking. I will be buying dinner for "Doc" tonight at 8:00 PM after his office hours are done.

Positano came by at 8:15 PM. Had dinner at Coco Tiggly's restaurant.

Fred 25.00
Dinner at 15.00
Coco Tiggly 40.00

Wed. Thursday
Dec 8th + 9th 1993 ?

Things getting away as I'm cramming in more than I can handle and trying to remember places and dates - Did not keep up on the dates every day -

Thursday, Nov 7, 1992

It was a refreshing afternoon for me, to talk to somebody who shares those years with me and memories of our dear friends. (George Salter's ~~stood~~ shot etc. to many to name.

Thursday, April 7, 1994

He raved about the Children's Hospital (J.D.M.) as his mother had a slight heart attack in the middle of the night - and he witnessed the way they take care of people in the emergency rooms).

Tuesday, Dec 7, 1993

At lunch with Barry, Marie and old friend Bernice Kamber - was one relating to past memories with Bernice and people we knew of past years. (One of persons I have not entertained doing a book).