

KATIE'S SPROUTS WINGS

Sen. Joe Biden mentioned Katie's restaurant on Union Street in Wilmington during Thursday night's vice presidential debate. Just don't plan on trying to find it there anytime soon.

Longtime Delawareans may remember that the old Katie's, an Italian restaurant known for its thick, rich tomato sauce and spaghetti, was actually at Sixth and Scott streets. The

Little Italy restaurant changed hands several times over the years since it was sold by the Fuglino family in the early 1990s. Nate Johnson, owner of the Wilmington and Dewey Beach Wings to Go restaurants, recently took over the business, which is known now as Wings to Go at Katie's. The new restaurant, considered part of the franchise features a bar, video games and jamming local bands. Johnson said the name is "an homage" to the former eatery and its loyal patrons.

The Fightin's, then and now

New book brings their history to life through a century of photographs

By RYAN CORMIER
The News Journal

When Jamie Moyer takes the mound for the Phillies next month, the 45-year-old hurler will attempt to continue pitching like he's not the oldest player in baseball.

At the same time, he will instantly contribute to Phillies' history by starting a rare playoff game in what is only the team's 11th postseason appearance.

It is that team history that is recounted in a timely new book that studies Phillies players from the past century — everyone from Hall of Fame inductees like Mike Schmidt to mostly forgotten old timers like early 1900s pitcher George McQuillen, whose record of 25 scoreless innings to start his career stood for more than 100 years until it was broken this summer by Oakland A's reliever Brad Ziegler.

"Phillies Photos, 100 Years of Philadelphia Phillies" (Orange Frazer Press, \$34.95) is a coffee table book that features about 245 digitally restored black-and-white photos that actually spans 110 years of Philadelphia baseball, no matter the title of the book.

Nearly all of the images are profile photographs of past or present Phillies, making it an encyclopedia of about 200 players beginning with speedy outfielder Elmer Flick, who started with the Phils in 1886, and ending with first-year Phillies third baseman Pedro Feliz.

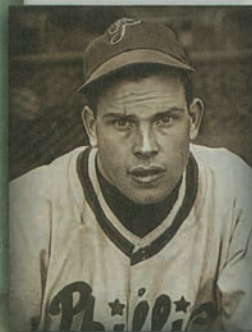
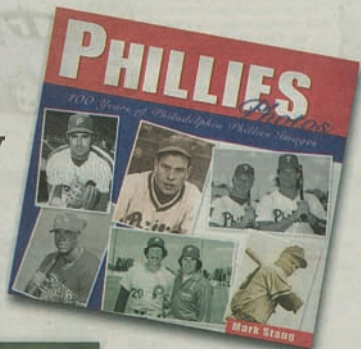
Even the hated Scott Rolen gets his own page. Author and baseball historian Mark Stang mentions the third baseman's rocky relationship with fans, writing, "By the start of the 2001 season, the Phillies had produced five straight losing seasons and Rolen began to resent being the target of the fans' frustrations."

Stang, who will sign copies of the book on Nov. 2 at Borders on Concord Pike in Brandywine Hundred, spent a year culling the photos from 14 public and private photo archives, including photos from The Philadelphia Bulletin's collection at Temple University.

"The idea is to look back over the entire 20th century through a series of photographs and basically tell the history of the franchise pictorially," Stang says.

With so many players represented, the book also includes a peek into the colorful clubhouse nicknames of former players like third baseman Willie "Puddin'head" Jones, first baseman William "Kitt" Bransfield, third baseman Arthur "Pinkie" Whitney, shortstop Granville "Granny" Hamner and, of course, utility man Octavio "Cookie" Rojas.

Also included are the ones who got away like Ferguson Jenkins, who went on to win



IF YOU GO

WHAT: Author Mark Stang will sign copies of his book, "Phillies Photos, 100 Years of Philadelphia Phillies"

WHEN: 1-4 p.m. Nov. 2
WHERE: Borders, 4221 Concord Pike, Brandywine Hundred

who also was dealt to the Cubs (in 1982 along with Larry Bowa for, um, Ivan DeJesus) and ended up in the Hall of Fame alongside Jenkins, is also featured.

Stang, who lives in Tampa Bay, has released similar books covering the history of the Cleveland Indians, St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds, Washington Senators, Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Athletics. He says he chose the Phillies over franchises like the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees because those teams have "been done to death."

"If you look through the book, I think you'll see a lot of big names, but you'll see a lot of no names — you're going to see a lot of cup-of-coffee-type guys," says Stang, who grew up in Minneapolis as a Minnesota Twins fan.

"You'll see people so obscure even their

images in the book include (clockwise from top left) Ryan Howard, a rookie of the year and former National League MVP, Robin Roberts, a Hall of Famer, Chuck Klein, another Hall of Famer, John Kruk, now a broadcaster, and Mike Schmidt, a three-time league MVP, with Pete Rose, who both played on the organization's only World Series championship team in 1980.

From "Phillies Photos, 100 Years of Philadelphia Phillies"

is more compelling about what happened after they left the game. A lot of these guys met untimely ends or became more well known for what they did after they stopped playing baseball."

So after living and breathing Phillies for a year, what does he think of the Phillies' chances of winning the World Series this year?

"I think this is a far stronger [Phillies] team than last year; they have more depth," Stang says. "But I live in an American League town right now and I get to see the Angels and the Red Sox a lot and I don't think there's a National League team that could beat any of the four American League teams. I know that's a bold prediction."

"As good as the Phillies are, I think getting to the World Series will be easier than who'd they have to play once they get there."

Christ Church to mark chorister's 25th anniversary

Sir David Wilcocks to take part in celebration for William Owen III

By GARY SOULSMAN
The News Journal

GREENVILLE — Some of the region's best Anglican church music has been sung at Christ Church Christiana Hundred for more than 25 years.

The Greenville parish will soon welcome a celebrated English musician who not only created music for the Royal Family but also is known for arranging Christmas carols often piped into American malls.

It's all due to William A. Owen III.

Owen, who's usually led the church choir, will be celebrated for a quarter century of music at a reception in the parish hall from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday.

"Bill's knowledge of composers, Anglican music and everything that's involved is really far reaching," said Dana Robertson, a member of the professional choir for 20 years.

Some also credit Owen with providing consistency in worship while serving three rectors, two interim rectors and 12 assistants.

By way of thanks, organizers of the party have written new and humorous lyrics to music Owens knows. They've also found vintage film footage.

The celebration occurs as Owen, 53, reveals his chops as a scholar and historian with the publication of an oral history of Sir David Wilcocks.

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William Owen III



Sir David Wilcocks

Smyrna church to host blessing of the bikes for Christian motorcyclists

For the second year, blessing of the motorcycles will take place at Asbury United Methodist Church in Smyrna.

The blessing will be part of the 11 a.m. Sunday service, with riders gathering as early as 9:30 a.m. at Mike's Famous, Del. 1 at the South Smyrna exit.

Last year, 50 bikers turned out on 38 motorcycles. Organizer Lana Hastings expects a larger show this year.

The Christian motorcyclists also have been holding monthly rides and new members are invited to join.

"We meet on the third Wednesdays of each month for an evening ride and fellowship, and in the warm weather months (generally May to September), we also do second Sunday rides, where we visit other churches and attend their services," Hastings writes.

The church is located at 20-24 W. Mt. Vernon St. All clubs and riders are invited to Sunday's event.

For information, contact Dave Dowdy at 653-2196 or hawghead1964@msn.com

Memorial service for Heartland Hospice

Attending a memorial service is often an important part of grieving.

And in conjunction with Heartland Hospice House, Skyline United Methodist Church in Pike Creek will hold a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Oct. 11.

It will be an interfaith service. Worshipers are invited to bring pictures of departed loved ones for a remembrance table.

Contact Julie DiMatteo at 824-1548 with questions. The church is at Skyline Drive and Linden Hill Road.

Piano concert at Trinity Episcopal