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# "Wise Old Owls"

Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes of 1948 to 1959 Lynbrook, NY April 2018

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"Hi" to all my classmates & alumni of LHS, I hope this finds you all well and happy. This is the one hundredth & fifty-forth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-forth since we invited LHS graduates from the years 1948 to 1959 to join us in keeping in touch with our alumni. Send us the birth and anniversary date of you and your spouse if you wish to be included in our monthly "Notable Dates" section. Please send in some news to share with your alumni !!! How is your job going? Have you scheduled a vacation? How was your last vacation? Any operations scheduled? Have you relocated? How do you like your new home? Are you in an assisted living home? Would you recommend it? Here is a format to tell us all about your life. A lot of us are interested in knowing how your life is going so submit some information to share. I'll repeat.. As Lew Ross (LHS'52) wrote..."I think it would be nice to hear what our classmates are up to and that they still remain on the right side of the grass." Let us hear from you! The class of '52 published a class directory which was distributed during our 50th reunion held in Port Jefferson, NY in Sept. 2002. The directory included spouses name, children's and grandchildren's names, address, telephone & email number, and a brief history of our lives since graduation. We invite our alumni to send in some information about their lives since graduation, are you married? how many children & grand children? where do you live now? would you like to submit a brief history about your life since graduation? The Newsletter is distributed by email once a month. All news received is "cut & pasted" into an email format for distribution. If you do not have email capabilities give me the email address of a family member or friend that would receive it for you & I'll send it there. We had decided not to include jokes (although several of us have our own distribution list for jokes). Any thing sent to me is included in the Newsletter unless you advise me not to include something. Please include your email address and year of graduation (LHS'52) etc. with your submittals. Several of our alumni have suggested that we include the town we live in so that we could see if any of our alumni live near us. I have this information for the class of '52 and will start adding this information. If others will let me know where they live I will add that also. I think this was a great idea and thank all that suggested it.

So that's it! We welcome our alumni aboard and ask that they notify their classmates of our existence and request for news.

Editing News Submittals: This newsletter is meant as a place you can reminisce about our high school days, to stay in touch with your alumni and to find out how their lives are going. Please do not send in political or religious notes nor other inflammatory statements, they will be edited out at the sole discretion of the editor. Thanks for understanding.

### **April Notable Dates**

April Birth datesApril 2	
Pat Landman April 5	
Ben Acard April 6	
Diane Herold April 13	
Paul Damico April 16	
Steve LiebmannApril 16	
Adrienne Lebou Carner April 19	
Ron Klepper April 21	
Heather Greenfield April 21	
Jonathan Greenfield April 23	
Claire (Ludecker) Tatick April ?	
April Anniversaries Janet (Woolsey) & husband Donald Carlsen April Anne (Kennedy) & husband Arnold Cordts Apr	
12	
Bob Olsen & wife Mildred Apı 14	ril
Marsha (Benjamin) & husband Jack LangbartApi	ril
21	
Betty (Toto) & husband Ed Ferrante	
April 27	
William Brady & wife	
LouiseApril 30	

# **April News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor**

# Janet (Kenny) Lewis (LHS'52)

Oakland Park, FL

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(3/1/18)

Hi there Jim. Janet Kenny Lewis '52. My brother Edward Kenny '56 is visiting me in Oakland Park FI & gave me your contact info. Please add me into the WOO Distribution list...

(3/1/18)

(editors note; Hi Janet; I had just sent out the March WOO so here is your copy & I have added you into our distribution list so you should receive all future issues of WOO. Welcome back.)

# **Dave Rockwood (LHS'56)**

Wellington, FL

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(3/1/18)

Thanks, Jim, for another issue of WOO. I'm sure that all recipients are as grateful as I am for all the work you put into it. I look forward to reading it as soon as it arrives. You are a great friend and hard worker to produce the WOO every month. I wish more of my classmates (1956) would read it and send some news. I turned 80 on Feb. 19; it's hard to believe. I'm thankful to be well and active. My sweet wife schedules at least two cruises a year. It's great that she doesn't have to grocery shop, fix meals, or wash dishes and clothes when we are on the seas! Our next cruise is March 25.

I reached my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 19. Hooray! I'm happy to be in good health and able to visit our four children and their spouses and the 14 grandchildren.

Best wishes to you and Marja.

Dave

### **Howard Caplan (LHS'52)**

Seal Beach, CA

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(3/1/18)

I am fast approaching my 83rd birthday, May 28, born in Detroit on that date. If I live another 17 yrs, I will be one of the growing population of centenarians. I still live in California, in the Skyline Mobile Home Park on Pacific Coast Highway. These homes are built on land that was purchased by a group of entrepreneurs back in the middle of the 20th century, and although I own the home, I pay rent monthly for the land it sits on, but it is worth it, because I have one of the homes located at the highest point on this hill, which is approximately 50 to 70 feet above PCH. On a clear day, I can see downtown Los Angeles, 30 miles away, and needless to say, winter here is like spring on the east coast. Summers are very warm, but all our places are fully air-cooled by large machines on the west side of the house. The mornings are chilly, with temperatures in the 50s at 6 a.m. and climbing to the high 60s by noon. When springtime comes, the days are longer, and it does not get dark until around 7:30 at night, and in the summer, with daylight savings time in effect, the sun comes up at 6 a.m. and goes down at 9 p.m. and it is hot, but there is a swimming pool at the clubhouse where many of the residents here get cooled off. Redondo Beach is only a couple of miles west of here, but I am done with beaches, having lived in Manhattan Beach one block from the beach for 33 vrs. I retired from practicing medicine in January 2009, after over a half century of being a physician.

May those of us still above the grass live to see at least the middle of this 21st century. Howard Caplan class of 1952.

#### Rona (Silver)(LHS'55) & husband Martin Rutchik

Mistic, CT

email: rsrut1@yahoo.com

(3/1/18)

In January, 2017, very happy and lucky LHS alumnae shared dinnertime, old stories, and new updates. Judy Block Silver '57 arranged the date for Norma Fischler '55 and Ellen Hirshon '55 to meet up with Rona Silver Rutchik '55 who was visiting from Ct. We had a terrific time!

Rona Silver Rutchik'55 Now from Mystic, Ct

# Evie (Kammer)(LHS'49) & husband Woody Brewster

Ormond Beach, FL

email: Eviebrewster@outlook.com (note new email address)

(3/1/18)

My email ad has changed. Old was eviebr@earthlink.net.

New: eviebrewster@outlook.com

#### Zac Holland (LHS'56)

**Beverly Hills, CA** 

email: Zacez10@aol.com

(3/1/18)

Sad to Report that Bob Lessne, ('54) Passed away from Lymphoma January 10, 2017 In Orlando, Florida. He was a stalwart Eagle Scout in BSA Troop 234, see his Facebook page. search for Robert L. Lessne.

#### Bob Lessne (LHS'54)

Miami, FL

email: <a href="mailto:ergobob@gmail.com">ergobob@gmail.com</a>
(Bob Lessne deceased 1/10/17)

### Robert Graulich (LHS'59) & wife Scotland King

email: graulichrobert@gmail.com (note new email address)

(3/2/18)

New Address: 9 Dartmouth Lane, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679 Tel: 860-992-5606 (I've joined the millennials - no more land lines!)

Email: graulichrobert@gmail.com

Lived in 39 homes in 7 decades. Wife says this is the last! Hmmm . . . I'll let you know!

Bob Graulich, LHS '59

#### Elliot Schilkraut (LHS'58)

email: erschild@aol.com

(3/3/18)

(editors note; Hi Elliot; I just received a partial copy of the March WOO from you, did you mean to include a note? If so, I didn't receive anything.

I hope all is well with you & yours. Go OWLS!

Jim Ball) (3/3/18)

Jim,

Must have been butt messaging. I got three copies of WOO this month. Keep up the great work. Best to you and your Wife

Elliot (Bob) Schildkraut, 58

### Carol (Smith) (LHS'59) & husband Pete Agramonte

North Bellmore, NY/ Ocean Ridge, FL

email: cpagramonte@gmail.com

(3/3/18)

Carol (Smith) Agramonte (LHS'59) & Husband, Pete

Hi Jim, I look forward to your newsy email, and thank you for all the time and work you put into it.

I was very sorry and sad to read about Paula (Sichel) Kniffen. I remember her well from Atlantic Avenue School when we were "kids," and also from H.S. I wish her family well.

My husband, Pete and I will be married for 37 years on August 22. I retired from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in 2001, and we now spend 6 months in our house in North Bellmore, NY, and the other 6 months in our Co-op in Ocean Ridge, FL, which is a little town on the coastline of Boynton Beach. Our daughter, Cathy, is a Social Worker, and the other, Mary Beth, is an Art Teacher in the Bronx. Our granddaughter, Arista, works in NYC and our grandson, Aidan, is in his last year of college.

Again, thank you for all you do! email: cpagramonte@gmail.com

### Hank Kalbach (LHS'56)

Savannah, GA (note new address)

email: hck6909@reagan.com (note corrected email address)

Connie (Inman)(LHS'59) Kalbach deceased 6/4/16

(3/4/18)

Just a note to my LHS friends that I have relocated to Savannah, GA.

Hank Kalbach (LHS 56)

#### Margaret (Inardi) (LHS'59) Bade

email: margebade@aol.com (note corrected email address)

(3/2/18)

I am a Lynbrook graduate from the class of '59

My maiden name is Margaret Inardi

(3/12/18)

(editors note; Sorry Margaret, I had a "t" in your address which I corrected. Don't know why I never received any notice "could not deliver", etc ... Jim)

#### **Marion Strobach (LHS'54)**

(3/13/18)

sent through Facebook (editors note)

Hi Marion; We have a newsletter, WOO which is sent out once a month via email. I'd love to add another LHS alumni to our distribution list. We currently have 588 members, 24 from your class. There is no charge to receive WOO, just send me your email address to (jmball10805@msn.com) and I'll forward last months and add you for future issues. I look forward to hearing from you. Jim Ball LHS'52

## Bill Colton (LHS'56) & wife Terry

**Unionville, CT** 

email: billterry5@hotmail.com

(3/14/18) Subject: WOO

I as many others appreciate the work you do on the WOO every month. It has been a long time since I sent in news and there have been many changes. After working my career in Human Resources, I retired in 2005 from the position of Director of Human Resources for the Capital Region Education Council, Connecticut's version of the NY BOCES. My wife OF 53 years retired as the Tax Collector of the Town of Farmington in 2010, the town where we live. We had lived in Farmington since 1973 and were in our third home in this town. We recently sold that home and now live in our fourth home in the same town, a two bedroom apartment. We have raised our two grandchildren, Nicole age 27 and Matthew age 25. They are the joy of

our life. We raised them as our daughter was not capable of doing so. Nicole now lives with her Navy husband on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound in the State of Washington. We usually go out to visit twice a year, next visit scheduled for June. Her husband is stationed on the Naval Air Station on the Island. We are very happy in our new abode but it was traumatic getting rid of over 50 years of accumulated stuff. Life is good for us as we are both fairly healthy and very happy.

Terry & Bill Colton Class of 1956 299 Colt Highway Apt 211 Farmington, CT 06032 billterry5@hotmail.com

### Loretta (Soper) (LHS'59) MacLeod

email: magoosel@yahoo.com

(3/13/18)

Please add me to your newsletter. I'm class of '59.

(3/13/18)

(editors note; Hi LHS alumni, I'd love to add another member of the LHS alumni but what is your name? There must be a method to find your name from a email address but I do not know how. Are you married?, spouses name? Send me this and I'll forward you last months WOO and add you to our distribution list. Sincerely; Jim Ball LHS'52.)

(3/15/18)

Loretta MacLeod (ne: Soper) 1959, Thanks

(3/15/18)

(editors note; Sent copy of March WOO & added to distribution list)

## Karl Thuge (LHS'46) & wife Estrid

Massapegua, NY

email: cougar2u@aol.com

(3/18/18)

Hi Any luck in hearing from any one in the class of 46? I just came across some old drawing from the mech drawing class in 1944 with Stuard DeGellage as our teacher and was very good with our class Best wishes for a great New Year for you and your family I am looking forward to being 90 on April 2 nd and I hope to be able to keep in contact with you in the future to be aware of all the efforts that you put forth Kind regards Karl Thuge class of 46

#### **Karl Thuge**

cougar2u@aol.com

(3/18/18)

(editors note;

Hi Karl; Sorry, but I haven't heard from any of your classmates (other then the 3 receiving WOO). I had sent the following note through Classmates.com to Ruth Prall, Gwen Pollack, Allan Philiba, Grace Pauly, Paul Kissin & Selma Eisenberg on 1/8/17 & 1/22/18. Classmates shows that none of these notes were even read by these individuals. I assume they are no longer checking their computers.

The note I sent was............ "I'm Jim Ball (LHS'52). We have an alumni newsletter distributed monthly for the past 12 yrs to LHS alumni. There is no charge, it's sent via email. If you send me your email address to jmball10805@msn.com I'll add you to our distribution list and immediately send you last months Wise Old Owl (WOO) for your enjoyment. Karl Truge from your class has asked me to see if I can find some more members of his class. I look forward to hearing from you..... Go OWLS!!! Jim Ball ")

#### Ann (Ryan)(LHS'58) Nesbitt

email: coachlightann@yahoo.com

(3/20/28)

(editors note, sent via Facebook)

Hi Jim. Hope you are well. If you get a chance, could you send me the WOO for Jan, Feb., and March.

Don't know why, but I haven't been getting them. Ann Ryan Nesbitt, "58, Lynbrook

(3/20/18) editors note.....TCO

(3/21/18)

Jim. Thanks so much for your very quick response to my request for three editions of the WOO. Love reading them. Also looking forward to getting in touch with some "old friends." I knew Nancy McNeill Focardi (1951) pretty much all my life. She grew up around the corner from us with my brother, Jack. Love to read about how people are doing. As Bob Hope used to say, "Thanks for the memories...."

Ann Ryan Nesbitt, 1958

### Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

Albuquerque, NM

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(3/25/18)

Hi LHS Alumni; I hope you are well & happy (& still with us!) We are loosing so many of our friends from our LHS days. It's getting a little depressing having to report the loss of additional alumni each month, but please keep letting me know so I can report it in WOO.

We have scheduled several RV trips for this summer; three to the Jemez Mts. w/friends Tony & Vickie, two trips with the RV Club (w/daughter Lorie hubby Jim) to Creede CO in June & Dallas, TX in July (to see grand-daughter Emily) & Bluff, UT in Oct.

We have been having a problem with the font size when I print out WOO, the text is so small you need a magnifying glass to read it. So I'm sending it to Patti right now to see if she can find the problem

You all have a great month, stay happy & healthy.

## **Trouble receiving WOO? Here's good news!**

My daughter is still working to come up with a method to ensure that all that want WOO can receive it. She just set up a web site, <a href="www.candothat.com/woo.html">www.candothat.com/woo.html</a> if you click on this web site then on "WOO Jan. 2018 " you will open WOO in pdf format and you can print it out on your computer. A couple of our alumni have already been able to use this system. Patti will add each WOO as I complete it so there will be a WOO Jan. 2018, etc. We hope this works for everyone having a problem opening WOO. Patti has already added all of the completed 2017 WOOs to this site, so if you missed any you can get them there.

# **Help Locate Missing Alumni !!!**

While we have reconnected with 40 to 90 classmates from several LHS classes, some classes are lacking in representation in the newsletter. The numbers contacted to date are: LHS'48, 10; LHS'49, 16; LHS'50, 20; LHS'51, 46; LHS'52, 42; LHS'53, 42; LHS'54, 24; LHS'55, 53; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 73; LHS'58, 88; LHS'59, 106. If anyone knows if any of these classes have had reunions &

who the contacts were, let me know and I will contact them and attempt to obtain addresses for others., Here are the numbers from misc. years that have requested they be added to the distribution list for WOO: LHS'45, 3; LHS'46, 3; LHS'47, 5; LHS'60, 4; LHS'62, 3; LHS'64, 2; LHS'66, 1; LHS'68, 1; LHS'74, 1; LHS?, 7. Total distribution now 588.

(Editors note; I need to tell you all that the numbers per class listed above have not been updated in several months. To update these is a time consuming process for me (& I keep getting loss during the process) so please use these numbers for reference only. Thanks for understanding..... Jim)

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# **In Conclusion**

So long for now, send us news about your life to be included in the next issue. If you are in contact with any classmates or LHS alumni (LHS'48-'59) with email addresses which I don't have let me know and I'll add them to the distribution list. Thanks to everyone that submitted news articles and to all that sent suggestions concerning this publication.

If you change email addresses or servers please let me know so we can keep in touch with you.

Please send some news so we can keep in touch.

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