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"Wise Old Owls"
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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-ninth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-ninth 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 & grandchildren? 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.

September Notable Dates

September Birth datesRick Schnepf.....Sept. 25
Joan KochSept. 28

Sept. Anniversaries Paul Szulborski & wife Marie..... Sept. 1
Hank Kalbach & wife Connie (Inman)..... Sept. 3
Joan (Mitidiere) & husband Chuck Rogers..... Sept. 4
Georgie (Borneman) & husband Robert Sibert...Sept. 7
Walter Schmidt & wife Barbara..... Sept. 9
Maryanne (Haskell) & husband Bart Bezyack.... Sept. 26
Carol (Kalvin) & husband Rubin.....Sept. ?
Patricia (Sheerin) & husband Bob LandmanSept. ?

September News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

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(7/27/18)

Hi. Jim. I notice that you put my name in at the end and forgot the message. I forgot what I wrote. Old age is setting in. I look forward to the WOO each month. Thank you. Sydelle Goldman Richard

(7/27/18)

(editors note: re-sent August WOO)

Don Roth (LHS'58)

Lynbrook, NY

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(7/28/18)

Jim. I believe you made an error unless I received the past issue if the woo.

The woo I

received has my previous emails about the prom. The new woo should have my info on past LHS grads that you and I discussed. Check that out as I haven't received a new woo yet while others tell me they have. Don Roth

(7/28/18)

(editors note:

Sorry..... LHS'58 Alumni. I screwed up and looks like I sent the June or July WOO to some Alumni. (Don't tell

Marja, she still thinks I'm perfect!) Here is August WOO..... Jim)

(7/28/18)

Jim: I now have the correct WOO for August and my emails are included. Thanks and keep up the GREAT work.

Don Roth 1958

(8/1/18)

Times have changed!

The Lynbrook School District, as well as every other district in New York State, has set aside monies to improve security for each of the district's school buildings. The amount allocated by Lynbrook is \$838,978.

The latest report indicates that each Elementary school will have a door lock system to prevent anybody from entering unless "buzzed" in by the "guard" on duty at the front door desk. These Elementary "guards" are usually local retired men and women being paid a minimal salary to sit at the front door from 7 AM until school is dismissed.

The high school will have a more elaborate system. The front door of the high school will have a new foyer added that will require all students to pass through showing their school photo pass to the "guard" on duty at the front door desk. This "guard" will also be behind a glass enclosure but able to view the front door and those entering. With the high school being an "open door" policy at lunchtimes it can be difficult to watch everyone coming and going.

There are also three hired security guards who carry no weapons other than "walkie talkies". One security guard stands at the front of the building while the other two rotate around the building all day long. They do exchange posts every few hours. If a parent arrives at the high school to leave anything for a student/child that item will be placed in a box in the "new foyer" and scanned before it is delivered. All other doors that can be used for entering/exiting will be locked with a teacher on duty in that area to make sure no student opens a door to let anyone in whether it be another student or any employee. Students still tend to jam a side or rear door so they can exit and enter with their lunch rather than walk to the front door to enter. What is interesting is there hasn't been any planning as to how to handle a basketball/wrestling/volleyball/classnite/concert/etc crowd when they enter or exit.

Yes times are changing. The new building addition that was voted on and passed two years ago has still not broken ground as the District has to wait for the State to approve the building plans and construction. The State hasn't moved too fast on this project.

The Malverne school district is in the process of building a new 350 seat auditorium along with science and music classrooms adjacent to the existing building. That work has begun and it looks like it may be completed by next summer. It is one huge project.

I will keep you posted if anything new develops with the Lynbrook school district or the Village in general.

There is still no marquee on the new Regal movie theater. I have no idea what is showing at the Regal theater. The Regal is not listed in the movie guide in Newsday. There are movie posters on the theater wall but who can read them driving by at 25 MPH or from a distance of 50 yards? Malverne movie theater here I come again and I will still pay the \$6 senior rates for a good movie! I was told the Regal charges seniors \$12-\$16 for a ticket depending on the show time. Bring back the Arcade!

Don Roth

Class 1958

(8/2/18)

The latest rankings are out for the school districts in New York State. These rankings are done by a niche.com group and the districts are rated on courses offered, staff, athletics, safety, cafeteria and percentages of students passing certain State tests. Here's the ranking as of August 1, 2018.

Those districts in Nassau County and in their State rankings are:

Jericho #1 (in the State!), Syosset #5, Roslyn #6, Herricks #7, Manhasset #11, Bellmore #19, Plainview #22, Hewlett #24, Locust Valley #30, Bethpage #32, North Shore #34, Great Neck Schools #48, Valley Stream Central #49 and LYNBROOK #51.

There are a total of 675 school districts in the State therefore LYNBROOK is 51/675.

Lynbrook ranked A+ through A in most categories but drew a B- in cafeteria food. Athletics was an A-.

Lynbrook has in the District, K through 12, 2773 students and is ranked 76/675 as the safest. The teacher to student ratio in the District is 11-1.

Don Roth

Class 1958

(8/2/18)

Wave your Owls banner as we have a NATIONAL CHAMPION in the sport of wrestling. Yes, it's her again! ALLY FITZGERALD, a sophomore at Lynbrook this Fall, won her weight class National Championship crown in Fargo, North Dakota in July by defeating four opponents in the

USAW National Freestyle Tournament. She was one of 25 wrestlers in the tournament. She won her Championship match by a score of 6-2.

She will continue to wrestle this coming school year with her ultimate goal of wrestling in the Olympics in Paris in 2024 and/or the Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028.

Ally was the first female wrestler to win a sanctioned wrestling tournament in Nassau County and to claim her weight class title. She is also the

first Long Islander to win a title in this Freestyle Tournament. By winning this title she earned a spot on the USA Cadets National Wrestling team.

Don Roth

Class 1958

(8/9/18)

This has nothing to do with the Village of Lynbrook or the Lynbrook School District. I recently read an article listing

the top 100 college PARTY schools and thought that maybe you would like to see the top ten just in case one was where

you earned a degree. Listing in order are:

1. University of Delaware 2. West Virginia 3. Tulane 4. Syracuse 5. Bucknell 6. Lehigh 7. University of California at

Santa Barbara 8. Wisconsin 9. Colgate 10 Rhode Island.

My only surprise was reading that Wake Forest, where I earned a degree, was listed as #14. If there were parties there

when I attended then nobody told me about them! What these rankings are based on is beyond me but the above list

certainly has some well respected schools mentioned. Most of those listed cost about \$60,000 a year. Enjoy the party

you high school grads and thank your parents for paying big bucks for you to have fun.

Don Roth

Class 1958

(8/12/18)

Some have asked. Many have said "Let's do it!" Well the leg work has been done and the LHS Class of 1958 will hold a

60th MINI REUNION. Mini meaning there will be no prepay deposit required, there will be no music, there will be no

dancing, there will be no door prizes but there will be a gathering and small talk as we meet for the first time since 2008

when we held our 50th. The details are as follows:

DATE: Saturday, September 22, 2018

LOCATION: McQuade's Restaurant/Pub located at 275 Merrick Road, Lynbrook (516-256-2820).

TIME: We will have an area reserved from 5 PM-8 PM.

FOOD: Each attendee will order their meal off the regular menu and will pay their own bill.

DRESS: Casual

HEAD COUNT: In order to be given the proper sized area I (Don Roth) will need a HEAD COUNT to pass along to the

management. We may be in a room along with other regular patrons having a meal.

Email me if you plan to attend

and how many in your party. No problem if you cancel at the last minute all I need is an approximate number.

This is also **HOMEcoming** Weekend for the Varsity Football team. There will be a game at Marion Street field starting

at 2 PM. The Homecoming festivities start (12:45) with a parade beginning at the high school, marching down Union

Ave past Beckmann's Deli (Yes it is still there but under new management) then turning onto Marion Street entering

the field and walking around the track to the front of the bleachers. Taking part in this

parade is the high school band,

the kickline girls, the cheerleaders, and various administrators along with a fire truck and a police car. If you are

interested in purchasing any LHS items there are usually 2-3 stands selling items

such as T-Shirts, Hats, Sweatshirts,

decals, and possibly pennants. There is usually an admission charged for this game

as funds are raised for the

Scholarship Fund. The cost is usually \$5-\$6 and you pay at the gate.

The bleachers tend to fill up quickly on Homecoming Day and this year the opponent is Valley Stream South which

will probably have a large fan base being close to the town of Lynbrook.

No need to purchase tickets in advance. Many fans still stand around the field leaning on the fence. The Class of 1958

will try to gather in the far corner (North end) of the stands near the VSS section.

Most other areas are taken by the

LHS students and band. I encourage everyone who attends the football game to stay for the halftime entertainment.

The kickline girls will perform and they are magnificent. The LHS kickline has won numerous first place awards over

the years and are acclaimed throughout Nassau County.

Others from any other class from LHS are welcome to join us at the meal or at the game if you wish to meet some

former LHS friends from this 1958 class.

Hope to see many there.

Don Roth

Class 1958

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(8/20/18)

Update on the Class of 1958 Mini Reunion.

The date is September 22 at McQuade's Restaurant, Merrick Road, Lynbrook 5-8 PM.

So far those who have plans to attend are: Bob Gold, Don Roth, Ray Connell, Buddy Winkler, Joe Mazza, Pete Ringenbach, Paul Weinberg (and wife), Lou Meier, Joel Ostrow, Jim Mongitore, Stu Glass along with Pat Fagin and Linda Steinberg. Right now that adds up to 14. If anyone from other classes wish to attend and visit with friends from the 1958 class please contact Don Roth via email so a head count can be delivered to the Restaurant a few days prior.

The Homecoming football game that afternoon starts with a parade from LHS to the Marion Street field beginning at 12:30. The game against Valley Stream South has a kickoff of 2 PM. There is a gate charge as this is a Scholarship fund raiser and the seats are usually filled early with many alumni attending. You are on your own!

Hope to see more at the reunion.

Don Roth
Class 1958

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Husband Paul Focardi deceased

(7/27/18)

Hate to be a pest but I deleted the last WOO... could you please re-send? Sorry....

Nancy McNeill Focardi '51

P.S.

Also I think I read in there that you went to Valley Stream high for a bit... my late husband Paul Focardi went there too... class of '51...

Friends w/ Teddy Thatcher, Tony DelGrosso, Elaine Geiger, Irene Gerbino... any sound familiar to you?

(editors note; Sorry, but I think that I went there less then 6 months, then they threw me out when they found out that I had moved to Lynbrook. I don't remember anyone from there.)

Jonathan Greenfield (LHS'59)& wife Heather (Schultz)

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(7/28/18)

Hope all is well with you. We are enjoying our summer in the Poconos of PA. Expect for the rain which

never seems to end. Thank goodness for French Drains.... Had a wonderful visit from my 16 year old

niece from Memphis Tennessee. I think I have had enough "yes made" and "no sir" for a while.

Regards to all the Wise "Old" Owls.
Jonathan and Heather Greenfield '59

Helen (Seegers)(LHS'51) Gamarsh

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(7/29/18)

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Norma J. (Wood)(LHS'49) & husband James Seager

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(7/30/18)

(editors note; The following info was received via telecom, from James Seager for insertion into the WOO.)

Norma has been receiving the WOO and really enjoys her husband Jim reading it to her each month.

After graduation from collage Norma started her teaching career in the Valley Stream School system. She worked there

until Jim & her moved to Texas where she also taught. Their final move was to California where she retired after 25 years of teaching.

Norma & Jim have 2 daughters, both of them working as school teachers in CA.

Norma is fighting a battle with dementia with help from her daughters & husband.

We thank Jim for contacting us and providing this brief history about one of our LHS alumni.

Joan (Mitidiere)(LHS'52) & husband Chuck Rogers(LHS'51)

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(8/13/18)

HI JIM.

SOLD OUR HOUSE IN FLORIDA AND SPENT OUR FIRST WINTER IN NEW JERSEY. WAS NOT TO COLD OR SNOWY BUT SEEMED

VERY LONG. NOW WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RAINIEST SUMMER WE CAN REMEMBER. DID TAKE A CRUISE THE SECOND

WEEK IN JAN TO THE CARIBBEAN AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT IT WAS QUITE CHILLY. WE ARE LOOKING AT SOME CRUISES THIS

**WINTER BUT DID NOT MAKE UP OUR MINDS YET.
WE ARE BEGINNING TO THINK ABOUT A MOVE TO SOME KIND OF SENIOR
HOUSING BUT HATE TO GIVE UP OUR HOUSE TO
MOVE TO A GROUP SETTING.
OUR YOUNGEST GRANDCHILD STARTS COLLEGE THIS FALL. SHE WILL BE
ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE,
HER MOTHER `S OLD SCHOOL. THAT CERTAINLY IS MAKING US FEEL OLD.
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE NEWS LETTER.
JOAN (MITIDIERE) ROGERS**

Marion (Strobach)(LHS'54) Banta

Contacted through Classmates .com

(8/18/18)

(editors note; Hi Marion; We have a monthly newsletter, the Wise Old Owl, WOO, distributed once a month, via email

for the past 12 years to alumni of Lynbrook High School. We currently have 598 LHS grads receiving WOO, there is no charge

**to receive the WOO, just send your email address to Jim Ball at
jmball10805@msn.com and I'll send you last months copy and add**

you to our distribution list for all future copies. We look forward to hearing from you and to adding another

member of our alumni. Thanks Jim Ball (LHS'52)).

Lorraine (Plant)(LHS'57) Lamond

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Lorraine (Plant) Lamond (LHS'57) deceased 2018

My sister in law and friend LORRAINE PLANT LAMOND ("57) has passed away after a year long illness. She was the

wife of THOMAS LAMOND ("57) for 54 years. NANCY SHERRIFF PLANT ("60).

Nancy (Sherriff)(LHS'60) Plant

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(8/22/18

(editors note; Hi Nancy; Thanks for notifying us about the loss of Lorraine (Plant) Lamond. We are sorry for your loss

and send our condolences to your family.

I notice that you do not receive the monthly issue of WOO. There is no charge for WOO, just let me know if you would

like to receive it. We currently have 5 members of the class of '60 and 108 from the class of '59 and approximately 598 total of our alumni receiving WOO.)

(8/23/18)

Sorry, I should have told you my husband is John Plant (LHS"59) and I got your newsletter first through my sister Barbara Sherriff Sandler (I think LHS"56).

On Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 8:46 PM Nancy Plant <> wrote:sherplan@gmail.com

Jim, You don't send the newsletter to me but it comes on my email to my husband, John. Thanks for the offer. I enjoy your mailing and know many of the people. Nancy

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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(8/27/18)

Hi to All, Hope you all have had a happy/healthy month.

We have had another problem with Marja's health. She fell in our garage on 8/6, she tripped and fell while stepping up on the one step we have in the garage.

She fell and broke 2 bones in her left ankle. She thought she had sprained it and would not let me call 911. We wrapped it in

ice packs over night then called 911 On 8/7. The hospital wrapped the ankle, gave us a wheel chair, told us to see an orthopedic

doctor with in 2-3 days and kicked us out. Marja went through a great deal of pain until we saw the doctor on 8/13. They put

on a cast and told us to come back in 4 weeks, that's where we are now. Marja is scheduled to see the doctor on 8/29.

I guess I'll end this here to get this to Patti so she can enter it on her web site and I can then forward it to you all, Have a great month & keep those notes coming. Jim Ball

Trouble receiving WOO? Here's good news!

My daughter Patti 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, www.candothat.com/woo.html if you click on this web site then on "WOO Jan. 2018 "etc. 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 2017 & 2018 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, 17; LHS'50, 20; LHS'51, 46; LHS'52, 42; LHS'53, 42; LHS'54, 24; LHS'55, 55; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 73; LHS'58, 89; LHS'59, 108. 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, 5; LHS'62, 3; LHS'64, 2; LHS'66, 1; LHS'68, 1; LHS'74, 1; LHS?, 8. Total distribution now 598.

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.