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**"Wise Old Owls"**  
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**of 1948 to 1959**  
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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 & nineteenth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the sixteenth since we invited 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.

## **January Notable Dates**

### **January birth dates.....**

**John Limpitlaw..... Jan. 4**  
**Joan (Hoecker) Schnepf..... Jan. 10**  
**Marie (Brownson) Johnson..... Jan. 11**  
**Paul Szulborski..... Jan. 15**  
**Sydelle (Goldman) Richard..... Jan. 15**  
**Mike Pietroforte..... Jan. 28**  
**Lew Ross..... Jan. 30**  
**Ellen North..... Jan. 30**

### **January Anniversaries .....**

**George Lamond & wife Judy..... Jan. 28**

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

**Rita (Feldman) (LHS'59) & husband Jay Bender**

Dix Hills, NY

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(11/26/18)

**Hi Jim....It's great receiving your newsletter every month. It's quite a task to keep it up, so thanks for all that you do to keep us in the loop of what's happening with our old Lynbrook friends.**

**I have been living out in Dix Hills (Suffolk County) for the past 50 years. My husband Jay (Lawrence High School '53) have two sons - David & Jennifer,**

and Robert & Millie. They each have 3 children, so we have 6 grandchildren. They range in age from 6 years to 13 years. We are very lucky that the

both live on Long Island and we can get together with them all the time.

Next week I am driving down to Washington D.C. with Nancy Preston Ellwood ('59), Gail Stein Abruzzo ('59) to visit with Maggi Kane Luca ('59).

We get together every year in NYC, but this year we decided to change our routine.

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and now it's on to Christmas, Hannukah and the New Year. A lot to celebrate!

Nancy said she doesn't get The Woo. Her email:

[npellwood@gmail.com](mailto:npellwood@gmail.com)

Regards.

Rita Feldman Bender ('59)

(11/27/18)

(editors note; Added Nancy's email address, sent December WOO.

Thank you Rita)

**Nancy (Preston)(LHS'59) Ellwood**

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(11/27/18)

**Don Roth (LHS'58)**

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(11/29/18)

I happened to stop by the LHS Guidance office today and asked a few questions about colleges.

The conversation was interesting and enlightening. I was told that the majority of families and senior students at LHS are very "big time" sports oriented and many seniors are interested in applying to schools that offer "big time" sports for viewing, not being part of any team.

I then asked "What are the top ten schools that the LHS seniors apply to and what are the top ten schools that they actually attend?" Here

is the list of the top ten colleges/universities that seniors apply to for admission. In no particular order they are: All of the NY State Universities (SUNY) schools including Binghamton, Oswego, Oneonta and Cortland. The out of state "big time" sports schools that

they

also apply to after the "safe" SUNY schools are the University of Wisconsin, The Ohio State, Tampa University, the University of Alabama and Miami University. Once these applications are mailed the decision comes down to the cost at each school and academics. The colleges/universities that the majority of LHS seniors actually attend after all acceptances are received are, again in no particular order, the SUNY schools with the number one being Binghamton where last year 30 seniors applied, 29 were accepted, and 15 actually attended.

After Binghamton came Cortland, Oswego, the University of Delaware, Buffalo and colleges in the state of Florida especially Miami and

Tampa. There are a few, maybe 3-4, who attend an IVY League school or a Southern state school. Some Southern colleges that LHS seniors

have attended in the past few years are East Carolina and Elon. Only one in the past five years has gone to any mid western school and if they do that school is often the University of Arizona. We have one student from last year attending the University of Southern California.

If any of the LHS athletes compete at the college level the majority of them do so at Division 2 or Division 3 colleges with some sort of financial aid or grant package. Very few receive any large financial offers for athletic abilities. I learned a lot in that guidance visit and it seems the tuition cost is the final decision in making the college selection. The SUNY schools average around \$24,000 while the private colleges/universities can cost as high as \$60-70,000 Some students will live off campus when attending a Florida school living with their grand-parents who have a residence in that State. After one year of their living there they establish a residence and then can receive in State tuition costs. It's a game many play but it's within the rules.

It may be time for all of you to save some bucks for your grand children's college education!

Don Roth 1958

(11/29/18)

Newsday published an article announcing the rise in tuition for local Community Colleges listing Nassau Community, Suffolk Community, Farmingdale State, Stony Brook and SUNY Old Westbury.

Nassau Community College, which has an enrollment of close to 10,000, will rise \$248 per school year to a total of \$5,350 annually. Suffolk

Community which has an enrollment of approximately 26,000 will rise \$350 to a total of \$5,220 annually. Both Nassau and Suffolk

Community colleges are two year schools. The cost for the four year SUNY Community Colleges, including SUNY Old Westbury,

**Farmingdale State and Stony Brook, is now \$6,870 annually.**

**Those SUNY colleges such as Binghamton, Oswego, Oneonta and Cortland are NOT Community schools thus they have higher tuition costs.**

**In case anyone was wondering, the total enrollment at Lynbrook High School this school year is 895. I don't have the breakdown per class**

**but they are about the same average size.**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(11/29/18)**

**If you were in the military or had a relative in the military you may find this news item of interest.**

**The Village of Lynbrook has started a campaign where banners, approximately 6'x3', are being placed on the Village telephone poles honoring servicemen and women. There are about 20 currently hanging in the Village area. Many have been placed along Atlantic Avenue while others are starting to get placed along Merrick Road within the Village boundaries.**

**If you wish to honor anyone you know you can do so by calling the Village of Lynbrook at 516-599-8784 and ask for an application.**

**The banner cost is \$175 and it is displayed for three years after which the Village claims they "wear out" from weather conditions.**

**The banner then gets returned to the person/family who sponsored that service person. You can also mail for an application by**

**writing to: Inc Village of Lynbrook, 1 Columbus Drive, PO Box 7023, Lynbrook, NY 11563. If you decide to honor someone you MUST**

**supply a clear B&W photo, with no others in the photo, of that service man/woman in their military uniform. All of the banners**

**currently displayed show a photo from the waist up or a profile photo of the honoree.**

**I am personally planning to honor my uncle, Bob Weber, who served in WW2 in Europe from 1940-1945 participating in many battles.**

**If you do so and your banner gets placed on a telephone pole I will be glad to take a photo of it and send it to you. Keep me posted.**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(12/3/18)**

**So, you want to be a teacher? Well, those who like to look at numbers may enjoy this latest media list of the AVERAGE TEACHERS SALARY in each of the 51 States. These numbers are from the school year of 2017-2018.**

**The National average teacher's salary is \$60,443.**

**The top FIVE States averages are: New York \$85, 585...California**

**\$81,126...Massachusetts \$79,710....District of Columbia \$76,486  
...Connecticut \$73,113. The lowest five States were: Arizona  
\$47,746...Utah \$47,604...Oklahoma \$45,678...West Virginia \$45,642  
...Mississippi \$43,107.**

**The local Lynbrook School District teacher's salaries (give or take a few thousand bucks) are as follows: #1 a high school teacher with over 20 years in service also coaching two varsity sports \$156,828...#2 a high school teacher with over 20 years in service also in charge of three club activities \$148,155...#3 an elementary school teacher with over 20 years in service who also coaches one varsity sport and runs after school activities \$130,653...#4 a high school teacher with over 20 years in service who is in charge of one after school club \$129,093....#5 a high school teacher who has been teaching for over 30 years and has no other after school District income \$130,022. The average salary for all Lynbrook teachers is \$71,744. The starting salary, give or take a few thousand bucks, is approximately \$50,000.**

**Many teachers also have summer school positions to add another \$5,000-\$8,000 to their salary and future pension tabulations.**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(12/3/18)**

**The Village of Lynbrook Board has finally put an end to a "thorn in the side of Lynbrook" by revoking the license of the CAPRI MOTEL, formerly known as the Lynbrook Motel. This motel is located off Sunrise Highway west of Peninsula Blvd.**

**This Capri Motel has had numerous police action as the local police force has been called to this location more than once for a drug sales arrest, drug over-doses and for the latest DOA drug user. The police have also been involved with local residents complaining of illegal adult "ladies of the night" activities. The Village has been trying to close this place down for many years and has finally gotten it done. The owner plans to fight this revocation of his licence.**

**If you are planning to visit Lynbrook there are a few franchise motels in a five mile distance of the Village. There is a Holiday Inn Express located at the corner of Sunrise Highway and Ocean Avenue as well as the Rockville Center Inn located just around the corner from the Holiday Inn Express. If you wish to travel a few miles further there is a Hampton Inn located off Peninsula Blvd in Rockville Centre. They all can be found on the internet. If you plan to stay at one of these locations mention that you are in town for a high school reunion as they often give a discounted price.**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(12/3/18)**

**Newsday has published a list of towns in Nassau and Suffolk County that collected the most money from traffic violations and parking tickets. The number one town in Nassau was Freeport with Lynbrook coming in a close second. In the past year, Lynbrook had collected \$2,344,853 from fines/violations. The message is clear, if you drive through the Village of Lynbrook obey the traffic laws. If you park in town where there is a meter make sure you throw in your quarter or it may cost you anywhere from \$50-\$100 parking fine.**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(12/11/18)**

**Once again, on December 11, the annual Ed "Duke" Delattre pre-holiday luncheon took place. We all met at the Lynbrook Diner and spent a good 2 hours hashing over LHS stories and sports teams. Those attending were: Ed DeLattre (1955), Al Nelson (1955), Jack Sharkey (1956), Jim Mongitore (1958), Don Roth (1958), Lew McCurdy (1959) and Tony McElroy St. Agnes (1957).**

**Good time was had by all and we look forward to Ed's next visit with his children, who all live on Long Island, when he drives north from Florida for the Spring/Summer luncheon visit.**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(12/21/18)**

**A last minute luncheon was held by four former LHS grads on December 21 at Paneras Bread located in Riverhead, NY. Attending were Jim Watters (1959), Lew McCurdy (1959), Joe Papa (1959) and Don Roth (1958). Good time had by all. Joe was planning to depart for his Florida snowbird residence in Lake Worth a few days after Christmas while the other three will hang around LI and fight the snow and cold weather due to arrive one of these days.**

**Don Roth (1958)**

**(editors note; Thank you so much Don for the great articles about good old Lynbrook)**

**Rita (Storti) (LHS'59) & husband Robert Campanella**

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**(12/8/18)**

**Hi Jim,**

**This message is specifically for LHS 59ers, but the invite to explore our website is for anyone so inclined.**

**"Hi folks,**

**Just want you to know that we will not be renewing our class website when it expires 1-9-2019.**

**However, the 60th reunion committee will be using their personal email accounts to communicate with you about a possible reunion in 2019. That communication will be in the next few months.**

**Before our website expires (1-9-2019), you might want to explore it.**

**Some categories included in the site: our yearbook, a contact list of everyone associated with our class (213 classmates), photos from classmates lives after LHS, and the "In Memory" section.**

**Here's how to get onto the site:**

**[lynbrookhigh59.com](http://lynbrookhigh59.com)**

**Password: lhs59LHS59**

**We can stay in touch via this newsletter, Wise Old Owls (WOO)."**

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**Jim, thanks for all you do to keep us in touch with each other. Many good wishes to you and Marja for smooth sailing in 2019, Rita (Storti) Campanella**

**Gene Kelly (LHS'49)**

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**(12/8/18)**

**I think I might be back online!!! Just figured out the new system(Spectrum~~who changed me from Windows 10 ~~not that I had a choice)**

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**Freeport, NY**

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**(12/8/18)**

**This is my Christmas newsletter. Feel free to cut and paste any info you wish to share. I live in Freeport, NY and I try to stay in touch with school friends.**

**"Another busy year for our family. Grace (20) my granddaughter has been in Madrid, Spain for a semester**



abroad and while there has had the opportunity to travel around Europe on weekends thanks to inexpensive travel opportunities offered by her college.

Brian (22) my grandson is still working on his degree in audio/music engineering and has managed to get some part time work from local theatrical setup companies.

Jackie is still teaching in the local school system and her husband Ted just retired from the electric company.

I am still enjoying the freedom of retirement that allows me to take advantage of theater, opera, ballet and concerts which New York offers in great abundance. So much to see and so little time and money to do it all, but I try as best I can.

Summer at the beach (my favorite sport), a trip with grammar school buddies to Maine, and the celebration of a 40th anniversary in Annapolis, MD were the highlights of my travels for the year.

But the greatest news of ALL!!!! My son Sean and his wife Karen are expecting their first child in February!!!!

Gender of the new baby is unknown as per their choice. We are all tremendously excited!!!

I wish all of you and your family A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love and Hugs, Marge"

Sue (Fessler)(LHS'52) & husband Don Sullivan

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(12/21/18)

**Jim, Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you Marja and your family.**

Thank you for all that you do with the newsletter. I wonder if you realize how much everyone appreciates and looks forward to receiving it every month. Also, much appreciation to your daughter for all her assistance.

Again, with best wishes and love.....Sue and Don

**Dave Rockwood (LHS'56)**

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(12/23/18)

**We are all 2018 today –Today the whole world is the same age.**

Today is a very special day.

It happens only once every 1,000 years

Your age + your year of birth = 2018.

This is true for everyone.

It is strange and inexplicable. Try it and see.

It will not happen again for another 1,000 years.

**So..... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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(12/26/18)

**Hi All;**

**I hope you & yours had a great Christmas & have a wonderful New Year.**

**Marja's ankle has finally healed, now she needs to learn how to walk with the brace on. She is so**

**afraid of falling again she won't walk without her walker. I hope she regains her confidence walking**

**so we can resume our daily schedule w/o the walker. My 3 daughters and families went to Las Vegas**

**to celebrate the Christmas holiday with my granddaughter Christina and her husband Bill Gragg.**

**Marja and I had a peaceful Christmas at home, we sure missed the girls and our wonderful Grandkids**

**but we know they were having a great time together in Las Vegas.**

**We hope all of you had a great**

**holiday. Keep in touch!!!!**

### **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](http://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.**



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