

"WISE OLD OWL'S"

Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes 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 hundred & twentysecond edition of our class (LHS'52) and the nineteenth 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.

April Notable Dates

April Birth dates.....	Karl Thuge	April 2
	Pat Landman.....	April 5
	Ben Acard.....	April 6
	Diane Herold.....	April 13
	Paul Damico.....	April 16
	Steve Liebmann.....	April 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 4
	Anne (Kennedy) & husband Arnold Cordts.....	April 12
	Bob Olsen & wife Mildred	April 14
	Marsha (Benjamin) & husband Jack Langbart.....	April 21
	Betty (Toto) & husband Ed Ferrante.....	

April 27
William Brady & wife Louise.....
April 30

April News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

Don Roth (LHS'58)

Lynbrook, NY

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(2/16/19)

The boys basketball team is still "on a roll". They were seeded 2 in the Class A-II Nassau County Tournament and opened up with a victory over Mephram 72-49. They defeated Jericho last night, Feb 21, with the final score being 57-41. Their next game, the semi finals, will be played Wednesday, February 27 at SUNY Farmingdale. They will be playing Valley Steam South, seeded 3. Both VS South and Lynbrook were in the same League with Lynbrook and VS South tying for the League Championship with identical records. These two teams split during the regular season with South winning at their home court and the Owls winning at home. Both games were highly contested so this semi final contest should be a good match up.

The results of that game may be to late to send to the WOO. Therefore, I suggest you go to your internet if you wish to learn the results of this next game. If the Owls defeat VS South they will play the Nassau County Championship game at SUNY Farmingdale on Sunday, March 3 against either Elmont, seeded 1, or Manhasset, seeded 4, who play each other next week prior to the Lynbrook-South game.

The Owls regular season record was 19-2 winning all 11 home games. With two tournament victories their record now stands at 21-2.

Go to Newsday sports.com. and look for Nassau high school boys basketball scores. The results should be there after you do a little searching on your part.

Don Roth 1958

(3/4/19)

The outlook wasn't bright for the Mudville Nine (Owls Boys Basketball 5) last night as they lost in the Nassau County Championship Final game to Manhasset 55-42. The Owls had a spectacular season (20-3) but had their worse second half scoring against Manhasset with only 16 points added to the scoreboard. These players have nothing to be ashamed of as they performed with intensity and skillful play the entire season. All good things must come to an end.

Once I get the final scoring records for some of these players I will send another email to the WOO for all to read and admire.

Don Roth 1958

(3/7/19)

WANTED Mint or Used...I stopped by the LHS library to do some searching through old yearbooks. One year is missing, 1972. If anyone out there in WOO land has one or knows of anyone who may have one who would like to donate it to the LHS yearbook files it will be appreciated. There are yearbooks starting with the first year published, 1927, to the last one printed 2018 for anyone to look through. If you want any old yearbook photos sent to you ask me and I will do my best to see that it gets done. Oh BTW, my Mother was co-editor of that 1927 yearbook!

If you have that 1972 yearbook LMK and I will LYK where to mail it.

Don Roth 1958

(3/13/19)

Breaking news hit the Lynbrook community Tuesday, March 12, 2019 as it was announced with a posting on the front door that the LYNBROOK DINER was closed!

The Diner had been in operation since 1929 but the current owners, since 1985, have found it impossible to keep the restaurant in operation and abruptly closed.

Does anyone remember The Jefferson Diner? That place was on Merrick Road in Valley Stream but is now known as the ValBrook Diner. Times change and so will the place where I will get scrambled eggs for breakfast.

Don Roth 1958

(3/17/19)

A young lady just completed her Girl Scout Gold Award project by writing and having published a book titled MEMORIES OF LYNBROOK.

The author is a sophomore at LHS named EMMA LENZ. It is available on Amazon for under \$10 paperback. Emma wrote fictional stories based on facts and events that took place in Lynbrook.

If you have any grand children who are wondering about Lynbrook this may a nice item to purchase for a special gift.

Check it out.

Don Roth 1958

(3/19/19)

Jim: You may want to include this in the next WOO.

Don Roth 1958

Subject: Re: Bruno Arena

Sorry about that.

On Sun, Mar 17, 2019 at 5:45 PM Grace Burns <grace@sum.net> wrote:

I am saddened to have to notify you of the passing of Bruno. He was certainly one of the good guys from West End – always a lot of fun. His obituary can be viewed at <https://www.flinchandbruns.com/notices/Bruno-Arena>

(3/20/19)

Many of you will remember the Athletic Director's secretary when Bill Patterson was the AD, Dorothy Smithers.

Dottie passed away March 13, 2019 at the age of 99 while spending the final years of her life in Copake Falls, New York. Her husband, Charlie, predeceased Dottie. Dorothy has two daughters, Nancy and Janet. No other details are available as of this email. If I learn of any other information I will submit it to the WOO for publication.

She was a good person and a fun person to be around.

Don Roth 1958

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(2/25/19)

Reunion in Florida....count me in

Denis Ort .. LHS 56

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

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(2/26/19)

Jim,

Did you hear that Jerry Morrissey died. Do you ever hear from his sister? You may want to check with her.

Sue

Joyce (Finker) (LHS'59) Hirsch

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(2/26/19)

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This is my first letter to WOO and I enjoy reading it every month. I have had a good life since leaving Lynbrook. I was a schoolteacher in the 60's, computer programmer in the 70's, and calligrapher in the 80's and 90's. I raised a family living in New York City. I have three children and 8 grandchildren (ages 6 mo. to 14 years). I now split my time between Atlantic Beach, LI, and Boca Raton, FL. I spend my days at duplicate bridge and golf, both of which I enjoy very much.

Nancy (McNeill)(LHS'51) Focardi

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Husband Paul Focardi deceased

(2/26/19)

I got an email from Nancy, I responded this morning and uploaded the new one.

Love Patti

Will you be putting the March issue up soon? The latest one I see is Feb. Thanks for doing this, I really appreciate it. When it comes directly from your Dad it is all one big piece, no separate paragraphs or spaces between sentences. Nancy McNeill Focardi '51

Joel Babas (LHS'57) & wife Linda

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Joel Babas deceased 1/26/19

(2/26/19)

Hello Jim:

I'm so sorry to inform you that my beautiful husband of 54 years, Joel Babas, recently passed away, on January 26th. Joel shared so many fond memories of his years at Lynbrook High School and the wonderful friends he made.

Best Regards,
Linda Babas

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

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(2/27/19)

Hi Jim,

Just wondering if you received the last two messages I sent for inclusion in the WOO.

One message was sent Jan. 17, the other was sent Feb. 12. Neither was included in Jan or Feb WOO.

Is there something wrong with the content? If not would you please include following message in the next WOO.

Thanks,

Rita Storti Campanella ('59)

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Dear Classmates,

We promised to get back to you early this year to report on plans for a possible 60th reunion event. Well, we have bad news and perhaps good news. **Bad News:** Regretfully, there was not enough interest in a New York City/Statue of Liberty cruise to plan a class-wide reunion. There were no dates that elicited commitments from more than 10-15 classmates. Although we thought it would be great fun, we had to face reality. **"Perhaps"** **Good News:** Apparently other LHS classes experienced similar results for a 60th reunion. They opted for smaller regional get togethers. If you are interested in organizing a regional get together, we suggest that you use this newsletter, WOO (Wise Old Owls), published online for all LHS classes. WOO would be a good place to soliciting interest or announce regional reunions that you are interested in organizing. Just present your plans in WOO and give some contact phone number(s). We wish you the very best and a happy 60th year to our Class of '59!

Warm regards,

Your 60th Reunion Committee:

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(2/28/19)

Jim just wanted you to know I get WOO every month, even though there isn't much from my class I still enjoy reading it. Thanks for your hard work putting it together.

Also thank your daughter. Stay well.

Clare (Juddson) (LHS'51) Kagel

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(3/5/19)

Signs of aging. Having read your response about the walker, I had something to say -- and as soon as I clicked on "compose" I forgot what it was!!!! Oh now I remember -- when I was using a walker with only front

wheels I wore out a tennis ball EVERY day! I keep that one in the bathroom for getting in and out of the tub/shower and use the four wheeler for everything else. No need to publish this!

Clare

PS Spinal surgery #6 will happen week of April 30th. Third one for cervical -- because now my right shoulder has stopped working. It is partially replacement shifting but mostly C4-5. What fun!

Paul Ringenbach (LHS'53) & wife Sally

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(3/13/19)

Hi Jim

The news is not so good for the Class of 1953. You may have already reported this and I missed it, but we lost John "Bunny" Glynn, one of our West End stalwarts who loved Lynbrook and Long Island. John, Joe Cotie, Eric Held and I spent hundreds, if not thousands of hours over the years growing up together, sharing each others' lives. Joe and I will always hold Eric and Bunny in our memories. Now, another. Barbara (North) Green died recently in Connecticut. She was a friend to everybody and a great supporter of our class in school. On the bright side, Nancy (Gregory) DeVries continues to amaze us all with her energy and enthusiasm. A long-time supporter of Habitat for Humanity, over the past few months she has wielded her tools in Malawi and New Orleans to help provide houses for others. In the meantime, she travels around on camels in Africa and on the sailboats she captains on the ocean blue. She came home between trips to rest skiing with her grandchildren at Sugarbush in Vermont. Nancy and I have been close friends for well over 82 years, Can anyone beat that? Recently I traveled to Bali, Indonesia to visit schools built as part of a poverty project in a remote village in the mountains of East Bali. A really beautiful, lush tropical place after you get away from the tourist areas, Keep up the great work with WOO Jim - we all appreciate what you do.

Best

Paul Ringenbach

Class of 1953

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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(3/24/19)

We hope all is well with each of you & yours.

I'm still battling with the computer, poor Patti keeps trying to explain it to me but I think that I forget it before I find the screen I need to be on!!! Marja is doing a little better, she can do short walks w/o a walker.

She still has a great deal of pain in her shoulder and back.

Crystal Ball (our puppy) is doing better since her spinal surgery. She still cannot jump to well but at least she's not dragging her back legs behind her! Thanks for all the great notes & updates on those that we have lost. I'm going to send this immediately to Patti so she can enter it on her web-site.

Take care; Jim& Marja

[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, www.candothat.com/woo.html if you click on this web site then on "WOO Aug 2017 " 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 Sept 2017, etc. We hope this works for everyone having a problem opening WOO.

[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

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.