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"Wise Old Owls" 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 hundredth & twenty-fourth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the thirtieth 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 dates.....Karl ThugeApril 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 AnniversariesJanet (Woolsey) & husband Donald Carlsen..... April 4
 Bob Olsen & wife Mildred April 14
 Marsha (Benjamin) & husband Jack Langbart..... April 21
 William Brady & wife Louise..... April 30
 Anne (Kennedy) & husband Cordts April ?
 Betty (Toto) & husband Ed Ferrante..... April 27

April News Articles
& Recent Letters to the Editor

Joseph Papa (LHS'59)email: joedds67@gmail.com

(2/23/17)

Don Roth birthday..March 7

John Pellegrino (LHS'59)

Chiang Mai, Thailand

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(2/24/17)

Just to let you know, I'm in my 11th year of living in Chiang mai, Thailand. Yesterday I bought a One year full coverage accident insurance, good worldwide and covers my riding a motorcycle till I'm 80. A good buy at \$100 U.S. (3500 baht) for riding in a country with the 2nd highest highway deaths worldwide after Libya, which is at war. Thailand rate 1st for worst traffic also. Photo of me in Dalat, Central Highlands of Viet Nam 2014. Heading back there in March for the 7th time.

(2/27/17)

(editors note; John sent me the above note with a photo of himself. I can't add photos to WOO but if anyone would like to see the photo just let me know & I'll forward his email to you.

P.S.: John, you really look great, the weather in South East Asia must be treating you well!!!!)

Betty (Toto) (LHS'55) & husband Ed Ferrante

Syracuse, NY

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(2/24/17)

HI JIM HOPE ALL IS WELL. AS OF JAN. MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN IN NAPLES FLORIDA. THE DRIVE FROM SYRACUSE WAS FINE UNTIL WE GOT TO VIRGINIA HAD TO ADD A DAY TO THE TRIP AS WE WERE THERE WHEN THEY HAD A SNOW STORM. THE WEATHER HERE IN NAPLES HAS BEEN GREAT. BEEN BUSY GOING TO THE BEACH, POOL AND ALOT OF SOCIALIZING. ED AND I ARE THE SOCIAL DIRECTORS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

I SEE IN THE PAPERS THAT THE ISLAND HAS BEEN HIT WITH SNOW, HAVING LIVED IN SYRACUSE N.Y. FOR 60 YEARS I LEARNED WHAT SNOW IS, SYRACUSE HAS OVER A 100 INCHES SO FAR WELL BELOW THE AVERAGE.

OUR SON, JOHN, IS COMING FOR A VISIT TOMORROW FOR TWO WEEKS, HE IS SINGLE SO I'M SURE HE WILL BE BEACHING IT . OUR SON, MARK, AND FAMILY FROM PA WILL BE HERE FOR EASTER .

AS FOR ED AND I EVERY DAY IS SAT. LIFE HAS BEEN GOOD..ED IS STILL INVOLVED IN FOOTBALL, HE PLAYED, COACHED, REFEREED ON THE FIELD IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL FOR 30 YEARS AND IS NOW DOING INSTANT REPLAY FOR THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.

ONCE THE SEASON STARTS WE ARE BUSY, I PICK AND CHOOSE THE GAMES I GO WITH HIM. OUR SON, MARK, IS THE HEAD COACH AT VILLANOVA UNIV FOR FOOTBALL SO WHEN I CAN I GO TO HIS GAMES.

AS YOU CAN SEE WE KEEP BUSY. TRY TO SEE THE GRANDKIDS AS OFTEN AS WE CAN. THREE OF THEM ARE LOCAL THE OTHER 3 ARE OUT OF TOWN . THAT'S ABOUT IT FROM HERE IN NAPLES, IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN THE CLASS OF 55 THAT ARE HERE LET ME KNOW.

STAY WELL AND THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP EVERYONE FROM L.H.S. INFORMED

BETTY (TOTO) FERRANTE

Gene Kelly (LHS'49)

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(2/24/17)

Jim,I want to tell Sue Fessler and her brother Dale what is going on at the old Lynbrook Movie Theater(aka "the big show").I lived at 44 Blake Ave right behind the theater with my sister Ruth and my Mother. The theater Corp. bought our house almost 10 years ago! They were going to tear it all down and rebuild with a 12 or more Multiplex building. The economy went into the tank and all was put on hold until recently. They are now going through with their plan.

On a new subject I have been going through a very stressful time. We had a leak in our slab. Florida houses are built on a concrete slab and all water pipes are put in before the slab is poured. We had a massive leak develop and it destroyed everything in the bathroom. Both vanities and all the baseboard had to be replaced. The water also ruined the carpet in one walk-in closet and the master bedroom. The restoration company broke up the slab and ripped everything out. What an ordeal!! It took two and a half months until we got back to normal. When all was done we have a nicer, newer bathroom and bedroom so I am happy now. Thanks for letting me vent.

Jeanne (Graf)(Munz)(LHS'53) & husband John Engel

Vero Beach, FL/ Cape Neddick, Maine

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Husband, John Engel deceased 2/15/17

(2/24/17)

Hi Jim,

Very Sad news to pass on this month.

My wonderful Husband and Best friend , John P. Engel Jr. passed away on February 15th from the complications of pneumonia., at George Washington University Hospital in DC.

His lungs were already compromised , since he had had lung cancer surgery in 2004....so it was a very tough battle.

John grew up in Mount Sinai, LI NY and went to Port Jefferson high school, Class of 51.

He had his own business, John Engel Plumbing, Heating and Electric until retirement.

He was in the US Army in his younger years, and was still an active member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary .here in Portsmouth, New Hampshire... for 43 years.

John grew beautiful flowers, and would pick me fresh flowers, every day!...Spring, Summer, and Fall!

He was the "love of my life" and will be missed immensely by Many family members, and Many friends..

Jeanne Graf Engel, Class of 53' Cape Neddick, Maine and Vero Beach , Florida

Paul Nehrich(LHS'55)

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(2/25/17)

Jim...Donna Kermeen didn't go to the class of 55 60th reunion, but she was in communication. Lives in upstate NY and owned an antique store which she sold. I believe she does business on line these days....Paul Nehrich, Class of 55. Glad you told me Carol Smith is alive; will communicate with her.

(2/25/17)

Jim..The e-mail I sent on Donna Kermeen was wrong. This is an e-mail she can be reached. Lives in Woodstock, NY. It appears she still owns Asher House Antiques. I thought she sold it...Paul Nehrich (antiques@asherhouse.net)

Muriel (Kassalow) (LHS'59) Pfeifer

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(2/25/17)

I don't know if it will be of any help, but I know general locations where some of my missing classmates (LHS '59) live. Hope you can find them.

Regards,

Muriel (Kassalow) Pfeifer, LHS '59

Barbara retired to Arizona.

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Everett lives in the UK. He does make occasional trips back to the US to visit.

Everett Jacobs LHS'59 email: everett@bumpsandboobs.co.uk

Marlin lives in Florida.

Marlin (Friedman) Schragger LHS'59 email: alamar2mail@windstream.net

Mitch lives in NYC.

Mitch Lebe LHS'59 email: mlebe@nyc.rr.com (response just said "over quota")

Connie (Cerny) (LHS'59) & husband Steve Cordova

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(2/25/17)

Good Morning Jim and Marja,

Kudos to you for the WOO bringing old alums together in cyber world from old LHS!

I put together a little bio to keep up with others from my class '59...

and to keep up with my brother Vince, LHS'54, who penned his bio first!

Connie Cerny Cordova '59

My husband and I live in Indialanric, Fl in the winter and New Albany, OH summers and fall months

Graduated SUNY Plattsburgh 1963 with a BS in Ed and a major in Nursing; School Nurse Long Beach, NY '63 - '66; Public Health Nurse San Diego, CA,1966-67 when I married Steve Cordova,US Navy Officer May 1967; 3 children, 3 grandchildren; since my husband was on the Navy for 20 years we moved around a lot...San Diego, CA; Athens, GA; Long Beach, CA, Annapolis,MD; St. George, Bermuda; Charleston, SC and finally Columbus, OH. Retired 1998 school nurse and middle school health teacher.

Steve and I celebrate our 50th Wedding anniversary May 20 on a cruise to Alaska with our whole family...

Clare (Juddson) (LHS'51) Kagel

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(2/27/17)

It seems as though this story will never end -- the Friday before the scheduled surgery I flunked the physical. both out of control blood pressure and concerns about my cardiac condition. My blood pressure will never go down until Trump is impeached, and my own primary care Dr. who is a cardiologist had already cleared the cardiac issue, but the generalists doing the physical would not believe me and sent me back to him. He had a fit and cleared me again and I am now waiting for the latest new date. Not wanting to send out another gigantic mailing I was waiting for a firm date, but when I discovered that Betsey D. had called my friend who is coordinating information for me, I felt as though I should apologize to a few of you. I hope to have a new date before the next issue, so hold this til you hear from me again. I should know in a few days.

Dejectedly,

Clare

(3/16/17)

I could not bear to inform most of you that I had failed the physical immediately prior to the February scheduled surgery and have had to go through the whole process again with letter from my cardiologist to the effect that whatever was wrong with my echo cardiogram has nothing to do with the surgery.

The idiots then scheduled me for surgery on the first day of Passover in April. I raised a fuss and appealed to my neurologist to negotiate with them. It is now scheduled for March 30, and barring a new disaster, this should be the last you hear of it.

If anyone wants updates, the contact points are still Bob and Deanna von Gutfeld at 212-662-6667 (email above0 and Carlisle Hacker at 212-316-6000, ask for apt. 1109C it will ring four or five times, then silence, then a beep -- then speak. And I shall have my phone with me 917-763-4413.

I wish everyone a merry St. Patrick's Day with lots of corned beef and cabbage. I plan to have some myself!
Clare

Larry Heller (LHS'51)

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(3/16/17)

Jim, Thanks for the work and time spent keeping a lot of people informed. I was only in the fold for 2 years, but it was good. All my pals have gone to the big hanger, Al Bellows, Bob Forsberg, Arnie Johnson Dave Greenwald, and more ,however I am still green side up in Royal Pam Beach Fl. I have a legal need to locate anybody who knew me and my mother (V-P Peoples Nat'l Bank). On the lighter side how many remember our basketball team.. "Peoples Na'tl Bank" 0 & 14. We had great uniforms and maroon windbreakers. Just never scored enough points to win a game.. "Big Bruce C" was our center and the rest of us played any position we could. Larry "Craigmile" Heller CAHPRIME@AOL.COM LHS '51

Don Roth (LHS'58)

Lynbrook, NY

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(3/24/17)

History is being recorded! The Lynbrook School District has its first FEMALE wrestler.

Ally Fitzgerald is an 8th grader presently in South Junior High, now known as South Middle School, and is a member of the Middle School wrestling team. Ally wrestles male opponents as there are no other female wrestlers in the Middle School division and is undefeated over two seasons with an 11-0 record. Over the past two seasons she has won 9 of her matches by pinning her opponent. She has a strong background in jujitsu and uses those skills to win her matches.

In May she will take part in a Body Bar Women's Wrestling Tournament in Texas. Her goal is to wrestle in a future Olympics for the USA. Ally also set a new Lynbrook wrestlers record by doing, non-stop, 111 push-ups beating the former record of 108 held by a male wrestler.

Don Roth

Class 1958

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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(3/27/17)

Hi All;

Marja has fallen 3 times during the last 2 weeks, luckily no broken bones only a sprained ankle to show for the falls. Her black eye is almost gone from her fall of Jan. 26th.

Marja is going to attempt to attend an RV rally with our RV Club in June to Creede, CO and then to Farmington, NM in Sept. My daughter Lorie and husband Jim have a new RV and will be attending both rallies.

I have also put in for the draw Elk & Deer hunts during Oct. & Nov. We won't know which of the 3 Elk & 3 Deer hunts we will draw (if any). The 6 guys which put-in for the hunts won't know if we have been selected for a couple of months.

You all take care & stay in touch, I'm going to cut this short & attempt to send WOO out over the next couple of days..... Jim

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, 19; LHS'51, 46; LHS'52, 42; LHS'53, 42; LHS'54, 24; LHS'55, 55; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 72; 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, 3; LHS'62, 3; LHS'64, 2; LHS'66, 1; LHS'74, 1; LHS?, 7. Total distribution now 589.

I received notices of "failed delivery" of the Feb. WOO to these LHS Alumni. I'll leave them on the distribution list for one more month and then remove them. If any one is in contact with them and they want to continue receiving WOO please have them contact me with a correct email address. Thanks for your help.

Jack Drahos LHS'49 email: drah260@aol.com

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Barbara (Radcliffe) Congelosi LHS'59 email: barbarac0304@saiftaz.net

Everett Jacobs LHS'59 email: everett@bumpsandboobs.co.uk

Donna Carol Kermeen LHS'55 email: dkermeen@asherhouse.com

Judy (Wiener) Farkas LHS'58 email: pfarkas@optonline.net

Barbara(Ludecker) DaSilva LHS'58 email: mothernaturefl@netzero.com

Marlin (Friedman) Schragger LHS'59 email: alamar2mail@windstream.net

Mitch Lebe LHS'59 email: mlebe@nyc.rr.com (response just said "over quota")

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.

