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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-sixth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-sixth 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.

June Notable Dates

Birth dates.....

Joseph Fischer.....	June 7
Georgie (Borneman) Sibert.....	June 11
Carol (Kalvin) Rubin	June 11
Marja Ball.....	June 14
Rose (Maffucci) Reis.....	June 19
Betty (Toto) Ferrante.....	June 21
Anita (Petersen) Miskovsky.....	June 21
Susan Limpitlaw.....	June 23
Norman Mack	June 24
Mildred Olsen.....	June 30

June Anniversaries.....

Charlie Meier & wife Betsy.....	June 3
Betty Lee (Kirkegaard) & husband Edward Edler...	June 7
Sue (Fessler) & Don Sullivan	June 9
Lew & Arlene Ross.....	June 12
Marja Ball.....	June 14
Rose (Maffucci) & Harry Reis.....	June 20
Karl Thuge & wife Estrid.....	June 21
Larry & Ann Moran.....	June 25
Robert & Natalie (Kirschner) Gorin	June 26
Robert & Bonnie Fischler.....	June 28

June News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

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

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(4/25/18)

God is good ---all the time.

Not real big news....bur my email now is eviebrewster@outlook.com

My old earthlink.net one was not as reliable and was costing us \$\$.

Thank you for keeping things up with your Wise Old Owls.

Evie

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

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(4/25/18)

HI JIM

I GUESS I DODGED ANOTHER WINTER IN SYRACUSE SPENDING THE LAST 4 MONTHS IN NAPLES FLA. LIFE SURE HAS BEEN GOOD.

WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO KY. TO MY GRANDAUGHTER'S GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE THEN HOME TO SYR.TWO WEEKS LATER WE WILL BE HEADING TO VILLANOVA TO MY GRANDSONS COLLEGE GRADUATION THEN BACK HOME AGAIN . JUNE WE WILL BE HEADED TO CT TO ANOTHER GRANDAUGHTER'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. THEN WE WILL FOLLOW THE SAME ROUTES BACK FOR THEIR PARTIES.

FILLING THE ENVELOPES WILL PUT A DENT IN THE BANK ACCOUNT HUMMMMMMM

IN JULY WE WILL BE HEADING TO A BEACH HOUSE IN DEL. WITH THE FAMILY HOPEFULLY A LITTLE MORE OF R & R

BEFORE I KNOW IT FOOTBALL SEASON WILL BE STARTING WITH ME GOING TO THE VILLANOVA GAMES AND EDDIE GOING TO HIS GAMES DOING COLLEGE INSTANT REPLAY FOR THE ACC-AAC .

AS I SAID EARLIER I WILL BE ON THE ROAD AGAIN AND LIFE HAS BEEN GOOD.

HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU AND ALL THE LYNBROOK ALUMS.

ENJOY READING THE OWL THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORT

BETTY [TOTO] 55

Maryanne (Haskell) (LHS'52 & husband Bart Bezyack(LHS'51)

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(4/25/18)

Once again Jim Let me add my thanks (and admiration) for the terrific job you do in maintaining the WOO. (And thanks Patti).

And thanks to Don Roth for keeping us all informed about Lynbrook. He's better than having a newspaper 📰. Glad you're feeling better Don.

Happy Birthday Nancy McNeil. I see you're still a happy farm girl.

Nancy and Paul and Bart and I were friends for many years. Paul was to be in our wedding party. He and a few others went to "Idlewilde (sp?) airport to pick up my brother Frank Haskell, who was returning from Naval training at Great Lakes. At the airport Paul, being a "cool guy" attempted to leap over the turnstile, unfortunately landing on his chin! To the ER for stitches and a giant bandage across his chin, which showed up in all our wedding pictures. ☐

Another story featuring Nancy which we have all brought up and laughed at over the years:

Apparently my husband Bart was very smitten with Nancy in kindergarten and he brought her an apple! 😊❤️

Thanks Richie Noturno for the great poems and to Ed Noll for his wonderful response. (By the way Ed I recently broke my back as well. Fracture of Lumbar 4. I had fractured Lumbar 5 while getting thrown from a horse in 1967 - Long recovery for that one too.

Bart has acquired Labile Hypertension, uncontrollable highs and lows of his blood pressure, cause unknown. His Systolic(first number) can go as high as 280 and then as low as 71 ! One night he got up to go to the bathroom, BP was low and he fainted. I rushed in, attempted to pick him up, and broke my back trying. For awhile we were both in the same hospital. Our kids warn us that they are going to wrap us in bubble wrap🙄

Sorry Jim that this has gone on and on. Regarding your request for more material from others, possibly people can respond to a post that someone has sent in that inspires a thought.

Thanks again Jim

Maryanne Haskell Bezyack. LHS 52

Nance (Hill)(LHS'53) Ross

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(4/25/18)

This month I was named Volunteer of the Year at the State of Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, where I teach in the Ancient Life (history of the Earth from first life through the end of the Ice Age) and Natural Wonders (plants and animals of Oklahoma) Galleries and work in the Fossil lab, digging out and doing molds, and gluing parts together of various fossils we are bringing in from several parts of the country. There was a big banquet where folks got to say

both nice things and tease me....including a very good imitation done by my pal, Mary, who works on Mondays with me in Natural Wonders.....of my "talking 'possum" telling folks not to kill them because they eat snakes, including the poisonous ones, cannot carry rabies (body temp is too low, and rabies die in their bodies), and eat about 2000 ticks each every week.

Oklahoma must have invented ticks...I cannot walk across my lawn without de-bugging when I am ready to come back into the house!

Still loving my work, and the 5 miles I average every day in the galleries...which probably contributes to my continued good health nearing the age of 83!

Nance (Hill) Ross, Freshman year only at LHS, 1953 graduate of Mary A. Burnham School for Girls in Northampton, Mass.

(5/2/18)

(editors note; Nance sent us a picture of herself which was used in a newspaper article. I can't add a photo to WOO, but if anyone would like to see it, just let me know & I'll forward it to you. I need to warn you that Nance looks wonderful, so if working at a museum keeps you looking as good as she looks I'm sending Marja to apply for a job at our local museum Monday!, I should apply also!)

Alan H Joseph (LHS'58)

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(4/26/18)

I still have the same email, but have permanently relocated to Delray Beach, Florida 33446.

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(4/26/18)

Don's White Castle note brought back a pleasant memory.....Newsday back then had a coupon....37 cents for 12 WC burgers. Bruce Kenn, Bob Zimmerli, and me each got the 12, and found our secret place in the pit (now part of the High School)...and we ate all 36....and we actually were careful to take the cardboard scabbard of each burger to the trash....in the white bag of course.

Also it occurs to me as the second youngest in the class of 56 (Betty Maunter 10 days younger), how so lucky we are to be reading this newsletter.....thanks Jim

Denis Ort....still in Vegas and attempting to visit at least once all of the buffets

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(4/21/18)

Hi Jim -

Class of '59 - Please include my birthday - May 23, 1941 to your list. Evelyn Weisinger Friscia. My

brother Albert Weisinger was born on the same day (a year later) but he has passed away.

Thanks

Always enjoy reading your updates on what's happening. Thanks for undertaking this.

(4/21/18)
(editors note; TCO)

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(4/26/18)

For those of you anticipating 84-- I beat you last December. There is no doubt I am really aging! The hip fracture I had on Halloween and its repair (3 stainless steel pins) has caused me more trouble than all of the surgeries I have had in the last ten years. So much so that my neuro surgeon is reconsidering plans to do spine surgery #6. I think one of his colleagues told him he was crazy to think of placing that double wooden crucifix in the lumbar spine of someone who will probably shuffle off this mortal coil i the near future. So now I am having terribly painful shots in the spine in hopes of reducing the pain, as well as short courses of steroids to work on the worsening arthritis. I am actually shuffling ON this mortal coil, doing less physically but reading sometimes three books a day!

Enough of the organ recital. Does anyone know what became of Frank Fischer and his sister Eva? I know that he became a rabbi, but then I lost track.

For those of us in the NY area -- enough of this crazy weather -- let us have Spring! The tulips and daffodils are coming up in NYC and the magnolias are in bloom.

Clare

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(4/27/18)

Hi Jim:

Enjoy reading WOO and it comes in every month like clockwork. Thanks for doing this.

Re/ news, it's a dreary day in North-central Alabama. Rain this morning, slacking off as I write this, temp about 60, going down to 48 tonight. Got a fire going now, and it's nice and toasty inside. Not much to report on. Had a bad drought in late summer of 2016. it really stressed my pine trees, and Southern Pine Beetle came in and finished them off. Cut several for firewood, but there were several in the 10-16 inch size along my driveway where cutting them would have either taken out my neighbors fence, or taken down the power line. Fortunately, Alabama Power's contractor took them down, even though they were outside of their right-of-way. Now I probably have two years of pine firewood, close to that in hardwood in the barn that I've already split, and at least another two years of hardwood that I need to cut up and split. I'm rich in firewood.

Am still active in Community theater. Was in Beauty and the Beast, am in rehearsals for Willie Wonka (I'm playing Grampa George, which is appropriate because I can't hear worth a flip), and am waiting to hear about a supporting role in Gypsy.

Still running 5Ks, but getting slower each year. Broke 40 minutes in both directions this year - one minute over and 5 seconds under. Momma said there'd be days like this. We'll see what happens in the next one I run.

Ken

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(4/27/18)

Thanks for the newsletter. Please change my email address from jean@pinksarbeit.com to jeanpinks@gmail.com

Thanks!

(4/27/18)
(editors note; TCO)

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(4/27/18)

Jim~~~Last month I wrote about my trip to L.I and seeing Billy & Phyllis Daniels. What I did not mention was Don Maffucci. We were going to see him & Carol on Monday the day after Easter. The night before we left Florida Carol called and told us that "Duke" was going to get Hospice in their Condo starting the next day! She advised us to move our visit up if possible and we did. We saw him on Sat., the day before Easter. He was being kept pain free and so on. Don told us that he was tired and was ready to go. We got home on the 5th. On the 9th when we got home from our Meals on Wheels route there was a phone message from Carol saying " its over".

Lil said she would stay home to care for our two pets & I must go back for the Funeral. I booked a flight as soon as I could and made it back in time for the afternoon visiting session. Duke looked very good and seemed at peace. The evening session was special as the Fire Dep't came in uniform and had an Honor Guard and many firemen in uniform there to pay their respects. The next day (Fri) The casket was placed on Vulcan's Fire Truck and taken to Our Lady of Peace. The funeral Mass was very emotional. After Mass the casket was put back on Vulcan's truck and the procession started. Right outside OLP the Hook & ladder truck and the Bucket Truck formed an arch over Merrick Road with a large American Flag hanging over Merrick Road for the procession to drive under. The route to the Cemetery took us past Vulcan's Firehouse on Denton Ave. and there was another two truck arch with Flag. When we got to Ocean Ave and were leaving Lynbrook there was yet another two truck W/flag arch! The whole procession went up Peninsula Blvd. to Southern State Parkway. When we got to Mercy Hospital there was yet another two truck Arch w/flag. The Lynbrook P.D. had blocked off all the cross streets from when we left OLP and all went very smoothly. To my surprise the L.P.D. escorted us to St. Charles Cemetery all the way!! The procession stayed in the center lane on Southern St. Pkwy and the P.D.'s flanked us in the other two lanes so no cars could interfere with the trip. The whole thing was choreographed in a most efficient manor. I was back home the next morning and have thought about the way everything was handled so well ever since. From Flinch and Burns to L.F.D. to L.P.D. it was a thing of precision and a comfort to see!!! Sorry to be so wordy but I wanted all of Dukes Classmates and frat brothers who are in touch to know how he was honored. He will be missed!!!!

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Don Maffucci deceased 4/16/18

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

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(4/27/18)

Jim, Google Alfred Bueffel. He was a graduate of LHS. Born in Germany and came to the USA in the 1930's. Was bullied in high school and joined the air force during WWII and had missions over Germany. Died in England while taking off for another raid. His parents were my parents neighbors on Abrams Place in Lynbrook. Sue

Grace (Farrell)(LHS'57) Burns

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(4/28/18)

Hi Jim and Marja -

Just want to thank Don Roth for keeping us all up to date on the happenings in our home town. It is unbelievable that the old "feather factory" – I used to call it a button factory for some reason – is still vacant after so many long years. I hope they can finally get going on something to replace it as it is deteriorating and was never an attractive place. I have driven past the new movie palace and can't get over the size of it right there on Five Corners. It seems a bit out of place, but I am sure it will prove to be popular once it gets going. Also glad to hear that Don is recovering well.

I keep busy, as always, with my 13 grandchildren who are scattered along the East Coast. Just returned from Manassas, VA, where my 14 year old granddaughter played the role of Tzeitel in "Fiddler on the Roof" which was presented by the high school. Erin is only in 8th grade but was asked to audition for a role. The kids did a great job – first African-American Tevye I have seen. It was a very diverse group of kids and it was great to see how well they all meshed.

In the more local area I travel to concerts, soccer games, softball games and football in season. Always hope for good weather on those occasions. I continue to do well health-wise, for which I am very grateful. Good docs, good meds, and some good DNA thrown in!

Best to you both and keep up the good work, which is most appreciated.

Grace (Farrell) Burns '57

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Jean's husband John Lesser deceased 9/11/15

(4/30/18)

I have been on and off your list as I have changed my e-mail address from time to time Please add me to it. Thanks.

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(4/30/18)

(editors note; TCO)

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(5/2/18)

Hi Jim,

My friend and LHS '57 classmate, Grace Farrell Burns, sent me the May edition of the WOO; I had written her that I hadn't received the April or May editions. I had been getting it at cathycp@att.net, but would like you to mail it to me at:

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I don't know what happened, but am glad to know you're still sending the WOO out monthly. Would you please send me the April 2018 WOO?

Cathy Charde Peppito, LHS '57

(5/2/18)

(editors note; TCO)

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(5/20/18)

Dear Jim,

I hope all is well with you and Marja, and thank you very much for your work keeping LHS alumni connected.

I have sad news to share today. My dear lifelong friend, Gail Kern Demme has passed - the end of an era. We met when we were in Kindergarten and were special friends through our years in Atlantic Ave. School, Lynbrook HS and ever since. At the first snow we'd spend happy afternoons after school sledding the "hills" of the Pit with Mark Giragosian, Billy Klepper and Peter Lara; enjoyed birthdays, Halloween and Valentines Day parties together every year; we were late for dinner on the evening of our Atlantic Ave. School graduation, sun burned after a long afternoon at the bay with boyfriends Tom MacDonald and Ricky Demme. She missed our wedding, the same date as her college graduation, but we were at her and Rick's wedding and were connected through our family's milestone events over the years. She visited us in Maine with Peter and Diane McElroy, and Nancy Preston Ellwood, hosted a party in her Freeport home with many of our LHS friends, and met us for dinner the evening before our 60th LHS reunion. We last talked just before her birthday in March and agreed to be in touch more often. Wonderful memories I cherish.

Sylvia Strumpf

Gail (Kern)(LHS'55) Demme

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Don Roth (LHS'58)

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(5/22/18)

We can all be proud of our Dear Ole LHS as the District was named as one of the top districts in the State and NATION! The US News and World Report publication puts out a ranking every year based on student exam performance and college readiness level. Last year Lynbrook was ranked 887 in the NATION while this year the ranking improved to 809. The District is also ranked 80 in New York State. There are over 20,500 public high schools across the 50 states. The number one District in Nassau County is again Jericho.

I often wonder where we would have been ranked when we all were at LHS with such teachers as E. Evans Carr in Chemistry, Dick Powell in Physics, Kate Slausen in Math and Margaret Hecker in Journalism. I am sure there were others whom I forgot but we had some darn good teachers back then.

Now all the residents ask is to please lower our school taxes which are rising \$500 per household this next school year due to increase costs in security and advanced technology equipment.

GO OWLS!

Don Roth (1958)

(5/22/18)

Once again it is with a heavy heart that I have to report the passing of another popular Owl. Gail Kern-Demme passed away peacefully at South Nassau Hospital on Saturday, May 19. Gail had been living in an assisted living home, the Atria, located in Lynbrook for the past few years. Her last few months were a struggle. Gail was a Varsity cheerleader and graduated with the Class of 1955.

May she rest in peace.

Don Roth (1958)

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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Hi All;

We hope this finds you happy & healthy.

Our puppy, Crystal, had another spinal operation on 5/14. We had already planned another camping trip to the Jemez Mts 5/17 to 5/20 so we left Crystal at the Vet. Clinic and picked her up on 5/21. We need to take her back on 5/25 for checkup & to have staples removed. We sure missed her and hope this brings her back to near normal. We had to cancel another trip to Creed, CO for 6/4 to 6/8 as Crystal is supposed to rest for the next few months.

Marja continues to struggle with back & shoulder pain which she has continuously. She was quite a trooper putting up with her pain while traveling in our RV.

I again want to thank you all for putting up with my limited knowledge of computers and thank daughter Patti for her help during my struggles.

I'll end WOO now so I can send it to Patti to enter into her web site. Thank 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 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.

