

# "Wise Old Owls"

## Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes of 1948 to 1959 Lynbrook, NY February 2019

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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 & twentieth (10 years) edition of our class (LHS'52) and the seventeenth 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 & 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.

### **February Notable Dates**

February Birth dates.....Phil Zanetti..... Feb. 4  
Carol (Robins) Rainier..... Feb. 11  
Shelley Wessman.....Feb. 11  
Jackie (Rockwood) Dark..... Feb. 13  
David Rockwood..... Feb.19  
Ann (Ryan) Nesbitt..... Feb. 23  
Roger House .....Feb. 23

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

**Robert Landman (LHS'50) & wife Patricia (Sheerin) (LHS'51)**

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(12/26/18)

Jim:

First..As usual thanks for the WOO !!!

Second and of less importance... Where Pat and I live in New Jersey there is a fabulous wood working shop...I volunteer as well as

do projects there myself...one of which is 'turning' pens in wood and acrylic... I turned, for Pat, an acrylic in the Lynbrook colors

Green and Gold and when giving to her she stated: that 'it' would be better served if I sent same to you with Our thanks for all

the WOO'S that you do, and have done over the years... I totally agreed and sent same to you... I am not looking for thanks

considering the comparative effort you put in ! ...I am just concerned "if you received due to all the Holiday mail".

Hope you both have a great Holiday season...

Bob Landman {class of 50}

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**(Editors note: Note actuality from Stephen Lipson)**

(12/26/18)

Guess you have a mental block . . . please send all communications for  
Barbara Lipson to  
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(12/26/18)

Sadly, Ellen North ('56) Passed away.

Zac Holland

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(12/28/18)

Jim:

Was wondering if there was a flag for Alfred Bueffel LHS 1942. Alfred was a neighbor on Abrams Place. His family came from Germany either in the 1920's or 30's. The Bueffel family was living on Abrams Place when we, the Fessler family, moved to Lynbrook in 1935. His father was a gardener and had his own nursery business.

The story was that during WWII when Alfred was in high school he was bullied because he was of German heritage.

So, as soon as he graduated he joined the US Air Force to fight against Germany. You can google Alfred Bueffel and find his history and how he died in a crash during a take off for another raid.

Sue Fessler Sullivan

**Sydelle (Goldman)(LHS'53) Richard**

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(12/30/18)

**Hi L. H. S classmates. Happy, Healthy. New. Year to all of you for 2019. I am in Boca Raton and enjoying the weather and friends made here in Century Village. See lots of movies, Shows and Dinning put. Will be here for awhile. Hope**

**Winter is not bad for you. Stay well and thanks to Jim for keeping us informed each month.**

**Sydelle Goldman Richard**

## Class 53

### **Donald Carss (LHS'45)**

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**(12/31/18)**

**The parking lot behind Steinbrook you referred to was used by the village during WW2 when they**

**became concerned about the morale of us at home when we were getting so many reports of our guys in**

**combat areas. They decided we needed some fun so on Friday nites they had music for dancing piped in to the**

**parking lot. I think it got some use, but was more a place to meet, then head to Galleys. Anyone else remember?**

**Don Carss.**

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**(12/31/18)**

(editors note: Matt sent us a note about life in 1955. The article is quite interesting but a little too long to add

**here. I can forward his email to anyone interested, just let me know you want to see it. Thanks Matt )**

Don Roth (LHS'58)

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**(1/6/19)**

**Look, up in the sky, is it a bird, a plane, NO it's.....a UFO! Well maybe. The local news media reported that there were**

**15 reported UFO sightings over Long Island during 2018 with a few taken with photographs. The closest to Lynbrook**

**were sighted over Long Beach and Levittown. All sightings were described as "flashing bright red and white lights with**

**fast movement after a short pause in the sky". If these were seen around Christmas Eve I would have written them off as**

**Santa and Rudolph. Maybe the drone hobby has started to take over people's imaginations? Some were sighted in June,**

**July, August, September and October. Either way maybe we Long Islanders should keep an eye open this 2019 for any sightings and to remember to carry a camera with us to record these happenings.**

**Don Roth (1958)**

**(1/6/19)**

**E. Evans Carr would have been proud. From more than a thousand applicants Nationwide, of which 300 were from Long Island, two Lynbrook students were among the final 53 selected from Long Island as semi-finalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars presentations. Each finalist receives a \$2000 check and each high school, in this case LHS, also receives a \$2000 check per semi finalist to be used for the schools science programs. The winners will be announced March 12, 2019.**

**The two Lynbrook semi-finalists are JULIANA CONDOLEO and KAYLIE HAUSKNECT.**

**Oh, their projects are:**

**\_Juliana Condoleo:**

**Investigating the Novel Role of the Activated Cdc-42 Associated Tyrosine Kinase (ACK1) in Learning and Memory using a Dack Allele in Drosophila melanogaster.**

**Heck, Louie Meier and I talk about this all the time so what's new with this study?**

**Kaylie Hausknect:**

**Disentangling Spatial Correlations in Homogeneous Materials with Shift-Invariant Artificial Neural Networks.**

**Why just the other day Bob Gold called me to ask me about the same thing as this study. We both agreed that the Mets should get another bull pen specialist.**

**Does anyone remember covering these topics in our LHS science classes?**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(1/17/19)**

**The Wall, the Wall...all I read about is the Wall. Well a wall, not THE wall, is being built for the coming Village of**

**Lynbrook mayor election that takes place this March 19th. If you think Pelosi-Schumer vs our President is dirty then read further about our local Village mayor campaigns.**

**First let me put on my boots as the muck (I'll call it muck) is starting to get deep and boots are required. The smell lingers and gets worse every day as the voting gets nearer.**

**Here's the brief history: In 2017 the Village had a sudden mayor change as the then mayor, Bill Hendricks, suddenly passed away leaving the "next in line", a retired NYFD member Deputy Mayor Alan Beach, to be appointed acting mayor.**

**Alan Beach then appointed one of his trustees, Hillary Becker, the next Deputy Mayor for the Village. All was working well until the proposed 6 story apartment complex project started to be discussed. After a long waiting period and Village Board discussions that proposal was denied as "too large" for the downtown area and the builder pulled out of any further negotiations. However, the mayor, Alan Beach as well as the trustees, "left the door open" for a smaller proposal for an apartment complex to be built in the village parking lot behind what we old timers knew as Steinbrook Lumber yards.**

**Are you following me so far as the muck is starting to get deeper and I have to move my feet around somewhat.**

**Hillary Becker decided to run for the mayor position and formed a political party called the Preserve Lynbrook Party.**

**His campaign is against any building of any apartment complex and is opposed to "leaving the door open" for future building in that area. What is interesting is that Hillary owns a real estate business that owns part of that proposed land where the apartment was proposed. Hillary, it seems, sold that land for 2.6 million to another builder not the builder that had a previous proposal for the Village Board to consider. Can you smell the muck now?**

**Now the biggest curve-ball in this election is that Hillary's brother, Fran Becker a retired Town of Hempstead trustee, is against his brother's campaign for mayor. You may recall from years ago that Hillary and Fran's Father, Francis Becker, was at one time the Village mayor and a Nassau County judge. Politics run in the family.**

**Excuse me while I lift my boots higher as it is getting deeper again. Political signs are being posted on many residents lawns and the local papers are starting to carry this muck throwing campaigning.**

**I will keep you posted in the next WOO as things develop. Pardon me but I must sign off now as the smell is getting too strong and my boots only reach to mid calf.**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(1/20/19)**

**hose of you who either played or followed the boys basketball team while at Lynbrook High School will be pleased to learn that this year's team ranks as one of the top teams in Nassau County. After exploding out of the "gate" with a 5-0 start they fell to VS South, also one of the top teams in Nassau County, with a 16 point loss. Since that loss that they have had a run of 8 consecutive victories. They feature one high post player who stands 6'6" and a forward who stands 6'5". Their top scorer is their senior point guard, Rylan Blondo, who recently reached the 1000 career point achievement. With a minimum of 5 games remaining, Rylan should add onto this total with more significant point games.**

**There is a rematch game at Lynbrook against VS South Friday, January 25th. I will try to get that result into this WOO before**

**the publication. However, if you want to read about this team's success you can easily do so by following these steps: 1. Google**

**Newsday Sports.com 2. Go to the High School Sports link 3. Type in Lynbrook or click onto boys basketball, or winter sports whichever you see at the top of your screen 4. next go to conference standings and scroll for Lynbrook. 5 click on any final score and you should be able to read the box score of that game and see how many points Rylan tallied that night.**

**This team has been packing in the fans and is an exciting team to watch play. Where does Rylan stand on the Career Point leaders**

**list you ask? Well, the number 1 career point leader for Lynbrook is David Mascia 2077 (1987-1991), followed by Kevin**

**McMahon 1585 (1988-1992), James Dombrowski 1077 (1991-1995), Steve Kaufman 1036 (1982-1985), James Parisi 1031 (1990-1993)**

**then Rylan Blondo with 1000 and counting. Keep in mind that the three point field goal was instituted in high school basketball**

**with the 1987-88 season thus today's players are credited with more points while making the same field goal shot that was scored**

**back in the 1950-1980's. Today's high school teams also play 4-5 additional games plus more play-off games which also give the**

**player the opportunity to score more points. This is still a major achievement.**

**One negative feature about this year's team is that every starter and two of the top players off the bench are all seniors.**

**None have committed to any college as of yet but when that takes place I will let the WOO readers learn of their decision. GO OWLS!**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(1/23/19)**

**The results are in. The two LHS girl's who were among the finalists in the Science Contest were NOT selected for the final 40 candidates.**

**They still deserve a lot of pats on the back for a job well done.**

**While I was in graduate school (University of North Carolina) I wrote a paper on the topic as to "Why do left-handed pitchers have difficulty in throwing strikes?" Seems that if a pitcher threw lefty and did everything else right handed he fell into that category of control problems. On the reverse side a right handed pitcher who did everything else left handed didn't have the same problems.**

**Throwing right handed and doing all else left handed was a rarity while throwing left handed and doing all else right handed was more common. Hitters who threw right handed and batted left handed or were switch hitters had fewer batting problems than a**

**batter who threw left handed and batted right handed or was a switch hitter. From most research the majority of switch hitters**

**"learned" how to bat left handed and did all else naturally from the right hand side. A left hand thrower who "learned" to switch**

**hit did have difficulty in batting. It was interesting doing the research but really didn't prove much other than show statistics of**

**each category. Why this occurred was never discovered. I believe it has something to do with the side of the brain that is dominant**

**and being right handed is more common than being left handed.**

**Phil Mickelson plays golf left handed but does all else right handed. Some of the baseball players who were right handed throwers but**

**"learned" how to switch hit left handed were Pete Rose, Eddie Murray, Mickey Mantle and Chipper Jones. Can you think of a switch**

**hitter who throws left handed?**

**Confused? Play horse shoes!**

**Don Roth 1958**

**(1/26/19)**

**Tonight (January 25) the Owls played VS South in their rematch game in the league competition. VS South had zero losses and**

**Lynbrook had one which was to VS South. Well tonight's results are in: FINAL SCORE Lynbrook 75 VS South 64! YES!**

**Both teams are now tied in their league and if all goes as it should with the remaining three league games both teams should**

**win all three which will result in a tie for the League Championship. Lynbrook's high scorer Rylan Blondo had 18 points while**

**James Montgomery, whose father owns Beckmann's Deli, scored 20. It was a packed house with extra security on hand as the**

**crowd started to get boisterous and tension filled the gymnasium. It was a great game.**

**Don Roth 1958**



**(1/26/19)**

It's a good thing some teachers kept their test scores in a written book. Why you ask? Well the Lynbrook School District along with Elmont and a few others were cyber attacked and had their email and other computer services attacked with a virus. Today, January 25, 2019, there are no capabilities for the Lynbrook School District to send out emails or to do any financial check sending etc via the internet. Seems the attacker tried to get into the financial records and bank accounts of the Districts involved.

**If you try to contact the Lynbrook School District via email you also may get the virus so hold off any communication using that method.**

**This would never happen when Kate Slauson taught as she had everything in her school binder.**

**Sine Cosine Cosine Sine, Cosine Cosine Sine Sine.**

**Don Roth 1958**

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**(1/8/19)**

**Good bye Las Vegas....hello Winter Haven, FL.....warmer in the winter, but fewer casinos**

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**(1/17/19)**

**Hi Jim,**

**If possible, please include the following message in the next WOO.**

**Thanks so much,**

**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 or events that elicited commitments from more than 10 or 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, there is a document attached to this email that provides information about**

**our classmates and locations. Although the info is about 5 years old, it's a place to start.**

**Remember that there is a newsletter, WOO (Wise Old Owls), published online for all LHS classes. WOO would be a good place to solicit interest or announce regional reunions that you are interested in organizing.**

**Just present your plans in WOO and give some contact phone number(s).**

**See below about how to sign up for the WOO.**

**We wish you the very best and a happy 60th year to our Class of '59!**

**Warm regards,**

**Your 60th Reunion Committee:**

**Rita Feldman Bender**

**Rita Storti Campanella**

**Maggi Kane Luca**

**Bob Graulich**

WOO — Wise Old Owls

**Send an email to Jim Ball to sign up for the newsletter and/or to send him an article about an event you'd like to plan.**

**Give your name, year of graduation (LHS 59), and email address**

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**(1/18/19)**

**(editors note: Signed up for WOO, Added to WOO distribution list)**

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**Class of 1959**

**Thanks**

Loretta (Soper) (LHS'59 MacLeod

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**(1/18/19)**

**Just want to thank you for the memories of Long Island and Lynbrook.  
Even reconnected with an old friend which was very special.**

**So thanks again for the fine WOO. Loretta MacLeod (Soper)**

Roberta (Bobbi) Munzer Snyder

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**(1/18/19)**

**Subject: It was a pleasure hearing from you. During the winter we live  
in lake worth Florida. The rest of the year we live in DIX Hills.**

**Maybe we can put together a Florida contingent. Roberta (Bobbi)  
Munzer Snyder**

Robert Cox (LHS'57) & wife Edwina

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**(1/25/19)**

Hi Jim,

In the spring of last year I seemed to lose contact with the Wise Old Owls and I blame Verizon and its takeover of just about everything and anything.

During this period my wife had a TIA like episode on Sunday April 15th (yup TAX DAY). This hospitalization in Nassau Counties' South Nassau Hospital

began a many month ordeal of doctor and specialists appointments and their testing.

Meanwhile nothing has been conclusively been found.

**While all was going on, I failed to contact you and restore my**

**subscription. Please put me back on your email list.**

**Thanks,**

**Robert C. Cox LHS Class of 57**

**(editors note; Welcome back Robert. I hope Edwina is feeling better & they have finally resolved**

**her problem. Take care..... Jim Ball)**

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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**(1/27/19)**

**Not much happening here, Marja still can't walk w/o her walker, she fears falling again. It's a bummer not being able to go anywhere w/o the walker. I'm still shooting pool Monday nights and was just given a nice plaque for reaching over 1000 pool matches since I joined the APA pool league some 20 years ago.**

**I still visit the Gym 3 times a week for 1 1/2 hrs and feeling pretty good. Pains here and there, but at 84 you need to expect some wearing out.**

**I'm going to end this now so I can send it to daughter, Patti, to enter it into her Web site prior to sending it to the WOO crowd. 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](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?, 8. Total distribution now 598.

LHS'64, 2; LHS'66, 1; LHS'68, 1; LHS'74, 1;

### **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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