

"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 & twenty-first edition of our class (LHS'52) and the eighteenth 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.

March Notable Dates

March Birth dates.....	Marie Szulborski.....	March 4
	Bonnie Fischler.....	March 6
	Rhoda Spiegel.....	March 6
	Don Roth.....	March 7
	William Brady.....	March 10
	Chuck Rogers.....	March 11
	Herb Weissman.....	March 12
	Elizabeth (Moore) Zacker.....	March 17
	Robert Cox.....	March 21
	Betty (Kirkegaard) Edler.....	March 25
	Muriel Roth.....	March 28
	Don Sullivan.....	March 28
	Ed Ferrante.....	March 28
March Anniversaries	Richard Spiegel & wife Rhoda.....	March 24

March News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

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Husband Paul Focardi deceased

(1/27/19)

I got the Feb Woo but the main part of it is all one big paragraph run together... I could probably figure it out but I'm too lazy... ;-)- did they all go through like that? Any way most of life is doing OK... just some old people aches and pains... still driving around here about a 25 mile radius, anything further than that my daughter Donna and hubby Vince take me and we make a day of it... appointments, groceries etc. Weather has been COLD and snowy, nice to look out at and that's fine w/ me. 1/2 Son Dave and wife Jenny were here from Moab, UT for 10 days before and during Christmas... lovely time had by all. Donna and Vince's DRAGONFYRE DISTILLERY now in their third year and Vince is building a bigger still. Business is doing great!

<https://www.dragonfyredistillery.com/> for more info. Love hearing about everyone and how they are doing! Good job w/ WOO

Jim, thanks!

Nancy McNeill Focardi class of '51

(1/29/19)

Yes, I picked it up on Patti's site... thank her for me please.... Marja using a walker is very smart, much safer than a cane. I even use mine in stores with HUGE shopping carts... they are so big I can't reach down in to the bottom (boobs get in the way)...-D

Jacolyn (Rockwood)(LHS'55) Dark

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(1/28/19)

DEAR JIM, THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEOMEN'S WK. ON KEEPING OUR LYNBROOK CLASS MATES IN TOUCH. SINCE I WAS BORN IN 1937 YOU CAN FIGURE MY ADVANCED AGE. I STILL TEACH GOD'S WORD FOR 2HRS. EV. THURSDAY. WHICH IS MY GREAT AND HUMBLE JOY. MY BELOVED ALVIN WAS CALL TO HEAVEN OVER 4 YRS. AGO. PERHAPS OLDER BASEBALL FANS WILL REMEMBER HIM AS THE NY GIANTS S.S. AND LATER MRG. OF S.F. GIANTS TO A WORLD SERIES. AND THEN OAKLAND A'S TO A WORLD SERIES WIN IN 1974. GREAT MEMORIES. I BELIEVE "TOTO" IS ONE GIRL STILL LIVING WHO WAS A PART OF THE "DEBS" WHEN WE WERE FRESHMAN. BELIEVE IT OR NOT IS STILL HAVE MY DEBS SWEATER, AND WEAR IT. I GUESS IT GOES TO MY SCOTCH HERITAGE, BESIDES OF SWEET LYNBROOK MEMORIES
LOVE TO ALL, JACKIE ROCKWOOD DARK

Don Lessne (LHS'59)

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(1/28/19)

Don Lessne - LHS 59- Boca Raton, Fla

I will once again be in NYC rom May 28 to June 4th.. From there, I plan on taking a three day vacation visiting Lynbrook and the south shore. It would be very nice to reconnect with some of my classmates. I can be reached at donlessne.com.

Thanks Jim,

Don

Donald L. Lessne

Richard Jagel (LHS'57) & wife Martha

Larry (Peoples Nat Bk) Heller '51

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(1/28/19)

Jim, plz send Matt Partel long email.

Thanks

(editors note; 1/28/19, TCO)

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(1/29/19)

(editors note; Hi Matt;

Sorry for the WOO problems, don't know exactly what causes this. I'll send you another copy, hope thats better. If not, you might try my daughter, Patti's web site at www.candothat.com/woo.html then click on WOO Feb. 2019, etc which is in pdf format (whatever that means) and you can print out from there. I'll try to get Patti to look at it again when she gets some time. Take care..... Jim)

(1/29/19)

Hi Jim, I haven't had any trouble, I get the WOO every month as usual. -- Thanx,,, Matt

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(1/27/19)

I too am stuck with a walker -- for about three years now. Spinal surgery#5 was supposed to fix that -- but it turned out that there was a curvature where he wanted to fuse and it could not be done. The problem, like hers, is balance, and I have pretty much given up and come to appreciate the walker as a glorified shopping cart. It carries a case of beer with ease and provides a seat while waiting for the bus. And I can hang any number of bags off it! Surgery #6 now being anticipated will probably not make a difference and I have learned to live with it!

(1/28/19)

(editors note; Hi Clare;

Thanks for responding to the note about Marja's walker problem. It's nice to hear that other people are going through the same problems. She especially liked your idea about being able to carry a case of beer on the seat. She hasn't driven in several months so I've been picking up her 30 packs as she needs them. She has 2 walkers, one with 4 wheels, the seat and a basket. The other one has only 2 wheels on the front. The rear legs have the tennis balls on them to make it easier to push along the floor.)

Clarence Heller (LHS'51)

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(2/8/19)

Just happy to see the names of two teachers that "Did The Right Thing" E.E. Carr & K Slauson. He sent me into the world of aviation and she made me stop counting on my fingers.

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(1/28/19)Jim:

The WOO which I received today was a little messed up. One of my last emails was partially printed under another grads name. It was continued under my name later down the page but again only partially. You may want to check that out and try to clear it up for readers. Thanks again for the great work.

Don Roth

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(1/29/19)

Jim:

I just went to your daughter's WOO web site and anyone can go to the Month, Year link for that WOO and it is as perfect reading as any book published. I may use that method for past WOO issues when someone asks me about them. She did a great job with that resource.

Don Roth

PS: Her version is not messed up and reads perfectly. Thanks.

(Daughters note; Thanks Don! Glad it works for you!!)

(2/8/19)

The NICHE.Com company has published the Top 100 Schools on Long Island for 2019. Here are the top schools on that list:

1. Great Neck South HS (also ranked 5 in NYState) 2. Jericho HS (also ranked 6 in NYState) 3. Stonybrook Private School 4. Portage Private School 5. Syosset HS 6. Roslyn HS 7. Friends Academy HS 8. Great Neck North HS 9. Robert Seaman Elementary School (Jericho) 10. Jericho Elementary School.

Others of interest are..... 30 Hewlett HS (also ranked 39 in NYState) 47 Garden City HS 49 Oceanside HS 54 Lawrence Woodmere Academy 55 Chaminade HS 85 Southside HS and 97 Bethpage HS.

Lynbrook is NOT listed in the Top 100 schools on LI. The ratings are based on academics, sports, clubs and other activities, security, health and safety and various State test scores.

I can't wait for the next BOE meeting to hear what parents ask about this rating list!

Don Roth 1958

(2/10/19)

If you haven't seen the movie GREEN BOOK I highly recommend that you take the time and go see it. If that movie doesn't win the academy award for Best Picture and if the lead actor doesn't win Best Actor then the critics must have watched it with their eyes closed. It was very funny, serious at times, and very moving. Based on a true story. Oh BTW, I went to the Malverne Movie theater and paid \$6 to see it rather than go to the new Regal Theater in Lynbrook to see that same movie for \$15.

Don Roth 1958

(2/14/19)

It's that time of the year again classmate fans...it is about to start! The class presidents have gotten together and have come up with this year's ClassNite theme. Are you ready? **HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS..**Yup, that's the theme. Each class then selected a comic/cartoon/movie character to write a script for their skit. The seniors selected The Muppet's, juniors Little Mermaid, sophomores The Wizard of Oz and the freshmen Shrek. Classmate is not as aggressively competitive as it was back when we were at LHS. The sports activities, no longer Sports Night, are held the last week in February. On Tuesday February 26 will be volleyball competition, Wednesday the 27th will be co-ed badminton and Thursday the 28th is Ultimate Frisbee (don't ask me what that is all about as I do not know) The skits are performed on the basketball court on Friday, March 15th. There are no longer tug of war matches, no more basketball games between classes, no more relays and no more backboard decorations. Each class has a 6 foot x 30 foot backdrop that is hung on a frame and used for each skit. The class members draw and paint their skit theme characters on this backdrop. After ClassNite is completed the backdrops are then framed and hung in the school hallways. Nice touch if you are ever touring the high school. The students have very little concern if their class wins or losses as they just have fun with the activities. Skitnite is performed to a FULL house in the gymnasium and performed only once, not twice as in earlier days. One night used to be for parents/adults while the other night performance was for the students. No more. The reason the activities are split up between weeks is to have the gymnasium available for Spring sports to use during inclement weather. Classmate has lost some of its luster over the years but it is still going strong. Oh, you may wonder how this all got started. Back in 1924 the athletic director, James Carter, had to raise money for girls sports activities. He scheduled a class competition night and called it Classmate. It went over very big with the students. However, the following year he decided to hire professional gymnasts to put on a show to raise money. It bombed as the students demanded the class competition to be brought back and it was in 1926. It has continued ever since except for a cancellation in the mid 70's due to student disciplinary problems.
Don Roth 1958

(2/16/19)

I attended the latest BOE meeting and there was a discussion about the recent cyber attack on the Districts computer system. **All has been resolved after 12 days with over ten computer experts from the District** working on the solution to bring all of the Districts computers back into proper working order. It was explained that this Trojan Virus attack originated somewhere in Eastern Europe and it was a worm virus that infiltrated many systems **but was UNABLE to "get into" the Districts financial records. Other surrounding districts were also effected. free coupons, free credit rating, free dating service or anything else that is free". That seems to be the easiest method for these Cyber attack terrorists to "get into" anyone's system.** Also, if anyone receives an email from an address that looks familiar but is **not sure if it is really coming from one of your friends then merely move your "arrow" to the senders name on that email address and see if the name is of someone you recognize. It is also suggested that you do not open any email attachments that have been sent out to numerous people such as a joke,** The District PC experts strongly suggested that anyone using a computer **DO NOT** open any web site that offers **method for these Cyber attack terrorists to "get into" anyone's system. Also, if anyone receives an email from** an address that looks familiar but is not sure if it is really coming from one of your friends then merely move your "arrow" to the senders name on that email address and see if the name is of someone you recognize. It is also suggested that you do not open any email attachments that have been sent out to numerous people such as a joke, **a story or with the wording "open this it is really funny, or this is really interesting, or even any political items. Someone on that long list of emails may have the virus or it may actually be the virus. The WOO seems to be safe as there are no attachments and no web sites offering "free" items and no Lynbrook District email addresses listed in the alumni group. Personal email addresses are the best method to remain as safe as possible, not a company addresses. Anyone receiving an email from the old District email address (lynbrook.k12.ny.us) should NOT open that email as the worm virus is now using those old addresses to gain access to your computer and possibly your personal bank and credit card accounts. If you have any of the old addresses in your computer address book then you should DELETE that email address. Every employee in the District has changed their email address as follows: jdoe (employees name)@lynbrookschools.org. But hold on a minute, that will also be changed in a few months to another address so stay tuned for future changes in the next WOO.**
Don Roth 1958

(2/22/19)

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 Mepham 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 Stream 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 too 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

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(2/16/19)

I was very interested in a reunion . I am in Boca Raton, Florida from Dec. to April and would welcome a reunion here. Let me know if anyone is interested in getting together. Sydelle Goldman Richard (Class 53) Hope everyone up North is surviving the Winter. It has been a really bad one. So glad I 'm not there.

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

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(2/12/19)

We promised to get back to you early this year to report on plans for a possible 60th reunion event. Bad News "Perhaps" Good News. 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,

Hi Jim,

If possible, please include the following message in the February WOO. It's been changed since I sent it to you for the January issue. I guess I didn't get it to you in time to make that issue.

Once again, thanks so much for all that you do for us, the Wise Old Owls.

Best Regards,

Rita Storti Campanella ('59)

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Dear Classmates,

Well, we have bad news and perhaps good 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.

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 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).**

Your 60th Reunion Committee:

Rita Feldman Bender

Rita Storti Campanella

Maggi Kane Luca

Bob Graulich

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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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Hi All; Daughter Patti, once again helped me to start straightening out the text within the WOO. This is my first try at utilizing "NotePad" to try to eliminate the printing problems caused by the "cut & paste" of notes from all different types of software. Wish me good luck!!!

Have a wonderful month, keep those notes coming! Thanks again Don Roth, your notes add so much to the WOO!

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 & 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.](#)