

"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-seventh edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-fourth 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.

October Notable Dates

October Birth dates	Paul Coyne.....	Oct. 1
	Robert Gorin.....	Oct. 4
	Bernice (Torre) Cutrone.....	Oct. 7
	Robert Fischler	Oct. 8
	Lil (Schwartz) Castens	Oct. 8
	Zac Holland	Oct. 17
	Michael Kaufman.....	Oct. 18
	Steve Spatenga.....	Oct. 18
	Patsy Cantwell.....	Oct. 20
	Don McVey.....	Oct. 22
	Denis Zacker	Oct. 24
	Helen (Seegers) Gamarsh	Oct. 29
	Mary (Toto) Mondello.....	Oct. 29

October Anniversaries	Jim Ball & wife Marja	Oct. 6
	Virginia (Nocerra) & husband Phillip Caporusso	Oct. 23

October 2019 News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

John Behr & wife Theresa

email: jkbahr@yahoo.com

John Behr deceased 10/30/18

(8/31/19)

Hi, Jim. My name is Kathllen Behr Lazor and I am the daughter of Ken and Theresa Behr, Class of 1952 I think. I just wanted to let you know

that my dad passed away on Oct 30, 2018 after a very short bout with cancer. My Mom still enjoys reading your newsletters so please keep

their email address on your distribution list. And thanks for keeping everyone in touch!

Jacolyn (Rockwood)(LHS'55) Dark

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(8/30/19)

THANK YOU, FAITHFUL FRIEND,
ALTHO THERE ARE NOT MANY FROM MY CLASS
LEFT, I DO ENJOY READING ABOUT OTHERS,
AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT LYNBROOK.
I AM 83 NOW AND FEELING IT. MY MAIN
ACTIVITY IS TEACHING A WEEKLY BIBLE
STUDY FOR 2 HRS. AND GOING TO CHURCH.
MY SWEET HUSBAND, ALVIN DARK FROM
BASEBALL FRAME, HAS BEEN IN HEAVEN
FOR 4 YRS. NOW. LOOKING FWD. TO JOINING HIM.
HOPE YOU AND YOUR WIFE HAVE SAFE AND HAPPY
TRIPS.MOST SINCERELY, JACKIE ROCKWOOD, MRS. ALVIN DARK

Lois (Brinkerhoff)(LHS'53) & husband George Schneider

Stratford, CT

email: schneidlo@aol.com

(8/30/19)

Thanks beyond measure for doing this monthly work, Jim, which the rest of us just get to enjoy. It can't be an easy task, with all of your own daily busy-ness, so please know that it's deeply appreciated.
Yours truly,
Lois (Brinkerhoff) Schneider, LHS '53.

Herbert Birdsall LHS'45)

New Bern, NC

Herb Birdsall deceased 9/18/19

email: herbbird13@aol.com

Dear Mr. Ball,

I regret to inform you that my father, Herbert Birdsall, (Class of 1948??) passed away on Sept 18th in New Bern, North Carolina. Dad was 91.

I know Dad enjoyed hearing news of any old classmates.

Best regards to all,

Kimberly Milne-Fowler

Paul Ringenbach (LHS'53) & wife Sally

Schertz, TX

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(9/2/19)

Good morning Jim

Sally and I just celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary.

It is

an amazing thing that she was able to put up with me for so long.

While serving in the Air Force for 28 years, we raised our 4 kids in Florida,

Turkey, Colorado, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, Germany,

and finally in Texas where we have lived since 1979. Our grown children

and 15 grandchildren live in California and Pennsylvania. Me? I still

feel inside that I am still a New Yorker who loved the German bakeries

each town celebrated with their Napoleons, Kaiser rolls, Dutch rolls, Lafayettes, Drop

Cakes (Black and Whites), bagels, breakfast pastries,

and crumb buns. Did I get any juices flowing? Still a Yankee fan. My

brother Pete (LHS Class of 1958), a retired architect, and his wife Jeanne live in West

Newbury, Mass. and enjoy their 3 kids and 4 grandchildren.

Best wishes - and try to hang in there

Paul T. (T for Tommy Henrich of the Yankees) Ringenbach, Class of 1953

Nancy (McNeill) (LHS'51) Focardi

Marathon, NY

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Husband Paul Focardi deceased

Hey there Jim!? if this letter is full of ??? it is not my fault... the computer pops them in wherever it wants to and we can't figure out

how to stop it!!? Any suggestions?

The WOO that showed up is all one long paragraph but I've been muddling through...?

??? I've been www.candothat.com/woo.html

trying this for the last couple of days and the latest one I see is August 2019.??

Still hanging in there!? Sometimes I feel like a chick of 60 until I stand up and walk...

then my body screams at me saying NO, YOU

SILLY WOMAN, YOU ARE 85!!! Then there's that old lady who keeps getting in my way in front of the mirror!

I had a 4 shot spinal injection about a month ago and due for a single spinal injection this month.? They last for a while and do give

a lot of relief from pain.?? I am lucky that my daughter and son in law are close by and take me to all appointments and other places I need to be.? I do drive around here locally 20 mile radius on local roads, no big highways or interstates! It seems like drivers are getting stupider!? Cut you off and then take the next right... pass you doing 70, pull in front of you and slow down to 40!! Tests my patience!?? I need a sign that says, "I HAVE ONE NERVE LEFT AND YOU'RE STEPPING ON IT!!"

Had a lump removed from my thyroid... it's OK.?? Also keeping my Dermatologist busy with lots of little skin cancers.

Went to ER w/ what turned out to be vagal nerve episode w/ symptoms we thought was stroke or heart attack.? My cardiologist diagnosed it, no one else could figure it out... CT scans, blood work, the whole nine yards, 8? hours at ER.

But on a good note, I am still painting, have a little group that comes almost weekly, we paint or craft, have lunch and discuss how to settle the ills of the world!? I read a lot, sometimes til 3 AM... but I don't feel guilty about sleeping late!? Cooking and baking are high on my creative list trying to keep on the healthy side.? Really, when I look at it overall, LIFE IS GOOD!? Beats the alternative, my Dad always said.

If anyone is ever near Marathon, NY and feel like visiting please let me know!? still no cell service here so if I don't have the computer on it might be a while.?

Hope all is well with all of you!

Nancy McNeill Focardi '51????

(9/22/19)

Hi Nancy; I'm sorry, but I'm the last person you should ask for help with computer problems! Wish I could help you but I don't care how many question marks there are in your notes! We can figure it out so keep those notes coming. Thanks for your submittal. Jim

Laurel (LHS'59) Brake

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(9/6/19)

Dear Jim Ball, I am a Lynbrook graduate from the class of 1959, and I would like to subscribe to your newsletter about LHS.

How do I do this? Patsy Cantwell wrote to me about its existence...

Many thanks,

Laurel Frank Brake

Laurel Brake

Professor Emerita of Literature and Print Culture, and Honorary Fellow,

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Nineteenth-Century Serials Edition: free online <https://ncse.ac.uk/periodicals/>

Co-editor:: online and in print *Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century Journalism*

Co:editor, (2015) *The News of the World and the British Press, 1843-2011*

(9/7/19)

Hi Laurel;

Here is the September WOO. I will add you to our distribution list for all future issues of WOO, welcome aboard. Jim Ball

Herbert Birdsall LHS'45) __

New Bern, NC

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(9/21/19)

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Kimberly Milne-Fowler

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(9/24/19)

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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(9/23/19)

Hi All;

Marja fell around 2:00 AM on 9/17 and as of today is still in the hospital. She broke her other hip and has gone through

surgery but is still in hospital with Re-hab scheduled for the next couple of weeks. Poor thing, she still had her arm in a

cast from a fall 4 or 5 weeks ago. After 5-6 days in the hospital she was taken to a re-hab facility for a week or so of exercise.

I'm going to send this out early, & hope that Patti can fix some of my screw-ups. Everyone have a safe & healthy month.

Take care... Jim

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 had success downloading WOO from this site. 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 !!

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.

The numbers of Alumni indicated in this paragraph have not been updated in several months so the totals are incorrect. Every time I try to update them, I get lost half way through and give up, please just use these totals as an approximation.

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.