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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 & twenty-third edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-ninth 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.

March Notable Dates

March Birth dates.....	Marie Szulborski.....	March 4
	Bonnie Fischler.....	March 6
	Rhoda Spiegel.....	March 6
	Norma Jean (Gillen) Bzdyk.....	March 9
	Mildred Grace (Gillen) Avellino.....	March 9
	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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(1/27/17)

Thank you for printing the whole story hope fully some of the students of that time period will remember those days in high school during the war and what was done by many students to help in the war effort with all the saving bond drives, paper and scrap metal collections and many other ways they helped.

Joan (Hoecker)(LHS'52) & husband Rick Schnepf

Thousand Oaks, CA

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Joan (Hoecker) Schnepf deceased 12/4/16

(1/27/17)

Hi Jim,

I just received your WOO... I didn't see any mention of my brides passing (Joan Hoecker) on December 6, 2016.

Did I miss it somehow? You might want to pass it on along to the troops.

Rick Schnepf

(1/28/17)

(editors note;

Hi Rick; Thanks for checking on your note about the loss of Joan. I checked and found that I had inserted it in the Jan. issue of WOO. Here is the Jan. issue in case you hadn't received it. Again, I'm sorry for your loss. I hope you are getting along OK.

Take care..... Jim)

(1/29/17)

Hi Jim: Please forgive me for asking the dumb question regarding Joanie's passing. I must be getting dementia as I forgot you mentioned her in last months WOO. Thanks for your kind words. I'm still fighting her loss. 56-years of companionship is a long time.

Rick Schnepf

Hank Kalbach (LHS'56)

Suwanee, GA (note new address)

email: hck6909@reagan.com (note corrected email address)

Connie (Inman)(LHS'59) Kalbach deceased 6/4/16

(1/27/17)

Certainly enjoy and look forward to each month's WOO. Just letting my LHS friends know that I have relocated from middle Georgia to Suwanee (a northern suburb of Atlanta).

My cottage on Lake Sinclair lost some of its appeal since my bride passed away in June.

I felt too isolated so I moved into a Senior Living facility that is 3 miles from my son and

7 miles from my oldest daughter. Life is good.

Hank Kalbach

LHS Class of '56

Denis Ort (LHS'56)

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(1/28/17)

Karl sure hit the nail on the head...that open cab Mack was arctic cold in the winter...snow and all. Thanks to you and Frank Hillgardner for bringing me into the department.

My sister, Iris, (class of 49), has moved after 45 years in Rochester, to Winter Haven, Fl.

I'm still in Las Vegas, and after 6 years being here, am still lovin the lights and all the glitz. Buffets are ok too. Weather ain't (sorry Miss Smith) shabby either. Red Rock Canyon....hikers dream....everything from easy to difficult trails, bring water..

If you come, and want to borrow my 2 seat kayak....just hollar.

Denis Ort

class of 56

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

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(1/28/17)

Jim,

Every Friday my brother, Dale Fessler, calls me in Salisbury, Maryland from Long Island. It is funny because I was his younger bratty sister when growing up, but now we are real buddies. Just wish we lived closer. Just before I went on the computer, Dale and I were wondering when we would get the WOO this month. Just sat down to check my emails and there you are! Thanks so much for all you do. You have no idea how much we look forward to your newsletter.

Today Dale mentioned that he went by the old Lynbrook Theatre and noticed the large construction going on. Does anyone know what is going on?

Loved Maryanne Haskell's email to you about MurLee's Mens Shop in "downtown" Lynbrook. Bart always did look sharp!

Would love to know who all is remaining on this Earth from our class 1952. I would be happy to hear from anyone with an update and report back to you for the Woo newsletter.

Is it possible that a volunteer from the classes of 1948 to 1959 could do the same. Everyone wonders who is left of the old gang. Just an idea from an old gal from the class of 1952.

Thanks again. Love to you and Marja from Sue Fessler Sullivan on the Eastern Shore of Maryland sulfes@comcast.net

Dave Rockwood (LHS'56)

Wellington, FL

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(1/28/17)

I'm sorry to hear that Marja has been hurt again. You'd better keep her at home until the bruises go away, otherwise people may think you hit her in anger. (You know how people jump to conclusions.) Seriously, I hope Marja will heal soon. She certainly has had some rough times.

Thank you for your continuing good work on the WOO emails.

Warmest regards,

Dave

(editors note;

Hi Dave; Thanks for your well wishes, Marja must have fallen and hit her face first this time. Ended up with a black eye & bruise on her temple. Lucky she didn't break anything this time. She is feeling better but I won't take her out until she doesn't look like I beat her up!

I told this story before, but when she first fell 5 or 6 years ago I found her on the kitchen floor around 2 in the morning on a Thursday. She told me she had fallen but thinks she had just sprained her hip so don't call 911, just let her lay there until morning and she will feel better. I gave her a pillow, blanket, the TV remote and my cell phone and went back to bed. The next morning and thru out the day I asked about calling 911, again "no" I'm feeling better, just let me lay here. Friday night I got a blanket and lay on the floor with her. About 2 in the morning she woke me up wailing her arms & mumbling. I couldn't wake her so called 911.

When emergency personnel arrived they asked how long had she been on the floor, I told them, since Wednesday night. They asked "how long were you going to let her lay there?" I almost said, "until I get tired of stepping over her", but said I was going to call today sometime. The first thing the next morning I got a call from Adult Protective Services and had to report to them downtown to explain my actions. It was 3 days before they could interview Marja at the hospital. When they finished I went in to her room and the first thing she said was "you didn't push me down, did you?" You don't fool with these people!

Take care..... Jim)

Carol (Smith) (LHS'59) & husband Pete Agramonte

North Bellmore, NY/ Ocean Ridge, FL

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(1/28/17)

Hi, Thanks for the newsy Newsletter. My name is Carol (Smith) Agramonte from the class of '59. I've been reading the posts for a few months now, and they bring back a lot of memories. However, I was quite shocked today to read the post from Paul Nehrich, (class of '55). He wrote of many people that I remember from our old neighborhood, and I almost "died" when I read that he heard that I had literally died! I want him to know that I am alive and well. My husband Pete and split our time between North Bellmore, and Ocean Ridge, FL. We've been married for 35 years and have two daughters...one an Art Teacher and the other a Social Worker.

I hope that everyone has a very Happy & Healthy New Year!

Paul Nehrich(LHS'55)

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(1/28/17)

Jim..I never heard from either of the Castellanos Twins. Bobby's e-mail was rejected. Do you have any updates. Just to correct you...that Howard Johnson's on Sunrise Highway was in the Village of Lynbrook (to the east of Horton Avenue) It was, however, in the Valley Stream South School District...Paul (Class of 55).

(2/4/17)

(editors note; Hi Paul;

I had received an email from Bob Castellanos on 11/24 providing Ron's address as roncastellanos@gmail.com. Bob's address was bcastellanos@gmail.com. I haven't had any notice of either one being "unable to deliver" so I assume they were delivered. You might try again, if it doesn't go through please let me know. Thanks..... Jim Ball)

Nance (Hill)(LHS'53) Ross

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(1/28/17)

Nothing terribly new going on....except a new gentleman FRIEND.....I like being single and living with my pets (without anyone bugging me about their bad habits), but it is nice to have someone to go to museums, the zoo, and dinner with friends from time to time. We met at a dinner party when someone else seated us next to each other....here is the really funny part...after a couple hours of conversation, time to go home, he asked if he could give me his phone number...then he said, "By the way, my name is Ross"....to which I replied, "Is that a front name or a surname???" He said it was his first name, and my answer was "I'm Ross Two...." (it is my married name from my husband who died 11 years ago).....we also found out that his father used to raise foxes...professionally....and I have had a pet Arctic fox. (when you teach in the Education Department of zoos, you know people who will sell you anything you want!)...and he grew up in the same town in which I was married in 1957, Lived in Pasadena,CA, where I suspect I probably walked past his house with my husband after visiting the lovely Craftsman

Classic Gamble House there, back in 1990! We keep finding more things we have in common all the time! He is robbing the cradle with me...he is 88 and I'm only 81!

Still having a fine time teaching about dinosaurs at the State Museum of Natural History, and work sometimes preparing fossils for the collection. In October I got to go on a "dig".....actually only had to use a paintbrush, since the fossils from the 470 million year old Ordovician Sea were right on the surface, and brought home 223 fossils, mostly brachiopods, crinoids and trilobites. I used some of them in jewelry I made for Christmas presents for fellow museum pals, and keep a little vial of the lesser specimens in the pocket of my uniform to give to those really bright young kids who are obsessed with dinosaurs.

Love working there, and this year Oklahoma has had great weather....only a couple of inches of snow that lasted less than a day where I live....the western part of the state is a mess...no electricity for the past two weeks in many towns due to ice damage to lines and trees, and no time in sight when it will be back on for a few towns. Here in the central part of the state we were lucky!

Thanks, Jim, for keeping so many people from Lynbrook together. Nance (Hill) Ross, freshman class of '53 but fled to Massachusetts for prep school 1950-53....graduated the same day Queen Elizabeth was crowned!

Clare (Juddson) (LHS'51) Kagel

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(1/30/17)

I am certain that those of you have been previously tuned in are pretty bored by now. some of you know part of the story, a few perhaps the whole thing-- but here it is:

In November my neurosurgeon told me that I would have surgery on December 13th. On December 7th or so, it was December 22nd. Then the weekend prior to the surgery I came down with a bad chest cold, which generally lasts me at least two weeks(John -- that is why I did not show up at SS for Xmas), so I had to postpone. For the next almost a month, I was trying to find out when it was to be. No one ever returned my phone calls. On January 17th, I learned accidentally that it was scheduled for January 19th. But no one had ever told me, or informed me that prior to that he wanted a new MRI. And of course I had not had the presurgical physical. Needless to say, it had to be cancelled. I was so angry that I did not sleep for two nights and the rage continued another couple of days and still erupts a few times a day.

In any event it is now planned for February 16th. If it really happens, on that day, Dr. Chaudhri will cut my throat, push aside the esophagus, scrape out whatever is putting pressure on my spinal cord and fuse the cervical spine -- and sew me up again. thus, in addition to being my fifth spinal surgery, it will also be my 6th joint replacement. Two for the price of one. I sincerely hope that it will restore my balance, end the spasms in my arms and hands and an assortment of other unpleasant symptoms.

For those of you who are not in New York, this mess of miscommunication is no doubt a result of the fact that in the past two years Mount Sinai Hospital has turned into Mount Sinai Factory. Because of near bankruptcy by a number of hospitals, Mount Sinai has bought St.Lukes, Roosevelt, Beth Israel, New York eye and Ear and no doubt a few others. They have expanded so rapidly without being equipped to handle anything properly. My doctors are wonderful, but there is a total failure throughout the system to coordinate properly.

As a foodie, I can say that one innovation that makes me happy is the bringing in of Restaurant Associates (Paula -- remember they used to run the Tavern on the Green) and both the cafeteria and the patients' meals have improved considerably. Of course this time I shall not be able to eat for some days.

If anyone wants to inquire as to my condition, (if you are not bored out of your skulls by now) Carlisle Hacker at 212-316-6000 Apt. 11C, and Bob and Deanna Von Gutfeld at 212-662-6667 will be keeping track. And I shall have my cell phone with me 917-763-4413.

Thank you for your kind attention and Happy Valentines Day.

Clare

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(2/2/17)

Classmates, I sadly report to you that Grace Ferrell advised me that her brother, our classmate, Richard Kane, died on 13 December 2016. I learned that he had been living in PA, but I had been unsuccessful in speaking with him. I have no further information.

Herbert Lewis (LHS'51)

Madison, WI

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(1/2/17)

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Don Roth (LHS'58)

Lynbrook, NY

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(2/3/17)

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that two former LHS teachers passed away in January. Some of you may remember these two teachers while others may not as they only started teaching in the high school around 1957.

Mike Barston was a PE teacher, high school and college basketball referee, high school and college baseball umpire and always good for some laughs passed away in early January at an Assisted Living home near Rochester, NY.

Gerry Emmrich, an English teacher, track coach and LHS guidance counselor passed away at home in Florida in late January.

Mike Barston had the honor of umpiring a Major League baseball game both in Baltimore and at Yankee Stadium during an umpires strike in the early 1990's.

Don Roth (1958)

(2/13/17)

It was a good year for BOTH the Boys and Girls varsity basketball teams this 2016-2017 season. The GIRLS finished their season in a three-way tie for first place with a league record of 9-3 and an over-all record of 11-8.

Two girls had outstanding seasons. Sophia LoCicero, a junior guard, ended the regular season with an average of 19.6 points per game while Kerrin Montgomery, a senior center, finished with an average of 16.3 points per game. I know what you are thinking, how does one get .6 or .3 points in a game! Kerrin set a Lynbrook record with over 1000 career rebounds in her four years of varsity basketball while also registering over 1000 career points. She now ranks third on the career scoring list for LHS Girls behind the leader Brooke Gerstman with 1350 from 2007-2012. Kerrin will be attending SUNY Geneseo next Fall to play basketball.

The Boys Varsity basketball team, finished their regular season with a 7-5 league record for a fourth place finish and an over-all record of 14-5.

The boys scoring leaders are: David Mascia with 2077 from 1987-1991 followed by Kevin McMahon with 1585 from 1987-1991. Keep in mind that these players, boys and girls, both had the 3 point shot when they played. There are no records for such great players as Bob Sherwood and Tom MacDonald. If anyone can help it would be appreciated.

Don Roth
Class 1958

(2/18/17)

Attention those in the Class of 1959.

Rita Storti Campanella is doing her best to help organize a committee to set up a 60th Reunion for the Class of 1959. You can go to YOUR class site at Lynbrookhigh59.com

you will be able to see what's been happening with your classmates. Rita would appreciate it if you would send her an email so she can forward to you a survey concerning the possible class reunion. Rita's email address is: campy@verizon.net

Don Roth
Class of 1958

(2/23/17)

A recent publication has listed the Top 100 High Schools in New York State with Lynbrook being ranked as #88 out of 1,187 in the State.

Other Nassau County High Schools listed were:

#3 Great Neck South, #4 Roslyn, #7 Jericho, #10 Syosset, #13 Wheatly, #18 Port Washington, #21 Hewlett, #22 Great Neck North, #28 Manhasset, #33 Cold Spring Harbor, #37 Herricks, #38 Garden City, #42 Plainview, #47 North Shore, #63 Southside, #69 Oyster Bay, #70 Oceanside, #74 Bethpage, #78 Locust Valley, #88 LYNBROOK, #89 Bellmore. The #1 High School in New York State based on numerous factors was Stuyvesant High School.

The Most Popular Colleges/Universities, where Lynbrook students are currently enrolled are: Binghamton 53 students, NYU 46, Stony Brook 38, Hofstra 34, Penn State 34, Syracuse 33, Delaware 33, Oneonta 32, Adelphi 31 and Buffalo 29.

Don Roth
Class of 1958
Wake Forest University

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

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(2/4/17)

Hi Jim and Marja:

You really do an amazing job. Newsletter, Camping, Elk hunting, (Ernest Hemingway). Hope Marja has no repercussions from her fall. At this time in my life, it's my great fear. Compared to you we live a quite life. Our Adult Active Community has many different activities to keep you busy.

Hope you find some more 51 grads. Be well.

Pat Landman (Sheerin)

Bob Lessne (LHS'54)

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(2/7/17)

FYI

<http://www.classmates.com/siteui/yearbooks/4182796221?page=96®istrationId=344696381>

Classmates - Find your school, yearbooks and alumni online

www.classmates.com

yearbooks and connecting with people. Memories from the 90's, 80's, 70's, 60's, 50's and 40's.' /

You can get Ellen Gold on Facebook

Bob

(2/7/17)

(editors note; Thanks Bob for the info, Ellen Gold is already receiving WOO. When I'm looking for something to do, I do check classmates.com to see if there are any new classmates from '52. I do not get much response through classmates. Thanks again.... Jim Ball)

(PS: Through the years I've sent out 275 notes to alumni through classmates.com concerning WOO and have only received 10 responses)

Rafael Villalba (LHS'51)

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(2/7/17)

Subject: Richard Kane

Really appreciate your continuing the work that Dick did. Thanks so much. ralf villalba

it is nice to know that someone still cares..

On Thursday, February 2, 2017 4:18 PM, Charlie Meier <cheameier@gmail.com> wrote:

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Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

Albuquerque, NM

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(2/24/17)

Hi All; I hope we all made it through another month! I'm still struggling with a pulled mussel in my back after helping Marja off the floor from her fall 1/26. She still has the black eye and looks like I beat her up!

I'm still shooting pool on Wednesday nights. We shoot both 8 ball & 9 ball on the same night. The only down side is that some nights we are there until midnight, way past my bedtime. I love shooting pool, you can't come in worse then second!

I had to skip exercising for 3 weeks due to pain in my back, just started back on 1/21 and feel a lot better after my 1 1/2 hours, 3 days a week. My health insurance pays for my attendance at the gym where they monitor my blood pressure, blood sugar levels etc. I lucked out and found this gym that's full of old farts like me, we get to visit with one another as we use the various machines. Any of you that are not doing any exercise I suggest you look for somewhere that you can be comfortable and get started, "use it or loose it!"

You all have a great month, stay happy & healthy.

Keep those notes coming!

Jim Ball

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, 18; LHS'51, 47; LHS'52, 42; LHS'53, 42; LHS'54, 24; LHS'55, 55; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 72; LHS'58, 90; LHS'59, 105. 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, 4; LHS'62, 3; LHS'64, 2; LHS'66, 1; LHS'68, 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.

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

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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.

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