

"WISE OLD OWL'S"

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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-fifth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-second 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

Jim Hausle & wife Eileen
July 20

July News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

Carolyn (Adams) (LHS'59) & husband John Malish

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(5/28/19)

John and I celebrated our 50th anniversary this past year. We still live in Memphis, TN. I continue to work as Director of Music at my church, playing the piano and organ, directing the choir, planning all the liturgies, and teaching piano. John has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and needs a lot of care. I have home health come in 2 days a week to help with meals and take him to physical therapy. We are planning to move into a retirement apartment this year.

Richard Jagel (LHS'57) & wife Martha

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(5/27/19)

Richard Jagel LHS '57

Broken Arrow, OK

Replying to Nance Ross in the Jun WOO I have lived in Broken Arrow for the last 40 years and have not gotten to the museum. It is now on my list.

Tornado season is here again. This past week we have had lots of warnings but have not been hit. A few nights ago we were in our storm shelter (under the stairs to the second floor) and experienced a lot of wind (80mph). Lots of branches down plus a tree 6" in diameter. The biggest problem now is flooding (not for me). The dam north of Tulsa is now releasing 275,000 cubic feet of water per second (forecast for the next 3 days). It is flooding everything south of the dam. The Arkansas River is now at 45 feet. Normally it is about 6 to 12 inches. More rain in the forecast. So far 5/27/19 this flooding is worse than the one in 1986. Some good news now. We went to the Renaissance festival and had a great time watching the live jousting among lots of other events. There are 600 people in costumes and lots of visitors dress up. I guess that about 70% of the people there were in costume.

Patsy (Petterson)(LHS'59) & husband Fred Cantwell

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(5/28/19)

Jim,

Fred and Patsy (Pettersson) Cantwell (LHS-'59) Thank you so much for coordinating this monthly newsletter. We read it faithfully and so we would like to share our current special news. We recently got back to Edmonton, Alberta from 10 days in Houston, Texas. Our granddaughter Anna Cantwell, in her words, "went from being Miss Anna, to Mrs. Anna, to Dr. Anna in 6 days." She graduated from Houston Medical Centre pharmacy program . Since our family is scattered all over she decided to get married the week prior to the graduation so family could attend both major events. A great family reunion.

Also, just for your stats – our anniversary is June 27, Fred's birthday is May 22 and my birthday is Oct. 20. Again, thanks for all the effort you put into this every month. p

Binnie (Benjamin) (LHS'59) & husband Bob Factor

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(5/27/19)

Hi Jim,

Thanks so much for keeping this going! You are amazing!

I don't remember if I have written to you lately however, here it is:

My husband Bob and I will have been married 52 years on June 25th. That alone is a miracle!

We left Burlington, MA. after living there for 45 years, 6 years ago and moved to Bradenton, Florida. If anyone lives near us PLEASE get in touch! We kept or vacation home in Bridgton Maine and now use it for the summer only. No more skiing for us!

I have two sons and one granddaughter. Ian , who is a professional artist lives in Bend, Oregon and teaches art at a University in Bend. He is looking to come back to the East Coast, so If anyone knows of an Art Teaching job...Please let me know!!!

My other son Seth, lives in Bethesda, Maryland and has my one grandchild! He works in Washington as an Environmentalist for a large bank that lends money to Latino Countries for environmental projects.

Bob and I both retired 6 years ago. Bob was a Lawyer and I was a Real Estate Broker. Good lives!

That's it. Please get in touch if you live near me and want to get together. I would love to see "old" classmates! Stay well!

Binnie Benjamin Factor

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(6/8/19)

Hi All from Charles (Chuck) , Class of 58Kotyrba

Still alive in Germany: Military Address has changed and now is as follows: Unit 23124, Box 1935R, APO 09227. German Civilian Address: 16a, 55546 -. APO address is a regular stamp while German costs 3 times as much. AESchulstrassePfaffenSchwabenheim

Phone from >USA: 011-49-6701-205495. Just remember the time zone differences - 6 hours later from East Coast (1200 in New York is 1800 by me); 7 hours in Central; 8 hour's in Mountain and 9 hours in West Coast. I hate getting woke up at 2 AM!

Have had to have left eye removed completely as I had a cancer tumor in it. A complete check of the rest of my body has turned out clean!

I still am allowed to make reservations at the Hotel in - for veterans. Let me know if you are interested. AFRCGarmischPartenkirchen

Stay healthy and stop by if you come to Germany for a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. I also can offer a great glass of wine!

Chuck KOTYRBA

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(6/14/19)

HI JIM AND MARJA

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOU DO JIM. HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER MARJA. HAVE RECENTLY HAD SOME CONTACT WITH 1952 CLASSMATES. FIRST OF ALL SOME MONTHS AGO, ELEANOR EISENSEN CONTACTED THE WISE OLD OWL. ELEANOR HAD BEEN PART OF THE CLASS OF 52 BUT DID NOT GRADUATE WITH OUR CLASS FROM LHS. SINCE WE HAD BEEN FRIENDLY, I CONTACTED HER. SHE NOW LIVES IN CALIFORNIA. HAS HAD A LONG TERM MARRIAGE, AND HAS TWO ACCOMPLISHED ADULT CHILDREN. ELEANOR ALSO HAS SOME GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HER LIFE HAS NOT BEEN PERFECT BUT HAS BEEN A GOOD HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIFE. GOOD TO HEAR.

GINNY CAPORUSO (NOCERA) AND I WENT TO LHS TOGETHER. OUR CHILDREN WENT TO LHS TOGETHER SO NICE TO SEE GINNY ACKNOWLEDGED FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS SHE MADE TO

LYNBROOK.. SENT FOR HER PICTURE AND THE WHOLE FAMILY LOOKS GREAT.(GINNY WAS HOME COMING MARSHAL AT THIS YEARS HOME COMING GAME)

SAW THE STORY FROM BEVERLY MILLER ABOUT HER LONG- TERM FRIENDSHIP WITH JOAN LUDEN. JOAN AND I WERE FRIENDLY IN HIGH SCHOOL AND BOTH ENDED UP LIVING IN NEW JERSEY. DOES ANY ONE ELSE REMEMBER MILLER'S GIFT SHOP? AS I REMEMBER THE STORE OWNED BY BEVERLY'S FAMILY.

WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE NEWS ABOUT D DAY ANNIVERSARY. CHUCK AND I TRAVELED TO FRANCE AND THE NORMANDY BEACHES ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO. WHEN WE WENT TO THE SITE, A MAN FROM OUR TOUR TRIED TO WALK TO THE CLIFF OVER LOOKING THE BEACH. HE TURNED AROUND CRYING, HE HAD BEEN THERE ON D DAY. THE REST OF US WALKED TO THE EDGE OF THOSE UNBELIEVABLE CLIFFS AND IMAGINED WHAT HAD HAPPENED THAT DAY. THEN WE ALL CRIED.

JOAN MITIDIERE ROGERS

Norman Mack (LHS'56)

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(Deceased 2018)

(5/26/19)

Norman Mack, Class of '56 Lived happily to the the end with his Russian Wife in Florida and Died about 18 months ago.

Don Roth (LHS'58)

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(6/14/19)

The USA and NYS High School rankings have once again been announced for the 2019 school year.

In the New York State rankings the top schools are Jericho 25, Garden City 32, Great Neck South 33, Manhasset 34, Syosset 49, Herricks 53, Cold Spring Harbor 54, Roslyn 69 and Great Neck North 57. Lynbrook is ranked 175 in New York State.

Nationally, Lynbrook is ranked 1877. The statistics for LHS are: 25% are minority students, 15% are economically disadvantaged (those students receive free cafeteria meals if they desire to eat in the cafeteria), there are 872 students 9-12 grades, there is a 13:1 student-teacher class ratio, there are 70 full time teachers and a 94%

graduation rate.

**Don Roth
Class 1958**

(6/6/19)

Jim:

I received the entire woo with my messages. I had three others who told me they received s very short woo and my messages were not included in their woo. I did go to your daughter's web site and the woo she posted has the entire woo posted. Probably something on your end. Try sending it all again and I will ask if they received the entire version this time. Don Roth

(6/5/19)

Jim:

I have had three, so far, asking "how come you had nothing in the latest WOO"? I did have a few which I received in my edition of the WOO you sent out but it seems many didn't. You may want to look into this and email out it all again to everyone. Just an early alert before you or I get more questions.

Don Roth

(6/6/19)

Hi Don;

Are you saying that some alumni received WOO with some of your notes missing.... while some others received WOO with all the notes you submitted that month? Would you let me know just whst happened so that I can see if Patti can help us. I have not received any notes about missing Don Roth notes for WOO. I find your notes interesting and sure would not want to miss any notes for WOO. If some of your notes were missing I guess none of our alumni would realize except you & me.

Your notes for the June issue of WOO were;

5/4 about the Lynbrook News being in both English & Spanish

5/4 about teachers salaries

5/13 about odds & ends

5/13 about Jamie Glynn

5/18 about the PGA

(6/21/19) For those that may have been shorted on some of Don Roth's notes to WOO.....

(5/4/19)The Lynbrook School District has inaugurated a first in the District's history. Every few months the District mails out a

newspaper publication announcing school news. The most recent publication deals with the annual budget. This edition has set a new image.

This publication is printed in BOTH English and Spanish. After each paragraph of English is the same paragraph written in Spanish.

Times are changing from when we all attended LHS.

Adios mi amigos.

Don Roth Class 1958

(5/ 4/19) The annual reports on USA Teachers salaries has been published. The average teachers salary, based on the years 2016-2017, in the USA is \$60,477. Teachers average salaries have actually DROPPED since 2006-2007.

The Top USA States ranking for average teachers' salaries is:

New York \$84,277, California \$80,680, Massachusetts \$80,357, Connecticut \$74,517 and New Jersey \$69,917.

The lowest teachers average salary is in the State of Mississippi at \$44,926.

How does Lynbrook fit in New York State? These figures vary as some are tabulated from the 2017-2018 school year. The Lynbrook District teachers just recently signed a new three year contract calling for a small raise of approximately .02 percent based on their current salary. Each Administrator received an average of \$10,000-\$20,000 raise for the next three years. Once again the top is top-heavy.

The average salary for a Lynbrook School District teacher is \$75,000. Most teacher's salaries in Lynbrook are in the \$100,000-\$120,000 range as many have over ten years of teaching. The highest paid Lynbrook teacher is approximately \$145,000 which includes the highest salary without a doctorate, plus two varsity coaching assignments.

The Lynbrook School District has 3008 students (K-12). The high school has 1032 students with a student-teacher ratio of 13-1. There are 81 full-time teachers at the high school.

And to think that at one time Sid Covert taught Physical Education and during the same school year was the Varsity football, basketball and baseball coach. Today it is actually difficult to find anyone who wants to coach as coaching salaries are not that attractive to veteran teachers. Newly hired teachers apply for coaching assignments to add some income to their salary but many have no background in the sport they are hired to coach. The district is merely trying to "fill a slot".

**Don Roth
Class 1958**

(5/13/19)

Some odds and ends were learned today while visiting LHS to see the Athletic Director concerning some Play-Off games in both Boys and Girls lacrosse.

Aside from the athletic information, I learned that if a student wishes to purchase this year's LHS Yearbook the cost is \$120. OUCH! As you can imagine, many of the lower income families with students at the high school do not purchase the yearly yearbook.

Also learned from the President of the Lynbrook Teachers Association that the starting salary for a new teacher with no experience is just about \$50,000. If that same new teacher with no experience holds a Masters Degree that starting salary is around \$65,000. Most newly hired teachers have Masters Degrees and 99% of them start at the first step on the salary schedule. If an experienced teacher, with teaching experience at another school district, gets hired that teacher is often given a two step increment but not the same salary he/she was earning at his/her former teaching position.

The two top basketball players on this year's Varsity team, Rylan Blondo and James Montgomery, have decided where they will attend next September for their college education. Rylan will attend New Paltz with financial grants as that Division does not offer athletic scholarships while James will attend local Molly College on a full financial basketball scholarship. He plans to live

in the new student's dorm that was built about 2-3 years ago for those "out of town" students or those who wish to live on campus.

**Don Roth
Class 1958**

(5/13/19)

It was announced in Newsday today that JAMIE GLYNN, 81, passed away May 11, 2019. Jamie was a member of the basketball and track teams while at Lynbrook High School. Jamie was the younger brother of John "Bunny" Glynn and older brother of Steve Glynn who both preceded Jamie in passing. Jaime's has two younger brothers. Bill lives in Upstate New York while younger brother Jerry resides in Lynbrook.

**Don Roth
Class 1958**

(5/18/19)

With the PGA Championship being played just "around the corner" at Bethpage Black golf course I decided I would take a trip out

there to watch how the game should be played. I had to drive to Jones Beach where the General Parking was organized. There were shuttle buses, not the school bus type but the luxury style buses, leaving every 15 minutes for the golf course. It took me 20 minutes to get to Jones Beach and another 20 minutes on the shuttle bus before arriving at the entrance to the PGA gates.

I read in Newsday that "military personal with ID proof can receive a FREE ticket". I brought my ID, walked to the ticket windows, and was granted a FREE ticket for the event. The first day I attended was the last practice round on Wednesday. There were still plenty of big name golfers trying to figure out the Black course and I stayed about four hours. Practice round tickets were selling for \$45. There were also plenty of ticket scalpers at Jones Beach as well as outside the Main Entrance at Bethpage. Most of the scalpers had tickets that were for the sponsor tents.

I returned again on Friday, the second round of the Championship, and once again I did not have to pay the \$125 ticket price but was given a FREE ticket. The place was mobbed with lines about 50 deep at all the food stands. I sat in the bleachers near the first tee and watched a lot of the big named golfers tee off. I departed after three hours as it was getting warm and the crowds were getting larger as the day went on.

If any of you served in the military look into these FREE tickets, one for you and one for a guest is the policy, when ever you plan to attend a PGA event. Saved me some big bucks!

Don Roth
Class 1958

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(6/23/19)

Hi All;

We hope all is well at your houses.

We are still fighting to produce and send out the WOO each month. It seems that every month now, I'm having problems, either losing notes or the software skipping notes that I know I've entered. I wish I knew more about computers. Well enough about my problems.....

Thanks so much for all the great notes I've received this month, especially to Don Roth who keeps us informed about the town & school in Lynbrook.

Marja spends most of her time in bed trying to put up with her pain. We are planning on a camping trip with friends Tony

& Vickie July 11-14. This will be our 1'st trip in about a year, I hope Marja is able to enjoy it. I know Crystal will have a good time being able to run free with a couple of other dogs. She just loves the RV trips.

You ALL have a great 4th of July. Stay safe & healthy!

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 !!!

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.