

"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-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.

NOVEMBER Notable Dates

November Birth dates..... Harry Murphy..... Nov.2
Ron Avellino..... Nov. 9
Ruth (Epstein) Weingarten..... Nov. 20
Ed Levine Nov. 30
Jim BallNov. 29

November AnniversariesDenis Zacker & wife Elizabeth (Moore)
Nov. 10
Mildred (Gillen) & husband Ron Avellino.....
Nov. 19
Joan (Hoecker) & husband Rick Schnepf.....
Nov. 26
Helen (Mastroianni) & husband Mike Pietroforte...
Nov. 26
Vince Cerny & wife Diane
(Bulkley)..... Nov. 28

NOVEMBER 2019 News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

Don Roth (LHS'58)

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(8/16/19)

The latest salary report has been announced for Long Island School District Superintendents. These salary numbers include the benefits (medical insurance, life insurance and other perks plus the annual base salary).

Leading off at #1 is the Rockville Center District (Southside) at \$458, 386

- 2. Freeport \$436,781
- 3. Jericho \$435,683
- 4. Locust Valley \$427,023

Down at #33 is Lynbrook, Melissa Burak at \$334,545. The LHS Superintendent has four more years to her contract and plans to retire at the end of that contract. Her pension will be approximately 75% of her final five years average salary.

Further down at #74 is Malverne at \$294, 558.

And the Lynbrook residents keep on passing the school budget with no regard to the high salaries paid to the Administrators. Last year all Administrators were given an approximate \$20,000 pay raise while the teachers received 0.02 raise. Some of these administrators have never been in the classroom as a teacher.

Don Roth 1958

(8/16/19)

Now this is the way golf should be played! On Thursday, August 15, 2019 Stu Acker (1978) invited me (Don Roth 1958), Tim Roth 1990 and Brian Donohue 1967 to play a round of golf as his guest at his country club SEBONACK located in Southampton, Long Island. This was the site of the 2013 LPGA Golf Open

Championship. Near by is the Long Island National Golf Course and one can also see the club house of the Shinnecock Golf Course in the distance.

After hitting a few balls on the range and putting on the practice green we teed off around 10 AM. Prior to teeing off Stu introduced us to a few members one who is the owner of the Miami Dolphins and the other the President of the Club a gentleman who started the first Auto Leasing car business. Eli Manning is also a member but he was training with the NFL Giants and wasn't present.

The course has beautiful views of the Peconic Bay which separates the North and South forks of Long Island. It was a beautiful course and the scores were exceptional considering the difficulty of each hole. Stu finished with an 85, Don Roth had a 96, Tim Roth shot a 94 while Brian Donohue scored an 81.

After the round we were invited to have lunch on the outside patio looking over the Bay. It was a fantastic day of golf and one that we all will remembered as a wonderful experience and we all thank Stu for his generosity and invitation.

I hate to look forward to next week when I play Eisenhower Park on Monday! Stu Acker played baseball for me (Don Roth) during the years 1976-77-78 and we managed to connect with each other about ten years ago when a baseball "reunion" was being organized.

Don Roth 1958

(8/18/19)

Just recently Bob Gold (1958) and I, Don Roth (1958), attended a Mets game with other graduates. During one of our conversations the name Ken Burns was brought up as Bob is one of Ken Burns leading attorneys for his many PBS documentary series. Look for Robert N. Gold in the listing of those involved at the end of each series and you will see Bob's name listed. I asked Bob what was Ken's next adventure. He told me to stay ready for this September as there will be a 13 day series dealing with "The History of Country and Western Music".

Now I don't know about you but I love Country and Western music. I have in my possession just about every Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs album (CD form), many of Johnny Cash albums and a few albums of Ray Price, Ernest Tubb, Patsy Cline, Grandpa Jones, Lefty Frizzell, Webb Pierce and others who most of you don't even care about reading! Personally I am looking forward to that series and can't wait to hear some tunes sung by Hank Williams, Hank Snow and Johnny and Jack.

Remember to look for Bob's name in the listing of many of Ken Burns documentary's.

Don Roth (1958)

(9/24/19)

It was another enjoyable get together with Joel Ostrow (1958) meeting me (Don Roth 1958) at a Wake Forest home football game on Saturday, September 21 in Winston-Salem, NC home of the Demon Deacons. Wake played Elon College and just blew them out of the stadium with a final score of 49-7. Joel and I had a nice afternoon of conversation and football. We were able to sit in an air condition area as the Sun was beating down on our seats and it had to be close tom 90 degrees by game time. Joel drives up from Charlotte for this annual meeting and we both look

forward to next year's game for another meeting of two classmates of 1958 who both played basketball while at LHS.

Don Roth
(1958)

(10/11/19)

Some of you WOO members have been emailing me asking "Where have you been? Is everything OK?" Seems my WOO messages about the Village and School District news gets read with interest so here are some tidbits about the local area's news, Village and School District.

On the School side of things the football team has a 2-3 record and is presently in fourth place in their 8 team League with the top four teams making the Play-offs. They are rather weak this season but still compete but with not much success against the better teams.

The Girls Volleyball team (there is no Boys team) is once again playing superb Volleyball and is fighting for first place and will certainly make their Play-offs come early-mid November. The Girls swimming team is once again hitting the water with a superb season and is presently fighting for first place and will certainly make their League Play-offs and may even have one or two swimmers qualify for the NYS championships. Time will tell.

The Boys Soccer team is presently right at .500 and is having a rough time losing games by close 1-0, 2-1 scores. The Girls Soccer team is rather young this year and is below .500 and it looks like they are just playing out the season calling this a "rebuilding" year.

The Girls tennis team is in first place and have only one loss and have an excellent chance of winning their League Championship. With only a few matches remaining they are primed for a great season. The Girls badminton team is slightly above .500 and has a good chance of making their League playoffs.

Fall sports all officially start with try-outs November 18.

On the Village side of news the Capri Motel is once again appearing before the Village Board next week to discuss their SALE to a builder who plans to build two story condos, or rental apartments, which ever the Board approves, and has officially purchased the Capri but the Capri owners would like to discuss a longer waiting period before any removal takes place as the Motel is still open and operating. That change of hands will certainly take place in another month or so if the Board knows what they are doing.

Many pot holed roads in the Village have been repaved by the Village and County and Broadway is finally getting repaved after years of neglect. The new LIRR station remodeling/construction is still on hold as the LIRR has other projects to complete before Lynbrook gets it's starting time. There will be new waiting rooms on the platforms, a bigger ticket office area, additional escalators and some reinforcements to the columns holding up the tracks. That should take a year or so as it is done in sections.

There have been no major traffic or disturbance problems with the new movie , the Regal, that replaced the old Century Theater as we once attended. The Astoria bank, across the street from the police station, has been sold and the 2-3 floor offices have already been relocated while the Sterling Bank, on the main floor, has a few more months before locating elsewhere. What will take place there is anybody's guess.

St Johns Lutheran Church, located across the street from the Police Station and up the road from OLP, has merged with another Lutheran Church from and is now named St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church. Attendance has increased and activities are well attended.

That's it for now my WOO friends. I can remember when I was taking a writing course with Margaret Hecker back in 1957. I volunteered to cover the high school sports. She came up to me after one class and said (I may paraphrase somewhat), "Donald, she always called me Donald, you should stay with writing somehow in your graduating years as you have a unique skill and your articles are well written and interesting." Well I did somewhat. I also wrote while in the Army, under an assumed name, covering the sports while stationed in South Korea for the Stars and Stripes Pacific area newspaper and actually was given some award for coverage of boxing matches. I enjoy writing and I am glad to read that some WOO members also look forward to my news emails. I will try to keep something going every month .I did notice that none of my articles, if I sent any and I thought I did, weren't printed in the latest October WOO. I will try to send them earlier so they get published. I have also had a few Letters to the Editor published in the local Herald Village (Lynbrook-East Rockaway) newspaper as well as Newsday. Never a political complaint or complaining about PSEG or the other utilities but comments about the Local profession teams.

**Thanks for the compliments.
Don Roth Class 1958**

(10/11/19)

**Here is some interesting news about the Cost of Living on Long Island.
The amount of income needed for a family of four (two adults, two children):**

In Nassau-Suffolk the combined income of \$139, 545 or \$11,629 monthly is needed to "live comfortably".

In Nassau County alone the monthly income to live comfortably is \$11, 702

Taxes average for Nassau is \$2,387 a month. That comes to an average of \$28,644

I personally pay half of that amount with a Star Discount and a Veterans Discount with a Cap Cod style home, not a Hewlett Harbour multi-million dollar and more home.

The lowest location for a comfortable living income is Bronxville, Texas where the yearly combined income for that same family of four is \$58,906

I am not ready to move to Texas.

Now you may wonder why there are currently 68, yes 68, homes for sale in the Village of Lynbrook. Young couples and retirees are leaving Long Island do to low incomes. Florida and NC here they come!

**Don Roth
Class 1958**

(10/16/19)

Once again some firm has come up with a NYState and Long Island Teacher Rankings for last year, 2018.

Here are the TOP five school districts for Long Island:

1. Great Neck District which was also selected as the Number ONE in New York State

Now the Long Island rankings after Great Neck are:

2. Jericho District

3. Syosset District

4. Herricks District

5. Manhasset District

with the LYNBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT ranked as #20.

These rankings are based on such areas as student grades, Parent surveys, Teacher attendance, Salary and Student-Teacher ratio.

I am sure the rankings would have been higher for Lynbrook if such teachers as E. Evans Carr, Margaret Slauson, Pearl Wohl and others when we were in high school were still teaching.

Don Roth

Class 1958

Joyce (Finker) (LHS'59) Hirsch

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(8/29/19)

Address information for Joyce Finker Hirsch ('59) I live in Atlantic Beach, NY from June-Sept. and Boca Raton, FL in October-May.

Walter Ebmeyer (LHS'52)

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Walter's wife Mary deceased 8/4/13

Walter Ebmeyer '52 has moved to a retirement community in Silver Spring, Maryland (very near his daughter). Diagnosed with Parkinson's (just like Muhammed Ali) two years ago, he is happy to have someone else doing the cooking.

Now on a cane, my new walker is scheduled for delivery any day now. It should enable my participation in the Extinction Rebellion actions in Washington in September. Don Roth's figures last month about superintendents' salaries and pensions are shocking! They should be at least halved with the proceeds going to the great people toiling in the classrooms and correcting papers at night.

Bart Borland (LHS'59)& wife Judy (Goloboff)

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(8/29/19)

I have been reading your WOO for years and seldom reply. I graduated from LHS in 1959 and live in Oakland, California. Been here for 25 years (in Ca for 51 years) and live with my wife Judy Goloboff and have been retired for 15 years; last job was plastics engineer for silicon valley biotech company. My hobbies are cycling and digital art. I currently ride about 100 miles per week; most of it in the beautiful

Oakland/Berkeley hills and log my rides in an app called "Strava" (strava.com) . I'd love to hear from like minded classmates.
Bart Borland, Class of 1959

Nancy (Gregory)(LHS'53) & husband Roy DeVries

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(8/29/19)

Jim....Sorry for all the troubles that your wife suffers. Love the newsletter and you have done a major and well received effort in keeping the news of LHS on our forefront. Kudos to you.

And, thank you!

Nancy Gregory DeVries LHS 53

Ed Levine (LHS'56)

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(9/24/19)

Hi Jim,

I look forward each month to your monthly WOO. I just want to inform that my friend Howie Levy (56) passed in September. I was so sorry to hear.

I am enjoying life here in Palm Desert CA with my wife Judy. Finally the triple digit temperature is leaving the desert. I'm able to play golf 2 to 3 times a week, and even though my game

has regressed I still enjoy.

Anybody plans to visit the Palm Springs area give me a call 203-451-2912

Ed Levine (56)

Jacolyn (Rockwood)(LHS'55) Dark

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(9/24/19)

KIND AND BEST WISHES TO YOU BOTH.

JACKIE DARK {MRS. ALVIN DARK}

A WONDERFUL VERSE FROM GOD'S PRECIOUS

WORD. "I WILL PERFECT THAT WHICH CONCERNETH YOU

Zac Holland (LHS'56)

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(9/24/19)

Howard Levy '56 passed last week. Survived by his wife

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

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Jordan, a United church minister, married and lives with her family in Saskatoon; and Julianna, who lives in Edmonton and has her own Human Resources

consulting and training business. We have 2 adult granddaughters – John's daughter is in 3 year pharmacy program at Houston Medical Centre, and Jordan's daughter is in 2 year University of Saskatchewan, taking science. So, thank you for enabling us LHSers to keep in touch over the years and miles. Jim, we read the monthly notes and enjoy looking for things from our class of '59. I have finally gotten around to sending a note about ourselves. Fred Cantwell '59 and I, Patsy (Pettersson) Cantwell '59, have been married for 53 years. We started "going out" in our senior at LHS. We moved to Edmonton, Alberta Canada in 1975 when Fred got a teaching job in analytical chemistry at the University of Alberta. I went back to nursing in 1980 and became a palliative consultant nurse. We retired in 2001 and have done a lot of travelling. We have 3 adult children - John (52) who just RETIRED! from the US army after 25 years of service, married and lives in North Carolina, Jordan, a United church minister, married and lives with her family in Saskatoon; and Julianna, who lives in Edmonton and has her own Human Resources consulting and training business.

(editors note: Fred & Patsy: I'm sorry that I've entered your note incorrectly and ended up deleting it, I've tried to put it back together and think I've got all your info but maybe in a different order . Thanks for your note, Jim)

John Limpitlaw (LHS'52) & wife Susan

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(10/20/19)

Jim,

Our classmate and friend, Richie Abrams, died today. He was my oldest friend - we met in kindergarden at Marion Street school in 1939. He was an usher in my wedding in Michigan and I at his in New York. We celebrated the birth of each other's children - he with two sons and a daughter and I with two daughters. He was a dear friend who influenced my life as perhaps I did his. And I am grateful for his friendship over these last 80 years. He has gone ahead of me and will welcome me, I'm confident, when I too will go to where he has gone.

John Limpitlaw

Richard Abrams (LHS'52) & wife Patricia

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(10/20/19)

From: Patricia Abrams<>patricia@riacom-associates.com

Date: Sun, Oct 20, 2019 at 4:54 PM Subject: Richard Abrams Journey Concluded

Dear Family and Friends,

On SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019 our beloved Richard (Dick) Abrams passed on. Completing his mighty journey as he referred to his conscious dying process.

Dick lived a "Life of Love and Love of Life"— his wedding day toast to me 59-years ago. Almost 85-years old, Dick shared his love and joie de vivre with devoted immediate and extended family and friends. Dick's sincere interest in others, multilingual ability, philosophic soul, literary gifts and generous spirit connected him with all. "Life of Love and Love of Life"

We will always miss Dick's presence here with us. He knew — and knows — love is eternal. We're invited to celebrate his long, but never long enough, life.

We know that many of you live at a distance, so the following Funeral and visitation does not apply to you. Funeral services for Dick will be held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, at 9:00 am at Plaza Jewish Community Chapel, 630 Amsterdam Avenue (corner of 91 St), New York, NY, 10024.st

Burial will follow immediately at New Montefiore Cemetery, 1180 Shiva will take place at Karen's home at 5906 Huxley Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10471 during the following times:

Thursday, 10/24: 3 pm-5 pm and 7 pm-9 pm

Saturday, 10/26: 7 pm-9 pm

Sunday, 10/27: 3 pm-5 pm and 7 pm-9 pm

Appreciation from Dick and me for our meaningful relationship with each of you,
Patricia

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja

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(10/25/19)

Hi All:

I sure hope you have had a better month than we have had!

Marja had broke her second hip on 9/17, she was transferred from Lovelace Hospital to

Bear Canyon rehab facility on 9/24. On the 29th she was sent back to Lovelace Hospital then back to

Bear Canyon on the same day. She was at Bear Canyon until 10/11 when she was sent home to continue

her rehab with in-home help from Ambercare personal. The Ambercare people showed up on 10/12 and

discussed their plans for rehab. That afternoon I heated a Burette for Marja and took it to her in bed. A while

later I checked on Marja and found her laying on her back on the bed with her legs dangling off the bed, her

walker upside down with her food on the floor. I asked her if she had fallen and she said she didn't know

what happened. Her speech was mumbled, I couldn't understand her so called the doctor that had just visited

with her. After talking to her the doctor told me to call 911 and get her to a hospital. She was having a stroke.

She was taken to UNM Hospital on 10/12 and remains there 'til this date. Hopefully she will be returned to

Bear Canyon which is only a couple of blocks from our home (and they allow our puppy Crystal to visit her)

She has lost the use of her right side of her body (Arm, Leg, and Face) and still has trouble speaking.

Special note: I have had some time W/O Marja here so I have gone back through a couple months of

WOO to make sure I have covered all the notes I had received during these months and tried to add them here.

Wish Me Luck!!!!

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 to 2019 WOOs to this site, so if you missed any you can get them there.

Help Locate Missing Alumni !!

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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.