

## **"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-ninth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-seventh 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 submittal. 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 Submittal:** 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.

### **January Notable Dates**

January Birth dates....John Limpitlaw....	Jan. 4
Joan (Hoecker) Schnepf.....	Jan. 10
Marie (Brownson) Johnson.....	Jan. 11
Paul Szulborski.....	Jan. 15
Sydelle (Goldman) Richard.....	Jan. 15
Arlene Ross.....	Jan. 25
Mike Pietroforte.....	Jan. 28
Lew Ross.....	Jan. 30

January Anniversaries ....George Lamond & wife Judy..... Jan. 28

### **January 2020 News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor**

#### **Don Roth (LHS'58)**

Lynbrook, NY

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(12/4/19)

I have been asked to send a request to WOO readers to donate any of the following LHS Yearbooks if they are available to you. Some are older versions which may now be in the possession of the children of deceased alumni who "don't know what to do with Mom's and/or Dad's LHS old yearbooks". If any of the following are available have them mail them to the address below.

The LHS school library collects yearbooks from every year since the first was published in 1927 to the present. *The ones listed as needing 2 may not at all be in the files.* They were either borrowed and never returned or got lost in some transition along the way. The ones listed as only wanting 1 means that there is one on file but the librarian would like to have at least two in case one gets "lost along the way".

So you WOO readers do some searching and asking around and see if you can help good ole LHS get this project completed.

Thanks in advance. See list of Yearbooks needed below:

Don Roth  
Class 1958  
(1), 1972 (2)

1940 (1), 1958 (1), 1971

1973 (1), 1977 (1), 1980 (1),

1986 (2), 1998 (2)

Mail to:

Maureen Bertolini

C/O Lynbrook High School

Library Media Specialist Specialist

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**(12/6/19)**

Here's a test for your memory while living in Lynbrook. How many recall driving East on Sunrise Hwy heading into Freeport and seeing that Flat Iron bank building standing on a corner just as you entered Freeport? Well, time has come as it has been demolished for a Lexus car dealership. It was certainly a landmark and one that I will miss seeing wondering who built that building?

The Capri Motel is scheduled for demolition around the first of the year. All things have been completed as far as the sale, building codes and parking areas.

If anyone plans to visit Lynbrook in the future there are three very nice motels within a mile walk to the Village of Lynbrook. The Holiday Inn Express is located on the corner of Sunrise Hwy and Ocean Avenue while the Rockville Center Inn is located just 100 yards across the street from the Holiday Inn Express. Both are clean and reasonable for the area. If you like the Hampton Inn there is one located off Sunrise Hwy in Rockville Center but in order to enter the front driveway you have to be driving WEST on Sunrise and make a short turn just before entering Lynbrook. Nice place as well but a little more costly.

The Atlantic Deli where many of us bought our lunch while at LHS has been closed now for close to ten years. The building is empty and the owners just got tired of operating it with a few pizza "joints" opening up taking away their students lunch business. Oh, Shaffer's bakery is now an Italian restaurant. Zannetti's ice cream parlor is now an Army-Navy recruiting center.

Don Roth  
Class 1958

**(11/26/19)**

Jim:

Jack MacDonald passed away a few years ago as did Tom MacDonald. This is not for WOO news just to inform you of that in case someone else writes you about them.

Don Roth Class 1958

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(11/29/19)

MY HUSBAND, ALVIN NEEDED ME 24HRS. A DAY. WE LOVINGLY GOT THRU THOSE TIMES

WITH OUR LOVE AND FULL TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.

I REALIZE THAT THERE ARE NOT TOO MANY OF MY CLASS LEFT, BUT ALL WERE VERY SPECIAL.

LOVINGLY, JACKIE ROCKWOOD DARK

**Nancy (McNeill)(LHS'51) Focardi**

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**Husband Paul Focardi deceased**

(12/21/19)

Merry Christmas 2019

Hi everyone! Another year gone by at the speed of light! I am still painting, sewing, making cards, baking cookies and cooking!

I don't know how anyone can say they are bored, I can hardly keep up with myself. It might take a little longer but I am doing OK.

Lots of Doctor and Dentist appointments, Donna and Vince take me wherever, whenever through all kinds of weather. They are busy with Dragonfyre Distillery and Fancifuls. I see them every day and at least one day a week Donna comes for some relaxation crafting/painting w/friends.... so lucky to have them close. Vince takes care of the snow and mowing depending on the season.

Donna and Vince come for dinner every weekend and then we play Dominoes.

I hear from Paula and Jeff that all seems to be the same for them in Cut Off, Louisiana, haven't seen them in awhile,hard for them to take off for very long. Jenny and Dave spend most of the year working in the desert and try to get back east when they are off.

Sometimes Dave will come here and Jenny goes to see her Mom and siblings. I beat Dave playing Scrabble!!! Been trying to do that for 30 years!

I am sending this as an e-mail to all my family and friends with computer knowledge and printing it to put with a card for those who may not.

Hope you have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY, HEALTHY YEAR!!!

Love, Nancy

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

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(11/25/19)

Jim,

Just got a call from my brother, Dale, who still lives in Rockville Centre and just over the line from Lynbrook. He is 89 yrs.

We were talking about the old days in Lynbrook. We lived on Abrams Place just off of Union Ave.

We used to walk to the strip of stores on Union Av just after Scranton Avenue to do a lot of food shopping and get newspapers, etc.

I never knew before that your Dad owned one of the shops there. Is Dale correct?

Very interesting.

Have a Thanksgiving. Sue

(11/25/19)

Hi Sue;

I lived on Scranton Ave just off Union Ave. My Dad opened a plumbing supply store there, we had an apartment there, behind the store.

I got a job at the Scranton Market riding my bike to deliver groceries that people called in. After a while John (the owner) had me open

& run the store on Sundays. He even loaned me money to buy Christmas trees and had me sell the trees in front of his store, holding all the

money until Xmas. At Xmas he had me repay him what it cost for the trees and keep all the extra money! What a great life experience.

I left there when I got the job at Zanetti's

I don't think my Dad (step-Dad) ever sold any plumbing supplies. He did work as a plumber for awhile.

We had just moved from Sunrise Hwy in Valley Stream where he had a Luncheonette, we lived in a one car garage behind the store front.

I don't think he ever sold any food, we used the front as our kitchen and the one stall bathroom. I was attending Valley Stream High and rode

my bike from the plumbing store to VS High until the truant officers caught me as I was skipping school to help my Dad. The next day I had to

report to LHS. You reminded me of some hard times (that I didn't realize were hard at the time). Good memories... Thanks Sue

Have a great Thanksgiving.

P.S. Marja is in a "full care house" still can't walk nor take care of her self, has 24 hour care. I don't know if she will ever come home. Her

**voice has returned somewhat but her personality has changed, she is so bitter towards everyone that is taking care of her. We just wish for the best..... Take care. Jim**

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(12/18/19)

This Dale Fessler's wife writing for him. He hasn't received this months Woo & we know you were going thru a difficult time with Marj. Hope all is ok & we wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

Dale & Pam Fessler

**Clare (Juddson) (LHS'51) Kagel**

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(12/17/19)

Well and happy? Well sort of.. Sorry to just have discovered all the problems everyone has been having over the last several months since I have been off line for almost two months due to my own organ recital, which has included my 6th spinal surgery (third cervical laminectomy) followed by the seventh joint replacement (right hip) and I am still in rehab. During all of this time i had lost track of the outside world. Today is the first day I have begun to feel functional -- and so headed for an unused computer in the day room ( have to compete with staff doing notes).. I hope that you all had a good Thanksgiving, a joyous St. Lucia day for all you Scandanavians, and that Santa will have been generous to you in the coming week! And oh yes, Happy Hannukah and Happy New Year!.

I think that my own recovery has been slowed by my general feeling of despair about the city, the state, the nation and the world! I regret having lived long enough to see so much national and world destruction.I have traveled and lived in a number of places in the western world that are in travail -- I have close friends who build fine education systems in Afghanistan and Pakistan only to see them being destroyed, I am close to members of Doctors Without Borders who are

fighting for the survival of populations in Africa and other French speaking areas. I have a friend who came here from the repressive society of Singapore and became a citizen --- and then left again when what Trump was doing to this country became obvious. Yes, I am depressed. But I keep schlepping along!

Clare

**Phil (Flip) Franzese (LHS'57)**

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(11/26/19)

Hi: Happy Thanksgiving

Just wanted to let you that you do not have my Birthday ever listed for FEB 29th

This year I will be 20 !!

In the School paper in 1956, the front page story was "Jr. celebrates His 4th Birthday"

I can't remember the English Teacher who worked with the school paper at that time. Nice Lady

For a follow up to where my life lead:

Have an MBA

Taught for years as a Professor at Dowling in the Business Dept.

Was a DJ many years

Ran 5 Marathons

Had a tryout with the Phillies

Own an Advertising Agency, produce among other things the largest number of coupon books in Suffolk County since 2000

Live over 20 years on Moriches Bay in Mastic Beach

Married 58 years, same girl, (from a blind date)

2 kids, 4 grand kids, 3 teachers, 1 Veterinarian

My first Heroes were Ray Barry, and Ned Roache

Always sad to hear of the loss of so many of my classmates

Be well, Phil (FLIP) Franzese, the great class of '57

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(11/26/19)

Wishing all our LHS graduates a Happy Thanksgiving---Here in Williamsburg, VA for forty years and cannot imagine the good old town of Lynbrook when I first arrived there from Brooklyn-in 1953--Best/Helene Giuffre Papavasiliou

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(11/26/19)

Hi Jim:

I just had my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I am still working in the Office of Educational Programs at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, where I run the undergraduate internship program

and work with local schools doing environmental education.

We live in Mattituck, NY on Eastern Long Island.

Mel

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(12/24/19)

Hi All; Wishing you all the happiest of Holiday Seasons!

Marja is still in the Assisted Living facility, not much has changed since last month. Her voice has come back

almost totality, but her right arm, hand & leg still haven't returned. They have started physical therapy 2-3 days

a week. Only time will tell, how much, if any of her functions will return. I visit her daily and bring Crystal once

or twice a week. They both enjoy the visits, they miss each other bunches! I'm taking Crystal to daughter, Lorie's

tonight, Christmas eve, to celebrate. Four other dogs will be there, Crystal will think she is at the dog park!

**I visited Marja today, 12/26, she said that she had taken 3 steps today. A good sign if she can keep it up. She is also having some other stomach (eating) problems. You all have a wonderful New Years, stay safe & be happy. We will be back with you next month.**

### **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](http://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.

### **My 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.