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## **"Wise Old Owls"**

# **Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes of 1948 to 1959**

## **Lynbrook, NY August 2017**

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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-eighth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the seventeenth 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.**

## August Notable Dates

August Birth dates.....Janet (Woolsey) Carlsen..... August 5  
 Carole (Dudley) Ellis.....August 15  
 William Graham..... August 18  
 Don Mitchell..... August 19  
 Janet (Kenny) Lewis..... August 20  
 John Leib..... August 22  
 Nance (Hill) Ross ..... August 24  
 Louise Brady.....August 26  
 Sue (Fessler) Sullivan .....August 27  
 Maureen (Pearsall) McCreedy..... August 29  
 Richard Carner..... August 30  
 Helen (Mastroianni) Pietroforte..... August 30  
 Bob Landman ..... August 31

August Anniversaries..... Steve Lipson & wife Barbara (Kopit).....August 7  
 William Siegel & wife Kathleen..... August 8  
 Jonathan Greenfield & wife Heather..... August 8  
 John Malish & wife Carolyn (Adams) ..... August 10  
 Robert Cox & wife Edwina ..... August 12  
 Herb Weissman & wife Shelley ..... August 17  
 John Lecuit & wife Betty ..... August 23  
 Bob Landman & wife Pat ..... August 24  
 Joe Cotie & wife Robin ..... August 31

## August News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

**Marilyn (Nadler)(LHS'60) Miller**

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(6/26/17)

Jim...This month's WOO did not come through. I click on your name and nothing happens. Could you try again please.

Marilyn Miller

marilynmiller42@hotmail.com

(6/26/17)

(editors note; resent August WOO)

(6/28/17)

Jim...I don't know what's happening. I always received the WOO with no problem. Could you try again. If I don't get it, I will ask my

sister, Neysa Levenstein to send me her copy.

Marilyn Miller

**(6/28/17)**

**(editors note; Hi Marilyn; I don't know what causes the delivery problem. I've received several requests to resend but then there are most that go through OK???? Take care....Jim )**

**Joan (Ajosa)(LHS'55) Hines**

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**(6/26/17)**

Hi Jim

I know you haven't heard from me, but please know it's just the way I am.

I'm writing because something has gone wrong with my receiving the "WOO".

Last month and this month's which I just received today does not open all the way. It stops shortly after your opening remarks. Don't know why this is happening but I sure hope you can help.

I love reading the WOO each month and I truly appreciate your devoted work!

I know I am truly delinquent in sending you my thanks and appreciation but please believe me I do love all that you do to keep the spirit of LHS in our hearts.

I wish you and your wife all the best, peace, healthy days and God's blessings.

Joan Ajosa Hines, class of 55

**(6/26/17)**

**(editors note; resent June & July WOO)**

**Lloyd Gelb (LHS'57) & wife Beverly**

Miami, FL (note new address)

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**(6/27/17)**

Hi Jim – Just got the WOO and what a job you do. I know you hear it all the time but it really is appreciated even though we don't express it monthly.

Saw the blurb of my response when my email address changed and you still have us living on Long Island. Beverly and I moved to Miami

3 ½ years ago. Our home suffered major damage from falling trees during Hurricane Sandy. I had to rebuild the house and all the mechanicals (AC, 400A Electric panels, chimneys and heat & hot water systems, roof, skylights, landscaping) when it was done we put it on the market. The first guy in the door bought it and we headed for Miami where our kids live. So after all that explanation – we're located in Miami. All the best to you and the family.

Lloyd Gelb

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

Oakland, CA

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**(6/27/17)**

Jim,

This is what I got:

(6/27/17)

(editors note; resent July WOO)

**Rita (Feldman) (LHS'59) & husband Jay Bender**

Dix Hills, NY

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(6/27/17)

Hi Jim.... Just received an email from you but it was just a bunch of jibberish. Were you trying to send your newsletter?

Regards.

Rita Bender '59

(6/27/17)

(editors note; resent July WOO)

**Paul Nehrich(LHS'55) & wife Marilyn**

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(6/27/17)

Hi Jim...my birthday July 12th; 1937; my wedding date December 26th, 1970 Regards Paul E Nehrich (Class 1955)

**Evelyn (Weisinger) (LHS'59) Friscia**

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(6/27/17)

Hi Jim -

No message

(6/27/17)

(editors note; resent July WOO)

(6/27/17)

Hi Jim -

Still not receiving your message.

**Betty (Dixon) (LHS'56) Payton**

Wilton Manors

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(6/27/17)

no news is good news!

(6/28/17)

(editors note; resent July WOO)

(6/28/17)

I t's not coming up roses either!

(6/28/17)

**(editors note; WOO July 2017 Hi Betty; I asked my daughter Patti why are people having problems opening the WOO, here is her response. Do you know what program you use to check your email??? Could you let me know so maybe she could figure it out. Thanks Jim**

**" Hi Dad,**

**It has stripped all the formatting. What email client are they using? There could be something in the security settings for these people that is stripping it all out. If you try to read an html email in plain text it can strip out all formatting but normally leaves in the line breaks. Here that is not the case. I am sure that security has increased recently due to the new hacking threats. This is usually why things change for people if they go from getting it fine to changes.**

**Can you ask Betty what she is reading her email in? What program does she use to check her email? Does she do it in her browser like you do or is she downloading it into a some program like outlook?**

**Outlook, Thunderbird, AOL etc?**

**Love Me"**

**Paul Ringenbach (LHS'53) & wife Sally**

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**(6/28/17)**

**Hi Jim**

**Will you please resend the July issue to me? It got lost in the bowels of my computer**

**Thanks**

**Paul :)**

**(6/28/17)**

**(editors note; resent July WOO)**

**Dave Rockwood (LHS'56)**

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**(7/2/17)**

Jim, I appreciate your friendship, although it began many years after leaving LHS. Sadly, my sister Jackie was there for just two years, and I was there only for my freshmen year. I liked everything about LHS except teacher Ruth A. Welch (RAW or WAR backwards). She was mean to me at Marion Street School and LHS. My favorite teacher was Coach Barnes—my wrestling coach in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

My best friend was Jackie MacDonald. I admired his brother Tom, but didn't have much interaction with him. I was in the back seat of their car one day when Mrs. Mac D. was playing word games with me. She would say "low foot, and I would say "high foot." She worked up to "low knee," "high knee." After I said "high knee" she said: "Oh David, what you said (hiney)!"

I would ride Jack on the handlebars of my bike, and he occasionally would treat me to a soda.

Those were wonderful years for me and my two sisters. It was an extreme disappointment when my mother moved us to Oceanside. I wasn't happy there, so I left to work at the Word of Life Camp at Schroon Lake, NY, where Walter Schmidt had gone a month or so earlier.

I didn't finish high school until I enlisted in the USCG and took correspondence courses to earn my diploma. After a four-year enlistment, I entered the U. of Fla. I somehow managed to earn a B.S. and MBA. A few years later I earned a law degree. I learned an important lesson: to never give up!

Warmest regards,  
Dave

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

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(7/2/17)

Clare (Juddson Kagel LHS'51) Thanks to the WOO where we get all Lynbrook HS news. I have read about all your medical problems, with great interest. I am also among the shrinking. I was 5'4" now I am 4'10". I also had a broken vertebra and had vertaplaspe which is nothing compared to your travails. I hope you are recovering.

Pat (sheerin) Landman 1951

**Barbara (Kopit) (LHS'56) & husband Steve Lipson (LHS'66)**

Foster City, CA

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(7/4/17)

Hi.

My name is Barbara Kopit Lipson, Class of 1956. I now have my own e-mail address, have for some time! Please send all future mailings to [gwammababs@gmail.com](mailto:gwammababs@gmail.com). Thanks.

Here are a few facts about. My birthday is 7-31-38, I graduated Elmira College in 1960, I got married in August 1960, taught at Lynbrook South Jr. High until my daughter Felicia was born in June 1961. I have lived in Mass., Fort Knox, Ky., Bayside, Queens, and in California since 1971. There's lots more, of course.

One last thing, I have Two brothers who are also graduates of L.H.S., Harold, who graduated in 1944, and George, who graduated in 1950.

Enjoy getting these newsletters. Thank you for doing this.

Barbara

(7/4/17)

**(editors note:**

**Hi Barbara; Thanks for providing your new email address. I think that I've updated it in my address book (I'm not sure what I'm doing)**

**Questions: Are you & Steven still together? Should I remove him completely from my address book? Are you still in Foster City, CA.? Would you like me to add the city you are living in? If Harold or George would like to receive the WOO please have them send me an email address.**

**Do you remember Constance Patricia Weimer from your class? I was married to Pat for 19 years, we had 3 daughters (all 3 of them living here in New Mexico) Pat passed away in January 2012. I hope all is going well in your life..... take care.....Jim )**

(7/4/17)

Thanks for answering so quickly. I'm sorry ,to hear about your wife. I will have to check my yearbook. I really don't remember her.

Steve & I are still together. It will be 57 years this August 7 th. We have 8 grandchildren, ranging in age from 23 to almost 12. We have 5 girls & 3 boys. Our oldest , Jordan, ( a girl ) , just graduated from Plattsburgh in upstate N. Y. She was a member of a 4 time NCAA ( tier 3 ) championship women's ice hockey team. She is now an assistant coach at Williams . Not bad for a kid from California.

I will ask my brothers if they want to be on your mailing list. Harold might, but George isn't doing too well,has lost his eyesight a few years ago among other things.

You can include Foster City in the address. Just send the newsletter to my e- mail. It really doesn't mean too much to Steve. You can delete his address.

Looking forward to the next letter. Barbara

**(7/4/17)**

**(editors note; Thank you for your quick response, we both must be sitting at out computers!!! I'm trying to get ready for a camping trip, leaving Thursday morning in our RV, so I've been checking for alumni notes and putting them right into the WOO. Another couple is also going camping with us and our 3 dogs. Will be gone 'til Sunday 7/9. I'm sorry for my girls & 6 grand kids (23 to 33) and her 3rd husband Dusty that all miss her greatly. We were divorced over 40 years ago. Marja & I got married 33 years ago. Have a great weekend..... Jim )**

### **Richard Jagel (LHS'57) & wife Martha**

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**(7/6/17)**

Thanks for the WOO. It brings back a lot of memories. I especially enjoy the Don Roth inputs. We are increasing our bucket list travels since I found out I have stage 4 prostate cancer. Just took the Queen Mary 2 across the pond and flew back. Lots to do even if there are no ports. Rented a beach house(condo) at Panama City Beach,FL A small family reunion as the grandkids from OK had never seen or swam in the ocean. Powder white sand! Great time. Not the same as Long Beach or Jones Beach. The end of this month we are off to Australia!

### **Bob Lessne (LHS'54)**

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**(7/14/17)**

Welcome to the golden years of memories written as a type of catharsis shared to those who are still standing and who might enjoy my memories. I hope this memory chronical is a generous read for you.

One of my first WWII memories was seeing a shot up flying tiger aircraft at a bond rally in front of Beth David Synagogue. I little knew that I would be part of the same 14th Air Force after I graduated in 1954. When we graduated LHS we did not know what lay ahead. We were naive to the point of embarrassment. Our major challenge was to stay vertical and avoid the pitfalls of life while taking advantage of opportunities provided by our gene pool and environment.

I remember when the Coca Cola Bottling plant was ablaze and people risked their lives to steal a case of coke. I used to buy gas at Paul Service Station on Atlantic Ave. at 14 cents per gallon. There was a referendum to build a new high school but the voters in their wisdom did not want their property taxes raised. Mr. Abrams of the school board was in favor of the plan and I remain non judgmental

I got a summer job as a caddy at the Long Beach Boardwalk miniature golf course and joined the other strap hangers at the LI RR to Long Beach. I secured positions for my buddies at the batting range, Faber's Poker and other attractions. There was a secret entrance to the beach which was considered the LHS gate as we had control of the boardwalk. I invented a drink called 6 up, powered water and an illuminated sundial for cloudy days.

We entered our freshman year like a pack of wolves and I had a new pink Spalden on the hand ball courts with some senior Godzilla's. When I became a senior I was the Godzilla and played until the school bell rang. I wonder if the wall is still standing. I have not been pushed around as much since I was in my baby carriage. I played in the orchestra for assemblies with Mr. DeRubo. The student body marched in to the auditorium to the Rosemond Overture. One assembly I most remember was the man who used liquid oxygen to hammer a nail with a banana and exploded a frozen rubber ball against the auditorium wall. We did the square dance in the gym without our shoes. I remember my football number was 20, my combination lock number was P424 and I had to reserve the gym shower 5 days in advance. I learned typing with carbon paper on the old Underwood typewriter waiting for the bell to ring when I pushed the carriage. I learned keyboarding except for the numbers. The things that I do now on my computer would seem to be a miracle back then, as we have replaced the school mimeograph (DITO) machine with modern technologies. I took Spanish with Ms. Carmen little knowing that I would spend 50 years in Miami talking with my Cuban friends.

I remember when a truck carrying clams turned over on Sunrise Highway and the looters rescued the clams scattered on the pavement. We used to attend dances at Atlantic Street School and had an excellent trumpet player. It was there I first learned about marijuana similar to scene in the Back to the Future movie after the Under the Sea Dance. For many of us the LHS Prom which took place June was pivotal as we were seniors and about to leave the cocoon of our four year adventure. At the prom, some girls brought older guys from Brooklyn who had more testosterone than our recent post pubescent senior boys'. We took girls from Malvern including the Riesman twins and Judith Fain. We are now seniors for real and most of us can no longer handle "all-nighters". Our caps and gowns are now baseball caps with some military or baseball insignias and our gowns are for going to sleep. Besides the west end gang, I was best buds with Poppy Schwartz, Sue Herzog and Ellen Gold.

When I went to the last reunion, I stopped by the school to renew my memories. The principal thought that I looked like a threat and denied me access. I put this in the passive aggressive part of my rejection consciousness. I told Pete Lyden about it. He advised me to eradicate the thought. I am in the process of attempting to do so.

One of the great joys of my childhood is when I individually and collectively biked with my friends. My west end gang included Ed Reilly, Bob West, Bob Williams, Jamie Glen's and Billy Schriener, Peter Fetzer of blessed memory. We hung out at Cavanaugh Candy Store and ate the confectionary delights of Devil Dogs, and Charlotte Russes. I also devoured wax penny whistles and candy dots on long white paper. I don't think this would bode well today with my 81 year old stomach. I appreciate the kindness of Mr. Cavanaugh and remember him fondly.

I channel my parents every day. I wish I could give them a hug one more time. I guess it is normal to wish that I would have appreciated them more at the time I am still connected. Time and distance does not interfere with this connection. I enjoyed the company of my long gone friend's parents as well. I remember trips to exotic places like Play Land and Jones beach. I would have spent more time with them had I had the insight. As long as we have these memories they will still exist on the planet and so it is not like a dark vision of the future. Fortunately premonitions in the vein were nonexistent.

For most of us who are not metaphysically challenged, we have pulled off another day. It is exciting to wake up each morning to discover which new ache or pain has greeted us or the uncertainty of what the future holds. I have been participating in protests for social justice including Trump's assault on our democracy since I left LHS. We have a large Trump resistance movement with the Democratic Caucus for People with Disabilities. I refuse to be a bystander in life and tag I am it.

In my private practice I deal with people with all types of disabilities, with a specialty in blindness. I counsel each person that they must avoid depression at all costs. It is not that easy as you can't say, thanks, I wish I would have thought of this.



Take me advice and do what you want to do, be what your talents will allow you to be and go where you want to go.  
 Please call if you want to chat about old times or go out for a hot meal.  
 Bob Lessne Class of 54 305 271 0012  
 May the best of the best be yours

**Linda (Schltheis) Crawford (LHS'57)**

Florissant, CO

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**Husband Stan Crawford deceased 2017**

(7/22/17)

Dear Jim,

After so many rave reviews about the WOO, I'd like to get on board and be added to your mailing list. My name is Linda (Schultheis) Crawford and I was in the Lynbrook class of '57. So sorry I didn't know you and your wife when I lived in Albuquerque from 1990-1997. I had a small business (music Box Shop) in the historic Old Town.

Sadly, I have recently lost my husband Stan to a long bout with colon cancer. I am clearing out our mega collection of "stuff" in order to get our house here in Colorado Springs on the market. I hope to head for our log cabin in the mountains to clear my head and decide what new path I will follow. My address will be 124 Stargate Hts., Florissant, CO. 80816 and the phone is 719-888-0374, email [craw1737@hotmail.com](mailto:craw1737@hotmail.com).

Thanks for all you are doing to keep us in touch with one another. There is comfort in remembering our Happy Days at Lynbrook High.

(7/22/17)

(editors note;

**Hi Linda; Welcome aboard, thanks for sending your address. Here is the July WOO, August will be sent out the last week of the month. )**

**Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Marja**

Albuquerque, NM

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(7/15/17)

My friend Tony with wife Vickie & 2 Irish Setters went camping with Marja & I with our puppy Crystal (Crystal Ball) in the Jemez Mountains from 7/6 to 7/9. Weather was great except for about one hour of rain nightly. Camp fire restrictions were in place which put a damper on our usual gatherings around the camp fire most of the night. If it wasn't for the great food & abundance of cold beer we might not have had a fantastic time.

WOO delivery problems; I want to thank all of you that have been having problems opening the WOO each month or opening of WOO in a jumbled manner & real hard to read. My daughter Patti continues to try to correct these problems as they come up but it seems to be a never ending problem. I'll continue to resend the WOO as long as you let me know. Another thing you might try is to have one of your classmates forward you a copy of their WOO (assuming they received a good copy). Thanks again for understanding, I would hate to lose contact with any of our alumni because of these problems..... Thanks, Have a great month, stay happy & healthy. Jim

### **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, 19; LHS'51, 46; LHS'52, 42; LHS'53, 42; LHS'54, 24; LHS'55, 53; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 73; LHS'58, 88; LHS'59, 106. 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 587.

### **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.**