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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 & fiftieth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twentieth 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 are "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.

December Notable Dates

December Birth dates.....

Pamela Fischer..... Dec. 1
 Donald Carlsen.....Dec. 14
 Terri (DeRuvo) Weston.....Dec. 21
 Jack Weston Dec. 22
 Clare (Juddson) Kagel..... Dec.30
 Jack Mac Donald..... Dec.?

December Anniversaries

Paul E. Nehrich & wife Marilyn..... Dec. 12
 Don Mitchell & wife Nan Dec. 5
 Lloyd Gelb & wife Beverly..... Dec 24
 Neysa (Nadler) & husband Mike Lavenstein..... Dec. ?

December News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

Grace (Farrell)(LHS'57) Burns

Farmingville, NY

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(10/25/17)

Hi Jim,

Rich Jagel forwarded the sad news about our classmate Ralph Spinnler's recent death. He received the note from Ralph's widow Cynthia (Williams), who is also an LHS graduate. Ralph was a good guy and as I recall him from our West End days, he seemed on the quiet side. Having read his obituary I can see that as the old saying goes "still waters run deep." He was a super accomplished and clearly a very brilliant man. He leaves behind quite a legacy,

Ralph Spinnler (LHS'57)& wife Cynthia (Williams)

Guilford, CT

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Ralph Spinnler deceased 10/14/17

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

Oakland, NJ

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(10/26/17)

Something for the next newsletter:

Jim....Many thanks for providing a space for LHS alumni to continue to connect with each other. I love reading and following my '53 classmates and from the other classes at Lynbrook. Five of us from both the northeast and from points south, met for lunch and good conversation. Myself, Pauline Roger Feltkamp, Bunny Glynn and his wife Adrienne, plus Joe Cestone at a restaurant in Rockville Center which his daughter Lorraine manages. Maybe next time, we will have a larger group. We took a photo of the classmates of 80+ years and we decided we look the same as in '53! LOL.

Nancy Gregory DeVries

Robert Cox (LHS'57) & wife Edwina

Deer Park, NY

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(10/28/17)

Hi Jim,

Earlier this year we had several issues with our computer and in the process of extraction from Verizon/Yahoo mess and a wipe clean

The class of 1957, Wise Old Owls and a number of personal email addresses are gone into space.

My dear wife, Edwina remembered just this week that just maybe Grace Farrell Burns address and email might be in a Pa travel file.

Luck would have it –there it was.

Anyway, do not know whether I have seen a WOO newsletter for 4 to 6 mos other than the one Grace forwarded yesterday. Missed news

Is my loss.

Last December 31st, I retired from my former position as Controller of Tierney & Courtney here in New York after just short of 35 years.

I am occupied weekly with Church and fraternal Treasurer duties and meetings to attend to.

Many weeks just fly by. Like all 78 year olds

I am trying to live right and stay healthy.

Please note our latest email address is RobEdCox@g.mail.com not the one printed at the top.

Stay well and thank you.

Bob Cox Class of 1957

Larry Lippman (LHS'59) & wife Judy

Hewlett, NY

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(10/29/17)

(editors note; Hi Larry;

It's good to hear from another alumni of LHS. I see you were part of the class of '59. I hope your life has gone well for you and yours.

I see your sons Jeffrey (LHS'86) & Stuart (LHS'90) also graduated from LHS, that's great.

We now have 107 members of the class of '59 receiving WOO. Feel free to send in anything you would like to share about your life.

I'm sending you the last November issue of WOO, you will automatically receive the future issues of WOO. My daughter Patti has started a web site where alumni that are having problems receiving WOO can go for an alternative method of receiving it. Patti will add the WOOs each month as I complete them. This web site also allows alumni to look back at some old issues she has added. The web site is: www.candothat.com/woo.html.

Welcome aboard Larry..... Jim Ball (LHS'52))

Marian (Newton)(LHS'48) & husband Dave Knight

email: marianknight67@gmail.com (note new email address)

(11/7/17)

Jim,

It's great that you took on this connection work. I was Marian Newton then in the class of 1948.

My husband, Dave, and I met at St. Andrew's Church choir in Albany when I was still in college

there. In 1958 we and our three children moved to Stratford, Ct. and lived there for the next 59

years. In September this year we moved to Lawrenceville Nj into a condo that is perfect for us in a

lovely area and near our oldest son. We still spend our summers on our family property on Lake George.

My new email address is marianknight67@gmail.com.

With fond memories of Miss Holmes I majored in Latin but went on to major in three children. Later I taught pre-kindergarten and then worked for ELS Language Centers teaching English to foreign students and business people, all adults. I also sang for 33 years in the Fairfield Chorale as a first soprano and loved it.

Keep up the good work.

Marian Newton Knight

Jonathan Greenfield (LHS'59)& wife Heather (Schultz)

Naples, FL/Poconos, PA

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(11/2/17)

Your news letter gets bigger every year. Thank you so much for keeping us all in the loop and knowing what is going on with our classmates.

Jonathan Greenfield '59

Harold Diot (LHS'46)

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(10/29/17)

Harold Diot deceased per Maureen Jones, (daughter)

Robert Sherwood (LHS'55) & wife Nan

Gainesville, FL

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(Robert Sherwood deceased 10/29/17)

(11/8/17)

Jim; Bob Sherwood class of '55 passed on Oct. 29. He played ball at Lynbrook HS in the mid 50's and attended U. of Florida on a basketball scholarship. I think there will be some classmates that remember him. I'm Nan, wife of 59 yrs.

(11/8/17 editors note; Hi Nan;

Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Bob. Thank you so much for taking the time and letting us know about his death. I'll be informing the alumni in the next WOO although it won't be sent until the last week of the month. Thanks again..... Jim Ball)

Lloyd Gelb (LHS'57) & wife Beverly

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(10/27/17)

Lloyd (LHS'57) & Beverly Gelb

will celebrate their 55th anniversary

Christmas eve - December 24, 2017

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Emily Case Samuels (LHS'59)email: emilycsamuels@gmail.com

(10/28/17)

Hi Jim, I recently received an email from a former classmate at LHS however I did not receive WOO. Could you please send me a copy of the Nov. WOO?

Thanks so much! You are doing an awesome job! I hope all is well.

Emily Case Samuels

(10/29/17)

(editors note; TCO)

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

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(11/11/17)

Hi Jim and crew..Hope your hunting trip was fruitful..Thank you much for keeping LHS in our memories. We are keeping a rather low profile in central N.J. Good old health problems keep the Doctors busy..There are twelve retirement communities surrounding us, each very self contained. Princeton is not very far away..great restaurants, interesting architecture..and they are trying to refurbish Newark it is coming along quite well. Our daughter has hired a plane to fly us and the four of them up to Lake Placid for Thanksgiving , they have a home up there. We will sit by the fire and they will go skiing, Hot Toddlies are GREAT. Have a wonderful Holiday. Pat (Sheerin) Landman 51

Don Roth (LHS'58)

Lynbrook, NY

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(11/12/17)

Many may be wondering where has Don Roth been as his monthly reports of the happenings in the Village of Lynbrook and at LHS haven't been seen for a few months in the WOO

Well here's the story:

On July 28th I was admitted to South Nassau Hospital with sever back pain. After numerous tests, MRI, CAT Scan, blood test I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma a bone marrow cancer. Further tests showed that I had two tumors. One on my T-9 spinal disc, causing the back pain, and another on my left hip. No other cancer in my system with all organs working normally. After spending 18 days at South Nassau and the doctors unable to control my pain, which was a 9-10 range, I was discharged and shot up with morphine to get me home. Previously my daughter had made arrangements for me to get a second opinion from Sloan Kettering which has an adjunct facility next to Mercy Hospital in RVC. One no longer has to drive into Manhattan for any Sloan treatments.

My family called 911 on August 14th, after two days home from South Nassau, and I was admitted to Mercy Hospital. The doctors there immediately saw that I was in sever pain and consulted with the Sloan oncologist who recommended another pain suppressant which dropped my pain level to a 2 after 24 hours. With the pain under control the Sloan oncologist met with me and started me on a cancer fighting drug, using injections similar to a flu shot, twice a week. The drug was Valcade. After 8 days at Mercy I was discharged and was to see the Sloan oncologist every Week for consultation and treatments. I was told that this is a very treatable cancer and that in 3-4 months I should be back to 95% normal life style.

It has been 3 1/2 months and I am home, no pain, on medication and feeling OK. I completed radiation where I had 18 sessions on my spine and 20 sessions on my hip. The oncologist feels

that those tumors are either removed or under control. The number and markers indicate such progress. No surgery is required. A future MRI and PET Scan will show the results but the oncologist doesn't expect to see anything different than what he expects from the numbers. That's where I am today and by Thanksgiving I hope to be able to go out socially and that my treatment program will be completed. I still have 12 of the 32 injection sessions to finish which will be done by December 14. I receive these injections in my thighs alternating legs every Tuesday and Friday.

I hope to continue emailing the WOO with Lynbrook and LHS news.

Don Roth

(11/13/17)

The Village of Lynbrook will have a different skyline in another month. The old Century Theater, the Big Show or the scratch as we called it, the Arcade was the itch, was torn down, the ground bull dozed clear and a new Regal ten theater building has been constructed. The exterior is 99% completed and it is three stories in height matching the bank across the street. The interior is being completed with concession stands, escalators, and new reclining seats in a few of the theaters. The opening date is set for February 9, 2018. If Shane or High Noon are the first movies shown I will be on line for some tickets! The front door is now located on Hempstead Avenue with a circular driveway to allow picking up and dropping off movie goers. Parking will be a problem. The two local banks own a large lot across the street and I am sure they made some deal with the Village to allow movie goers parking during non banking hours. There are also parking lots along Peninsula Blvd but they are metered and have few spots. Another public open lot is located near the LIRR station but is 1/4 mile from the theater. The Village trustees hope those who park in those lots will walk up Atlantic Avenue and take use of the local eateries along that path. Right now there are two pizzerias, a do-nut shop, a Carvel, a Cold Stone Creamery and a Burger Bandit. The White Castle is being renovated. The old building as we knew it has been gutted and a new larger building is being constructed in the same location. This new White Castle will have more inside seating and a drive-through. Expected opening date is sometime in early 2018. I can smell the Sack of Burgers letting off that wonderful smell as Lou Meier and I go through the drive through.

The Marriott Motel chain has been rebuffed by the Village trustees and is no longer requesting to build a Marriott Courtyard at the corner of Langdon and Broadway. The motel was to be built on a two story parking garage to accommodate commuters as well as motel guests. The location and style never met the trustees approval so that issue has been dropped. It would have been across the street from the still standing "feather factory". That building continues to be a Village eye sore as the owner and the trustees have not been able to agree upon a fair selling price. It is currently boarded up and looks awful.

That's where the Village news ends for this report.

Don Roth

Class 1958

(11/13/17)

The Fall sports teams had fair seasons. The football team finished 3-6. The Boys and Girls soccer teams both finished with a 500 or below season. The Girls Cross Country had two runners qualify for the States events but finished in the lower to middle slots in their State race. The Girls Volleyball team did win their Conference Championship but were eliminated in the second round of the County playoffs.

The Winter season may show different results.

The Boys and Girls basketball teams should have good to very good seasons. The top scorer on last year's Girls team will be a senior this season and is expected to perform well again.

Unfortunately she may not have much support to carry that team to any title.

The Boys basketball team may be one of the best in years. There are two juniors who can light up the scoreboard if they continue to shoot as they did last year. One junior is from a family that relocated from Salt Lake City, Utah. He is presently 6'6" and STILL GROWING. The family are LDS members, Mormons, and he has already informed the coach that there are certain days when he cannot practice or play due to religious responsibilities.

The wrestling team was to have a very good season but two of the top wrestlers were injured playing football and may not be ready for the Winter season.

Those who live in the Syracuse area may want to follow the Girls Lacrosse team at the University of Syracuse this coming Spring. There will be a member on that team who set all the girls lacrosse records last year at LHS, Molly Carter. She played on the USA Under Armour team this past summer and is a dynamite scorer. Check her out if you follow Syracuse lacrosse.

I did read in the local Lynbrook Herald newspaper that Bob Sherwood passed away in Florida in early November. He was one of Lynbrook's greatest athletes and was on three county championship teams in 1955, football, basketball and baseball.

Don Roth
Class 1958

(11/13/17)

The Lynbrook residents approved a recent bond proposal in early October. A new "wing" will be added to the existing building.

Picture yourself across the street from the front door of the high school. Now turn your eyes to the left until you reach the end of the building. Add another 100 feet or so and go as far back as the gymnasium hallway and you will imagine where the new addition will be constructed. The addition will be two floors with connecting hallways. This addition will have more rooms for research science, a larger band practice room, individual larger rooms for individual music lessons and a school store where students will learn marketing, sales and merchandising. The auditorium, as we knew it minus the balcony, will also have new seats with a better seating plan to accommodate more people. A new sound system will also be included.

The District is now waiting for State approval of the plans to make sure State regulations are met. Construction is expected to commence the summer of 2018 and hopefully completed by the end of the summer of 2019.

This will cost each homeowner about another \$150 per year on the owner's school taxes.

Don Roth
Class 1958

(11/13/17)

(editors note; Hi Don;

Thanks so much for the great information about the old town and the high school. I especially want to thank you for sharing the news about your health problems. We all wish & pray that you beat this illness and continue sending articles for the WOO for many years to come! Keep up the good fight..... Jim)

Clare (Juddson) (LHS'51) Kagel

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(11/21/17)

I had intended to announce my next and sixth spinal surgery in November, but it turned out that I celebrated Halloween by losing a battle with an escaping door and being thrown hard on my right side on a cement floor resulting in a fractured hip and a memorable black eye (I kept claiming that it was my Halloween costume). I wound up back at my second home, Mount Sinai Hospital to have the hip pinned and am now at my third home, Amsterdam House undergoing yet more rehab. I won't be able to bear full weight on the right foot til mid December, but intend to return home next week to continue therapy with Visiting Nurses. This is really becoming annoying!

Clare

Jim Ball (LHS'52) & wife Maria

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(11/26/17)

Hi All; I hope you have had a fantastic Thanksgiving and another great month. We spent Thanksgiving at my daughter Lories & Jim, in Rio Rancho, NM. Great food, great company, lots of laughs, a wonderful day.

To bring you up to date on our hunting trip, we had a slight problem; friend Tony & I drew a different area of the State than the other 4 in our group, they were in Southern NM while we were to be in the north. Tony & I decided that we would rather spend the time & camp with them and not hunt then to go off by ourselves. The 4 of them were not successful and no animals were hurt again (this makes about 30 years without hurting any animals, I love it!)

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & Happy Hanukkah. We wish you good health & happiness for you, your family & friends..... Take care..... Jim & Marja

Trouble receiving WOO? Here's good news!

My daughter 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.candohat.com/woo.html if you click on this web site then on "WOO Aug 2017 " you will open WOO in pdf format and you can print it out on your computer. A couple of our alumni have already been able to use this system. Patti will add each WOO as I complete it so there will be a WOO Sept 2017, etc. We hope this works for everyone having a problem opening WOO. Patti has already added all of the completed 2017 WOOs to this site, so if you missed any you can get them here.

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, 20; 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 588.

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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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