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"Wise Old Owls"

Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes of 1948 to 1959 Lynbrook, NY February 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-second edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-eight 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.

February Notable Dates

February Birth dates.....	Phil Zanetti.....	Feb. 4
	Carol (Robins) Rainier.....	Feb. 11
	Shelley Wessman.....	Feb. 11
	Ann (Ryan) Nesbitt.....	Feb. 23
	Roger House	Feb. 23

February AnniversariesPhil Shane & wife Pat Feb. 14

February News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

Richard (Ned) Lebow (LHS'59) & wife Carol

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Thanks Jim. Your recent emails have been arriving without difficulty. A very happy holiday to you and your family.

Ned (Dick) Lebow '59

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(12/27/16)

Hello Jim Thank you for all your efforts in keeping this news program going Have you made contact with any else of my class of 46 recently ? I have had several health problems but still try to keep active We have been here in Massapequa 50 years now and I just was given a party for being a member of the Massapequa Fire Dept for 50 years and add this to my 23 years in the Lynbrook F D for 73 years total Last year I stoped riding to fires and rescue calls at age 87with a total well over 15,000 during these years and there were many large fires in Lynbrook while I was in the chiefs office from 1961 thru 1965 that possibly some of the class member will remember in those years in addition to the Rockville Centre train wreck I started working for Mack truck in 1946 when I go out of school in Long Island City N Y where they were manufacturing there fire engines which was very good as many of my class mates will remember I was a fire engine nut being at the engine company fire house next to the high school at age 11 where I became a buff and then a junior fire man at age 16 (1943) during the war and started riding to fire and rescue calls on the Mack truck that was the medical transport with a canvass back and half doors on the cab Boy it was cold in the winter being in the back with the patient many calls During this time I quite possibly responded to your home for a fire or medical call Mack started me selling there fire engines in 1949 on my 21 st birthday My family asked that I stop selling last year during those years I sold apparatus to Long Island and Westchester counties delivering between 700 - 800 pieces of apparatus Thank you for your interest if you read this entry Kind regards to all with best wishes for a healthy and happy new year Karl Thuge E Mail

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(1/8/17)

(editors note; Hi Karl;

I've found 6 more of your classmates on Classmates.com. I've sent an email to them asking them to send me their email address so that I could add them to our distribution list for WOO. If I hear from any of them (Selma Eisenberg, Paul Kissin, Grace Pauly, Allen Philiba, Ruth Prall & Joseph Short) I'll let you know. Yourself, Harold Diot & Joseph Short are already receiving WOO.

Have a great day..... Jim)

(1/11/17)

Hi Jim Thank you for the message I appreciate your dedication to keeping this going Did you have a chance to read my note to you with reference to my experiences during my school years ? I hope to be able to contact my old school mates Kind regards Karl

(1/13/17)

(editors note; Hi Karl;

Yes, I read your note and have already entered it in Feb. WOO. Thanks for your great note & for your service all those years working for the Fire Dept.

I haven't heard from any of the '46 LHS classmates which are listed on Classmates.com. I think the older we get, the less time we spend checking the computer. I check mine every day looking for notes for WOO. I hope they check their computers soon so I can add them and get their addresses for you. Take care..... Jim)

(1/13/17)

I am surprised and happy that you entered it in the WOO hopefully some of my class mates will read it and enter a note in WOO so that I can make contact with them Thanks you have been very good to me to help find my old friends in addition to those that have already been in contact with me Thanks to all your efforts Kind regards stay well Karl

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(12/28/16)

Happy New Year to all and have a merry Holiday season. Warmest regards and thanks for all you do to keep us informed

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Don Roth (LHS'58)

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(12/29/16)

On December 29th, the annual "Pre-Next Year" luncheon was held at Rocco's Pizzeria in East Rockaway with 7 former Owls attending. Those attending were: Ed "Duke" DeLattre (1955), Frank Gatland (1954), Al Nelson (1955), Jim Mongitore (1958), Don Roth (1958), Jack Sharkey (1956) and Lew McCurdy (1959).

Ed was up from Florida visiting his children who live in Ridgewood, NJ, East Northport, LI and Cold Spring Harbor, LI. Ed spends two weeks at each stop then heads back to Florida until the summer when he heads North again and we all meet for another luncheon.

The conversation brought back many memories of our Lynbrook school days. Ed would like to locate two fellow Lynbrook alumni and if anyone reading the WOO can help please email Ed with the information. Ed is looking for PETE LARA and BOB SHERWOOD. Al Nelson asked about BOB "ZIP" ZOLAN (1954). If anyone can help locate "Zip" contact Don Roth and he will pass the info to Al.

Ed's email address is: eadepd@gmail.com

If anyone wishes to join us for this luncheon in the summer email Don Roth (dhroth3740@verizon.net) and you will be put on the "get in touch with list".

Don Roth (1958)

(12/28/16)

You can all be proud to learn that two more FEMALE Lynbrook HS athletes have accepted athletic scholarships.

Senior basketball player KERRIN MONTGOMERY has accepted a basketball scholarship to SUNY Geneseo and will enroll in the Fall of 2017.

Junior SOPHIA LOCICERO has committed to East Carolina University to play lacrosse beginning in the SPRING of 2019.

If anyone lives near those colleges it would be nice if you stop by for a game and introduce yourself as a "fellow Lynbrook graduate". Kerrin is currently averaging 20 points a game while Sophia, who also plays basketball, is averaging 20 points per game as well. You will not be disappointed when you see these girls show their skills on the basketball court and lacrosse field.

Don Roth (1958)

PS: A correction on the December WOO when I listed Kasey Carter as the Syracuse lacrosse scholarship athlete. It's not Casey who graduated four years ago but her younger sister MOLLY CARTER who will be playing on the Girls Lacrosse team at Syracuse University in the SPRING of 2018. She is well on her way to break all of the girls lacrosse scoring records at LHS with her final season the Spring of 2017 playing for the Owls.

(1/6/17)

Food Porn. Yes, Food Porn. No, that's not a misprint. That was the name of one of the exhibits that Bob Gold (1958) Don Roth (1958) and Lew McCurdy (1959) viewed on their latest "Trip to a Museum" adventure taken January 4th at the Brooklyn Museum.

This artist truly had an interesting imagination and she had on display paintings, photos and videos to exhibit her "work" in "Food Porn." Use your imagination.

After wandering through another 5th floor exhibit of "Iggy Pop Life Classic" we headed for the elevator to the 4th floor. Oh, Iggy Pop you wonder? It seems Iggy Pop wanted to know what he looked like naked therefore he posed naked for twelve selected artists who drew sketches of Iggy Pop in his "Au natural". No further comment. We managed to quickly walk out of that exhibit just as a high school class of young girls, led by their art teacher, entered for the viewing. Did we miss something while attending Lynbrook High School?

Yes, there were other exhibits showing ancient "Egypt Afterlife" and "Arts of Asia and the Islamic World" on the top floor (5th) but we took the elevator down to the exhibit we really went to see on the 4th floor, "Who Shot Sports: A Photographic History". On display were over 100 B&W and color photos taken by a variety of sports photographers for Life magazine, Sports Illustrated, various newspapers and some independent photographers showing everything from Clay standing over Liston, Jeter sliding head first into 3rd base, brutal boxing knock-outs, Jackie stealing home in the 1955 World Series, NFL concussions in the making, divers jumping from over 400 feet off some cliff, race car crashes and of course the Babe at his Yankee Stadium Farewell Day.

It was a good exhibit and it made the trip worthwhile.

Those who are still wondering, the "Food Porn" and the "Pretty/Dirty" exhibit was "work" done by Marilyn Minter and ends April 2, 2017. If you are interested in viewing to see what she had on her dinner plate the admission is only \$6 for seniors. Iggy Pop ends March 26, 2017 but the Sports Photos display has ended.

After our two hour viewing we had lunch at the downstairs cafe. If you've never been to the Brooklyn Museum it is located at 200 Eastern Parkway and is a 5 story building with plenty of exhibits for a full day of viewing. There is parking in the rear with reasonable hourly rates.

Don Roth (1958)

(1/12/17)

With last year's bond issue being voted down by the residents which would have cost each homeowner a minimum of \$350 per household per year the BOE has presented a Revised Bond Proposal to be voted upon this year if the BOE decides to go forward.

To give you an idea as to what would take place imagine looking at the front of the building as we knew it when we attended LHS. The left side will have an additional "wing" of two floors. The first floor will have two large band rehearsal-practice areas with storage rooms while the second floor will have 3-4 science rooms for research and regular science classes. The present science rooms will be converted to larger art rooms. The auditorium, as we knew it without a balcony, will be renovated with a better sound system and better seating. The stage will remain as when we were attending LHS. There will be a new nurse's office in the front near the main entrance and an additional athletic storage room will be added to the rear of the building.

The wrestling room, which is now in the basement of the Atlantic Avenue School, will be renovated to a larger practice area with improved lockers. Both North and South Middle Schools will have renovated locker rooms and the gymnasiums in all of the Elementary Schools will have air conditioning.

With the "average" home in Lynbrook accessed (by Nassau County) at \$333,600 the home owner will see an increase in School taxes by a minimum of \$168 a year. If your home is accessed higher then the cost will be higher, and lower if accessed lower than the \$333,600. The overall projected costs will be a \$33,925,603. To help reduce that overall cost, \$5 million will be taken from the reserve fund to bring the bond proposal to \$28,925,603. Some State aid is also expected to further lower the total cost for the tax payers.

More discussion will take place at the February BOE meeting.

Don Roth (1958)

(1/27/17)

Jim: I hope you can somehow get this note into the next WOO. See attachment.

My Mother never threw out anything that she thought I would enjoy in my later years of life. Thank God she saved my Bowman baseball card sets from 1950 and 1951 as they are worth some bucks today. I just found this note from my kindergarten teacher which you can read for yourself to get some laughs. That was my introduction into being a baseball pitcher and earning a baseball scholarship to Wake Forest! Who remembers Miss Jenks!

Have fun at my expense and the expense was \$1.25!

Don Roth

Class of 1958.

Paul Nehrich (LHS'55)

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(12/27/16)

(editors note; email from Paul Nehrich to Bob Castellanos)

Subject: Good Old Days

I remember you both and especially your father when he use to get angry. I remember your mother too. She never got angry. I hear you both volunteered to help President-Elect Trump build that Mexican wall!

In touch with Richard Norton who still owns the house on Merrick Road, but lives in California. I know Gerson Goldman is in upstate NY. Wonder what happened to Ernie Holland and Gertie who lived across the street from you. I hear Carol Smith died. Wonder what happened to Jackie McNiece? There was the Bradys and the Pastors next door to them. There was a guy in the circle behind where you lived named Henderson who moved to Queens Village. Albert & Cookie Weisinger. Albert owned the "Trading Post" with different stores then sold them and moved to Florida. Don't know what happened to him. Remember the WMCA on Denton Avenue and Gabarino's Italian Restaurant. Got your e-mails thru Don Roth and Jim Ball & WOO. Both were very helpful in the Class of 55, 60th reunion. Hope both of you are in good health. I know Ronald is the older twin....Paul 12/28/16

(1/7/17)

(editors note; Paul, Thanks for the memories, my first wife (Constance Patricia Weimer, LHS'56) & I ate at Gabarino's often, with Cindy & Patti in their car seats at 1 & 2 years old. The staff had a table in the corner that gave us space for the car seats. I don't remember the girls causing any problems, they both kept quiet. I don't know how we afforded eating out those days, I think Pat's Grandma (Bea Athness) may have had something to do with it, she was always helping us out. We also ate at the Howard Johnsons on Sunrise Hwy in Valley Stream where daughter Cindy (at 4 or 5 years old) had French fries. She said "Dad there's a rubber band in my French fries" Dad, "It's just an onion ring, eat it, you'll like it". Cindy, "Dad it feels like an rubber band!" Dad, "It's just an onion ring, eat it!" Cindy, after attempting to eat it, "Dad, it is a rubber band!!" Dad, Oops, why do daughters trust their Dads so much? Thanks again Paul for the happy memories.....Jim)

Jim "Wade" Titus (LHS'58)

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(12/31/16)

I had been a long-time reader and fan of the WOO but failed to update my email address when I retired from my teaching post at the USAF Academy. My LHS classmate, Lou Meier, has kindly provided me with your contact information, so here I am seeking to restore my "subscription" to your wonderful publication. My current email address is jimrw40@gmail.com and I would be grateful if you could add me to the rolls.

BTW, we live in Monument, CO which, by Western standards, makes you and me almost next-door neighbors.

Thanks for your help with this, Jim, and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2017.

Jim Titus, LHS '58

(12/31/16)

(editors note; sent Jan. 2017 WOO)

(1/1/17)

Thanks, Jim, and a happy new year to you and yours.

Jim

Arnold Langberg (LHS'59)

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(1/1/17)

Hi Jim,

My new address is arnoldlangberg@gmail.com

Thanks for your persistence in all of this.

Arnie

(1/1/17)

(editors note; Added new email address, sent Jan. 2017 WOO)

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

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(1/1/17)

Hi Jim....I want to let you know how much I look forward to receiving your newsletter. You do a great job getting it out every month.

I have been living in Dix Hills (Suffolk County) for the past 49 years. My husband Jay (Lawrence HS '53) have two sons David(Jennifer) -

children: Ryan 11, twins Sarah and Joshua 8 - and Robert (Millie) children: Megan 11, Matthew 9 and Kyle 4. Both sons live out here in Suffolk, so we are very lucky to be able to see our grandchildren all the time. We also have an apartment in NYC on West End Ave.

In December Maggi Kane Luca ('59)(VA) and Nancy Preston Ellwood ('59)(W. Islip) got together for 4 days of fun in NYC!! Gail Stein Abruzzo ('59) (Las Vegas) usually is with us, but her son was getting remarried and couldn't join us this year. We have been getting together every year for the past 20 years or so right before Christmas. We go to the theater, museums, movies, Rockefeller Center, view all the Christmas windows, exchange gifts and so much more. It's been wonderful doing all we do.

In late August Maggi comes up every year and we go to the US Open tennis matches, play some golf and we have a Labor Day party at my home in Dix Hills for around 30 - LHS grads all from different years. We take a picture each year and Don Roth posts it on the '58 LHS web site and Rita Storti posts it on '59 LHS web site.

In March Patti Sperber Demarest ('60) and I are going down to Florida to play golf for a week. We are both looking forward to taking a golf break!!

I want to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy New Year.

Rita Feldman Bender ('59)

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(1/7/17)

(received via snail mail from Irwin Lewis) Please add my name to the "Wise Old Owl" mailing list. Class of 1950.

Iel32@aol.com Thank you Classmate.

(1/7/17)

(editors note; Hi Irwin; Here is last months WOO. The Feb. WOO will be sent out the last week of January. Somehow I had you listed as Tel32@aol.com and as LHS'51. I've corrected it to iel32@aol.com and graduating in 1950. That should take care of it and you should receive WOO monthly from now on. Welcome aboard.... Jim Ball LHS'52)

Nancy (McNeill)(LHS'51) Focardi

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Husband Paul Focardi deceased

(1/8/17)

Nancy McNeill Focardi '51, Marathon, NY

So, here we are in 2017! Who of us ever thought in 1951 that we would still be around that far off in the future!!! When I read "1984" I

figured that was the "future".... married in 1953, widowed in 2004...

first child 1956, second child 1959 (on my birthday), third child 1962 (on Christmas)....

I have been doing artsy/craftsy stuff since childhood and never seem to tire of doing creative things. Love word games, puzzles, cooking,

baking. I miss the ocean but not the traffic and crowds.

My children grew up to be good reliable, self sufficient adults ...each with their own business and wonderful spouses... lucky me! If you are interested you can find out more about the newest business... a distillery! <http://www.dragonfyredistillery.com/> ..I watched it grow from an idea to an actual business which includes a gift shop... very impressive! If you are ever in the central New York State area it is a great place to visit ... I would love to see any or all of you! I have room for guests, not fancy but comfortable with good food!

Love having the WOO to keep up to date on old friends... thanks Jim Ball for doing this!

Right now fighting w/ a cold I caught at Christmas.. cough, cough, cough.... fondly, Nancy

Paul Damico (LHS'54)

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Paul's wife Suzi deceased Dec. 26, 2011

(1/7/17)

My new address

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(1/7/17)

(editors note;

Hi Paul; Is this your new email address & street address? mollypaul77@cloud.com or pjdamico1936@aol.com ?

Hope all is well with you, Happy New Year!Jim)

(1/9/17)

Yes I forgot to add apt 119. Thanks

(1/16/17)

Everything is correct except the zip code the correct zip code is 20164

Bob Lessne (LHS'54)

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(1/22/17)

Loyalty 101

I am having a great time in my "golden years". Besides maintaining my private practice of over 50 years, I am replicating my high school days. I play the double belled euphonium in a band, do academic and sports activities and participate in a half marathon except I drove it and only receive a half a thumb.

I wondered that with the thousands of LHS grads, only a paucity of stalwarts are interested in pursuing alumni contact. I marvel why some of our classmates are interested in staying in touch with others and am curious why the majority are not. Could it be that although our high school days were crucial to bonding in the formative years of physical and intellectual development, many did not have a good time and do not want to remember or reminisce?

My conclusion is that the further distant in time and space the more the bond is broken. Some of us have a loyalty gene that makes us keep in touch. This gene imposes itself through our post HS. Those without this gene do not participate but would rather get on with their lives and form entirely new relationships leaving the past relationships behind.

Bob Lessne --Class of 54

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(1/25/17)

Hi Jim...

Hope you guys are doing well..

If you sent out a WOO, I didn't get it...

Thanks, Sandi Hirsch Liss..'55

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(1/27/17)

Hi All; We hope this finds you all healthy & happy & that you've had a wonderful holiday season.

Marja fell again this morning (6AM 1/26/17), didn't break anything but I noticed she is getting a black eye and has a bruise on her temple.

Crystal has been back on meds for back pain, she is doing much better but has just run out of the meds. She sees the Vet again on 2/6. Always something!

I'm taking the RV to have it's generator fixed, it stopped working during the Elk Hunt in Nov. We are going to attempt to attend 2 rallies with our RV club; one in Creede, CO June 7-11 and one in Farmington, NM Sept 21-24. My daughter Lorie & husband Jim are going to attend both.

There are other camping trips we usually go on in the Jemez Mountains with friends; Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, we try to go the weekend before or after the holidays to beat the crowds.

That's all I can think of now, I'll start sending out the WOO tomorrow. Everyone have a great month... stay healthy!

Jim & Marja (& Crystal).

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, 18; LHS'51, 47; LHS'52, 42; LHS'53, 42; LHS'54, 24; LHS'55, 55; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 72; LHS'58, 90; LHS'59, 105. 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 589.

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.

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