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**"Wise Old Owls"**  
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**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 hundredth & twenty-first edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-seventh 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.

### **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
	Ellen North.....	Jan. 30
January Anniversaries .....	George Lamond & wife Judy.....	Jan. 28

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

#### **Phil Shane (LHS'58) & wife Pat**

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(11/23/16)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

PAT & PHIL

(12/22/16)

MAY GOD GRANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY'S A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

PAT AND PHIL

**Sydelle (Goldman)(LHS'53) Richard**

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(11/23/16)

Hi my WOO Friends: I was glad to receive the WOO early this month as I will be away for the Winter soon but will be able to get WOO in Florida. I was so sad to learn that Jerry McShea and Bill Reilly passed. They were such nice guys. Well, my Thanksgiving was cancelled as my son-in-laws father passed away on Wednesday of that week but we did the best we could and had a small dinner . This 80 age is not the golden years as so many friends and family are passing away. On the brighter side I am looking forward to seeing so many relatives and friends in Florida soon. I hope you all have a good holiday and Chanukah/Christmas/ New Year and stay well. Sydelle Goldman Richard Class 53'

**Walter Ebmeyer (LHS'52)**

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Walter's wife Mary deceased 8/4/13

(11/23/16)

Many thanks for job well done. Walter Ebmeyer '52

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(11/23/16)

What a summer and fall this has been! Computer problems that kept on until three days ago, and went through two pesty laptops after my reliable old HP died a sudden death, before discovering that I am not a good person for either a laptop nor Microsoft 10. I fear my African gray parrot has learned a few naughty words before I bought "10 for Dummies", but now that there are some clues as to what I want to do and how to get t done, she'll probably forget all of them and stick to "blueberries", "cashews", "crackers" and 'Hamish, BAD CAT".....her usual expressions about life! Been super busy at the Natural History Museum during the past few months, and this weekend will be a torrent of University of Oklahoma parents coming here to be with kids from far off places....and seeing our huge dinosaurs is always part of the program. I'm healthy and very busy making gifts....doing lots of fun things in the way of boxes, trays, and jewelry with polymer clay, and keeping up with feeding the two dogs, two cat, parrot and crow population around here.

For those of you who were at LHS from around '59 on, my sister, Barbara Hill lives just a mile away with her husband, John and a dozen horses, sheep, chickens, 5 cats and now down to one dog. They have a nice ranch, I live in a cozy and safe underground house,...this is Oklahoma, after all, and nice California girls (lived in Orange County for 52 years and never met any of those "housewives"..thank goodness), knows that they have some rather nasty weather here. People talk about the earthquakes in CA, had lots of them and bigger than the new ones they are having here. Had a 5.8 a few weeks ago, and it got my sister all upset....not me! I never got it....only a mile away and I'm on a different plate. It was felt almost to St. Louis and down to Dallas, but not on my road! Museum came through with one tiny casualty,...the end of a 74 million year old mammal jaw broke off....probably had not been properly glued.

Went on a dig with a dozen other museum folk a few weeks ago and came home with 223 fossils from the Ordovician Sea....around 470mya. Some of those are showing up in my gifts!!!

Happy Holidays to the few who remember me before I bounded off to prep school in Massachusetts, but I remember many of you, including Claire Judson, still email with Sue Fessler, my neighbor for many years, and sadly, David Tolmach. So sorry we lost him.

Nance (Hill) Ross

**Don Roth (LHS'58)**

Lynbrook, NY

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(11/24/16)

Jim: Try this email address for RON CASTELLANOS (Class 1958)

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Don Roth (1958)

(12/13/16)

If anyone is interested in the "doings" of the current LHS sports programs you may be interested in learning that two Girls Lacrosse players have signed a "Letter of intent (scholarships)" to attend college in 2017.

Kacey Carter will be attending Syracuse on a Lacrosse scholarship next Fall while Patricia Bartels will be attending Molly College on a lacrosse scholarship. You can probably Google their names and read about their accomplishments.

GO OWLS!

Don Roth (1958)

(12/22/16)

Fascinating. Yes, fascinating that's the right word for our monthly museum trip which was taken by Bob Golf (1958), Lew McCurdy (1959) and Don Roth (1958) as we met at the Queens Museum on Wednesday, December 21st.

The exhibition this month at this museum featured MAINTENANCE ART by artist Mierle Laderman Ukeles. She did a fascinating display of artwork dealing with the NYC garbage. Yes, garbage! Again, fascinating is the right word. One display had her changing the Fresh Kills "dump" on Staten Island into a beautiful park/garden where tourists are now visiting. The photos taken and displayed on the museum walls were unbelievable. The three of us are already making plans to visit the Fresh Kills next summer.

The cost for this museum is a "donation" of any amount.

In another section of this large museum building is a panorama model of the NYC boroughs. This model shows 895,000 buildings, every street and park over 100 bridges and consists of a total of 320 square miles of New York City. Each building is built to scale with the Empire State building being 15 inches tall. Parts of Long Island and New Jersey are also included. There are moving airplanes taking off and landing at LGA and JFK. I could go on about this model but words cannot describe it's overwhelming appearance. You've got to see it yourself. It was built for the 1964 World's Fair as the "City of the Future". Oh by the way, it took 100 workers THREE years to complete this model display. If you live in the New York area I strongly suggest you visit this museum before the Maintenance Art (Sanitation Art) gets moved. The viewing ends February 19, 2017.

After the viewing there is a gift shop and cafe on the lower level. Fascinating, yes that's the correct word. The Museum is located just off the Grand Central Parkway next to the Arthur Ashe tennis center. Parking is free next to the building.

Don Roth (1958)

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(11/24/16)

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(11/24/16)

Jim

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Ron is a MD down in FL.

Lou Meier '58

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**Connie (Inman)(LHS'59) Kalbach deceased 6/4/16**

Jim: Saw the note from Herb Birdsall re the death of Ed Rainey.

I have been in email contact with Ed for many years. I met Ed when my folks bought a home in Lynbrook in 1943. His family lived around the corner on Yale Place. We were in the same class through West End Grammar School and LHS (Class of '56). I last saw Ed when he came to Atlanta on business about 15 years ago.

I just returned from Salt Lake City where I had Thanksgiving with my youngest daughter and her family. I took my 8 year old granddaughter (from Charleston, SC) with me so she could spend time with her three (boy) cousins, ages 10, 8 and 3.

I am selling my house on Lake Sinclair in middle GA and moving to the Atlanta area to be nearer my son and oldest daughter.

Merry Christmas to all.

Hank Kalbach (LHS Class of '56).

**Peter Gelb (LHS'68)**

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(11/27/16)

Happy Thanksgiving....

Jim, if you have sent out the WOO, I didn't get it...

Thanks, Sandi Hirsch Liss

(11/27/16)

(editors note; resent WOO to Sandi)

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(11/27/16)

The 50's

A flashback for some, a history lesson for others.

<https://safeshare.tv/x/FEDEwZHZXu#v>

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(11/28/16)

Hi Jim,

I noticed in your latest newsletter that someone was looking for contact info for Jane Reilly/John Minerva. My address book has the address as 205 Bud Nalley Drive, Easley, SC 29642. The phone is 864 442 6099 and the e-mail, giovanni215@gmail.com. I called and spoke to Jane for a while. Her memory is a little cloudy about the LHS days but it was a good chat.

Hope that you and your wife are well.

Harry Eschenbach

**John Minerva (LHS'51) & wife Jane (Reilly) (LHS'52)**

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(11/28/16)

**(editors note; Hi John & Jane, So glad we located you both. Harry Eschenbach provided your location so that I could add you to our monthly distribution list for the WISE OLD OWLS, WOO. Here is the Dec. 2016 issue, the January issue will be sent out the last week of the month. Welcome aboard....**

**Jim Ball)**

(11/29/16)

Jim - this is my second copy of your newsletter, so check your address list and see if I am now entered twice.

I did have an old address to my library system job - that should have been discarded. (Suffolk library system)

Sorry - I'm just checking in! - have a load of work to do - helping with a person writing a Christmas 'edition'.

I'll be in touch - we've moved and it's hard keeping up with finances, insurance, family, etc. (Just came home from a visit to my sister/family in California.)

Onward.

(11/29/16)

**(editors note; Hi John & Jane;**

**Well, I think I figured it out. Somehow, I understood you were not receiving WOO when the library email address went away. Then I received an update from Harry Eschenbach, he had giovanni215@gmail.com. I had just finished sending out Dec. WOO to giovannimail215@gmail.com, so I changed it and resent Dec. WOO to you. It came back as undeliverable so I changed back to giovannimail215@gmail.com and resent, that seems to have gone through.**

**I think I have also eliminated the problem of you receiving 2 copies, this is caused whenever I have a married couple that both attended LHS. When this happens I list both so my address book gives me a total of alumni receiving WOO for each year. What I have been doing is just putting my email address as the address for one of the couple. I just delete it when I receive the WOO back, that way the alumni don't need to receive 2 copies and I get a total by graduating year.**

**Thanks for letting me know you received WOO..... you both take care.....Jim Ball )**

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(11/28/16)

Jim, in case you weren't informed, Jack MacDonald died this year, near the time of Tom's death. Both were in bad health for years.

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(11/29/16)

Hi Jim, again I want to thank you for all the efforts you put into writing and sending the WOO Some nostalgia: Do you all remember Mur-Lees Men Shop? It was under the RR trestle on Atlantic Ave, probably from the 40's. Bart loved their clothes and their personal attention. Even when we moved to California we would shop at Mur-lees whenever we were home for a visit. Murray and Lee died some time ago and the boys, Bruce and Harry, took over the shop, and moved further north on Atlantic, approximately across from where Woolworths had been. Bart has been retired for 20 years and we live on the North Shore in Port Jefferson so we have not been in there in years. But he drove in the other day and he was met with a rousing welcome. And all is still the same.

On another note, Newsday sent out a copy of their first edition (11/21/1940 - cost 3 cents) to mark their 76th anniversary. Some of the stories were "Aircraft factory Watches for Sabatoge" (Republic in Farmingdale). Also, area banks reported a boom in Christmas Club payouts. Personal loans at 5% to "buy that new 1941 model". (Don't forget that the US stopped auto production right after this till 1945 to make jeeps for the war.

Ads included professional photos at \$1.00, Corset Services, Men's 2 trouser suits at \$25.00, White Horse Scotch \$2.65. There was also an editorial about the division in the country about whether to change Thanksgiving to the fourth rather than the fifth Thursday as Pres Roosevelt proposed. In The Your Baby and Mine column, the subject was " Constipation is not Heredity". Some of the classified ads were: 1939 Packard, with radio and heater for \$725, apartment for rent "four rooms and bath, 89 Smith Street, phone Lynbrook 4548\_W. , in Freeport a six-room house was \$45 a month.

It was great fun to look through this. Copies may be available if you contact Newsday.

That's it for now folks. Stay happy and count your blessings

Maryanne Bezyack

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

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(12/3/16)

Life is never dull.....

When I decided that I did not want an orthopedic surgeon playing with my spine some years ago I asked my neurologist if he could recommend a neurosurgeon who was not an idiot savant (been there, done that). He gave me three names -- two attending at Mount Sinai and one in Faculty Practice, who was the head of department. I chose the latter without knowing that he was a bit flaky though a wonderful surgeon and physician.

Hence -- when he gave me the date of December 13th for the surgery, I wrote it down. He did not. Result -- someone else is being knifed on the 13th, and I have been moved til the 22nd of December. The good news, I have more time to prepare. The bad news -- it is a terrible time to be in a hospital -- again, been there, done that. Staff shortages due to holidays and vacations.

Oh well!

Other good news for me, though not for her. Friend of my teens at Juilliard Prep, Martha Warner, was supposed to be in Colorado with her son. Son had to cancel, so she will be here. She is so loving and caring and helpful that it probably will not be so bad. And the stalwart Carlisle will also be here, so I am feeling a bit better about things. And folks from my synagogue have always been wonderfully helpful!

I'll send out a bulletin prior with the name, phone and email of contact person for the duration.

Happy holidays!

Clare

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(12/6/16)

"My Joanie is gone....."

I am saddened to report, my best friend and wife of 56-years passed away this morning at Los Robles Hospital here in Thousand Oaks, CA. She was under the care of Hospice and passed on peacefully. Our son, Glendon and I will make arrangements for a service in her honor. More later.

Rick Schnepf

(12/7/16)

**(editors note; Dear Rick; Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your wife Joan. We wish you strength in dealing with your loss. Hopefully your fond memories of her will help you through these trying times. Please keep in touch. Sincerely; Jim & Marja Ball)**

(12/7/16)

Thanks Jim for your kjnd thoughts. There is now a big void in my life.

Rick.

### **Betty (Jagel)(LHS'56) & husband John Lecuit (LHS '54)**

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(12/22/16)

Hi, Jim and Marja..just want to wish you both a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy 2017.

John and I are both OK..a little rusty but on this side of the grass, which is good. he is still a work in progress..We both love going to our local Sr Center where everyone is very warm and understanding of his issues. Unfortunately he can no longer travel distances, gets too confused, so we stay local now.

I want to let you know a little more about Ed Rainey's passing in October. He was Class of '56, a West Ender. A bunch of us hung out at my house on 1 Hillside Ave, next to the school, in those good old days..myself, Judy Brunjes, John May, my brother Rich Jagel (class of '57) and others. I have the greatest pictures of Ed holding an open umbrella jumping off my garage roof. This was before Mary Poppins...and no, he didn't break anything. He dared the rest of us to do it also, but we were chicken. I have another picture of Ed and John May climbing the telephone pole outside my house, all the way to the top. Don't ask how they got down.

Fond memories of what we did for entertainment in those days. In October Judy Brunjes, Frank Koehler and I met for a littler reprieve in his honor. Fond memories of a great guy....

Betty Jagel Lecuit ('56) and John Lecuit('54) We'll be celebrating our 60th in August!! Regards to you and yours..

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

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(12/26/16)

Hi All; We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and have the best New Year ever! Marja continues to struggle with her aches & pains, Crystal seems to be having renewed spinal pain problems. My latest physical problem is with my eyes which I'm treating with various eye drops. Thankfully my doctor renewed my prescription for an oxygen concentrator which I use while sleeping. Other then this we are doing fine! I don't know what will happen when we get old??

We went to my daughter Patti's for a wonderful Christmas diner. Daughter Lorie spent the holiday with her in-laws family in Chicago, daughter Cindy and her family celebrated at home in Roswell, NM. We have no special plans for New Years, just stay safe at home.

You all have a good month, we wish you good health and happiness.

Take care.....Jim & Marja

## **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.

**Please send some news so we can keep in touch.**

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