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## "Wise Old Owls" Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes of 1948 to 1959

**Lynbrook, NY  
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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-fifth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the fourteenth 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.

### May Notable Dates

May Birth dates..... Joe Cotie ..... May 2  
 Ed (Duke) Delattre..... May 4  
 Nancy (McNeill) Focardi..... May 13  
 Robert Graulich..... May 15  
 Walter Ebmeyer ..... May 17

May Anniversaries .....Thersa (DeRuvo) & husband Jack Weston..... May 15

### May News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

**Douglas Currie (LHS'53) & wife Marge**

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(3/26/17)

Jim,

did this go astray? (Doug's note of 3/7/17)

Best,

Doug

(3/26/17)

(editors note:

Hi Doug; Sorry, I have no record of receiving your note of 3/7 (not saying that I couldn't have screwed up one time but don't tell Marjs.... she still thinks I'm perfect). I'll add it in May's WOO, thanks for the news.

I notice this note indicates dgcurrie@verizon.net but in your note it says currie@umd.edu ? Which one should I use?? Thanks..... Jim Ball )

(3/7/17)

Dear Jim,

Here is my WOO contribution. Hope all is well with you and your family.

Best,

Doug

Doug Currie (LHS '53) and wife Marge

Dear Jim,

Many thanks for your efforts on WOO over the many years. I have been a

reader, but this is the first time that I have made a contribution. First, the sad news. My brother, Allan Baldwin Currie, class of '55, passed away a few years ago. After Lynbrook, he went to Michigan State and then on to become a CPA. He lived in Michigan most of his life and more recently moved here to Maryland. A few months ago, his wife of 25 years, Nancy, passed away in Florida.

As for myself, after Lynbrook I graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Engineering Physics. Then on to the University of Rochester for the PhD in Theoretical Physics. After bouncing around for a few years, I settled in as a Professor in the Department of Physics at the University of Maryland, College Park, where I have been for the past 45 years. Had a few fun experiences, putting mirrors on the moon during the Apollo Missions and developing the main camera for the Hubble Space Telescope. I have since officially retired, but still get contracts, currently to work on the next generation set of mirrors for the moon and some other projects.

Marge and I are still healthy and enjoy life and traveling. Marge remembers fondly the people she met at the reunion, especially Anne Kennedy and her husband with whom we had brunch when we were in Rochester for a reunion. We just spent Christmas and the New Year in Alaska with our two daughters, hosted by daughter Jennifer who lives in Anchorage. Next month we are off to Morocco and then to my 60th reunion at Cornell.

We are still in our house near downtown DC. We are here to host you if you are coming to march in Washington, whatever your cause! Well, call even if you just come to see the awesome sites!

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(3/26/17)

Jim,

No problem, the e-mail address is a bit complicated, but [currie@umd.edu](mailto:currie@umd.edu) is the proper one.

Best,

Doug

### **Charlie (Howie) Meier (LHS'51) & wife Betsy**

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(3/26/17)

Jim, I know I sent the following information to our class, and I thought I had also advised you similarly. If I did not, my bad. Grace Ferrall informed me that her brother, Richard Kane, Class of '51 died on 13 December 2016.

I notice that you include him as just missing.

Charlie

(4/2/17)

Fellow classmates, again I bear very sad tidings for you.

I just received a telephone call from Jim Rough, son of Joan Brunges Rough, informing me that Joan died at 9:30 PM last night, 1 April, from the consequences of an infection. The family will have local services on Tuesday, and her ashes will be spread at sea as were her husband's in naval tradition.

Her cell phone, 352-362-9088, will remain operational for about one week should you wish to call the family.

### **Joan (Brunges) (LHS'51) Rough**

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Husband, Jack Rough deceased 11/2012

Joan (Brunges) Rough deceased 4/1/17

### **David Nickerson (LHS'51)**

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(4/2/17)

Don't think of her as gone away-her journey's just begun,

life holds so many facets-this earth is only one...

Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and  
years.

Think how she must be wishing that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost-and she was loved so much.

In Loving Memory

JOAN

**Richard Kane (LHS'51)**

Richard Kane deceased 12/13/2016

**Jack Drahos (LHS'49)**

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(3/26/17)

Hi Jim--

The drah26@aol.com is not a good one. Delete it. It should read drah26@aol.com which you have since I just received the latest WOO.

Keep up the good work on the WOO. I enjoy it but rarely see any 49ners news. I see an occasional one like today from E Kelly. I know it's a lot of work but we all appreciate your effort.

Jack

**Walter Ebmeyer (LHS'52)**

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Walter's wife Mary deceased 8/4/13

(3/26/17)

Something came up about Latin the other day, and suddenly I was again in the presence of Miss Holmes, who taught it at LHS and tried to teach it to me. Hic, haec, hoc! Her classroom door was right next to the front stars, and between classes she stood guard there to make sure no barbarian dared go the wrong way (they were one-way stairs, but I can't remember if her stairs were up or down). No one ever went the wrong way on Miss Holmes's stairs. She was that scary. I am now 81 years old, but the thought of Miss Holmes still makes me a little jumpy. Somewhere in heaven there is a stairway going the right way because Miss Holmes is in charge.

Walter Ebmeyer '52. 929 Bonifant Street, APT 508, Silver Spring, MD 20910. 301-328-7035.

**Harry Eschenbach (LHS'52) & wife Dodi**

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(3/26/17)

Hi Jim,

I sent you a copy of the Newsday obit for Arlene Heldberg, Fritz's wife. this morning. However we have a new system using fiber optics and things happen so fast that I'm not sure that I was successful. Stay well.

Harry Eschenbach

**Arlene (Appleman)(LHS'54) Heldberg**

Huntington, NY

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Husband Fred Heldberg (LHS'52) Deceased 10/8/12

Arlene (Appleman)(LHS'54) Heldberg Deceased

**Joseph Papa (LHS'59)**email: [joedds67@gmail.com](mailto:joedds67@gmail.com)

Spring training in Florida...been going to games here in Jupiter since 1999...20 or more sometimes..finally quit. Talk about greed..cost of games skyrocketed..plus pay for parking and now..get this..pay extra to watch batting practice. Count me out. Been going to local college team games..no hassle..go Panthers! Hopefully will see some minor league games this summer with Roth and McCurdy.

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

London, UK Sept-June

Etna, NH June-Sept

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(3/26/17)

Hi Jim,

Here's what appeared on my screen. Can you try again?

Ned

(3/26/17)

(editors note: WOO April 2017 Ned; I'll try here again, thanks for letting me know about the problem. Take care .....Jim Ball)

(3/27/17)

Same problem but thanks for trying. We overnighted in Florence and perhaps it is the server that is the problem. We're back home in Cortona later today so why not try again.

Thanks,

Ned

**Rhoda (Roemer) (LHS'49) Eagan**

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Hi Jim, I think I may have been deleted from the LHS Newsletter mailing list. True, I haven't been in touch myself to any of your emails, but I do miss hearing from you. I have had a bumpy two years, but praises be, I am back to my own self once again, and on an aggressive physical conditioning program to regain more strength and stamina. That's what being sedentary for too long will do. Had to give up tennis, which I had been playing since I was about 10 years old. Don't know whether I'll get back to the old level of play. If not, will play "pickle ball" which is lots of fun and a substitute for senior players.

Everything else in life is great. Family are all fine and give me more attention and joy than I deserve. All will be here to visit in April for my 85th birthday. Oy, ve. The confusion, food and laundry. Yay. I can't wait. Best wishes to old friends. I promise to contribute more in the future and hope some of my old classmates will do the same. Thanks. Rho

(3/27/17)

(editors note: Hi Rhoda; Yes, somehow you had been removed from WOO. Thanks so much for letting me know. Keep up that exercise & stay healthy! Wishing you the best... Jim Ball)

**Binnie (Benjamin) (LHS'59) & husband Bob Factor**

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(3/29/17)

Hi Jim,

Binnie Benjamin Factor here! I have Marlin Friedman Schragers E-Mail. It is [artylady6@comcast.net](mailto:artylady6@comcast.net)

I now live in Bradenton, FL. In the winter and Bridgton? MAine in the summer. My husband Bob retired from the practice of Law 3 years ago and I retired from ReL Estate at the same time. At this moment we are in Bend, Oregon visiting my son Ian who is an art Prof. at the State College here in Bend.

My younger son, Seth, lives in Vienna, VA and is an environmentalist. In Washington, DC.

Marlin lives In Georgia .!!!!

Thanks for all your hard work, much appreciated.

**Marlin (Friedman)(LHS'59) Schragers**

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(3/29/17)

(editors note; Hi Marlin; Binnie Factor provided your email address so that we could add you back into our WOO distribution list, welcome back. I hope all is well at your house.....Jim Ball)

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

Manhattan, NY

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(3/31/17)

(editors note; Clare's surgery update courtesy of Clare's friends, Deb Golden & Carlisle Hacker We thank them both.)

Dear All:

Clare's surgery was delayed MANY hours yesterday--due to various and sundry emergency events (surgeon tending to one or more emergency patients, etc.)--but the operation DID take place (beginning at about 6 p.m.) and, as of this morning (Friday, 3/31) she is resting more or less comfortably and awaiting a series of post-op tests. She may or may not stay at Mt. Sinai until early next week. So far, so good. I'll update you when there are more facts to impart. Meanwhile, C's cell number is 9

17-763-4413.

Carlisle

(4/4/17)

Dear All,

Yesterday (Monday, 4/3) Clare was discharged from Mount Sinai at about 6:30 p.m. and transported to Amsterdam House for rehab. (It's on Amsterdam Ave.--across the street from St. John the Divine Cathedral and just down the street from St. Luke's Hospital.) This was No. 1 on Clare's list, so she's happy to be in a familiar neighborhood, etc. Since she has to wear a hard neck collar device for quite a while, she anticipates staying at the rehab place for two weeks--maybe longer. If you want to visit, just ask at the sign-in desk for her room number, since she's currently trying to negotiate a switch to another room with better shower access.

Let me know if I can help with any questions.

Carlisle

**Pat (Fagan) Glass (LHS'58)**

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(3/29/17)

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(3/29/17)

all small letters-'judyfarkas

**Judy (Wiener) Farkas (LHS'58)**

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(3/31/17)

(editors note;

Hi Judy; Sorry to bother you again, the address with "c" in it came back so I'm sending it to "k". If this does not come back I've answered my own question, Have a good day..... Jim Ball)

(3/31/17)

Sorry

Not sure who you are?

(3/31/17)

(editors note; Hi Judy;

Thanks for responding. We had lost contact with you for the Wise Old Owls newsletter. Here is last months issue, welcome back..... Jim Ball )

**Ken Xydias (LHS'58) & wife Linda (Bedell) (LHS'60)**

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(4/3/17)

Hi Jim:

Here's some miscellaneous news.

Survived another 5K last month. Won in my age class, but I was the only one, so no bragging on that. Pace was terrible - 12:01/mile, down from 11:30 last year and 10:49 the year prior. My doctor said it would come to this. Got another one in late April, but don't think I'll do any better. That course has some hills.

Still active in Community theatre, but slowing down due to other commitments. Played Admiral boom, and one of the bankers in Mary Poppins, Philostrate in Mid summer's Night Dream, and Rev. Hopkins in Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Auditioned for The Importance of Being Ernest, but hadn't seen the cast list yet.

Rewrite this any way you see fit.  
Ken

**Anne (Kennedy) (LHS'53) & husband Arnold Cordts**

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(3/31/17)

Hi Jim,

Hope you and especially Marja are well. Noticed my listing in April Anniversaries is incomplete. It should read Anne (Kennedy) & husband Arnold Cordts and date is April 12.

Can't believe it is 59 years!

Have fun on your hunting trips.

Anne Kennedy Cordts LHS'53

**Don Roth (LHS'58)**

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(4/11/17)

To answer those who have emailed me questions inquiring about the female wrestler at South Middle School, she is in the 99 pound weight class and is not sure if she will try to wrestle once she enters high school this fall. I will keep you posted if she goes further in her goal to earn an Olympic spot on the female USA wrestling team.

Don Roth

Class 1958

(4/11/17)

The Village of Lynbrook will see a \$10 million renovation of the Lynbrook LIRR station. The station needs some cement repair, stairs repairing and an additional escalator for Platform A (the tracks near the Doughboy Monument) as there is none at this time. The station is 79 years old. The renovations are to start the Fall of this year.

Some of the new features will be LED lighting, security cameras and improved waiting rooms.

The Westwood LIRR station waiting room building has been torn down for some 20 years and has been replaced by an open air covered building. We who grew up in the Westwood area will not be able to play any stoop ball at this station any longer.

Don Roth

Class 1958

(4/19/17)

Yes, I had the craving. It went on for over two days until I finally drove over to the Handwerker's eating establishment in Oceanside the closest one to Lynbrook.

The special was two for \$4 which I couldn't resist. You guessed it, I went to Nathan and Ida Handwerker's eating establishment that we all know as NATHAN'S!

To bring you memory back in time Nathan and Ida, two Polish immigrants, opened their first hot dog stand at Coney Island back in 1916. The rest is history.

Back to my meal. Along with the two for \$4 special the onion rings were also on sale for \$1.99. I couldn't resist those either. A medium Coke helped wash it all down.

There's something new now at NATHAN'S. Once you place your order you are handed a number card and your order is delivered to your table. The table service made those dogs taste even better.

I know you are having a craving as you read this so why not head to the closest NATHAN'S for a few dogs when in the area.

Burp.

Don Roth

Class 1958

**Bob Lessne (LHS'54)**

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(4/20/17)

I have always been a liberal (progressive) person who was weaned on radio shows like Barry Gray and Big Joes Happiness Exchange in NYC. I later was further molded into progressivism by becoming a board operator for Sam Gyson and Larry King while attending undergraduates school. I often took over the interviews when folks where on vacations. Growing up in Lynbrook made us clean cut kids doing sports, going to dances, and occasionally reading books.

When I attended West End there was one black student. At Lynbrook High School, I do not remember any minority students except one with post polio and one with cerebral palsy.

I learned about the Holocaust from my home situation but never about segregation.

The first time I drove to the University of Miami through the Deep South I was confronted with separate water fountains, waiting rooms and restaurants. I was astounded and went into deep culture shock when I attended the University found a totally segregated society.

As I was an Eagle Scout (Troop 234), I joined the Boy Scout fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. We were very active in fighting segregation and joined with our black brothers at Florida A&M University for joint social events.

I have been active in writing laws such as parking for persons with disabilities and the reason the signs are blue is that I liked blue at the time. I am now working on getting decals on glass and mirrored doors so partially sighted persons will be better able to see the danger.

Florida was part of the Confederacy and still has the old South mindset. Our willing legislature has concocted a bill that will gut the states version of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I have been fighting this bill and hope to defeat it before it sees light of day. I have written a rebuttal to the bill and have submitted it to the Florida American Civil Liberties Union as well as the Democratic Caucus for People with Disabilities.

I attended the University of Indiana and received fellowships thereafter to Western Michigan University and the University of Wisconsin. ( ya me) Since receiving my PhD I've been doing considerable writing in several fields of disability. I have a new book, now being organized and edited. In November, I will be giving a paper to the Southern Economic Association and will be debuting my new Life Care Planning computer program.

I think many Lynbrook high school students are a credit to our stereotype in fighting for civil rights. I think this is a long tradition even though the local Bell Party, an offshoot of the Republican Party was all we knew.

Bob Lessne 305 271 0012

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

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(4/26/17)

Hi All;

Things in Albuquerque have been quiet this month, no new falls. Marja's black eye is gone so I finally had to take her to Red Lobster last night to celebrate.

Friend Tony & I got drawn for a Deer Hunt, Nov. 4th to 7th in the Jemez Mts. The other 4 got drawn for the Nov. 4-7 hunt but in a different area of the State...

bummer! They also got drawn for an Elk hunt which we did not.... another bummer! We may just go with them during the Elk hunt but we could not bring our guns and would just be the camp bit\*\*es.

Grand-daughter Emily Landers has decided to relocate to Dallas, TX where some long time friends reside. Last week her Mom & Dad went to Dallas with her to help her get settled. Her cooking & smiles will sure be missed here in Albuquerque.

That's all for now, you all have a great month, stay happy & healthy. Keep those notes coming.

### **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, 55; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 72; 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, 3; LHS'62, 3; LHS'64, 2; LHS'66, 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.**