

"WISE OLD OWL'S"

**Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes of
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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 hundred & twenty-fourth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-first since we invited 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.

JUNE Notable Dates

June Birth dates.....	Joseph Fischer.....	June 7
	Georgie (Borneman) Sibert.....	June 11
	Carol (Kalvin) Rubin	June 11
	Marja Ball.....	June 14
	Rose (Maffucci) Reis.....	June 19

Betty (Toto) Ferrante.....
June 21
Anita (Petersen) Miskovsky..... June 21
Susan Limpitlaw..... June
23
Norman Mack June
24
Mildred Olsen..... June
30

June Anniversaries.....Charlie Meier & wife

Betsy.....June 3

**Betty Lee (Kirkegaard) & husband Edward Edler...
June 7**

**Sue (Fessler) & Don Sullivan
June 9**

**Lew & Arlene Ross.....
June 12**

**Marja Ball.....
June 14**

**Rose (Maffucci) & Harry Reis.....
June 20**

**Karl Thuge & wife Estrid.....
June 21**

**Larry & Ann Moran.....
June 25**

**Robert & Natalie (Kirschner) Gorin
June 26**

**Robert & Bonnie Fischler.....
June 28**

JUNE News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

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(4/24/19)

I see there is someone from LHS in Broken Arrow, OK! Please do let any alumni who are living in, near, or visiting Oklahoma, to come to the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History any Saturday, Sunday or Monday between the hours of 1:00-5:00, let me know you are from LHS and you will get the tour of our museum...or just of the dinosaur ares, if you prefer! I am now known as Nance Ross (dropped the last name "Hill" a long time ago), but I'm there until the grass grows over me...and at 83 still healthy and enjoying my lovely dinosaurs at the museum! I was class of '53, except I baled after my freshman year and finished in Northampton, Massachusetts, but before that

was in Lynbrook public schools. Anybody from Marion Street Elementary still reading Woo? You were the kids I knew best.
Nance North Ross, Newalla, Oklahoma.

Sydelle (Goldman)(LHS'53) Richard

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(4/24/19)

Hi. To. All. My. Classmates. I was so happy to escape the bad weather. I was in. Florida from. Dec. to. April 16. Got home just in time for the holidays. Had a great time. Saw lots of relatives who live there and Some who vacation from. New York. Saw my cousin. G. G and his wife. He also went to. L. H. S. Will be going to my. Grandsons graduation from. Purdue in. May. And. Granddaughter gets her. Masters. Degree the same weekend. So excited for both of them. Having cataract surgery. May. 16. But am told it is a breeze. Hope so. Otherwise all is well in Chicago and hope to hear the same from all of you.

My thanks to. Jim.

Sent from my iPhone. Stay well. Your classmate '53

Sydelle. Goldman. Richard

(5/13/19)

Hi Sydelle;

I'm so sorry, I received your note for WOO and immediately went to add it to the

June WOO which is in process. It disappeared, vanished, gone to the never, never

land of the box utilized by us with limited knowledge of computers.

Your note was great news with your 2 grand kids getting college degrees, wonderful

news to share and I lost it sorry, PLEASE send again. Jim Ball

(5/14/19)

I will try to send it again. If. I can find it!! Haha

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Wife, Patricia (Sheerin)(LHS'51) Landman deceased 4/22/19

(4/24/19)

Sad News:

I am sorry to have to let you know that my wife of 67+ years...{Patricia A. Landman ,nee Sheerin} passed away suddenly on April 22nd just 17 days after

her 86th Birthday.

I was blessed to be surrounded by Our entire family immediately...Our 3 daughters, their husbands, their 5 grandsons with their partners and all the Love and respect for their Mother & Grandmother that can be imagined.

Robert G. Landman

Beverley (Miller)(LHS'50) Hanson

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(4/24/19)

Hello Jim & Marja: Thank you for another outstanding WOO Newsletter. Your most faithful efforts are truly appreciated.

My dear friend Joan Ludin Hain LHS 1952 would like to be added to your LHS Alumni list and Newsletter.. Her address is . Joan.l.lair@gmail.com

It is hard to believe Joan and I have been friends for over 80 years. Both of us doing fairly well considering age and infirmities. Joan is in Mountainside, New Jersey and I am in Calif. My new address is Beverley (Miller) Hanson 641 Frontier Court, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807.

We keep in touch almost every week by phone or email. We would both enjoy hearing from classmates. Beverley's eMail: . phone 657-223-9029.racollections2@gmail.com

I am no longer driving due to eye issues. Thankfully, I have a lovely lady friend who takes me out at least twice a week for a nominal fee. Three years ago I used to drive Seniors, now it is my time for a driver.

I keep busy at home with some gardening and also selling my Royal Albert China Book on eBay and Etsy. To my delight and amazement the Book is being enjoyed in 28 Countries including Canada, UK, 5 Countries in Asia, Russia, and South Africa. I have been working on a second book for over 12 years, lots of research and photographing for me.

Kudos to Don Roth for keeping us informed about Lynbrook News.

I have fond memories of Atlantic Ave. merchants, including Anderson's Ice Cream

(pre Zanetti's), Dave's Pharmacy which he sold to his Brother Abe Cohen., Schaefer's Bakery?sp? and most of all Mueller's Homemade Candies. I think the last owner may have been Greisch?

Not sure if you know Betty and Ray Pratt LHS 1950 both passed away apx. 3 years ago in Bradenton, Florida where they lived for over 30 years.

Kind regards to you and Marja and your dear Patti for her help in keeping

us up to date.

Beverley Miller Hanson LHS 1950.

Joan (Ludin)(LHS'52) & husband George Lai

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(4/24/19)

Hi Joan; I received your email address from Beverley (Miller) Hanson so I could add you back into the WOO distribution list. Welcome aboard.

It's so nice to be adding a '52 Classmate rather than having to drop them. Hope all is well with you..... Sincerely Jim Ball

_ _Geraldine (Perrotta) (LHS'59) DeMilt

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(4/25/19)

Thanks for all you do Jim.

Interesting to see info on other graduates of LHS.

Class of 59 My husband and I moved from our home in RVC last Sept.

We now live in a condo in RVC. Enjoying condo life

Our four children and eleven grandchildren make up our family.

Eldest granddaughter will graduate from Ithaca College next month,

Second grandson attends Tulane University, third grandson attends

Dennison Univ, third granddaughter attends UCLA .

Other grandchildren in high school, elementary, nursery for last grandson.

I hope to read more info from Class of 59.

Gerry Perrotta DeMilt

Joyce (Finker) (LHS'59) Hirsch

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(4/25/19)

I have sent you two emails with my information, Perhaps you never received them. One sent last year and one more recently. Please let me know whether you received either one.

Joyce Finker Hirsch "59

(4/27/19)

Missing Alumni Information

Hi Joyce:

I am sooo sorry if I had anything to do with your missing notes. I tried a search and came up with nothing. I don't know what could have caused them to be lost. I sure don't want to miss any notes that our alumni would send. Would you please send them again and I'll respond to you immediately.

Thanks so much and again I apologize if my lack of computer knowledge might have somehow caused this.

Sincerely: Jim Ball

(4/27/19)

This is my first letter to WOO and I enjoy reading it every month. I have had a good life since leaving Lynbrook. I was a schoolteacher in the 60's, computer programmer in the 70's, and calligrapher in the 80's and 90's. I raised a family living in New York City. I have three children and 8 grandchildren (ages 6 mo. to 14 years). I now split my time between Atlantic Beach, LI, and Boca Raton, FL. I spend my days at duplicate bridge and golf, both of which I enjoy very much.

(11/1/17)

Hello all, This is my first time joining the conversation, so this is what I have been doing since graduation. I was a teacher in the 60's, a computer programmer in the 70's, a calligrapher in the 80's and now I am retired. I spend half the year in Atlantic Beach, LI and the other half in Boca Raton, FL. I am an avid golfer and duplicate bridge player. I have 3 children and 7 grandchildren ages 1-13. It is nice reading about my classmates on your website. Thank you for doing this.

Joyce Finker Hirsch

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Husband Paul Focardi deceased

(5/2/19)

This came up on my FB page..? thought I would let you know in case you

didn't hear it from someone else:

Robert Landman? Photo posted in memory of Pat who passed away 4/22/19 we enjoyed 67 years of marriage before this surprising happening...Bob L.

Pat Sheerin Landman was class of '51 w/ me.

Nancy McNeill Focardi

- Don Roth (LHS'58)

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(5/4/19)

The Lynbrook School District has inaugurated a first in the District's history. Every few months the District mails out a newspaper publication announcing school news. The most recent publication deals

with the annual budget. This edition has set a new image.

This publication is printed in BOTH English and Spanish. After each paragraph of English is the same paragraph written in Spanish.

Times are changing from when we all attended LHS.

Adios mi amigos.

Don Roth Class 1958

(5/4/19)

The annual reports on USA Teachers salaries has been published. The average teachers salary, based on the years 2016-2017, in the USA is \$60,477. Teachers average salaries have actually DROPPED since 2006-2007.

The Top USA States ranking for average teachers salaries is:

New York \$84,277, California \$80,680, Massachusetts \$80,357, Connecticut \$74,517 and New Jersey \$69,917.

The lowest teachers average salary is in the State of Mississippi at \$44,926.

How does Lynbrook fit in New York State? These figures vary as some are tabulated from the 2017-2018 school year. The Lynbrook District teachers just recently signed a new three year contract calling for a small raise of approximately .02 percent based on their current salary. Each Administrator received an average of \$10,000-\$20,000 raise for the next three years. Once again the top is top- heavy.

The average salary for a Lynbrook School District teacher is \$75,000. Most teachers salaries in Lynbrook are in the \$100,000-\$120,000 range as many have over ten years of teaching. The highest paid Lynbrook teacher is approximately \$145,000 which includes the highest salary without a doctorate, plus two varsity coaching assignments.

The Lynbrook School District has 3008 students (K-12). The high school has 1032 students with a student-teacher ratio of 13-1. There are 81 full-time teachers at the high school.

And to think that at one time Sid Covert taught Physical Education and during the same school year was the Varsity football, basketball and baseball coach. Today it is actually difficult to find anyone who wants to coach as coaching salaries are not that attractive to veteran teachers. Newly hired teachers apply for coaching assignments to add some income to their salary but many have no background in the sport they are hired to coach. The district is merely trying to "fill a slot".

**Don Roth
Class 1958**

(5/13/19)

Some odds and ends were learned today while visiting LHS to see the Athletic Director concerning some Play-Off games in both Boys and Girls lacrosse.

Aside from the athletic information, I learned that if a student wishes to purchase this years LHS Yearbook the cost is \$120. OUCH! As you can imagine, many of the lower income families with students at the high school do not purchase the yearly yearbook.

Also learned from the President of the Lynbrook Teachers Association that the starting salary for a new teacher with no experience is just about \$50,000. If that same new teacher with no experience holds a Masters Degrees that starting salary is around \$65,000. Most newly hired teachers have Masters degrees and 99% of them start at the first step on the salary schedule. If an experienced teacher, with teaching experience at another school district, gets hired that teacher is often given a two step increment but not the same salary he/she was earning at his/her former teaching position.

The two top basketball players on this year's Varsity team, Rylan Blondo and James Montgomery, have decided where they will attend next September for their college education. Rylan will attend New Paltz with financial grants as that Division does not offer athletic scholarships while James will attend local Molly College on a full financial basketball scholarship. He plans to live in the new student's dorm that was built about 2-3 years ago for those "out of town"

students or those who wish to live on campus.

Don Roth
Class 1958

(5/13/19)

It was announced in Newsday today that JAMIE GLYNN, 81, passed away May 11, 2019. Jamie was a member of the basketball and track teams while at Lynbrook High School. Jamie was the younger brother of John "Bunny" Glynn and older brother of Steve Glynn who both preceded Jamie in passing. Jaime's has two younger brothers. Bill lives in Upstate New York while younger brother Jerry resides in Lynbrook.

Don Roth
Class 1958

(5/18/19)

With the PGA Championship being played just "around the corner" at Bethpage Black golf course I decided I would take a trip out there to watch how the game should be played. I had to drive to Jones Beach where the General Parking was organized. There were shuttle buses, not the school bus type but the luxury style buses, leaving every 15 minutes for the golf course. It took me 20 minutes to get to Jones Beach and another 20 minutes on the shuttle bus before arriving at the entrance to the PGA gates.

I read in Newsday that "military personal with ID proof can receive a FREE ticket". I brought my ID, walked to the ticket windows, and was granted a FREE ticket for the event. The first day I attended was the last practice round on Wednesday. There were still plenty of big name golfers trying to figure out the Black course and I stayed about four hours. Practice round tickets were selling for \$45. There were also plenty of ticket scalpers at Jones Beach as well as outside the Main Entrance at Bethpage. Most of the scalpers had tickets that were for the sponsor tents.

I returned again on Friday, the second round of the Championship, and once again I did not have to pay the \$125 ticket price but was given a FREE ticket. The place was mobbed with lines about 50 deep at all the food stands. I sat in the bleachers near the first tee and watched a lot of the big named golfers tee off. I departed after three hours as it was getting warm and the crowds were getting larger as the day went on.

If any of you served in the military look into these FREE tickets, one for you and one for a guest is the policy, when ever you plan to attend a PGA event. Saved me some big bucks!

Don Roth
Class 1958

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(5/25/19)

Hi All:

We hope you have had a happy & healthy month!

We have had a quiet month, our health has, luckily has been holding, no drastic changes.

Our grand son, James Landers and his wife Sarah are expecting my first great grand child this November.

Marja is constantly in all kinds of pain and cannot do much of anything. I sure hope that the medical profession

will soon find some kind of medication that will relive her pain and allow her to resume her normal life.

Crystal is much better, she just loves the dog park and just goes nuts when I ask her if she would like to go to the dog park.

I seem to be having more & more trouble putting together the WOO, I keep forgetting or loosing notes, I hope this doesn't get

much worse, so many of our alumni seem to really look forward to receiving the WOO and I enjoy so much putting it together!

We wish you all a happy & healthy month, Take care..... Jim Ball

Trouble receiving WOO? Here's good news!

My daughter Patti 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.candothat.com/woo.html if you click on this web site then on "WOO Jan. 2018 "etc. you will open WOO in pdf format and you can print it out on your

computer. A couple of our alumni have already had success downloading WOO from this site. Patti will add each WOO as I complete it so there will be a WOO Jan. 2018, etc. We hope this works for everyone having a problem opening WOO. Patti has already added all of the 2017 & 2018 WOOs to this site, so if you missed any you can get them there.

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, 17; LHS'50, 20; LHS'51, 46; LHS'52, 42; LHS'53, 42; LHS'54, 24; LHS'55, 55; LHS'56, 38; LHS'57, 73; LHS'58, 89; LHS'59, 108. 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, 5; LHS'62, 3; LHS'64, 2; LHS'66, 1; LHS'68, 1; LHS'74, 1; LHS?, 8. Total distribution now 598.

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.