

## **"WISE OLD OWL'S"**

**Official Newsletter of Lynbrook High School Classes of 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 hundred & twenty-sixth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-third 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.

### August Notable Dates

<b>August Birthdays</b>	<b>Janet (Woolsey) Carlsen</b>	<b>August 5</b>
	<b>Carole (Dudley) Ellis</b>	<b>August 15</b>
	<b>William Graham</b>	<b>August 18</b>
	<b>Don Mitchell</b>	<b>August 19</b>
	<b>Janet (Kenny) Lewis</b>	<b>August 20</b>
	<b>John Leib</b>	<b>August 22</b>
	<b>Nance (Hill) Ross</b>	<b>August 24</b>
	<b>Louise Brady</b>	<b>August 26</b>
	<b>Sue (Fessler) Sullivan</b>	<b>August 27</b>
	<b>Maureen (Pearsall) McCreedy</b>	<b>August 27</b>
	<b>Richard Carner</b>	<b>August 30</b>
	<b>Helen (Mastroianni) Pietroforte</b>	<b>August 31</b>
	<b>Bob Landman</b>	<b>August 31</b>

<b>August Anniversaries</b>	<b>Steve Lipson &amp; wife Barbara (Kopit)</b>	<b>August 7</b>
	<b>William Siegel &amp; wife Kathleen.</b>	<b>August 8</b>
	<b>Jonathan Greenfield &amp; wife Heather</b>	<b>August 8</b>
	<b>John Malish &amp; wife Carolyn (Adams)</b>	<b>August 10</b>
	<b>Robert Cox &amp; wife Edwina</b>	<b>August 12</b>
	<b>Herb Weissman &amp; wife Shelley</b>	<b>August 17</b>
	<b>John Lecuit &amp; wife Betty</b>	<b>August 23</b>
	<b>Bob Landman &amp; wife Pat (Sheerin)</b>	<b>August 24</b>
	<b>Joe Cotie &amp; wife Robin</b>	<b>August 31</b>

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

**Ron Klepper (LHS'55)**

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**(6/23/19)**

**Hi Jim,**

**Just received the WOO for July. Thank you for doing such an excellent job and service for us alumni. I still keep moving, just a lot slower. Life has been good, and I am thankful for each day. About 11 years ago I sold my house which was getting to be too much work. I moved to a nice apartment complex with two bedrooms and two baths (about 1200 sq. ft.). Stayed in the same town of Sanford, NC. It has a swimming pool and weight room. It was going to be temporary, but I like it so much I decided to stay. For me it is a good fit. No extra charges for repairs, they cut the grass and do all the maintenance. I can go on vacation, leave it and do not worry. This past Memorial Day weekend (Friday to Monday), I took my two married daughters to an all inclusive resort south of Cancun, Mexico. Their husbands stayed home with the grand kids. Great time.**

**Thanks again, Ron Klepper (LHS '55)**

**John Limpitlaw (LHS'52) & wife Susan**

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**(6/24/19)**

**I write this from our summer home in Wellfleet, Cape Cod where we arrived four days ago from Naples, FL. It's our twenty-seventh summer on the Cape, but possibly our last or penultimate as we both turn 85 in 2020.**

**Our two daughters live in Boston, the younger and maiden one the Head Librarian at the School of Theology of Boston University and the older an empty-nester mother of three boys living in San Francisco, Portland Oregon and Providence, R.I. We see them all during our time here, and will pass the house to our daughters this year as a homestead for them and the next generation of Limpitlaw/Lights. Our son-in-law hopes to retire here as well.**

**Retired life in Naples these last twenty years has been far more than we might have imagined in our middle age. A wonderful and beautiful community with lots of friends, the last nine years in a retirement community called Moorings Park. We've been blessed and thankful for these last decades of life and so enjoy hearing about the lives of others who've made it this far and are thankful for all that has been meaningful and sustaining these years since graduating from LHS.**

**Joyce (Finker) (LHS'59) Hirsch**

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**(6/24/19)**

**I sent you two notices with my information, which you finally located. You said you would put it in the June WOO but it wasn't in the June or July newsletter.**

**Joyce Finker Hirsch '59**

**(6/26/19)**

**Hi Joyce; Your 2 notes to WOO were put into the June 2019 WOO. They appear starting at the bottom of the 7th page. They started with 4/25 then 4/27 and ended with your original submittal of 11/1/17. I had received some notes saying that notes were in some of the Alumni copies sent out, but then missing out of other Alumni copies. We don't know what caused this but are still working on it.**

**I hope this copy arrives complete. Sorry for the problems, thanks for the notes. Have a great day..... Jim Ball**

**(6/26/19)**

**Hello Jim, I just looked back at all your previous WOOs, including June. They were never more than one page long, so I guess I never receive the full newsletter.....**

**Thank you for trying.**

**Joyce Finker Hirsch**

**(6/26/19)**

**Hi Joyce;**

**I don't know what causes this problem but my daughter Patti set up a Website, [www.candothat.com/woo.html](http://www.candothat.com/woo.html). if you go to her website you can browse through all the WOOs I've sent out in the last few years and you can read or print out any that you might want. I hope this works for you, good luck Jim Ball**

**Nance (North)(LHS'53) Ross**

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**(6/25/19)**

**Glad to hear there is a Broken Arrow, Oklahoma resident from Lynbrook! Come see me any Saturday or Sunday at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, from 1:00 to 5:00, where I am the Ancient Life Galleries**

**Guide. They like to keep all us dinosaurs together!**

**Oklahoma, and lots of other places in the country are experiencing the terrors wreaked by weather during this period of Global Warming (even though some of our politicians choose to ignore the evidence), and we have sure had more than our share of rain, hail and twisters! My home is built into the top of a hill, with four foot concrete walls above and on three sides, otherwise I never would have left my lovely Southern California ten**

years ago to be closer to my daughter and her hubby in another southern state. My sister Barbara (Hill) lives a mile away and found this home for me a few years back when I decided to live closer to daughter, Kerrie and her great husband, Rusty. We are safe in here, but my computer, telephone and air conditioner all took a hit from the electrical storm last week....so am back on line, cool again, but no telephone yet. Have spent my days off (I also work other days in the Fossil Lab) dealing with hot and cold running fixit people! Life in Oklahoma is nothing like the cushy life I had in California, teaching in a zoo and loving the work with animals. Have had a few exotic pets over the years, too. Three kinds of wild cats (margay, jaguarundi and a bob cat) not all at once, but along with the usual cats, dogs and birds....and two kids! Also had a lovely Arctic fox and would love to have another but they have now priced me out of that market! He and my Italian greyhound were best buddies and I have hilarious photos of them playing in and around the swimming pool. I miss both of them. They lived long lives....the dog just passed last month at the age of 16.

My life is happy now, still filled with animals and good friends at the museum....not many around my neighborhood, as people here in Oklahoma are not very neighborly unless there is a emergency. I see no neighbors visiting others in the neighborhood and know the names of only one family out of the 10 who live on this road. In New York (even when I lived in Manhattan during summers of my college years) we knew and were friendly with our neighbors. Friends in town tell me it is often that way there, too. Odd.

Glad there are still some of us in our 80s still kicking! Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me from the days in Marion St. or the one year at LHS via Facebook, where I am listed as Nance North. I don't use my current name (Nance Ross) because I wear a name tag at the museum and don't want lots of people I meet contacting me on line. Was widowed twice and it wasn't my cooking. (I don't think it was, anyway!).

Hope our weather gets better....I hear Long Island is getting our old storms, too. Hope everyone is safe and comfortable during this horrible weather. Nance Hill (North) Ross

(6/25/19)

**Oklahoma weather had been so weird this year....80s and 90s until two days ago, and now two nights so far of freezing weather. Hope it makes believers out of some of the local anti-science people that global warming and climate change are real.**

**Nice to know so many of the people with whom I attended elementary school are still with us and doing well, and nice to hear Carl Thuge is,**

too, even though he was several years ahead of our class in school. I feel fortunate to be still doing whatever I want to do with no physical restraints.

**Sue (Fessler)(LHS'52) & husband Don Sullivan**

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(6/27/19)

Jim,

Did you ever get the envelope that I sent to you about our graduating class?

While I was cleaning our all the stuff that has accumulated during the last 52 years in the same house, I found an obituary of Don Margraf's mother.

His mother and mine were neighbors in Lynbrook in the 1930's, and my mother must have saved it. It is very interesting and I would love to get it to the Margraf family. Do you know if Don is still around?

My brother said that Don's brother, Pete, died a while ago.

Hope all is well with you. Sue

(6/27/19)

**Hi Sue;**

**Yes I did get the notes from the Lyn-News, Thanks so much. I had never seen the notes saying I was supposed to end up as a soda jerk at the Whitehouse, funny.**

**Marja just broke her arm day before yesterday, then all day yesterday in the Hospital for X-rays/ cast/ meds & sling. Never ending. Now her left shoulder and right arm are useless for who knows how long? I need to go to make some follow up appointments for her so will be back to you later. Jim**

(6/27/19)

Jim,

Found Don Margraf on Ancestry.com and he died in 2016. Thanks anyway.

Sue

(6/27/19)

So sorry about Marja.

Don is on oxygen 24/7 and permanently catharized (sp?). He is bedridden most of the time, but mentally great.

Thank God for TV, and all the sports programs. Fortunately, we have good local health care facilities here and a nurse comes every week to check vitals, change tubes, etc.

It is covered by Medicare.....you may want to check out your area for help.

I am pretty good, but had to get hearing aids. Ugh, but my family got tired of loud TV and having to yell all the time. No fun getting old! Love to both, Sue

**Marilyn (Nadler)(LHS'60) Miller**

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(7/8/19)

Jim..I haven't been receiving my copy of the WOO. To be honest I forgot about it until yesterday. We recently moved from New Jersey to Massachusetts and with all the house-selling and getting settled in our new home I didn't think about it.

Could you please check to see why I have not been getting my copy of the Wise Old Owl. My Email has not changed. Thanks

**Marilyn Miller Class of 1960**

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(7/8/19)

Hi Marilyn:

**I don't know why you haven't been receiving the WOO? You are listed in both the individual and the '60 group of alumni's. I'm forwarding the July issue here. If you receive it please let me know.**

**There is also a method of looking through 2018 & 2019 WOO's to see what you missed, then just print out any that you want. A web site was set up by my daughter Patti, . Take a look at her site to see if you**

**missed any.**[www.candothat.comwoo.html](http://www.candothat.comwoo.html)

**Hope all is well with you..... Jim Ball**

(7/11/19)

Marilyn Miller Jim...Thanks I received the July Woo and am looking forward to August.

**Ed Noll (LHS'55) & wife Marianne**

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(7/12/19)

Subject: addresses, a & b

**Hi Ed; I don't know what your note means. I only have the one email address for you and it's the same as you sent me. Take care.... Jim**

**Paul Ringenbach (LHS'53) & wife Sally  
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**(7/12/19)**

**Hi Jim**

I recently saw Doug Currie's (Class of 1953) name pop up and want to pass along the information on Doug.

Under Doug Currie's senior photo in the Lynbrook yearbook for Class of 1953 is the caption "The scientist for 1953." The editors of the yearbook were onto something early, because E. Evans Carr's protégé is one of the nation's leading scientists. Specializing in optics, his name is identified with projects related to NASA, the Hubble Telescope, and the Smithsonian. While most of our classmates are enjoying a well-deserved retirement, Doug's most recent project on "Next Generation Lunar Reflections" is one of 12 projects selected by NASA for three-year exploration. He and his team will develop a target for lasers from earth to precisely measure the distance from the earth to the moon. You're out of this world Doug!

**Paul T. Ringenbach  
Class of 1953, LHS**

Don Roth (LHS'58)

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**(7/13/19)**

Another end of a school year and the Prom as well as graduation went off without any problems. Seems all were well behaved at the Prom and graduation had no beach balls being tossed around while speeches were presented.

If you are not aware of the Prom night festivities there is a "red carpet" walk down Atlantic Avenue by 90% of the Prom couples. A luxury bus, rented by the parents, transport any couples to the parking lot behind Miller's Hardware store and the couples start their walk through the runway onto Atlantic Avenue with 100's of undergraduates, friends and parents standing behind barriers taking photos as the couples are announced. It's a happening and a MUST see if you are ever in town at that time.

The Prom was held at a club in Syosett. Many took the bus while still others rented limos. The Prom is held the night before graduation to prevent the staying up "all night" practice. Graduates are told to report to the high school cafeteria for a PTA sponsored breakfast and to pick up their cap and gown.



Graduation takes place outside at the Marion Street field with the football stands over crowded with family members. Bug spray is a must during this event.

Don Roth  
Class 1958

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(7/21/19)

Hi All:

We hope that all is well at your houses!

Marja is still in a great deal of pain with her broken arm. We had to back out of our planned camping trip, Marja was just in too much pain and didn't think that she could get in and out of the motor home. She tried to send me & Crystal by ourselves but I just couldn't leave her home by herself. Her next doctor appointment is set for Aug. 5th I hope that he can do something for her then. Thank you all again for your great notes. Have a great month.

P.S.: Please don't send your notes for WOO via Facebook Messenger, I've tried over & over to open your notes w/o success and somehow they get deleted. I hate to loose any of your notes so please send them to my email address at [jmball10805@msn.com](mailto:jmball10805@msn.com)

### **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](http://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.

The numbers of Alumni indicated in this paragraph have not been updated in several months so the totals are incorrect. Every time I try to update them, I get lost half way through and give up, please just use these totals as an approximation.

### 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.