

"WISE OLD OWL'S"

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 hundred & thirtieth edition of our class (LHS'52) and the twenty-eighth 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 submittal. 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 Submittal: 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
	Jackie (Rockwood) Dark.....	Feb. 13
	David Rockwood.....	Feb.19
	Ann (Ryan) Nesbitt.....	Feb. 23
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February 2020 News Articles & Recent Letters to the Editor

Barbara (Cox) Devine (LHS'53)

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(12/30/19)

Hi Nance:

I was just inputting your note of 12/28 into WOO and thought I'd try to find Dagmar Haggren for you. I don't know how much help this is but she is listed in the 2010 Lynbrook High School Directory as Dagmar (Haggren) Marshall. In 2010 she was married to Gordon Marshall, living at 6395 Spinnaker Ln., Alpharetta, GA 30005, Tel. (10 yrs ago??) 770-751-9858. Children: Gordon 111, Terri & Dana. I hope this helps, good luck and Happy New Year. Jim Ball

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I've lived happily in NYC since 2007. I'm divorced, and have two kids and six grandchildren....all fabulous. :)

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(1/16/20)

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It is nice that you can bring Crystal for visits to cheer her up a bit.

I celebrated my 80th in September; my family gathered at my daughter's Orient Point summer home in August for a surprise party in my honor. I am happy to say that all 3 of my brothers were there – I think it is marvelous that we are all still on the right side of the grass at our advanced ages. All five of my kids and 13 grandchildren were also there along with a few others including Cathy (Charde) Peppito, a classmate since West End. It was a wonderful event. Since Cathy relocated from Tulsa to Rockville Centre last year, we see each other frequently as my youngest daughter lives there, only a few blocks from Cathy. This renewed friendship has been pretty special to us both.

When my daughter ran for a seat on the Nassau County Legislature in November, Cathy was right there making phone calls and hosting a gathering at her senior citizen housing apartment.

Over the Christmas week, I drove to daughter Kathy's home in Ridgewood NJ, from where I went to NYC twice, once to see Christmas Carol on Broadway, and the next day for the Radio City Christmas show. My son-in-law's family here from Texas arranged these events, and the weather cooperated even though the traffic was horrendous around the area. Luckily all 14 of us traveled in a large van with a professional driver so the stress was considerably lessened. Then I drove from Ridgewood to my daughter's home in RVC to celebrate Christmas Eve and Day with my 3 youngest grands, their 3 dogs and 2 cats. They also celebrate Hanukkah as my son-in-law is Jewish, so it was a whole lot of celebrating!!

I feel very blessed in many ways – my health is pretty good for an oldster, my family is loving and patient with my brain goofs (only occasional), and I am financially comfortable and still able to live independently in my own home.

I wish all the old OWLS a Happy and more importantly, a Healthy New Year...

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(1/3/20)

Happy New Year to you and your daily. Also wanted to mention that you have done and are doing a great job!! My maiden name was Patty Sperber. Graduated L.H.S in 1960. My name is Pat Demarest and I was married to Harry Demarest class of 57'. Harry passed away 6 years ago. I have 3 grown sons, 2 granddaughters and live in Lynbrook. Retired, busy and happy. Gratitude is the key to life, so I try to stick to that theory as much as possible. Please keep sending me newsletter and let me know if you need any further information.

Thanks Jim and stay well

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(1/3/20)

The end of an era has taken place. The signs are posted on the windows all reading UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT. Yes, the Broadway Tavern has finally been sold and the Glynn family is teams. After the games the "Morgue" became the "clubhouse" for the players to hang out at to discuss the games. I am not sure who the new owners are, but Ed Sylvia was at one time the owner until the Lynbrook School District, mainly Wally no longer involved with the ownership. I recall playing slo-pitched softball when the Broadway Tavern sponsored our two Hawthorne, made him sell stating that "students were hanging out there". Now there are a few coaches tending bar on weekends with students frequently hanging out at those establishments. Times have changed, but is it for the worse?

Long live the Broadway Tavern.

Don Roth

Class 1958

(1/3/20)

I would like to personally thank Jacqueline Bender-Geist for donating a 1958 yearbook to the Lynbrook High School library. If you look back to last months WOO you will see a list of other yearbooks that the school librarian is searching for to complete the collection from 1927, the first yearbook, to the present year's yearbook. Thanks Jackie and I hope you started others on the road to donating unwanted yearbooks. BTW, my mother, Dot Knoop, was one of the editors of that 1927 yearbook and I donated all of hers to the library years ago. What memories!

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(1/3/20)

The Winter sports season has gotten underway with the Wrestling team and the Boys basketball team having winning records in Non League play. The official League games and matches start the beginning of January.

The Girls Volleyball team had two of the players named to All Long Island teams by Newsday. AMI CAREY was Selected to the 1st Team ALL LONG ISLAND while KATIE FOLEY was selected to the 2nd All Long Island Team. The Girls lost in the quarter finals but had a wonderful season. Lynbrook does not have a boys volleyball team.

Our female wrestler has improved and is expected to be another strong factor in the teams success this season. One of last years basketball stars, James Montgomery, is now starting as a freshman at Molloy College and is doing a fine job as a rebounder and scorer. He has grown some more and stands at 6'7".

Don Roth
Class 1958

(1/3/20)

I finally got the chance to witness history in the making at LHS. You guessed it, I watched the first female varsity wrestler compete in a match last week. Lynbrook wrestled a powerful Wantagh team and out of the 12 matches Lynbrook won two. One boy from Lynbrook pinned his opponent while another won via forfeit.

Now to ALLY FITZGERALD the female wrestler. The opposing coaches were undecided as to whom to put up against "the girl" from Lynbrook. They decided they didn't want one of their poorer wrestlers lose to her so they matched Ally against last year's All County Champion in her weight class. Of the 12 matches, Lynbrook had 9 wrestlers pinned by Wantagh opponents. As the match was about to begin you could hear a pin drop in the gymnasium as everyone wanted to see how "this girl from Lynbrook" would do against last year's Champion.

Ally was NOT PINNED! She managed to hold her own against this 2019 Champion losing by a score of 6-0. She had her opponent in a leg wrap hold that stymied him as he couldn't do anything to get her to let go of her grip. Ally was the ONLY Lynbrook wrestler who lost by not being pinned! Ally usually wrestles in the 115-119 weight class as the rules allow wrestlers weight to vary as long as they stay in their weight class range. She is presently a junior.

I met Ally in school one day and you would never know that she is a "champion" wrestler on the Boys Varsity Team. She is as polite as can be, is all lady in the hallways, but nobody messes with her! LOL! She dresses like any high school female would dress. She doesn't have a big ego and she never has an "attitude" about her. Her legs are extremely strong as one can see when she competes on the mat. She is a pleasure to watch and what is interesting is not too many females, and there are others on other teams, will wrestle against her. They would rather forfeit as they know they most likely will be pinned in under 30 seconds. Most females last no longer that 20 seconds once her match begins. Her goal is to qualify for the Olympic team on the female wrestling team representing the USA and to win a gold medal. I will keep you updated as the season progresses.

Don Roth
Class 1958

(1/6/20)

I heard the best news of the new year today when I met with my oncologist at MSK. I no longer need chemo as my myeloma (bone marrow cancer) numbers have dropped to .013 which he now calls REMISSION. I take a Petscan January 29 and meet with the doctor February 4 for those results. I will be placed on a maintenance drug, Revlimid 10MG, for the years to follow. Three weeks on and one week off.

I just had to tell someone!

Don Roth
Class 1958

(1/11/20)

Here's something for you all Woosters to think about. Recently Brian Donohue, class of 1967, was looking at the high school gymnasium record boards and photos of vintage championship teams and he noticed that his Father and uncle were members of the 1939 basketball team coached by Sid Covert and were a championship team. He asked me if there was any way he could receive a photo of

that team to send to his relatives showing his dad and uncle when they played high school basketball for the Owls. I located the 1939 yearbook, took it to Staples, and had a few copies made of those two pages. They printed beautifully and when I gave them to Brian he was overwhelmed as to how good the photo copies were after being printed.

If any of you WOO readers would like me to pull out an old yearbook that may have your family members as seniors or members of some team just let me know and I will start the process. If you want your Mother's senior class photo I need her maiden name! I have done this with my Mother from the class of 1927 and it looks great framed in my den. Just send me an email and your wish will be my pleasure if that yearbook is available in the high school library.

Don Roth
Class 1958

(1/13/20)

If you are planning to play a round of golf at the WOODMERE CLUB you had better get it done quickly as it may be sold. Seems two builders purchased the Club a few years ago as the membership was dropping and they are now negotiating with the local towns to sell that property and build 284 (yes 284) luxury homes. The major problem they are having is that the golf course is part of three different villages/towns. Lawrence, Woodsburgh and the Town of Hempstead. Lawrence and the Town of Hempstead have agreed to the selling price but the Village of Woodsburgh is declining to allow the sale to take place. They claim the traffic would be too much for their small area and that they prefer not to have all that construction going on in their backyards.

Sewane is also losing members but manages to stay a float and was renovated about five years ago to a links style course. Just about every tree on the course was cut down and bunkers along with burms were added to make it a links course. It still gets plenty of play but I have been told membership is declining. Eisenhower Park has renovated both the White and Blue courses where they are now no easy courses to score a low round and present a challenge to the average golfer. They are both in excellent condition and the price for a senior, Nassau resident, is still an affordable \$35 with a motor cart being another \$36 which is usually divided when two golfers play. Not a bad deal and it is right in our own backyard. Golf starts for me in this area April 1st and that's no April Fools joke!

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(1/17/20)

Time to play the numbers game again.

The average graduation rate for seniors in 2019 on Long Island was 89.1 percent. The average for Nassau County was 90.4 percent. The average for Lynbrook High School was 93.2 percent. The top schools in Nassau for graduation rates were: Jericho 99.3, Garden City 98.2, Plainview-Old Bethpage 98.9, Manhasset 97.9, RVC 97.8 and Wantagh 97.2. A few of the lowest graduation rates went to Hempstead 57.1, Roosevelt 65.2, Lawrence 76.2 and Uniondale 75.5.

Some other interesting numbers comparing the salaries of the Nassau County Police Commissioner and the Lynbrook Police Chief are: Pat Ryder, Nassau County Commissioner and former LHS grad who played baseball for me while at LHS has a salary in the \$250,00 range while the Lynbrook Police Chief, Brian Paladino, whom I had as a student at LHS was listed recently at \$258,913. The average Nassau County police officers salary is listed at \$61,300. There are approximately 2,500 Nassau County police officers while there are approximately 60 Lynbrook Police officers. still wouldn't want their jobs. But with their Union contract many can retire at the age of 40. Sort of early with Social Security still 22-25 years away.

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Class 1958

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(1/17/20)

Hi All;

I'm entering this note early so that daughter Patti, hopefully will have time to help me clean up some of the problems I'm having with WOO this month. Marja is still in the assisted living facility. We are having a meeting with their personnel this afternoon to see if they can project a time (if any) when we can think about bringing Marja home. Right now she requires 24/7 care with the necessity of lifting her to take her for bathroom trips, etc. With the addition of a Tens Machine she has finally been able to move the fingers on her right hand, however she cannot move her right arm or leg so still cannot hit me, but she keeps trying!! WOW, what a great bunch of notes this month. Not only from Don Roth, but several other LHS Alumni's and even a couple of new alumni additions to WOO. Thank you all so much!

Have a happy & healthy month.

Jim & Marja 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.candohat.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 to 2019 WOOs to this site, so if you missed any you can get them there.

My Help Locate Missing Alumni !!

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.