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## Lincoln High Newsletter

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### This week's topics:

1. "Characters" you remember from the Rapids
2. Can you recommend any of the new fall TV shows?
  3. Why do so many wars involve religion?
  4. What have you done since high school?  
About 200 of you have never answered that question!
  5. We travel about the sun at 17 miles-per-second.  
Do you like this side of the sun better than the other side?
6. Did we evolve or were we created? Were we created and then evolved? Or what?
  7. What made you happy, sad or angry last week?
8. Anyone been away from the Rapids for 10 years or more and never returned? Why?

### and responses:

Toni Weller Olsen - '64

Question 7 - The beautiful fall weather in northern Nevada made me happy this past week. Reno is in the high desert. Nights are cool now, but daytime highs reach the upper 70's.



The sagebrush is flowering in golden yellow. It's everywhere, and it's Nevada's state flower.

Linda White Sullivan

Thanks Kent, for all that you do for us! Thanks for lighting a fire under us to help keep you and the newsletter going.

1. Between the years 1952 and 1957, our family lived above my mother's beauty shop, on Grand Avenue, where the phone company now sits. For those who visited NYC's Trade Towers before 9/11, we were the mid-century "Windows on the World." Our favorite "character" to watch, from above, was a fellow I only knew as "Henrietta." He would prance up and down Grand Avenue in front of the Mead Hotel like a graceful butterfly. He was light in the loafers, nice looking, and hysterical to watch.

5. I prefer this side of the sun and believe, if we were meant to live on the other side, God would have provided our bodies with head-to-toe fur.

6. I believe we were created and then evolved.

7. I was happy last week when my hubby and I were on a cruise ship down off the tip of Venezuela. This week, I'm happy to be home, too.

8. Until our 50th class reunion, last year, I had not been back to Rapids since 1999. My sister and I stopped over for one night, visited our parents' graves, and were back on the road early the next morning. Had Kathy Williams Gotter not almost dragged me to the reunion I probably still wouldn't have gone back. My entire family of children, parents, one sibling, niece, nephew, aunts uncles and cousins have either all passed away, or moved away, so we find no great urge to return for a visit. I was happy we went back last year because it kind of closed a door for me. Rapids is not what it used to be and since I have not been there during it's decline it stays in my memory bank, as it once was, and that is comforting.

Rick Riley

One character that I recall was Henrietta--what a gem he was for that era. He would fit right in with many in today's society. He would probably make the Walmart hit list.

Ursula Nogic

Martin Shkreli makes me angry and upset. Enough to lump him in with the bankers and financiers of 2008 who should be in jail for not taking their fiduciary responsibilities seriously.



Just days after he purchased a drug for pregnant women and AIDS patients and announced he would jack up the price from \$13.50 to \$750 per pill, Martin Shkreli was tweeting about private planes and \$20,000 bottles of wine.

His obnoxious and ostentatious display of the worst of capitalism earned the 32-year-old former hedge fund manager the nickname "The Pharma Bro."

Makes me sad!

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Jack Sultze

I don't remember if I ever responded to the what have we done since high school question. Just to be sure that I am not one of the 200:

Late in the summer after graduation, Linda and I packed up a baby and a couple suit cases and flew to California, accepting an invitation from one of Linda's relatives to stay with them until I found a job and we got get settled into a place of our own. I worked at an auto parts store for several years, got a little management experience and took a job managing a bicycle shop. Did that for a few years, then took an outside sales job with the envelope division of a large paper company (Westvaco, that became MeadWestvaco). Was there for 14 years, mostly in a marketing position (wasn't very good at outside sales). I left to partner with an ex-boss who had left the company a couple years earlier to start his own business. I did that for 21 years. I sold my interest back to his family and retired two and a half years ago. Along the way, we had two more children. Linda has always been a stay-at-home mom/grandma/great-grandma. Life has not always been easy but, looking back, it has always been good.

For many years we drove to Rapids every summer. Both sets of parents were there. After their retirements, Linda's folks moved to California. My parents started wintering in Texas. They were still in Rapids for the summer but, for reasons I really cannot remember, we just stopped that summer routine. We probably got burned out on the 40-hour drive (40 hours one way!).

Creation & Evolution: We have had some interesting family conversations about this. It seems that people with strong religious beliefs tend to think that belief in evolution is sacrilegious. I think the two theories can coexist. Either way, the Creator created.

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Leslie Fitz

What made me happy last week was the story in the newsletter about the churches and the squirrels. On Saturday, I gave a presentation to a Women's Club state convention on volunteerism. I used the story to illustrate cooperation and it was a big hit with plenty of laughter. Many thanks!

We are sad today, because my husband's sister, at age 83, passed away early this morning in Marshfield. My husband and our son, who lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming, were with her. She is Bob's last sibling (of five) to die. At these times, we have regrets that we moved so far away. We are comforted by her faith – after suffering from bone cancer, she slipped away to Heaven – her last words were "Mother."

If I take time to reply immediately after I receive your e-mail, Kent, I get it done! Thanks for the newsletter – I find it lovely that all of us from the same small town in central Wisconsin are so diverse and fascinating!