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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

This week's topics:

1. You majored in what in college? You used the knowledge?
 2. Anyone still have their "little red wagon?"
2. What's the oldest piece of clothing in your closet?
3. Any of you vets ever fly Space-A after retirement?
(Space available on a military transport)
5. Ever have a wild animal experience? While camping/hunting?
6. Anyone live in a small town/city that still has an active "downtown?"
Or your memories of "downtown" the "way it was."
7. Do you tend to vote the same way your parents did?
8. Have you ever been on strike?
9. Did you ever serve in the Peace Corps? When? Where?
10. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Toni Weller Olsen

2. When I read "little red wagon," I think of toys from childhood. My husband still has a Roy Rogers pull toy that he saved from his toddler days. Roy and his horse Trigger are made of wood, and a pull string and metal wheels move them along. Our two grandchildren have played with the toy during their toddler years. I still have a hand-knitted yarn doll that my grandmother gave me when I was about 6 years old. My husband--more of a saver than I am--also has a metal bank he received as a kid from the Cragin Savings and Loan Association in Chicago. The bank is shaped like a globe at one end and a rocket at the other end. When you place a coin on the rocket and pull back a spring, the rocket shoots the coin into a slot in the globe. Nostalgia anyone?

Linda Edwards

Double majors...math and biology. Spent my career in IT. Maybe the math helped. I have some clothing items from the late 70's. My parents were old-fashioned Democrats, perhaps you could say "Kennedy" Democrats. They would probably be considered pretty conservative today.

Candace Caylor

I received a major in sociology and minor in psychology from UWSP in 1968. I used it for one year working at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home as their first social worker. In other words, I kind of flew by the seat of my pants.

Having a B.S. in sociology didn't mean I was really prepared as a social worker. That would have required eventually obtaining a masters degree. The only reason I got the job was because I worked there as an aide while in school and nursing homes were then required to have a social work program.

I cannot imagine working my entire career as a social worker. After working as an aide during my last two years at Point, I decided I wanted to become a nurse and all the nurses there encouraged me to do so. After that year, I came to Milwaukee and attended Alverno college for my BSN. It took me 3 years because many of my credits transferred and I had to work. I do not regret that decision. I loved the profession and worked in ICU/CCU for 3 years and ER for over 23 years and Urgent care for over 11 years. It was the best choice for me— but I love retirement!

Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65

Wild animals - My friend Randy and I rode our motorcycles out to Sturgis, SD. As a side trip, we rode into Custer State Park and it was beautiful except for all the buffalo that decided to stand in the road. They would not move and people in cars thought they were so cute and just sat there taking pictures. We were on the bikes and they kept coming closer and closer and they are HUGE. We were told when we came into the park not to crank the throttles as it upsets them and they might lower their heads and charge.

We were just sitting there in the road, and the bikes started to ping because they were getting overheated. I was really frightened by one protective female and her baby who were standing close to my bike. Just then a ranger came with his truck and started to herd them off the road with his truck. That left a little clearing for Randy to get through. I was close behind. He later said if I had not followed behind him and had stayed where I was, he would have been really mad. My answer to that was, "If you had not gone through that gap, I was going to dump my bike and run."

Jim Natwick

1. Majored in political science and economics. Used them to get in law school. Only time I ran for something, I lost BIG.

3. The oldest piece: I found my letter jacket last week in a box. I got it when I was a freshman for track. Other than that, I have a cashmere overcoat my mother bought me in high school, which I actually used for years and still have. I got it at ?? [Chuck help out here] Bauer's---next to Anderson Drugs. My son is interested in "inheriting" it...soon.

10. If anyone is interested, I am still alive and actually feel better than I did months ago, although still on hospice. Last Sunday, 60 Minutes had a segment on injecting viruses in cancer patients to stimulate the "T" genes to kill the cancer cells. Since I had 2 episodes of spinal meningitis after chemo, my daughter hypothesizes that that is what happened to me. I don't think so, but everyone has to have hope.. Although, because I lost 35 pounds, I can now fit into clothes I had in H.S. LOL.

Leslie (Wolfe) Fitz

I'm retiring! No special plans right now other than a little play and a trip to the west coast of Oregon and Northern California to celebrate 50 year wedding anniversary. I'm looking forward to gardening and joining an exercise group this summer and fishing with my husband on Navajo Lake. (You can take the girl out of Wisconsin but you cannot take Wisconsin out of the girl!)

I enjoy the newsletter and the selection of topics is quite creative. Thanks.

Larry Davis

Majored in Urban and Regional Planning. After the Air Force, worked as a city planner for 15 years before moving into city management. Haven't tried Space-A since retirement