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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER



Responses to previous topics:

Ron Feutz

Heavens to Murgatroyd? I tended bar at the Ridges for Winn Murgatroyd in the late '70s. Good guy.

Donna & Don Rehman (65)

I just missed this week's newsletter but our daughter just texted us a little "funny" about our 10-year-old grandson. Her family just moved to a new house the week before Thanksgiving. Angelo, 10 years old, transferred to the new elementary school two weeks before Christmas. Our daughter texted tonight that a little girl from his new school tried to kiss him after school tonight and he ran all the way home. She said he was in shock when he told her. (He is a cute kid and makes friends really easy.) They live four or five blocks from his school. I can't stop laughing. I guess he has been talking to the girl on FaceTime the past couple of weeks, like he does with his other friends, from both his old and new schools, because he doesn't have a phone.

This made my day. Mel told him to just tell the little girl that he just wants to be friends. He FaceTimed me after school today, but he only talked about losing two teeth. I cut him off because I was in the middle of bringing groceries into the house. Now, I wish I wouldn't have.

This week's topics:

1. Had a "senior moment" lately? What happened?
2. When did you go dancing last? Where? Why?
3. COLA's - Cost of living - The government says there is no cost of living increase. What say you?
4. Anyone read Trump's "Art of the Deal"? Do you think he's "dealing" with the world?
5. Heroin and drug problem. How bad is it?
A drug dealer was arrested in a home just a block from the Editor's house in Deerfield. Scary.
6. Ever get the feeling that it was all surreal?
7. What was the most memorable place you visited as a child?
8. What's happening in the Rapids? Is it turning into a retirement community?
9. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Renee Flaminio

1. Senior Moments: More often than I care to admit. The usual--going into a room and trying to remember why I am there, forgetting what day it is.
2. Dancing: Arrow Bar, Weston, WI. I like the band Trigger Trippers. Old rock and a little country.
5. Drugs: That is scary! Bad. I have a friend who works at a methadone clinic. They are servicing 400+ clients.

Pete Smullen

6. Ever get the feeling that it was all surreal? Just yesterday, I had the feeling. I had read the latest theory of the universe from two physicists, Dr. Marco Caldarelli and Dr. Kostas Skenderis. Dr. Skenderis is the chairman of the Mathematical Physics Department at the University of Southampton, England.

This theory states that the Universe is a hologram. A hologram? I handled quantum mechanics, string theory and the like, so I guess I'd better get comfortable with holograms... but it hurts my brain.

"Imagine that everything you see, feel and hear in three dimensions (and your perception of time) in fact emanates from a flat two-dimensional field," said study co-author Kostas Skenderis of the U.K.'s University of Southampton. "The idea is similar to that of ordinary holograms where a three-dimensional image is encoded in a two-dimensional surface, such as in the hologram on a credit card," Skenderis said. "However, this time, the entire universe is encoded."

Jim Natwick

Cost of living is fine. The problem with attaching to social security is that determination of inflation has about one component that interests seniors on social security: food. If they just measured food, gas and medical care, seniors on SS would get a big raise every year.

Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65

#8 Rapids was always just a mill town and no other big companies were allowed in. With email and texting taking over, the need for paper has dropped off and the mills are laying people off and younger people are leaving for jobs in other cities. The city fathers did not look to the future and now Rapids is dying. I told my sister a few years ago that I was thinking of moving back to Rapids, she told me, "Don't do it. There is no work here." Also, I have heard young people say that they don't want to work swing shifts. Really sad, as Rapids was a great town to grow up in.

Toni Olsen

8. Is Wisconsin Rapids turning into a retirement community? Maybe. My last visit to the Rapids was in 2015, and my brother Wayne drove me way out on Washington St. where there were some nice, fairly new houses clustered close together. They were one-story and looked perfect for retirees who were looking for a smaller home. He also took me to a neighborhood of newer, one-story homes which were attached to one another, sort of like condos. Each home had a patio, and the neighborhood was definitely geared toward seniors. At the entrance to the neighborhood was a sign with the wheelchair icon. I thought this might mean the bathrooms were handicap-accessible. I think my brother was secretly hoping my husband and I would move to the Rapids. If my young grandchildren weren't living in Reno, I would seriously consider it.

Randy Cox

I think back on history class at Lincoln High School. That's when I realized that I could make further accomplishments in my life. I believe my teacher was Mr. Egenes. I acted like a dumb hot dog the first semester and he gave me an "F." That caused me to change my ways, so the next semester he gave me an "A." I told him I didn't deserve it, but he said I worked for it. I've never forgotten this.

In school I was pretty much a loner. I never took crap from some of the idiots and always stood up for myself (ask Mike Sparby or Howard Young). Anyhow, through the years my partial lists of accomplishments were: US Army Alaska/Vietnam (volunteer), drove Redmix 29 years, licensed home inspector, black belt tae kwondo, amateur extra in ham radio, married four times (variety is the spice of life) and finally got one who told me I had to stay (I listen to orders). My final accomplishment will be to have peace with myself. Thanks for listening. I needed to say this.

Kent Vasby

1. Had a "senior moment" lately? What happened? They come so frequently these days. Can't remember names, words. Drives an English major nuts!

2. When did you go dancing last? Reception for daughter's marriage: 12 years ago.

5. Heroin and drug problem. How bad is it? A drug dealer was arrested in a home just a block from my house in Deerfield. Scary. Even scarier, he was arrested at the home of a single black mother who had seven kids. What's happened to black families? There aren't any! My wife visits the Jefferson County Jail every Thursday evening for a Bible study. Most of the women inmates are there because of drugs.

8. Ever get the feeling that it's all surreal? Every time I think about us riding a little blue ball around a thermo-nuclear explosion at 17 miles per second and look at my grandkids who are the product of two microscopic cells that united with enough pre-programming to produce a living being with miles of tubing, an energy intake, waste removal system, and a hundred bones of different shapes and in the right places.

9. What was the most memorable place you visited as a child? Have to say that it was when my parents took me to the Gulf of Mexico at Naples, Florida, while their ice cream shop was closed for the winter.

In Memoriam

Gene Hafermann's sister passed away. And she was living in Fort Atkinson!

LHS Class of 69?



Cheryl "Chick" Lee Alizadeh (Hafermann), 65, of Fort Atkinson, passed away at Rainbow Hospice on Feb. 1, 2017, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her family.

Cheryl was born on Feb. 26, 1951, in Wisconsin Rapids, to Earl and Florence Hafermann.

Obituary at: http://www.dailyunion.com/obituaries/article_0ff8bae2-e95b-11e6-a2cc-e3727744440e.html
