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# Lincoln High Newsletter

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### This week's topics:

1. Your thoughts about polar vortexes, global warming, and being just plain cold!
2. How long were you engaged before you got married? More than a year?
3. You bought a house and found what - that you didn't expect???
4. Were you ever the President of an organization?
5. Anything else you'd care to write about.

### and responses:

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Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid - [marcie.ortscheid@ki.com](mailto:marcie.ortscheid@ki.com)

Sometimes my grandsons and sons will make some snide remark about grandma getting old and not just with the up to date electronic devices and I come back with in the '60s we started it all. We in the '60 started the music, women working, women starting companies, wearing pants, and if the marriage was lousy not putting up with it and walking away to start a new life. We women from the '60 are independent and can hold our own in any conversation about sports or government. I for one am very proud to be a woman of the '60s.

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Ron Karnatz - [karnatzr@wctc.net](mailto:karnatzr@wctc.net)

Good afternoon Kent and Judy; We are having a heat wave in Wisconsin Rapids. 3 degrees and very sunny and very little wind. Seems to be pleasant.

To address one of the topics for the newsletter this week; being president of an organization.

I was president of the Northeast Wisconsin Association of Occupational Health Nurses four times. It was very difficult to get others to do things for the organization, come to meetings, pay dues and the list goes on. Everyone wanted the get continuing education credits but did not want to work at organizing the meetings or getting speakers. I did enjoy the experience even if it was trying at times. I have been a member of the local chapter (NWAOHN), the state chapter and the national organization since 1978. I did serve on term on the national board of directors. I have enjoyed all of the experiences that I have had with this organization. I also was chairman of the Wisconsin Safety Council Planning Committee for two years and that was a very rewarding experience. People from all over that state were willing to help out with planning the annual conference and it did not seem like work at all. I served on the Wisconsin Safety Council advisory board from 1991 until December of 2013. My employers were all support of both organizations while I was working. All of this "service" was volunteer but overall very enjoyable.

Thanks for keeping the newsletter going. I do enjoy reading all of the items.

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Barb Cammack - [barbaracammack@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaracammack@hotmail.com)

I was president of Juniors of American Legion Auxiliary, Sunday School Superintendant, Neighborhood Girl Scout Chairman, President of two different golf leagues, President of a Women's church group and certainly "in charge" at home! Oh, yes, I chaired our 15th HS Reunion, too. You generally follow your parents example of leadership and volunteering and hopefully pass the same values on to your children.

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Gene Hafermann - [genehafermann@charter.net](mailto:genehafermann@charter.net)

1. The older I get the less I like cold weather. So I think I'm normal.

2. Both times, less than a year.

3. I have never bought a house. I've built 4, 3 that I lived in, and hope to build my 4th (and last one) this summer. But I have helped many people fixing up older homes and I imagine myself to be "Holmes on Homes" when I find things that I can hardly believe someone did. Lately I have been helping my youngest bonus son and daughter-in-law fix up an 1897 vintage home that used to be a boarding house and that had been somewhat restored by a young couple before they divorced. It hadn't been occupied in 3 years and it is amazing the deterioration that can happen in that time. I could spend 2 newsletters detailing all the issues, but I won't. Probably most interesting thing was opening the basement electric panel to add a circuit for a dishwasher and finding it full of hornets (mostly dead and the rest very lethargic). I told my wife that I half expect to spend the first 10 years of retirement helping with projects at this house. But after about 70 hours of my time over the last 2 months, they are living there and adding more projects to my list every week.

4. I was president of my 8th grade class.

5. I will be retiring from Wisconsin DOT at the end of January 2014. Almost 43 years as a geodetic engineer and for the most part it has been a very enjoyable career ... until Walker became Governor. I don't want to get into all the negativity that he has created, but at least I have an option to leave. I still plan to work doing something while I collect my social security and pension, but I am not sure if it will be related to my profession, related to home remodeling, related to facility maintenance, or ??? I would like to do something to be productive while helping people. While I hope to still play golf, hunt, and travel some, I would go nuts if that's all I did. But before I build this summer, I will be singing with my x-wife at my first daughter's wedding on March 1 out in LA. It will be at the Riviera Country Club where the groom's father is a member, and I sure do hope I will get to play that course).

By the time our 50th reunion rolls around I expect to be living in Madison and spending some of these cold months wherever it's warm.

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Don Wylie - [dwylic@chorus.net](mailto:dwylic@chorus.net)

Aahh, we are experiencing Siberian weather - the coldest in 20 years. I'm enjoying reading the news articles that try to explain the "polar vortex" and how this cold is brought to us by "climate warming."

Sometimes the reporters and the so called scientists they talk to should just admit that its January and bitter cold sometimes happens.

Looking at the weather patterns and the waves in the polar vortex, we are in a dip where polar air comes southward. The same is happening in Northeast Asia including Siberia. This commonly happens in January. It started early this year in December and we've become accustomed to milder temperatures so it feels real bad.

By the way, the whole planet isn't cold. Alaska is having a mild winter. Europe has a mixed bag of storms hitting England, Ireland, and the Norwegian coast, but their temperatures are closer to their normals. Also, the National Weather Service, which predicted this extreme cold spell well in advance of it, has blown their seasonal forecast for this winter. They said nothing unusual for the mid west back in October. I have great respect for the NWS and have experienced great improvements in their daily forecasts over the last 40 years.

However, their seasonal forecast "remain elusive" as scientists say.

Stay warm - spring will come sometime.

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Jack Sultze - [jsultze@verizon.net](mailto:jsultze@verizon.net)

RE: Global warming (now known as Climate Change). We were just talking about this yesterday, wondering where Al Gore is hiding these days. Is he off hatching another phony scheme that will make him millions more \$\$?

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Susan (Rice) Hammel - [gourmay1@gmail.com](mailto:gourmay1@gmail.com)

New Years Eve of 1970 was our first date...we were married on July 25,1970. Pretty fast...and 43 years later still going on dates..

I have been President of my PEO <http://www.peointernational.org/> chapter for two consecutive years. About the easiest job of all..especially when you have great officers like I do!

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Kathy Gotter - [gotterkd@yahoo.com](mailto:gotterkd@yahoo.com)

2. How long were you engaged before you got married? More than a year? - Only engaged about 8 months. Don didn't go back to college in the fall. Thought he would work to earn some more money.....guess what??? Uncle Sam wanted him!!! That was what happened to a lot of guys in '65. What was even stranger....I only knew him less than 16 months when we got married. Those were different times for sure.

3. Were you ever the President of an organization? - Many times.....could never say NO! Since I retired, I have been president of the Northeast Technology Center foundation for scholarships for the students.

Also President of the Mayes County Retired Educators Association (only a member for one year before being elected) Guess I contribute too much to the discussions! Never had a problem talking.

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## Contemporary Philosophers

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

~ John Glenn  
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When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.

~ Desmond Tutu  
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America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

~ David Letterman  
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After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

~ Italian proverb  
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Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right and you can walk all over them for thirty years.

~ Betsy Salkind  
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The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

~ Jean Kerr  
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I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage.

~ Zsa Zsa Gabor  
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You know you're a redneck if your home has wheels and your car doesn't.

~ Jeff Foxworthy  
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When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

~ Prince Philip  
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A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.

~ Emo Philips.  
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Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

~ Harrison Ford  
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The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.

~ Spike Milligan  
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Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke.

~ Robin Hall  
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Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.

~ Jean Rostand.  
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Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I was just as happy as when I had 48 million.

~ Arnold Schwarzenegger.  
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We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea.

~ WH Auden  
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In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.

~ Jonathan Katz  
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If life were fair Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.

~ Johnny Carson  
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I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.

~ Arthur C. Clarke

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Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.

~ Steve Martin

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Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is.

~ Jimmy Durante

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America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric.

~ Doug Hamwell

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The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

~ George Roberts

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If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

~ Jonathan Winters



### How children perceive their Grandparents.....

Thanks, Bill Hartley

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"



4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."
10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said... "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck..." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!
15. My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.