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Lincoln High Newsletter

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and responses:

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My and husband and I spent about 10 days in Wisconsin in June.... visiting a close family member who has end-stage cancer. We spent a day in the area surrounding Wisc. Rapids. Drove past the house I grew up in on Grand Avenue – so small but looked just the same! Drove to Nekoosa to see the changes in the cranberry marshes and paper mill. It's odd going to your childhood town after so many years away. We spend a few days up on Clam Lake near Hayward – rowing a boat and fishing and listening to the loons and watching for deer and swatting mosquitoes. Joined the “gray hairs” for pie at Perkins and sat in a bar drinking draft beer while waiting for pizza. Meandered to Bayfield to gaze at Lake Superior and devour fresh white fish and lick creamy custard. The “Wisconsin Experience!” We won't be attending the reunion; I am wishing everyone a lovely time.

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1. We live in South Carolina about 15 miles from the ocean. There have been a lot of shark reports lately. A golf buddy caught a 4 foot shark last week. I would not go on a boat if you gave me a million \$\$\$. Think I drowned once as a kid!

2. Back in 1984 a lawyer friend in Madison got a clean bill of health when he was younger than we are now. Within 5 weeks he suffered a heart attack. He sued for misdiagnosis and got \$800,000. He was represented by Dan Rottier who is a big TV star/plaintiff's lawyer with Habush Law firm in Milwaukee/Madison. The plaintiff lawyers in South Carolina and Georgia have interesting ads. There is "one call that's all" Ken Nugent. Then there is Mike Hostilo, a white guy who does rap music to get potential clients worked up.

Hostilo told another golf buddy that he has not touched a file in ten years. These guys are the "trappers" who get clients in the door. Going to court is dirty work and cases rarely get that far. If they do get to court the trappers bring in "skimmers" to play to the jury and get the big awards that the trappers then brag about in their media ads. Oh, and my lawyer friend? He is deader than we are now since he never gave up booze and nails after the heart attack.

My doctors are all afraid to diagnose me.

3. We don't care about fireworks

4. Our cleaning lady found a coral snake in our laundry room last June 16. And yes it WAS a coral snake—black head is the best ID. Susan handed me a shovel and I chopped it in half and flushed it down the toilet. No idea how it got into the house.

5. We have seen a lot of bears upstate in NC and SC. They like the cool climate and mountain terrain.

6. Camp Sacajawea was the camp for girls. It was located out Chestnut Street at 32nd.

7. Scrooge McDuck, the unrepentant capitalist was the best. He always foiled his nemeses, the Beagle Boys. Old Scrooge made his money in the Klondike during the Alaska Gold Rush in 1896. His cartoons always depicted him in his money bin which was filled with coins and bills. Actually that was just a front since Scrooge held his real wealth in gold, platinum and iridium. He also had cornered the market in Nickel and rare earths. Scrooge put it all into a generation skipping trust with a Wisconsin situs. No estate taxes have ever been paid on his estate since Scrooge's passing in 1978. His nephews Donald and Donald's nephews were his sole heirs. Donald was adjudged incompetent in 1981 and is under guardianship of a court in Alabama. He lives on a 2,000 acre plantation not far up the coast from our home in South Carolina. Donald's nephew Huey was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and he now resides with his family near Fort Rucker Alabama.

LHS 65 classmate Charles "Joe" Ray was a helicopter pilot stationed at Fort Rucker in 1971. Ray was pictured with his wife Judith Bohm, also LHS 65 after he was awarded the distinguished flying cross for righting a helicopter being piloted by a student as it was about to crash. The picture appeared in The Army Times in 1971.

Donald's second nephew Dewey went into politics and was elected Mayor of Kearney Nebraska in 1987. He is a graduate of Nebraska Law School and was editor in chief of the Nebraska Law Review. Dewey is a director of several corporations and an advisor to Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway.

Donald's third nephew Louie became a musician with a group known as the Kingsmen. The group disbanded and Louie spent 20 years as a roadie for various bands including Cheap Trick, the BeeGees, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. In 1994 he moved to Greece and founded Icarus Airlines. He now resides in Israel and supports entrepreneurship. He is on the Board of Governors of Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology. The McDuck estate was valued at \$14 billion in 1978 at Scrooge's passing. When gold hit \$800 and ounce in 1980, much of the McDuck hoard was sold and reinvested in a few startup companies that have had mixed success. Microsoft and Apple were two of the notable success stories but their returns pale in comparison to private ventures funded by the secretive board of trustees. Our sources in Switzerland which include John Frost of LHS 65 have told us the net worth of the surviving four family members is greater than \$5 trillion dollars US. If accurate, that would represent an annual compounded return of more than 17% in the 37 years following the passing of Mr. McDuck

8. #7 is normal??

9. Google has hired Ray Kurzweil as "director of engineering". Contrary to what the press would have us believe, I think we are entering the golden age of scientific discovery. We just need to get the government out of the way. Read more about Kurzweil and read some of his writings. Maybe you will agree, I don't know. Since Kurzweil is an agnostic, I think his vision and postulates are as much a religion as anything. He clearly fears death so he has made life changes in order to live at least another 20 years when he believes that death will be an option since robotics, nanotechnology, and genetics will have cured disease and made possible transplantation of all human organs.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Kurzweil

10. You hope not, eh?

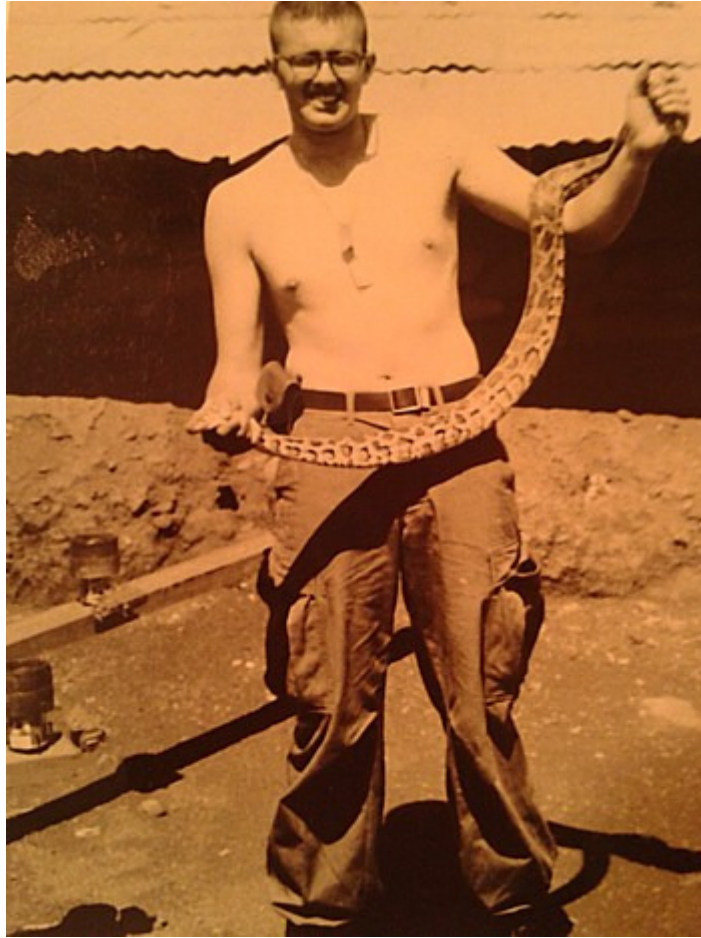
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Snakes

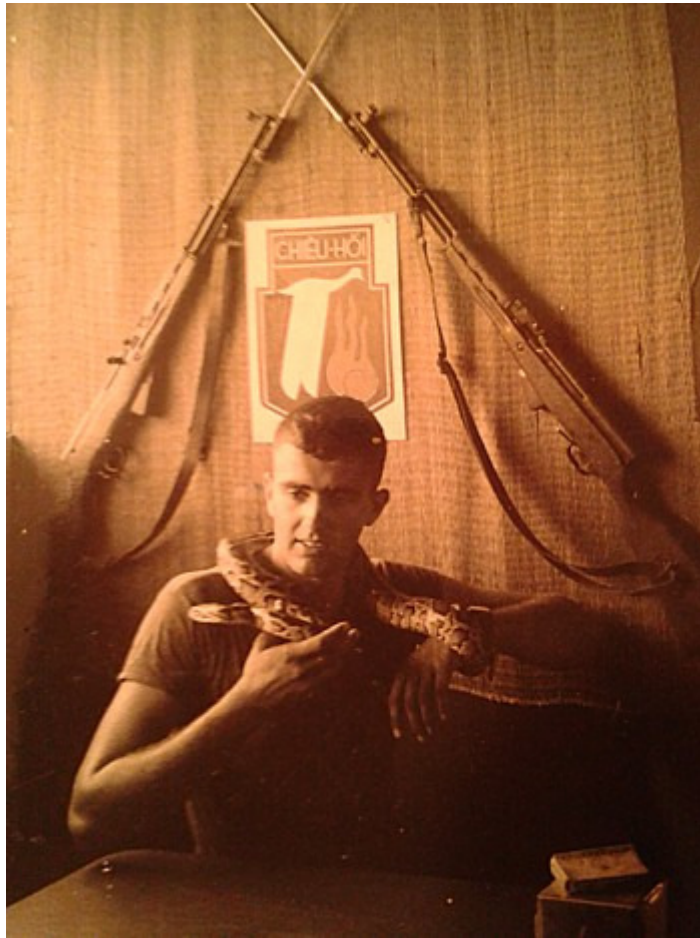
As I have previously written, In Nam I never had enough food...so I ate captured food, bamboo sprouts, jungle plants/mushrooms & bugs (if the Montagnards did), snakes, lizzards, monkeys, dog, civets, rats, and just about anything that was slower than me. My unofficial call sign was "golf - golf" and/or "garbage gut." Here are some of the snake meals. The big guy was 14' 6" as I recall. The little guy in the team house was our pet as he took care of the garbage rats...we only ate the "rice" rats... barbequed.



I got this early in my tour. Just enough to add to the communal pot.



He and our team house cat & terrier hunt as a team throughout the complex. One would stalk & flush the rat into an ambush by one of the others. I learned a lot from them.



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4. Got a snake story? I grew up on the north end of 14th Avenue. Just north of there was a small swamp, railroad tracks, a small stream and about 40 acres of woods. My mother would ask me to go there to collect milk weed and pussy willows for her. I had to be sure not to bring home reptiles including toads, frogs, and snakes.

On a visit to the home the DAM KEEPER of the Centralia Dam the kids visited the dam and on the way back found a 5 foot bull snake crossing the trail. I picked it up and took it back to the house. My mother ran screaming out the front door when she saw the snake and me enter the back door. We found her locked in the car. Her answer was "No" to taking the snake home.

During family trips, kids would often ask, "Dad, what happened here?" When they asked that along the Mississippi River at Alma, I told them of visiting my aunt and uncle, watching barges locking on the river, and wearing high boots when picking berries on the bluffs (the boots were because of the rattlesnakes). The kids had been introduced to reptiles in Wisconsin and NOW IMMEDIATELY protested, "Dad, there are no rattlesnakes in Wisconsin or Minnesota." I turned on to the road heading up the bluff and on to a dirt road and around a curve and stopped. I told the kids to look out the left rear door window back towards left rear wheel. They saw a Timber Rattler coiled and protesting the tail pipe blowing on him. The rule became never doubt the dad.

The kids would encounter many more reptiles, but never as many as dad and mom. Eastern and Western Diamond Backs have been the most frequently encountered and nastiest. The sneakiest reptiles have been the poisonous toads; usually imported with tropical plants, these beautiful, colorful, small reptiles hide well until delivered to patients in hospitals. I usually get paged to capture and identify the creature and then dispose of it. I sent one home with a nurse for her daughter who was a biology major in California. Her two cats broke into the cage and for the next two days had a toxic irritation of the mouth, nose and tongue.

Last year, we took a wheelchair bound friend to the Phoenix Botanical Garden for an evening under the stars. While I was taking some photos, I was notified that a snake was coming at me. I turned and caught pictures of a black and yellow

king snake about to pass over my right shoe and into a garden. The group around us disappeared. The new group came in and two little boys saw something move and told their mother. I told them it was a snake. Their mother took them and disappeared along with the rest of the crowd. I got a docent to come to the site and educate the visitors. We saw two more snakes before leaving the area.

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Question 1 - I've never encountered a shark, but my husband and I saw alligators quite often when we visited the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge, about 20 miles from Tallahassee, FL where we lived for many years. Located on the Gulf coast, the refuge has a functioning lighthouse and roads through the marshy areas. Driving along the roads, you can sometimes see an alligator resting in the shallow water. We always felt safe in the car, but Floridians who enjoy the coast learn to be careful in marshy areas.

Three elderly men are at the doctor for a memory test.

The doctor says to the first man, "What is three times three?" "274" was his reply.

The doctor says to the second man, "It's your turn. What is three times three?" "Tuesday", replies the second man.

The doctor shakes his head and says to the third man, "Okay, it's your turn. What's three times three?" "Nine," says the third man. "That's great!" says the doctor. "How did you get that?" "Simple," says the third man. "I subtracted 274 from Tuesday."

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