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# LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

### Responses to previous topics:

Barb Thalacker - bthalacker@comcast.net

My ancestors were from Germany, one side from the north and one side from the south of the country. My great-grandfather and his brother married two sisters, brought them from Germany and settled in Southern Wisconsin.

When I first went to Germany in the 90's I met some relatives and over the years we have visited each other. Roland, the father, was a chemistry professor at University in Isny. One of the sons works for 3M in Munich and has invented a dental amalgam. He travels often to the home office in St. Paul and then to visit me in Sacramento. I have loved the relationship and the perspective that family provides on politics, health care, education and daily life.

This weekend, as generations of our family have for 115 years, we gather in Harrisville to celebrate our family and remember great grandfather, Leopold, on the anniversary of his birthday. The weekend begins with a dinner, continues on Saturday with a highly competitive golf tournament and then is followed by the award ceremony and pig roast courtesy of relatives who are hog famers in Iowa.

On Sunday morning, we gather for a family worship service in Harrisville Lutheran Church. One of the many pastors in the family preaches and the cousins comprise the choir with at least two hymns, quickly rehearsed that morning. Next is a wonderful potluck meal and an oh-so-serious business meeting. Childrens games are a highlight, especially the penny dig in a pile of sawdust. I remember that money hunt from my childhood. Now it is not just pennies. Sometimes nickels, dimes and quarters find their way into the pile, often tossed right in front of a youngster by a parent or older sibling.

A balloon toss and sack races remind us of a long ago and simpler time. The good news is that the annual reunion on the second Sunday in August is continuing into the successive generation, the planning, the gathering of information to grow all of the branches of the family tree, the keeping of minutes and genealogy. The family cemetery is just across the street from the gathering place, where many relatives, including my Mother and Father, are buried. We have a crest, a FaceBook page, a compressive library of stories and pictures and love and memories which sustain us, draw us closer to far-flung relatives, especially cousins (I have 30 first cousins) and warm us through many winters of our lives. It is kind of a "Faith of Our Fathers (and Mothers) thing, a great gift.

Don Wylie - donwylie2@gmail.com

I'm sorry you only got one response, so here's mine a little late.

1. I have relatives in Norway - about a dozen 2nd cousins. We've visited them 3 times but they don't visit us. We don't know why but its probably because some are elderly and don't travel. We always got royal treatment when we visited them. My favorite cruise is the Hurtigruten which travels along the coast of Norway. Its mountains, waterfalls, and small Norwegian towns without beaches.

3 Swimming – our family liked to go to the red sand beach at Lake Wazeecha and stop at Herschlebs's for malted milk shakes. Diving in that brown water was also an experience since couldn't see more than a foot. Today, most kids swim

in pools – either the many pool clubs in Madison or the city's public Goodman pool. Madison has many beaches but their use is light.

By the way, I took a training ride on MSCR's (Madison School Community Recreation) Pontoon boat. The alumni and the memorial union pier's were solidly covered with Sun bathing babes. It's a "must see" if you come to Madison.

4 Idiosyncrasies of teaches – Mr. Carlson (physics) always had chalk mark across his butt from leaning against the blackboard chalk tray. We wondered if he wore the same pants all year. Mr. Wagoner (math) always wore distinguishing bow ties. Ms. Joanna Kum (biology) was a unique character. My brother Eric (63) heard a rumor that when the city was digging the foundation for a water tower, they were digging in a forgotten graveyard and Ms. Kum was out there looking for bone specimens.

Also heard the when Mr. Horigold taught chemistry he would do an experiment that produced a rotten egg smell and then parade that foaming brew around the floor stinking up the rooms.

We just finished another Tour da UP bicycle ride. Lots of woods and views of Lake Superior

Hey da Yooper doesn't have many roads or people you know.

Brian Athorp - athorpbrian@gmail.com

Better late than never....

Cooking on a wood stove:

The first place I lived in upon arriving in Maine in December,"75, was an old farmhouse that had a wood kitchen stove. This wasn't exactly new to me, because my grandparents in Pittsville had one in their farmhouse, and I'd seen it in use many times as a kid growing up. With a little practice we (my then fiancee Marleen) and I got the hang of using it. It was great for baking, and the firebox was on one side, so the entire stove top got hot, with the side nearest the firebox "high," and the opposite side "low" temp. The stove also had a copper coil that heated water. It warmed up the kitchen nicely, but as spring, then summer arrived, the kitchen became insufferably hot with any cooking (reprise: Harry Truman).

In recent years, I do plenty of cooking on the wood heater at my camp, using a big cast-iron dutch oven (only in the winter, I have an LP range for warm weather). The dutch oven serves mainly as a rewarmer, when I bring a prepared dish in a covered ramekin and put it in the dutch oven. This works great, and almost never overcooks. I also use it for stews, beans, or chili, etc., and occasionally for biscuits, or even a pie, though the baked goods don't get that pleasing "ovenbrowned" appearance.

Still working:

I've been a sleep tech for over 20 years now, and though I no longer do overnight studies in the sleep lab, I still go in a couple of days a week to score the studies acquired by the night techs. I've not tired of polysomnography, and continue to enjoy the electroneurodiagnostidc work. It is tremendously satisfying to participate in solving people's sleep problems, particularly when a person who has suffered years of poor sleep has his or her life of fatigue turned around literally overnight. I retired from PSG work two years ago, and after about six months, was called back into service. Six months was a nice hiatus, but I was happy to be back, to be valued and productlive. So I'm still at it, and no regrets. The other four days of my work week I do forest management on my woodlot. It's a great counterpoint to the geeky sleep lab work, which is all done on computers.

## This week's topics:

- 1. What was the wildest thing you did as a teenager?
- 2. Have you ever considered yourself prejudiced?

3. Did anyone that graduated from Lincoln high school ever became an MLB (baseball) pro player or a Pro football player or knows of someone that did and who did they play for.

4. Ever a soda jerk? Where? When? Have a specialty?

5. What games did you used to play in the dark?

6. Ever accidentally break a window? How?

7. You were a baby-sitter? For who? When? Or...Who was your baby-sitter when you were a kid?

8. Ever been to a country/western event like the Grand Ole Opry?

9. Ever frequent a general store? Where/when?

10. Still got a bike? Ride it?

and responses:

Lenore and Jim Haferman - lenorehaferman@yahoo.com

Time has passed fast and Jim and I are celebrating 50 great years of marriage.

Jim Natwick - jjnatwick@gmail.com

I just bought 2 electric bikes to put on rear of my RV. I don't have the strength to ride a regular bike and I wanted some easy way to get around a campsite or local scenes.and I can manage lifting an electric bike onto the bike holder. I can go about 18 miles on full electric at 18 MPH.

My uncle used to run the lunch counter in Johnson Hills and I was able to work for him a bit when I was about 14 making malts and drinks. He also had a root beet stand near Lake Wazeecha for a few summers where I worked a bit.

Tom Metcalf is probably one of the few pro baseball players from Rapids. Drafted by the Yankees and pitched one inning inn a world series game. His career was shortened by injury. He still alive and very well in Rapids as I write.

Kathy Gotter - gotterkd@yahoo.com

Florida living dictates bike riding. I converted to a 3-wheeler after my double bypass because I ended up with a numb leg. This is our main mode of transportation in our park. What better way to get to and from the pool every morning? Bike riding keeps even the oldest park members mobile and in better shape from dawn to dusk. What better way to transport food for our monthly pot lucks.

Kurt Halverson - kurt2541@yahoo.com

#3 Classmate Bill Metcalf was a starting pitcher for LHS. Bills older brother Tom (LHS 58) pitched professionally for the New York Yankees. I remember watching him pitch a game on tv at Buzzs bar in 1963.

#4 Joe Jenkins purchased the Friendly Fountain from Bob Luzinski about 1962. Joe added pool tables and pizza. I worked at Wood County Bank part time throughout high school. Joe asked if I would also work for him the summer of 62. I

worked the grill, fountain, made pizza, and delivered pizza. Joe liked to frequent bars and would leave me alone evenings to tend and close the Friendly. Condolences to the Jenkins family. Joe's younger brother Bob Jenkins (class of 64) just passed away.

#7 My older sister Kathy frequently baby sat for a family with 3 boys under the age of 5. Kathy was 15; I was 12. One time she was unable to babysit so they asked in desperation if I would. I accepted and they used me going forward and never asked her again. They liked me better.

### Barbara Cammack - barbaracammack@hotmail.com

# SEVERAL YEARS AGO I WENT TO PLAY GOLF WITH MY DAD, HUSBAND AND BROTHER AT THE RIDGES. AS WE TEED OFF, I HIT THE WINDOW IN THE EQUIPMENT SHED AND IT BROKE. MY DAD SAID, "THAT'S WHY WOMEN SHOULDN'T PLAY GOLF!"

IN HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAD THE "JUNIOR/SENIOR BEER" IN THE SPRING. BAD IDEA. I GOT RATHER DRUNK, SLEPT OVER AT A FRIEND'S AND WENT TO THE HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC MEET THE NEXT MORNING. TO THIS DAY I CANNOT STAND THE SMELL OF GIN BECAUSE OF THE AWFUL NIGHT DRINKING THE WRETCHED ALCOHOL AND IT MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION ON WHAT A STUPID THING TO DO AS A TEEN. SOME LATER YEARS I DID SOME OTHER DRINKING I WAS NOT PROUD OF BUT ONLY HAD TO ANSWER TO MYSELF; NOT PARENTS OR TEACHERS.

## Edward Hasenohrl class of 1964 <u>ehasenoh@yahoo.com</u>

March 2017, I sent my 2008 Trek Madone Road bike to my son in Minneaoplis. I then purchased a Trek Domane Road bike with front and rear iso speed frame which takes some of the stiffness of a full carbon bike / better for a OLDER rider. This bike also has the Di2 electronic shifting system. I can now shift between gears with the touch of a button. With the Garmin 1000, I can see what gear I am in and how many times I change gears on a ride (TECHNOLOGY).

August 5, I did the Tour de Tonka in Minnetonka MN. I did the 48 miles ride. My totals were 17.7 mph average and the front deraileler was shifted 5 times and the rear derailer was shifted 895 times in over a 3 hour ride. This area is far from a flat area like Wisconsin Rapids.

### Geno Hafermann - genehafermann@charter.net

1. Wild Teen: I wasn't very wild as a teenager, but one thing I remember doing was being in a car driven by Chuck Hinners where we went on some back road and he drove very fast and then shut the engine off to see how far we could coast. There were 4 of us in the car and we would do coordinated rocking for the last little ways. Another thing was with an older cousin out in San Diego where he set off firecrackers in mail boxes and threw a cherry bomb in a construction hole and then ran like hell. Both of those pranks made me very nervous.

5. Night Game: The game I remember playing a lot in the dark is "capture the flag".

6. Broken Windows: When I was young, a cousin of mine and I were playing softball inside a breezeway at his house. I was pitching and as my cousin, Brad, cocked his bat to swing, the bat went through a window behind him. Sort of like a Three Stooges slap stick bit. When I was a grown up, I was helping a friend to take down a tree that was crowding his house. I tied the tree being cut down to another tree to make it fall down in a clear area, however, halfway down the rope broke and the tree being felled crashed into a corner of his house breaking a window. I had the right idea but not adequate equipment.

7. Babysitting: I baby sat once for a cousin when I was 11 and he was a newborn. I was scared he would poop and I would have to change him, but he just slept until my uncle and aunt came home from their date night. Whew!

9. I love a General Store out in Spring Green, Wisconsin. It is actually called The General Store. It is a restaurant and a store with clothes, games, dry goods, greeting cards, etc. They also feature live music quite often including a Bob Dylan Fest around Memorial Day and a Beatles Fest around Labor Day.

10. Bikes: I still have several bikes and my wife and I still ride them occasionally. But not too much this summer yet as my endurance has suffered with a heart issue. I plan to get my Aortic Valve replaced in October in hopes that will solve my shortness of breath issue and allow me to handle more strenuous exercise again.

Candace Caylor - klorkatz@att.net

1. Are you kidding? My dad was the sheriff and I lived in the apartment in the jail!! Actually, I had no desire to be wild. I guess that was just part of my make-up.

2. I never thought of myself as prejudice, but it gets harder with everything that goes on in our society today. My first job as an RN was in was in an inner city hospital. I had many blacks as patients as well as co-workers and supervisors. It seemed like everyone got along and respected each other. I truly believe the blacks are more prejudice than the whites.

6. When I was 10 or 11, I was chasing a neighbor and tried to close the storm door before she could go thru it. I was the one who went thru it with outstretched arms. I had cuts all over both hands and a very deep laceration on my left wrist that took 10 stitches to close. I have the noticeable scar to this day. That was my only window breaking experience.

- 7. I babysat for my minister when I was in high school. One summer when I was in college, I babysat every week day for a boy while his parents were at work.
- 8. Back in 1993 one of my friends and I went on a bus tour to Nashville with the country station in Milw. I wasn't a big country fan but enjoyed the trip and got to meet several singers who were popular. I only remember Garth Brooks.

Toni Weller Olsen - LHS '64 - tonicrafty@gmail.com

10. I don't have a bike now, but I have a lot of good memories of riding my bike in the Rapids from about 8th grade to early high school. My friend Polly Kachel lived on Riverview Drive not far from the hospital, and I used to pedal over to her house sometimes. I'm pretty sure I biked out to Lake Wauzeecha a few times. We lived on 12th and Washington Streets, so it was not too far for a kid to go. My husband has a bike and rides several times a week, and I sometimes think about getting a bike too; but it seems more convenient to just open the door and take a walk!

Lynn DeLong - ledelong@cox.net

8. Ever been to a country/western event like the Grand Ole Opry?

Early in my life, I attended Pop Music Events that came to Wisconsin including the Everly Brothers and Bobby Vinton. I, also, attend performances at State and County Fairs and Regional Events, e.g., Minneapolis Aquatennials. I enjoy popular music from KSTP and WLS. When I bought albums, I tended towards Sandy Nelson. The Ventures, Santo and Johnny, Chet Atkins, Kingston Trio, Peter-Paul-and-Mary, etc.

I have had the honor of having my employers send me to many musical performances. Initially working undercover and later working event security, emergency medical care and/or dignitary protection. I came to appreciate and enjoyed many forms of music and it helped when my dad took over the regional musical distributorship out of Minneapolis and got me put on the DJ distribution lists for free 45s and albums.

I learned to greatly appreciate attending Country Music Events while working in Texas, not much else available. If I did not know the performers, I acquired their music from friends or online and usually became a fan before the concerts. For example, by far my favorite annual Texas event is The San Antonio Stock and Rodeo show.

This year it featured:
February 9, 2017, 7:00 pmCody Johnson
February 10, 2017, 7:30 pmLittle Big Town
February 11, 2017, 1:00 & 7:30 pmSam Hunt
February 12, 2017, 1:00 pmMaddie and Tae
February 13, 2017, 1:00 pmJohn Fogerty
February 14, 2017, 7:00 pmFor King and Country
February 15, 2017, 7:00 pmChris Young
February 16, 2017, 7:00 pmWillie Nelson
February 17, 2017, 7:00 pmThe Band Perry
February 18, 2017, 1:00 pmChris Janson
February 18, 2017, 7:30 pmChase Rice
February 19, 2017, 1:00 pmDan + Shay
February 19, 2017, 7:30 pmEdwin L una y La Trakalosa de Monterrey
February 20, 2017, 1:00 pmFifth Harmony
February 21, 2017, 7:00 pmDierks Bentley
February 22, 2017, 7:00 pmJake Owen
February 23, 2017, 7:00 pmHuey Lewis and the News
February 24, 2017, 7:00 pmRascal Flatts
February 25, 2017, 1:00 pmAaron Watson
February 25, 2017, 7:30 pmJosh Turner

9. Ever frequent a general store? Where/when?

The DeLong General Mercantile Store is located in Edgar WI. It is no longer in the Family but the name was still there last year. We stop in, 109 W Redwood, just west of s 3rd Av, behind the Police Station. Stark's Floral and Ceramics store is now there. The old soda fountain is in the back and DeLong family pictures are on the wall. Tell then I sent you to fine my uncle's picture; he looks like Alfalfa from the Little Rascals.

10. Still got a bike? Ride it?

Yes and Yes but too hot in AZ now and the Prius does not have a bike rack too carry it around the world with us. We are looking for house or apartment in the MN Twin Cities near the bike paths and trails. The Saint Paul Classic is September 10th; register by Aug 30 at bikeclassic.org, OR Mankato River Ramble is Oct 8; reg by Aug 25 at bikeriverramble.org.

### **MURPHY'S OTHER 15 LAWS**

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

 It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.

10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.

12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.

15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

