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Responses to previous topics:

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1. How many of you have changed your careers? From what to what? Started out as a structural bridge designer at the State and changed to safety and security when I went into the private sector from the State. I would say it was a very good move. Of course then as all of us I changed the final time to retired.

3. Have you changed your religion from what you originally were? I was born a Catholic and we attended the church I believe as I remember on 1st street near where the court house is now. We changed to First Methodist when I was young. Do not remember all the details but my mother always said that it was the church's fault that we changed. I now know most of the details but will not discuss here.

5. What was your favorite job. Did not have a worst job - had several I really liked but I really enjoyed being safety and security director at a large firm as I traveled all over the Midwest from Montana to Indiana and Tennessee to Canada teaching OSHA compliance and doing safety and security audits of many different types of clients from water and waste water plants go government facilities and doing location and operational studies for fire departments. At the same time I was a volunteer firefighter and that was always fun for both Shorewood Hills and Middleton.

8. What was your last "selfie"? Never took a selfie other than those photos needed for passports and credentials.

10. What do you think the new decade will bring? The new decade is going to bring a lot of problems and potentially could lead to a second revolution in this country. The seeds of unrest are being sown. The political climate is such that something has to change and it is not the president but the culture that is being created for the intended purpose of totally destroying the US. Unfortunately many people are blind to what is occurring. Once we loose the republic we will be in a dictatorship and that would not be good but that seems to be exactly what the leftest want.

This week's topics:

1. New years eve - stay up? Or?

2. Favorite meal?

3. Stuff you memorized in grade school and high school that sticks with you to this day. Mica, Mica, parva stella comes to mind from 6th grade for me.

4. Where was the most uncomfortable place you have ever slept?

5. Will religion ever become obsolete? Why or why not?

6. Slumber parties. Your most unforgettable experience!

7. Turning 16. With all that that entailed. First "serious" dates, learning to drive, etc.

8. "Fad" dances in high school. Someone advised the editor that the best way to do "The Twist" was to pretend you were trying to dry off your back with a towel. That worked! Then there was the "Stroll" and what else?

9. The middle east seems to be "going to hell in a handbasket". Your thoughts?

10. What is the one thing you did in 2019 that you would like to go back and change or delete ?

and responses:

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1. New years eve - stay up? Or? - We attended a house party with about 20 friends, enjoyed some good food and conversation, were home by 10:30 and probably asleep an hour later. A nice evening.

2. Favorite meal? - Whatever is in front of me at the moment. I'm not picky.

4. Where was the most uncomfortable place you have ever slept? - 1995. On an island. Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior. In a tent in a terrific storm. Torrential rain. High winds. Lightning strikes so close by the ground shook and my ears rang. Didn't get any sleep that night. It was magnificent, though, and I'd do it again in a minute.

5. Will religion ever become obsolete? Why or why not? - I hope not because it seems to give so many people comfort.

6. Slumber parties. Your most unforgettable experience! - There are too many to count! But I particularly remember that once we poured a number of different kinds of soda into a punch bowl - Cream Soda, Orange, Grape, Root Beer, some kind of Cola, Ginger Ale and more - and then drank the concoction. We all got sick. Goofy kids!

8. "Fad" dances in high school. Someone advised the editor that the best way to do "The Twist" was to pretend you were trying to dry off your back with a towel. That worked! Then there was the "Stroll" and what else? - Was there something called "The Limbo?" It involved wriggling around backwards and negotiating space under a horizontal pole? I was never good at it.

9. The middle east seems to be "going to hell in a handbasket". Your thoughts? - I don't think most people would like to read what I think about it.

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Bad sleep: years ago, on our boat, we were returning from a vacation and the marina we pulled

into lost power. It was about 120 degrees and we didn't even have a fan to get relief. You can guess what we slept in. One holiday, visiting family, our nephew unplugged the cord to heat the waterbed and we awoke to freezing, rolling on a COLD mattress. We had taken his bed so he was retaliating. In September, one year, we were tent camping in So. Dakota. During the night we slipped off the air mattress (guess it was on an incline) and could feel rocks underneath us. Outside water jug has frozen so we were VERY COLD. End of camping for us on land or sea!

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Career changes: After being discharged from the military in late 1969 I returned to school at UW Lacrosse. In the spring of 1971, I was offered and took a Property Mgmt job in down town Milw. Got married in the spring of 1972 and purchased a home in Ft Atkinson. My daughter was born in 1974. Continued to manage the commercial and residential properties owned by a Milwaukee attorney / real estate company until the spring of 1978 when I accepted a sales position at a small Watertown WI beverage equip mfr. The same year we expect one son but twin sons were born so we purchased a larger home. I purchased the Watertown company in 1980 and over the next 32 years grew it from 18 employees to 131 employees, selling our beverage dispensers globally thru out North America, Europe, Asia and South America. (those of you who enjoy American style flavored cappuccinos like french vanilla or pumpkin spice, my company manufactured and introduced the concept to convenience stores and fast foo restaurants in the late 1980's. Not until the mid 1990's did the beverage concept take hold with wild success) Our largest customer was McDonald's, supplying them with various types of equipment globally. I retired in 2012 and truly enjoy not having to take long flights and spending weeks away from my family. We sold the home we built and purchased a rural 12 acre property in Farmington, Wi where we are living happily ever after. I credit much of my success to the many of you who provided competition and camaraderie in the many sports we participated in thru out our childhood and teenage years I thank you very much. So, in retrospect, I've enjoyed a wonderful life having been blessed with a wonderful wife, children and grand children. What a journey it has been.

Stuff I memorized in grade school: " A daem kue laterficat, yu ven toto tem" ., (not sure of the spelling of this Latin prayer) the opening prayer the alter boy recited when serving a Catholic Mass. I was an alter boy serving Mass in 5th, 6th and 7th grade while attending Our Lady Queen of Heaven catholic school on the West side of the Rapids. To this day I still remember some the the Latin prayers memorized for servicing Mass.

Dances: I really liked to dance, especially fast dancing. I think the 1st dance I went to was my freshman summer at Robinson Park, Fast dancing made it easy to meet girls because most of them could dance fast while most boys could not. Fast dancing for me hit its peak my freshman and sophomore year at UW LaCrosse. The drinking age for beer had just been set at 18 so numerous beer only bars sprung up and all had large dance floors. Those were the days!

Middle East: : After completing Special Forces training at Fort Bragg NC most of us got Orders to Report to the 5th Special Forces Group in Viet Nam. while others got Orders to report to the 1st Special Forces Group in the Middle East. That part of the World has been having a religious war between Shiite and Sunni Muslims and Christians and Muslims for hundreds of years. It is no surprise these wars continue, It will only end when all Muslims come together, work out their differences and accept the many other religions around the World including those based on Christianity. Illumination of extremist Muslim terrorism can be accomplished but only by Muslims, not by us or other non Muslim Countries.

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3. Stuff I memorized in grade school :

Thirty days has September,
April, June and November.
All the rest have thirty-one.
Except for February, which has twenty-eight.

I was a grammar nerd in grade school, so here's another one:

"i" before "e" except after "c," like in "receipt."

We had an English teacher in grades 7 or 8 at Howe School. Her name was Mrs. Benkowski, and for grammar nerds she was wonderful. She diagrammed sentences on the board so we could see how the parts fit together. I wonder if kids even learn that anymore.

Thank you Kent for your work on this newsletter.

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STUFF YOU MEMORIZED IN GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL THAT STICKS WITH YOU TODAY -
- As far as school is concerned, something must have "stuck". We are functioning and semi-literate. I do remember eating breakfast and listening to the radio before going to school in the morning. One advertisement still sticks with me and I find myself singing it to this day. Do any of you remember the following jingle?

There ain't no bones in a hot dog

There ain't no bones in a hot dog
There ain't no bones or cherry stones
There ain't no bones in a hot dog

I assume it was an advertisement for, what else but hot dogs! Says something about the power of advertising!

Kent, what the heck is Mica, Mica, parva stella? **Twinkle, twinkle, little star in Latin.**

THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE PLACE YOU'VE EVER SLEPT? -- When we were kids we used to sleep out in our back yards quite often. That was before sleeping bags and air mattresses. Since then I've spent a lot of time sleeping on the ground when backpacking and other types of camping, but was comfortable when compared to those back yard endeavors wrapped up in a blanket on the hard ground. However, there was one benefit. About 4:00 AM we'd make our way to the Baker Drive Bakery and buy "long johns" fresh out of the oven.

THE MIDDLE EAST GOING TO HELL IN A HAND BASKET -- They've been going to hell in a hand basket for the last 1400 years ever since Mohammed had his "angelic visitation" around 610 A.D. They've been fighting with themselves and the rest of the world ever since. My thoughts are to build a fence around the Middle East, letting nobody in and nobody out. Leave them alone and they'll kill themselves off to the last man, woman, and child. If we think we can ever have a positive affect on the Middle East we are just kidding ourselves. They'll use us when they need us, but in the end we'll always be a bunch of infidels.

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2. Favorite meal: our kids and now the grandkids love homemade chicken or turkey soup with vegetables and dumplings (the soft steamed ones.) It is probably the most requested family meal when any of them come home.

3. Memorization: I learned all the presidents, in order, by last names only. Every once in a while I renew the memory by running through the list. I have a harder time with the last 8 or 10 presidents because I can't keep straight who was when. I guess it was easier to just memorize than to recall from my own adult lifetime!

5. Religion obsolete? Not for me and my family!!

6. Slumber party: When the little country schools were all consolidated into the city school districts, my dad bought the Lone Pine School and turned it into a rental hall for weddings, parties, etc. A group of us girls spent a night out there. I think it was about 5th or 6th grade. We had so

much fun, but I don't remember lots of details of what we ate or games we played, but I sure remember it fondly. I know it was friends from my Grove School days.

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#5. The more religions become inclusive, the greater their chance for survival in an increasingly sectarian world.

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1. I always plan to stay up till the BALL drops.....but don't make it. I miss the old 'Dick Clark' ringing in the New Year...and his programing.

2. Favorite meal.....that is a hard one.....A milkshake and Big Mac. (maybe)

3. I remember counting to ten in Spanish that we learned in 8th grade. Never did learn to write the words, just speak them.

Ed: Uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho, nueve, diez! I have a minor in Espanol.

4. Uncomfortable place that I slept.....had to be spending overnight in the car at a rest stop.....while traveling back from Georgia when the weather changed for the worst.

5. I hope religion NEVER goes out of style. In my case I could not have gotten through the deaths in my family if I did not believe in God and his 'help' through prayer.....and my parish family and friends who are always there to help me through down times.

Enough for me.....Thanks Kent for keeping this newsletter going.