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This week's topics:

1. Anything you refuse to eat? What?
2. Does anyone start plants from seeds any more? What?
3. Walking to school. How far? With anyone?
4. Chemistry class. Any memorable incidents?
5. In high school choir or band? What part or what instrument? Still sing/play?
6. High school athletics. You played? What sport? Memorable games?
7. High school plays/musicals. You acted, sang, danced? In what?
8. Belong to any high school clubs? Which? What did you do?
9. Eat at the school lunch cafeteria? Memorable meals?

10. Covid19 - How's it affecting your life these days?

and responses:

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3 I walked to Howe every morning then home for lunch and back every day. I lived near the library on Third Street. It seemed like a long walk then but as I look at the route as an adult it doesn't seem so far.

5 I was in band and orchestra. I also sang with a female group before school called Belle Centos. I still play my baritone in a community band.

6 High school athletics? Nope, nothing for girls then but GAA.

Barbara Thalacker - bthalacker@comcast.net

1. Unfortunately for the waistline, there is nothing I refuse to eat and many thinks I relish. We were exposed to a wide variety of foods in childhood. My parents would put together an ethnic dinner each Christmas Eve before church at 11. One year it was Mexican, one Chinese, one Hawaiian while we were dressed in muumuus and colorful shirts, another time German, of course. Then there was a memorable Scandanavian dinner complete with lefse and lutefisk. That is one thing I don't relish and would hesitate to eat again. But blutwust, pickled pigs feet, hash, any fish, seafood, pork brains, tripe, and the like are all ok. And bring not he chocolate for sure.

6. I loved athletics. Of course in our day, girls didn't get to compete interscholastically. In college I played basketball, softball and field hockey. I became an internationally certified archery coach and one of my students because one of the coaches of the 1984 Olympic team where the US men took gold and silver.

Covid 19 cases are adding to the count gaining both here and around the world as tests are made available. We are under strict sheltering in place. I only personally know 2 people who have died since this started, but we have nearly 1000 cases and 40 deaths in our country so far. I am sure the cases will continue to be recorded as tests are taken. Everyone is being extremely friendly and careful. We walk our dog

and everyone crosses the street when others are approaching and runners go out in the street to avoid coming close. Merchants are helpful and are opening large stores early for us seniors. Some of the stores require all customers to wear masks inside while shopping. We were able to secure 4 N95 filtering masks and a friend made some of the regular ones for us.

We continuously receive Instacart food deliveries and they drop the bags on the porch. We sanitize all of the plastic and the handles and try to unpack them carefully to avoid touching any unsafe surfaces. Hoarding is slowing down now and TP is more available.Our goal is to avoid any new cases. Out here, we take it all seriously.

Everyone must be baking as flour, especially bread flour, is hard to come by We also started Hello Fresh food delivery and are really enjoying new recipes and tastes. We pass our time doing jobs like sorting a lifetime of pictures and bagging up offerings for GoodWill that we can deliver when the quarantine has lightened. Reading and watching Acor TV make it seem more like retirement than retirement has been.

Stay safe and sane everyone.

Lenore Haferman - lenorehaferman@yahoo.com

I will try to eat any thing, I do not like onions but will eat food with them.

When younger I started plants from seed, now I get starter plants, getting lazy I guess.

I lived just beyond the one mile limit so I had to walk to school.

I was in choir with coach, I enjoyed being in all the musicals (always a dancer)

P E was my best class, I guess that is why I became a P E teacher, Girls remember only 4 dribbles then you had to pass, and we could not go over the center line, they thought it would be to difficult for us.

Gene Hafermann - genehafermann@charter.net

1. I refuse to eat cilantro, avocado, sauerkraut, oysters, raw fish, lamb, duck, and goose. I dislike cabbage, cauliflower, green olives, and lima beans? While I like

kidney beans and onions, they both do nasty things to my gut, so I try to avoid them.

2. Sophomore year of college I walked 2 miles along a railroad track from the room I rented on the east side of Wausau to the UW Marathon County Center on the west side. And in Madison I walked from SE dorms to engineering campus most every day.

3. In high school I sang in choir (I think I started as a baritone, but was singing lead tenor by my senior year). I have continued to sing through college (UW men's glee club and UW Singers), on into local theater in Mazomanie. Then with an acapella quartet called the Amazos from 1995 to 2006. Also with several church choirs and praise groups and sometimes with Mazomanie or Spring Green community choirs for holiday concerts. And currently I sing with a men's chorus called the BRC at Salem UCC in Verona. I also still sing solos at weddings and funerals.

4. I was involved in football (2 years), basketball (3 years), track (3 years), and cross country (1 year) while at Lincoln. Also played fast pitch softball in a summer men's league in Rapids. Several memorable basketball games in HS, but most memorable was a game my sophomore year at UW Marathon Center when we beat the league's first place team in overtime and I was 7 for 7 from the field (all of which would have been 3 pointers in today's BB). Most memorable softball game was the first time I pitched against my uncle's team, pitch a 2 hit shutout, and won the game in the 9th inning by hitting a 2 run homer. Most memorable track meet was a dual meet at DC Everest when I beat their ace miler at the tape to win the meet by 2 points and it was my first time breaking 5 minutes.

5. I was in 3 musicals in high school including opposite your wife in Brigadoon my senior year. Continued doing musical theater in Mazomanie in the 70's, 80's, and 90's with lead rolls In The Fantastics, Oklahoma, Once Upon a Mattress, Anything Goes, Camelot, Oliver, Into the Woods, etc.

6. Covid-19 is just keeping us home. We get carryout a couple times a week to help local restaurants, shop groceries during senior hours, hike or bike when warm enough, and work on landscape and workshop projects. MIGHT start golfing in June if carts can be used … unless stay at home edict is extended.

Hope everyone is doing well. Still hoping to come to the 55 year class reunion in August.

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5 & 7. High school choir and performing in the school plays. Bob Cleworth was an amazing person. I'm glad that I was able to send him a letter before he passed away telling him how much I appreciated him. His ability to get me to be able to perform in front of people turned out to have a huge impact on my life: 21 years as a prosecutor (talking to jurors) in the Milwaukee DA's office and 8 years as United States Attorney. Not sure if I would have been able to do this without the guy we called "coach." And yes – I still sing...but only in the car along with the radio (when I'm alone) - I don't want the dogs to start howling. My freshman year Barbara Santapalo (later Barbara Gaensler) was the drama coach. I became friends with her years later when she became a legend at Shorewood High School for her direction of the high school plays. My son and daughter both attended Shorewood and also learned from the master - Barbara.

6. High school athletics: I started tennis when I was about 10, played HS tennis 4 years, college tennis at UW for a year, and I still play regularly. Usually I play singles, but on Sunday my wife and I played mixed doubles on 1 of the few courts in the entire Milwaukee area that still have the nets up (all the tennis/fitness centers are closed). However, most people haven't discovered these courts (yet) so almost no one else was there.

10. COVID-19 is playing a huge role in my life. I currently run a nonprofit organization (COA Youth & Family Centers) serving 10,000 low income children and families in the lowest income areas of Milwaukee where COVID-19 has caused the greatest loss of life. Many of COA's programs (2 early child education centers, 2 family resource centers, 8 after school programs, and our camp (between Plover and Waupaca just off Hwy 54) are all closed. However, our food pantry is serving 3000 people per month (and growing), our meal program just started and is already serving 3000 meals/ week, and we are about to reopen our early child education centers to serve the children of emergency workers (e.g. medical personnel, law enforcement, and firefighters). Hope all of you are well...

June Collman Stuhr LHS '64 - jstuhr@me.com

I'm spending more time than usual in the kitchen. I've discovered some great new recipes, one in particular - for Shepherd's Pie. Let me know if you'd like a copy of the recipe, and I'll send it. I'd love to hear what others are cooking/baking, too.

IN MEMORIAM

Bill Heilman - LHS65

Chuck Hinners - chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com writes:

I just learned from Bill Metcalf, LHS 63, that Bill Heilman died January 31.. Details are sketchy as there was no obituary in the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune. No funeral was held.

Bill was born December 18, 1946 to George William (GW) Heilman and Arvilla Kraske Heilman. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1965 where he played football, basketball and track. Bill was drafted in 1968 and sent to Camp Pendleton California for 13 intensive weeks of Marine training. After his tour of duty was complete Bill settled in Huntington Beach California and worked in the fledgling computer industry. He told me at our 20th reunion in 1985 that computers are dumb, they only know 0 or 1 and need human ingenuity to make them work. Bill eventually left California for St Thomas Virgin Islands and opened a clothing store named St Thomas Country Club. In 1994 he returned to Wisconsin for heart bypass surgery. After recuperating he settled in Madison and worked for Progressive Technologies a company that specialized in custom built computer systems. After computers became a commodity, Bill eventually moved back to Wisconsin Rapids and Managed the Maples Mobile Home Park.

Bill and I lived a block apart on Chestnut Street.

Bill spent many hours honing his athletic skills in daily competition in baseball football basketball track and golf depending on the season.

GW was a member of Bullseye and introduced Bill to golf at age 7. In 1957 GW was instrumental in organizing the first little league in Wisconsin Rapids. Over 400 boys tried out but only 60 were selected for one of the four teams Bill and I played as teammates for three years for the Braves team sponsored by Daly Drug Store. Our team won the league championship in 1957 powered by stars like Craig Skibba, Ken Adams, Denny Solie and Fred Esser. You can read more about it on the attached pdf.

After baseball was over it was back to school. That fall a JR bowling league was organized by Bowlmor lanes on eighth street. Bill and I joined a team that included Jim Natwick, Butch LaChapelle, Ron Brazener, and Nick Brazeau. Our team won

the league championship. Later in the fall Bill led his Intramural basketball team to the Howe school league championship. The year 1957 was the anchor that ingrained the winner's attitude in Bill.

At Little League games the national anthem and Little League pledge were played before each contest.

Bill lived his life by the words in the Little League pledge: "I trust in God. I love my country. I will play fair and strive to win but win or lose I will always do my best!"

Bill was a friend for life even though he and I were separated by geography during his years in California and St. Thomas

Bill's athletic prowess and the salesman's gene inherited from GW assured his success in business. It also assured him that he would have detractors. Bill was opinionated, stood up for what he believed in, and looked out for and defended his friends. He plowed his own path through life, and it was a life well lived. He joins our friends Dick Reeves and Stanley Schultz.

Here is to Bill, as long as someone remembers, no one is gone, and when no one is left here to remember we'll all be together again.

Rest well Hoya—Semper Fi!