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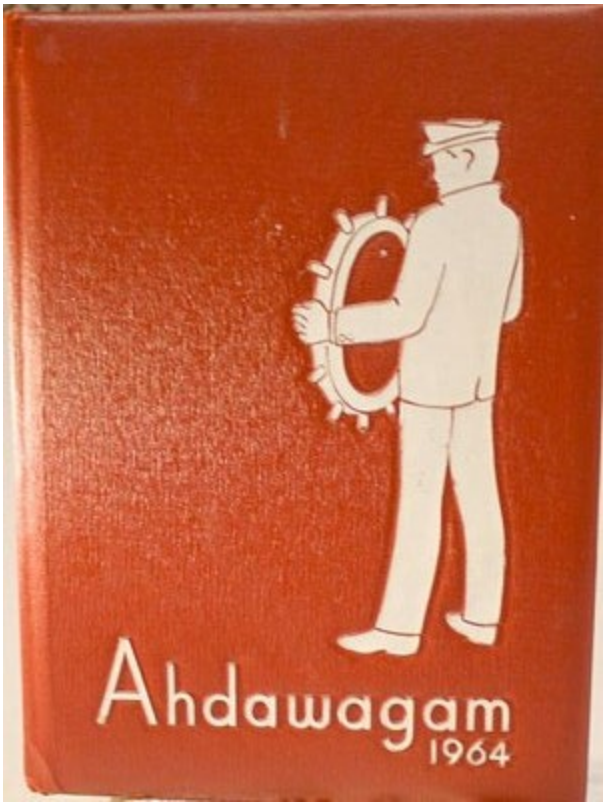

Responses to previous topics:

Nancy Arnold Finneran Witt - nancystew@copper.net

1. Lost in the 50's video - Bring back any memories? - Not from the 50's.

2. Any of your favorite businesses closed permanently? - Some of the bars closed in Rudolph.

4. Escape! Have you gone boating, taking long drives? - No. Too much going on with my 61 sisinlaw who died 1/21 and coronavirus came into it. She lived 50 min. drive from her home. Now my husband and I are cleaning out her 3 bedrm. home. She was a packrat; had 1000 dresses, most not she didn't wear. She had a cat and loved sewing and making hats for all of us. My husband is the executor for her property.

5. Watch the first of the season's baseball games? Your thoughts. - My husband likes watching the baseball games, w/o seeing the audience. We have the SanDiego Padres.

7. Restaurant memories. - Yes, do remember some of the Brig and other ones I forgot.

9. Covid thoughts, if your brain is still working. Now too busy with my husband/executor to get her house property to court.

<u>This week's topics:</u>

1. Has the VERSO plant shutdown affected you or your family? How?

2. Are your church services on Youtube? Care to share them?

3. Write your memories of a classmate who's passed on.

4. Having animal problems? What kind?

5. Going to watch the NBA and NFL games this season? Why or why not?

6. The protests continue. Your thoughts?

7. Thoughts about social media. Good? Bad?

9. You think maybe we should have corporal punishment in schools again? Why or why not?

10. Scams you've encountered.

<u>and responses:</u>

Norm Arendt - normarendt@gmail.com

Scams: latest scams are counterfeit bills being circulated in Wisconsin. $100 dollar bills right now and in the recent past they were $20s. We did not lose any money

due to scam but you have to watch out all the time.

Kathy Gotter - gotterkd@yahoo.com

2. Are your church services on Youtube? Care to share them? - Our church has services at 9:30 on Sunday morning on our local Fox station in Ft Myers. I watch at 6:30 am from Milwaukee on Fox also. We always went at 7:30 am.

5. Going to watch the NBA and NFL games this season? Why or why not? - We decided we didn't want to watch sports with politics.

6. The protests continue. Your thoughts? - Where did all of the peaceful protests go... We do have some here. When will all black lives matter...including the babies. So many babies were killed in drive-bys in Tulsa. So sad.

7. Thoughts about social media. Good? Bad? - Way too biased.

Tom Schneider - tomschneider@coa-yfc.org

5. Going to watch the NBA games this season? Why or why not? Of course - I already watched the 1st 2 Bucks games – Go Bucks!

10. Scams you've encountered. I spent 29 years as a prosecutor in the Milwaukee DA's Office and as US Attorney for Eastern Wisconsin. I prosecuted doctors, lawyers, real estate developers, and many more who all thought they could use their position to scam others; and this included corporate scammers who illegally dumped their toxic waste in the rivers, etc.

9. You think maybe we should have corporal punishment in schools again? Why or why not? - Discipline has it's place... I survived just fine. Ernie was strict.

10. Scams you've encountered. - Too many to expound on.

Barbara Cammack - barbaracammack@hotmail.com

I remember the first high school death of Billy Thiel. We were allowed to attend his service and miss a half day of school. As I recall it had been a terrible accident. Joanne Wilburn Krekowski went through years of cancer on and off so I remember her saying she was done with the fight. I did not know of Kathy Engel's death until afterwards. I was sorry to have missed the service as she had been a bridesmaid of mine. Eric Sydamaa was a troubled soul before he died; we'd had some long phone conversations but I never saw him but at one reunion. Hardest for me were not classmates but friends later in life. Sadly they both were named Barb, my age, died within a year of one another, both of pancreatic cancer. Scared me about nine years ago. So, reach out to friends when you can; enjoy some memories; we never know when our number will be called.

Tom Lehr - lehrtom@aol.com

I'm expecting that responses to number 8, whether they are sent or not, will be a great illustrations of how reality is subservient to perception - our interpretation of reality. I am neither agreeing nor disagreeing with anyone's politics or ethics. But as an observer of human behavior I am, especially in the extremely polarized world we have created, fascinated by the observation that so many smart, moral, thoughtful people witness the same facts - the same reality and reach such divergent interpretations based on their point of view. Reality takes a back seat to perception and perception is influenced by so many factors.

About number 4,... Some people would call them problems. We've come to accept them as a part of living in the desert on land that used to be theirs. Our back yard has a tall block wall around it (with an RV gate). I set up my trail cam occasionally. I would love to send some great videos, but they are too big to to email. Regularly, we have Arizona Gray Foxes that go over the wall as if it weren't there and climb a large mesquite tree as easily as squirrels. Their job is to manage the pack rat population as well as any unwelcome neighbors' cats. Haven't quite figured out how the striped skunks get in, but they do and dig for bugs. Coyotes like to eat the goldfish in a small pond in the from and troops of javalina occasionally rut up and eat flowers in the ground or in pots.

Joe Kosek LHS'65 - bubsbear01@gmail.com

I don't believe that I have ever sent a reply to the weekly topics. First off, I really appreciate the job you do on the letter. EXCELLENT!!!

#5. I will not support MLB, NBA or NFL until somebody grows a spine and shows respect for all our service people.
#6. Protests: I will not support the BurnLootMurder movement in any way.
#7. Social media could be great but too many cowards say things that they would not have the courage to say to your face.

Toni Weller Olsen - LHS ' 64

1. The Verso shutdown - I'm sad because Wisconsin Rapids and the paper mill seemed like two sides of a coin. Wherever I walked growing up as a kid in the Rapids, Consolidated was always in view. Going to Mass at S.S. Peter and Paul Catholic Church always included a view of the mill as one approached the church. From my upstairs bedroom window on 12th and Washington Street, I could see the mill's smokestacks at night. I guess nothing lasts forever, even a factory that provided jobs for so many.

7. The social network - If emailing, googling and reading news are part of the social network, then I guess I'm included. I don't think it's good OR bad. It's just a big information highway.

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50 years ago this Saturday

The editor and Judy Hanneman (LHS65)

If you'd care to offer Judy your "condolences", her email is jvasby.office@gmail.com

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Chuck Hinners writes:

Kent,

Bob Raithel died recently.

He taught business courses at Lincoln in our junior and senior years.

He probably knew the inner workings of Friden calculators which went away when pocket electronic calculators came around in 1971.

You tube on how Friden calculators work—13 minutes. 39 seconds

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKm9eM2BuM0

Last night Susan and I watched The Apartment, a 1960 movie starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine

Lemmon is a clerk in a New York based insurance company. He sits in an office bays with about 2000 other employees, each of whom have Friden calculators on their desks.

In 1968 we had to use these to calculate a 360 month amortization table showing each month's principal and interest payment.

Excel does it a little quicker now, but I still use my HP 12C to check Excel worksheets.

Thanks for the memories Bob!

Obituary

July 2, 1934 - May 22, 2020 Robert (Bob) Duane Raithel age 85, of 1531 Commonwealth, Fort Atkinson, WI, passed into eternal life on May 22, 2020. Bob was born on July 2, 1934 in Jefferson, Wisconsin to Robert and Marlene (Foreman) Raithel. He was a graduate of Washington High School in New London, Wisconsin. Bob received a B.E. and a M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. He then began teaching Business Education. Bob taught at three Wisconsin schools, Monfort High School, St. John's Military Academy, and Wisconsin Rapids High School. Bob retired in 1991.

In 1994, he and his wife Annie moved to Auburn, Alabama. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. Bob and Annie Estelle (Davis) Raithel were married in 1963 at Rogers Park Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois. Annie passed away on October 13, 2012. October 6, 2013, Bob returned to Wisconsin to be near family. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson. Bob is survived by a sister, Sandra (Roger) Anderson, three nieces, Marlene Sobolik, Renee (Andrew) Bernard, and Julie Pearson, and 3 nephews, Jon (Janet) Sobolik, Roger(Laura) Anderson, and Christopher (Beth) Pearson, and several great nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Claudia Pearson of Northbrook, Illinois. A private burial will be on Saturday, May 30, 2020

at Auburn Memorial Park Cemetery. No formal services were conducted at Bob's request. Frederick-Dean Funeral Home of Opelika, AL and Dunlap Funeral Home of Fort Atkinson, WI handled the arrangements. Robert's family would like to thank the staff of Sienna Crest and Rainbow Hospice for the wonderful care he received. Memorials may be made to Rainbow Hospice, 1225 Remmel Dr. Johnson Creek, WI 53094 in Robert's memory. "A heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes at rest. God broke our hearts to prove, He only takes the best."