From: The Vasbys
To: Bill & Shirley (Black) Hartley
Subject: Lincoln High Newsletter - 2/20/20
Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020 6:10:58 PM

Responses to previous topics:

Barbara Thalacker - bthalacker@comcast.net

1. I was a high school archery coach in Arizona after college and one of my first students was the US Olympic Coach in the LA Olympics.

2. On a vacation in Thailand in 2004, I had a lovely black and red silk jacket custom made and I have worn it for a couple of formal occasions, including our son's wedding.

5. I met Pete Rose in a restaurant once, after he was disgraced, and also Ed Asner. He was a lovely man who stood up for equal pay for women in the entertainment industry.

7. I am all about breakfast. All kinds. But bacon must be included.

8, I could wax poetic about my cousins, first and extended generations. I am close to most of them and we would have each other's back. No question. My moms side includes 4, but there were 30 on my dad's side. My one cousin summed up our

relationship best. He said, "cousins are brothers and sisters raised in a different house."

9. Definitely cremated. The cheaper, the better. And scattered in the ocean on the northern California coast after a proper church memorial service with lots of good hymns. I am Lutheran, after all.

This week's topics:

1. Own an electric or hybrid vehicle? Like it? Mileage? Range?

2. Ever have a government job? What?

3. Anyone ever home school their kids? Why?

4. Ever belong to a union? Which one? Advantageous or just another subtraction from your paycheck?

5. Favorite carnival or amusement park ride?

6. Ever attend a rock concert? Who performed?

7. What were your favorite comic books as a kid?

8. Was adjusting to high school difficult? Why?

9. Grow grass for your cat in the winter? Does it eat it?

10. Whatever else you'd care to write about

and responses:

Marcia {Basler] Ortscheid '65 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

Don't go to too many concerts [too loud] gee I am getting old… at one time they were not loud enough …. But one of my favorite all time groups - LEONARD SKINNER - is going to be playing in March and I am going .

Norman Arendt -normarendt@gmail.com

Ever have a government job? What? Worked for the WIS DOT Bridge office out of college for about 9 years in Madison designing bridges all over the state. Had fun doing it but then left for the private sector and did the same thing before going into safety and security.

Ever belong to a union? Which one? Advantageous or just another subtraction from your paycheck? While at the state I was a member and eventual president of the State Engineers Association. Do not remember which engineers and advanced techs had to join but the State legislature back in the 60s determined that the engineers needed a union and either we formed our own or had to join one so we formed our own. For the most part it was just subtraction from the paycheck. But we were usually the first union to settle as we also as time progressed had the technicians that programmed the computers so we generally knew what the State had in the budget for benefits and pay which were really the only big items to negotiate.

Ever attend a rock concert? Who performed? While in college at Platteville we held the first outdoor rock concert in Wisconsin.
I think the headliner was Frijid Pink and the concert went on for about 12 hours.

Some of us eventually would travel to Woodstock and attended some of the music there but left before the rain started just to get our cars out of the mess before it ended. Have attended several concerts in Madison and photographed many of the performers such as Reba, Alabama etc...some rock ones that I do not remember held at the coliseum and at Camp Randall. With the American Family golf outing I have attended those concerts associated with the golf event.

Nancy Arnold Finneran Witt - nancystew@copper.net

2. Ever have a government job? What? Yes, I worked for Social Security for 34 yrs.

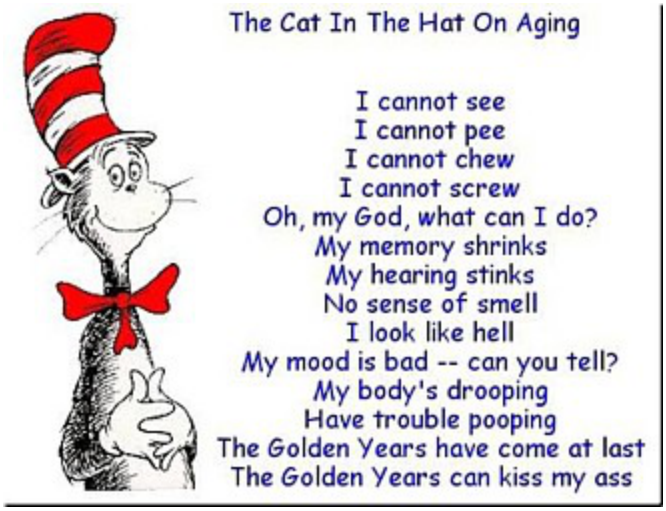
4. Ever belong to a union? Which one? Yes, did belong to a federal union for some yrs. and don't remember about it. I retired at age 56, and now I'm 73.

6. Ever attend a rock concert? Who performed? Yes, went to Rolling Stones, Bon Jovi, Paul Revere & the Raiders, and 4 Tops and have all the records.

8. Was adjusting to high school difficult? - No, it wasn't. I did go to Rudolph High for freshman and sophomore yrs. but school closed cuz of too few students. One of the women teachers from the R. HS taught in Lincoln and had her for a yr.

10. Whatever else you'd care to write about. Just had a bit rough time for a wk. or so, cuz of my 62 yr. old sisinlaw and a very good friend who passed in the same wk.

Nancy includes this:



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

I've never owned an electric or hybrid vehicle, had a government job, home schooled my children, belonged to a union other than a credit union, attended a rock concert, found adjusting to high school difficult, or grown grass for my cat.

I love a carousel with beautifully-painted horses and cheerful music. My favorite comic books were either the Disney cartoon character comic books, or anything that

had to do with animals or the fabled westerns - Roy Rogers, Hopalong Cassidy, etc. The good guys always won, a concept I still find compelling. Enjoy your week everyone!

Chad Lewis -- chad.a.lewis@outlook.com

I've responded to this query in the past but there's one I forgot. I didn't actually meet her but I slept in her bed and showered in her shower.

We rented Sheryl Crow's former beach house, The Crow's Nest, in Blue Mountain Beach, FL on a couple occasions. I'm betting the mattress was different though.

Gene Hafermann - genehafermann@charter.net

1. We bought e-bikes last summer and I guess they qualify as an electric vehicle. We have a lot of nice paved trails in our area around Madison and we do enjoy them in the warm weather. We can get up to 60 miles on a charge depending on how much we employ the powered assist. You can just ride them like a regular bike, but when needing an assist (like up hills) you have 4 speed options you can turn on, but you still have to peddle or the assist turns off. There are 7 speed options for the manual function. Cost of ours were around $1500 each.

2. I worked as a civil engineer for the Wisconsin DOT and that would be considered a government job. Didn't pay as well as the same job in the private sector, but the health and retirement benefits were good and the job was stable.

3. Our singer daughter, Holly (aka Skylar Grey) was home schooled a little because she was on the road a lot singing with her mom when she was 10-14.

4. I was in a professional engineer's union when working for the state until Walker shut those down when he was elected governor. That ACT totally demoralized the state workers and he was one of the reasons I retired at 67 rather than continuing to work as I had planned. The WisDOT administration also started contracting out more and more of the survey work I had supported and I had no desire to push papers and oversee consultants who were making more that I was. But I did have a good 43 year career.

5. I enjoyed the roller coasters, but one of the most exciting rides was called the diving bell out at Pacific Ocean Park in Santa Monica, CA. It opened in 1958 and closed in 1967. I was there in 1964.

6. No Rock Concerts for me.

7. I read books like the Bobbsey Twins, Black Beauty, and Roy Rogers, not comic books.

8. I don't remember any significant adjustment needed for HS, except I wasn't used to moving between rooms for different classes. I think being involved in sports and music helped making new friends and feeling comfortable.

9. As a kid we only had outdoor pets. First marriage we had cats who went in and out. I think if they ate grass, they got that outside. While I don't have anything against dogs or cats, I really don't like them in my house.

Candy Caylor - klorkatz@att.net

I own my third Prius. Obviously I love the car. My gas mileage in winter is about 50 mpg and 60 mpg in summer. As far as I'm concerned it has good pickup; especially passing and merging onto the freeway.

Chuck Hinners - chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com

4. Ever belong to a union? Which one? Advantageous or just another subtraction from your paycheck?

No union but worked as a scab for Allan' Electric in summer of 68. Got $4.00/hr while first year apprentices got $2.60 and journeymen got $5.20. Worked 8 weeks before Al Rusch was ordered by the IBEW he had to let me go. Worked 45 hour weeks with a little overtime. Did most of the wiring in the addition to Wood County Telephone. Tom Ticknor was my supervisor and usually had me drive the truck on Friday morning after he was overserved on Thursday night. Tom knew the score with my pay and kept it quiet from the other guys. Billy Pierce worked in the shop on 8th street and usually had some "bull work" for me to do which involved heavy lifting.

5. Favorite carnival or amusement park ride?

Bullet plane which came every summer with Dobson's United Shows to Witter Field. Danny Cheatle and his brother John like to hang out with the carnies and smoke cigarettes. The cops usually showed up to ask questions about the fairness of the rigged games, and make sure various drunks got home safely.

6. Ever attend a rock concert? Who performed?

Cheap Trick from Rockford IL. Ken Adamany from Madison managed them in the late 70s, early 80s. We handled their life insurance and they gave us tickets for concert at Alpine Valley. They are now all 69-72 and still play. They are touring with Rod Stewart this summer and will be in Mequon WI on 7/11. The original 4 guys who started it:

Rick Nielsen guitar, Robin Zander vocals, Tom Petersson guitar, Brad Carlson (Bun E Carlos), drums
See for 2020 tour - https://www.cheaptrick.com/tour-dates.html
https://www.allmusic.com/artist/cheap-trick-mn0000105354/biography

7. What were your favorite comic books as a kid?

Superman, Donald Duck, Scrooge McDuck. Heilman and I would make regular treks to Eron's Plumbing to swap comics. You had to given them 2 to get 1. Our mothers liked the idea since it kept the comic numbers down. Bill's dad made him keep his comics in the garage because they smelled. Our house smelled of cigarettes since my parents each smoked 5 packs a day--Philip Morris regulars

I liked the Beagle Boys who were always plotting to knock off Scrooge's MONEY BIN .

The BB all had prison numbers that were six digit permutations of 176, e.g. 176-761, 176-617, etc. Eventually Disney published a Beagle Boys comic around 1964.

10. Whatever else you'd care to write about

I have always had a tendency to make up words. Here are a few

Fluffiance. Noun

Any item purchased in a gift shop especially in rural areas in flyover states like Wisconsin, Kentucky, South Carolina, or Kansas. Door County Wisconsin, Long Grove IL and Beaufort SC support many enterprising fluffiance vendors. Fluffiance is often incorrectly confused with slum which is merchandise awarded as prizes at carnivals, circuses, and other travelling shows.

Unso. Adjective

Lie, or falsehood especially when stated as settled fact in political discourse.

Skark. Verb, transitive

To strike a ball with a golf club in an uncoordinated manner producing an errant shot in the opposite direction intended by the player. Skark is often confused with shank

A golf shot produced by the act of skarking. Shanks always head to the right for right handed golfers and left for left handed golfers. Skarks can go in either direction and are also more prevalent than shanks. Golfers who develop shanks often quit the sport, but skarkers will spend excessive amounts of money at golf fluffiance stores in an effort to improve their games. They are enabled by golf vendors whose main skill is selling fluffiance. Examples include wrist wraps, special gloves, weighted clubs, stretching poles, putting gimmicks – the list is limited only by the creativity of gizmo inventors and wallets of their intended victims. Vendors claims of the efficacy of their merchandise is nearly always unso.

Linda Edwards - ledwards6112@hotmail.com

Adjusting to high school was very difficult for me. I was 12 years old and came from a two-room country school. For the last four years of grade school, I was one of five students; the others were boys. My very popular brother was a senior the year I started high school. He would drop me off a block or two away from school in the morning. After school, I had to ride the bus home. Last one off, of course!

Nancy Whitlock - thenanc@aol.com

I worked for 18 years for MN Dept of Revenue. I did seasonal work doing individual income tax returns. Loved that job. Worked the second shift so instead of sitting at home watching tv we got paid for listening to tv on our radios. Before HD tv. Didn't belong to the union but paid fair share. The State Fair brings in some pretty good talent every year and the admission is very reasonable. Nothing over $100, but it seems to be climbing. Tim McGraw was just announced and I think his ticket is $88. I think back in 1989 I went to a Rolling Stones concert. The music was so loud I thought I was going to have a heart attack. I could feel the loud bass in my chest. I had to get out of there. I do like the Stones on the radio! Being married to a jazz musician I have attended many non-rock concerts. Too many to list.

Larry Davis - larrydavis@startmail.com

1. Owned a Prius V and have a Toyota Avalon hybrid. We get about 35 mpg, newer models do better,. the cars have plenty of power. Avalon is very comfortable. After active duty in the Air Force, I stayed in the Reserves for 20 years, I worked for the City of Riverside,CA as a City Planner, then was Assistant Planning Director for 13 years and Assistant City Manager for 17 years with the City of Camarilllo, CA. Retired in 2003

Dick Trudeau LHS '64 - dickmerry77@hotmail.com

EVER HAVE A GOVERNMENT JOB? EVER BELONG TO A UNION? -- I worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 30 years. As part of the Treasury Department I could have elected to join the National Treasury Employees Union. I never did.

Generally speaking, the union members were a bunch of trouble makers who simply wanted to make life miserable for management. The local union representatives were employees who didn't want to or were incapable of doing their regular jobs. Unfortunately the taxpayers still had to pay their full salaries. Taxes are a basic fact of life for any society, but taxpayers shouldn't have to tolerate a union that renders a government agency less efficient than it already is. Get rid of it!

Lynn E DeLong - deelongg@gmail.com

Own an hybrid vehicle. Like it.

We have a 2008 Toyota Prius. We love it. 42-46 mpg on highway and 36 to 44 in town; range on 10 gallons is estimated as 450 miles though we usually stop and fill at less than half a tank or 200 to 300 miles.

We are still on the original hybrid battery with over 164,000. The battery has not needed any updating. Now days can buy replacement cells if needed and do not have to replace the whole battery. This will be our car's first cold winter. The car is garaged at 40 degrees F. So far the only problem was when door was ajar and the dome light caused the 12v battery to drain. The charger took 20 minutes to get the starting battery to a starting level.

2.Ever have a government job? What?

Wood County – Rescue Squad Deputy Sheriff and Life Guard

Eau Claire County Deputy Sheriff

State of Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Investigator

University of Wisconsin Consultant Student Loan Collection

City of Black River Falls Police Chief and Administrator

City of Minneapolis Police Dept Director of Patrol & Crime Analysis

Hennepin County Senior Management Analysis for Law Enforcement

City of Brooklyn Park Police Commissioner

MN Comm. College System Substitute Nursing Faculty

Univ of Wisconsin Hospital Reg. Nurse – Travelling Assignment

SUNY Syracuse Hospital Reg. Nurse – Travelling Assignment

Univ of Rochester Hospital Reg. Nurse – Travelling Assignment

6. Ever attend a rock concert? YES first: Bobby Venton

Reunion - Class of LHS 1965

We're planning our 55th class reunion for Sat. Aug.22, 2020 from 3-9 PM at the Ridges. Please save the date, reunion will be casual attire. Please share this Information with fellow classmates.

NEED TO HAVE UPDATED ADDRESSES FOR CLASSMATES THAT HAVE MOVED AND NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON IN THE LAST 5

YEARS. SEND CHANGES TO ME.

Thanks

Dave Crotteau - slapshot28@charter.net