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Responses to previous topics:

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One good thing about the lockdown is no colonoscopies! One of the worst things is having to listen to so many limu emu commercials.

Joanne Christy - happycamper1023@gmail.com
Subject: Class of 65 reunion

Not sure of date yet. Hopefully this year - maybe September

Kathy (Willems) Gotter - gotterkd@yahoo.com

I follow the rules for covid but not completely convinced that everything needed to be shut down, but what do I know

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Candy Caylor - klorkatz@att.net

This is late, but I had to laugh at some of the responses about food dislikes. There isn't much I don't like. Rutabaga and parsnips do come to mind though. My dad used to say it would be cheaper to board me out then to feed me. We always had a garden and I loved most vegetables. I grew up on meat and potatoes. Love a good steak—- medium rare, chicken, pork, sea food. Well you can now understand my dad's statement.

This week's topics:

1. Memorable features of the school buildings you attended.

2. Wringer washers, coal furnaces, lava lamp, cap gun memories.

3. Telephone operators, Simplicity clothing pattern memories.

4. Memories of Camp Sacajawea and other scout camps or summer camps.

5. What was the best period of your life so far?

6. What cartoons did you watch as a child?

7. Memories of eating SPAM.

8. Still washing dishes by hand? Why?

9. Memories of the dances of the 50's & 60's - Bunny Hop, Hokey Pokey, The Twist, The Stroll, the Watusi - any others?

10. Still listen to AM radio? What programs?

and responses:

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

1. Memorable features of the school buildings you attended. - I attended Immanuel

Lutheran grades 1 - 8. The school had a tiny school supplies' room that also contained a mimeograph machine. I loved the smell of that room! My grandfather Ernst Fintel was the school janitor, kept the building cleaned and polished, the outside walks clear of ice and snow, and tended and mended the big furnace. His office and tools were in the furnace room. He'd let me spend time with him there. It was so cozy and warm and friendly on a cold winter day.

3. Telephone operators - Operator: "Number please." Me: "1005 please." That's what I was told to say when I was calling home. When I was little, I thought every number I called had to have "please" after it or the operator couldn't place the call.

9. Memories of the dances of the 50's & 60's - I wasn't that great a dancer, except for the "Two Step." Anybody could do that! I loved to watch other people dance: The Twist; Stroll; Limbo; Loco Motion; Mashed Potato; Funky Chicken; The Jerk; The Swim. My friend Elaine (Rued) Dix had great movement, coordination and rhythm! I think she could do any of the dances that were on American Bandstand.

10. Still listen to AM radio? - This isn't about AM radio. It's about a different vehicle of communication altogether. Recently our local newspaper , the "Minneapolis StarTribune" had a COVID limerick contest. This is my favorite, by Anne P, a retired civil engineer. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

A mosquito with no fear of DEET

Sought a sip of my blood for a treat.

She claimed, "To alight

On your arm is all right,

For between you and me are six feet."

Chris Gorski - cwgorski@yahoo.com

Hi Kent, hoping Judy and you are well and in good spirits. Thank you so much for keeping us connected with this News Letter, it is truly a special gift that all of us readers are grateful for.

Wanted to touch briefly on Bill's passing last January and thank Chuck for sharing some of the highlights of Bill's life. Didn't get to know Bill well until High School,

we became good friends, I enjoyed his willingness to seek new adventures, I wish he and I had one more chance to share our life's stories with each other. During these difficult times with the CoVed virus, all of us need to be especially vigilant and careful so that we can enjoy a few more of life's adventures.

1-What I won't eat: Got food poisoning when in Viet Nam, ate a noodles and fish soup off of a food cart, end up hospitalized for a few days. Since then I stay away from most sea food, especially that served from food carts.

2- Plants from seeds: my wife and I still plant a garden every year, plant beans, gourds, pumpkins, corn and radishes from seeds, everything else from plants. This year for Mother's Day my children are giving Kathy wild flower seeds that her and I will plant near the woods on our property. I tilled an area of approx 22,000 square feet (.25 acre). This will be a Gift that keeps on giving. We had one at our previous home, each month something different bloomed, showing our age I guess.

3- Walking to school: went to a number of Grade Schools in the Rapids, walked to and from school most days, others I rode my bike. The greatest distance was about a mile and a half when I was in 5,6 and 7th grade, walking from our house on 15th Ave West to St Marys (as we called it). Met up with and walked most days with Dave and Steve Krumrei.

6- High school athletics: played football, basketball and golf in high school, was best at football, found basketball to be the most challenging and loved golf the most. Lettered in all, made all conference in football and qualified for the State Golf Tournament played at the Beaver Dam Country Club.

Stay safe and healthy everyone.

Gene Hafermann - genehafermann@charter.net

I have a few reflections in items 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

I still have a lava lamp left over from my daughter, but think I might include it in a shipment I am preparing for CA. And I certainly remember the smell of burned power from a cap gun.

In the Lutheran church we had a group called the Pioneers which was similar to boy scouts. And I certainly recall camp outs at Lake Wazeecha (where I especially remember playing Capture the Flag and doing scavenger hunts) and at Powers Bluff

exploring the Indian Mounds, hearing Ghost stories, and taking long hikes.

Best time of my life has been the last 15 years with a compatible wife I met on Match.com. But there were certainly other favorable memories from youth, college years, first marriage, and career work. Each period had low-lights and high-lights and made me who I am. Don't want to go back, but appreciate life lessons and experiences.

Most memorable cartoon (probably not really a cartoon) was The Little Rascals.

I loved spam … fried and in a sandwich with miracle whip.

Mostly just hand wash the plastic containers from carryout dinners (for use in sending leftovers home after family dinners) as they tend to melt in a dishwasher. Also hand wash pots and pans that take up too much room in the dishwasher.

Before Sirius XM radio, I used to listen to AM radio for talks about money management or for sports broadcasts that didn't come on FM. But now I can get almost anything I want on Sirius XM radio and usually only listen to WPR on FM.

Don Wylie - donwylie2@gmail.com

Kent, here's a tidbit for your newsletter.

This article says that the toilet paper shortage isn't from hoarding.

https://marker.medium.com/what-everyones-getting-wrong-about-the-toilet-paper-shortage-c812e1358fe0

It comes from the situation that since we are staying home, we are using our home bathrooms more than restrooms in commercial businesses, offices and restaurants. The commercial TP is slightly different and is made on different machines in different mills. Commercial TP is slightly thinner, uses recycled fiber (whereas home TP does not) and is bundled on bigger rolls in different packaging. The production mills were running at full capacity for maximum efficiency before the pandemic because this is a low profit product. Shifting to more home TP production is not easy for some suppliers and the costs in the change may not be profitable.

Similar changes appear in other products such as bananas. The author doesn't mention milk, but our local news says that there is a surplus of milk because of the lack of buyers from schools and restaurants.

Fortunately, supplies of gasoline and beer are good right now.

Ken, thanks for your newsletter. I enjoy reading something outside of the mainstream blurb.

Jo Immel-Davis - jimmel49@msn.com

Is there anything left of Camp Sacajawea?

Candy Caylor - klorkatz@att.net

Irving School was unique because it was so old. I didn't think anything about that at the time . It was just my school and only three blocks from my house on Irving St. It's sad to see that it has deteriorated and now considered haunted I loved going there.

My grandma had a wringer washer. I just remember my grandma pushing the clothes through it and telling me how dangerous it was to get close.

I also remember telephone operators. I can't remember our number but it did have a 3 in it and only 3 numbers. We were on a party line for a short time but my dad changed it to a private line because he was a cop and didn't want anyone listening in to police calls.

My mom sewed most of my clothes. I remember going to Penny's with her just before the new school year to pick out patterns and material.

I remember eating spam. My maternal grandparents lived next door and loved spam. I know I didn't dislike it but I haven't had it since I was a child.

I loved Lassie and Roy Rogers as a kid. And Mighty Mouse and Tom &Jerry also.

I have had dishwashers for years but still wash pots and pans by hand.

I loved all those dances and love dancing but don't do much anymore.

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

1 - Memorable features of Lincoln High - I remember the field house because if its vast size and high ceilings. Wonder how it got the name "field house." Lots of things went on there: basketball games, assemblies, p.e. classes.

One P.E. class had ropes hung from the ceiling, and we were supposed to pull ourselves up as far as we could on those ropes. Some girls were pretty good at doing that, but I couldn't work up any enthusiasm at all. Looking back, it seems pretty dumb; but then sports were never my thing.

2 - Wringer washers and coal furnaces - My mom had a wringer washer when I was in grade school. She always had to be careful not to crack the buttons as clothes went through the wringer.

We still had a coal furnace in the late '60s. It was a drag for my dad to try to keep the house warm throughout the night, and I know he must have been glad to have an oil furnace installed in the early '70s after I had left home.

3- Telephone operators - In grade school I remember the operator saying "number please" when you picked up the phone. We also had a "party line" for a while, and you sometimes interrupted a conversation when you lifted the receiver to make a call. Then you hung up the phone and tried again later.

Thanks Kent for your work on this newsletter.