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Responses to previous topics:

Terry Stake - [mrtbass7106@gmail.com](mailto:mrtbass7106@gmail.com)

Kent. I am having many of your physical problems. Dam\* MS

Dick, if we had more people like your friend and took their advice. We wouldn't be in this mess

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This week's topics:

1. A reader is an electric car owner - He is interested in the experience of others across the country. Has anyone ordered an electric pickup?
2. Favorite recipe? Or cookbook?
3. Still wearing flannel? What?
4. Anyone still belong to a Masonic organization? What? Where?
5. What's one movie you could watch over and over?

6. What three things are you most grateful for?
7. How long can you go without checking your phone?
8. How do you spend your mornings?
9. What's your favorite TV show? Why?
10. What makes you laugh out loud?
11. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

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Tom Schneider - [thomaspschneider@gmail.com](mailto:thomaspschneider@gmail.com)

I don't have an all electric car, but I do have a 2021 Toyota Camry LE hybrid that gets between 42 - 55 miles per gallon. I get about 500 miles per tank. Based on my experience with the Camry and my wife's experience with her Prius we won't buy another gas engine car. Our hybrids are great.

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Roger Fritz - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)

#6 Grateful For: In the past:

My parents - They defined my values and who I turned out to be.

Many nice people I've met - Many more good ones than bad. Wish I could thank em all.

Good health - Never gave this much thought until now that it's going bad

Now:

God - Faith in God gives me hope for the big question....What's next?

My Wife - 53 years with a lifetime warranty

Financial stability- Have enough to make us ponder what to do with what will be left over.

#8 Mornings:

The cat wakes me up between 4 and 5 am Sometimes earlier. I have two coffees, let him outside , then check the computer for weather, news, mail and plan what's ahead for the day. I make notes on a 3x3 inch paper so I can remember and carry it with me all day.

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Linda Edwards - [ledwards6112@hotmail.com](mailto:ledwards6112@hotmail.com)

One movie I watched (in the theater!) 4 times was Mrs. Doubtfire. It is still one of my all-time favorites. My daughter has watched The Sound of Music at least 50 times. Seriously...

I don't wear flannel but I do wear fleece almost every day in the winter. CudlDuds is my go-to brand. I have at least 15, including 5 black because you can never have enough black tops.

I am most grateful for my daughter and two grandchildren. It's hard to remember what life was like before my daughter was born.

I usually spend the morning with a good book.

I recently had Covid, probably the Omicron variant. It wasn't bad; felt like a horrible cold.

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Susan Hammel - [gourmay1@gmail.com](mailto:gourmay1@gmail.com)

1. No electric car but do have electric bikes and love them.

7. How long can you go without checking your phone? - Three minutes. It's a problem.

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June Collman Stuhr LHS '64 - [jstuhr@me.com](mailto:jstuhr@me.com)

2. Favorite recipe? Or cookbook? Favorite Cookbooks: Betty Crocker's Picture Cook Book, Revised and Enlarged (no publishing date but my mother was using it in the early 1950's). And The American Woman's Cook Book, published 1941, which was a wedding gift to my mother, and her favorite cook book. Then there's The Eating Well Rush Hour Cookbook, Healthy Meals for Busy Cooks. Published 1994. It's full of a wealth of delicious and easy-to-make recipes, organized by season: 15 recipes each - Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter.

3. Still wearing flannel? What? Absolutely I'm still wearing flannel. The older the garment, the softer, so I keep my flannel shirts and pj's till they're totally worn out. Every time one 'dies', I mourn. We also use flannel sheets & pillowcases in the winter.

5. What's one movie you could watch over and over? "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit". "The Graduate."

8. How do you spend your mornings? First thing is an early morning swim. Then breakfast. Then I start working.

10. What makes you laugh out loud? I laughed out loud this past Monday evening while reading Merle's Door, Lessons from a Freethinking Dog by Ted Kerasote. Every time I pick up the book, I laugh some more. Yesterday a friend stopped by with his 2 year old daughter who is all big eyes and blonde curls. She was carrying a baby doll. I said, "I see you have a baby". She said, "Yes, and I'm going to have another one, see? And she lifted up her shirt and patted her little round belly and said, "The baby's in here and is coming out soon". What a cutie!

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Toni Weller Olsen -class of '64 - [tonicrafty@gmail.com](mailto:tonicrafty@gmail.com)

2 - Recipes or cookbooks

I've always admired people who enjoy cooking and creating great meals with what they have on hand. Reading recipes is more fun for me than actually cooking them, and I have a small collection of cookbooks with easy recipes and great pictures.

Even though I have no trouble donating things I no longer use or need, I have kept this recipe tin which I bought at a KMart in the early 70's.



Inside are recipes I wrote on file cards over the years. These little tin boxes (many made by the Ohio Art Co. in Bryan, Ohio) were easily available back in the day, but now you find them mainly in thrift stores.

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Pat Barton Lovesee LHS '64 - [patal@solarus.net](mailto:patal@solarus.net)

6) I am most thankful for: 1-living in America 2-Having a great family 3-Having a purpose in life

9) Favorite TV show.....can't name just one. I like the light comedies that make me laugh at loud...(also answer to #10)...Young Sheldon is one of those.

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Karen (Goetzke) King - [yayaec@ymail.com](mailto:yayaec@ymail.com)

OK, I'll jump in here but be forewarned I am pretty darn boring. Yes, my spouse and I wear flannel shirts nearly everyday and in fact he was gifted two new ones for Christmas by his kids. Now I can ask to have my most comfy one back from his closet.

We can and do repeatedly watch Forrest Gump, The Waterboy and The Birdcage whenever one of them appears on late night TV, of course spouting our favorite lines before they come off the screen and enduring all the commercials. No, we do not stream.

It sounds cliché but I am so grateful everyday, first for waking up and then for experiencing what the day brings even if it is just shoveling. In truth, the days without big surprises of any sort (good or bad) I count as a blessing.

Phone—I carry it as most folks do for “just in case” and I know it’s easier to get a response from a young person with a text than an actual call, but we seriously do not live to check our phones, probably evidenced best by the fact that our phones only do call in and out and text. No other social media at all on them. They are capable, we just don’t engage. We do have a desk top and laptop but they are mostly idle. Newspapers and magazines abound in our home.

Mornings for me are up early, in the rocker, cat on my lap and coffee at hand, morning prayer list and King James meditation followed by some mindless reading, most recently the Inspector Gamache series by Louise Penny. They often make me LOL to respond to the next question and there are enough French phrases to translate to keep my brain firing.

You were warned. Nothing much to see here. Thanks to all the others for their colorful writings.

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55th class reunion, 2021 LHS Class of '65 - photos



Jim and Lynn Vallin



Mike and JoAnne (O'Dell) Christy



Back: Roger Gray, Judy (Ehlert), Dan McGlynn, Gary Bushman, Linda (Olson).

Front: Marla (Mueller), Lenore (Crothers), Ann (Ritchie).

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Judy (Hanneman) Vasby - [jvasby.office@gmail.com](mailto:jvasby.office@gmail.com)

I was delighted to see Sue "Eichhorn" - grad of Children's Choice and Lincoln High School- on an episode of Magnolia channel's Family Dinner, hosted by Andrew Zimmern.



There were displayed lots of love, lots of football talk, and cranberry recipes. It included how cranberries are grown and harvested by the Dempze- Biegel family.



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Kaaren (Berg) Brehmer - [kaarenknits@solarus.net](mailto:kaarenknits@solarus.net)

2. Favorite cook Book---Joy of Cooking. We have several printings of this one, each one opens automatically to the page we use most often. It's great reading if you are looking for interesting instructions or old recipes. Our son has several

different editions as well.

7. We still have a landline (we have stock in Solarus) and share a cell phone when we are up north in the summer. Our cell phone has no voice mail so our friends know they have to leave a message on the land line. We don't spend a lot of time on the phone and most of the time look at it as an intrusion.

8. We spend our mornings reading the paper on line while we eat breakfast. As soon as we are sure all our "parts" are working we head to the YMCA to walk on the track and in the resistance pool. In the summer he heads off for fishing several days a week and I use that time to do laundry and other household chores.

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Jerry Jepson - [southbison@aol.com](mailto:southbison@aol.com)

3. Flannel and wool. Its winter. My everyday shirts are all flannel. They are the best for the cold weather. My hats are wool. Keeping the head warm is important and wool is soft and comfortable also. Still use an old fashioned wool muffler also on some days,

7. I can go all day without checking my phone. It irritates some of my friends that I often dont take my phone with me. I dont need to call anyone so i don't think about it. They call me and i don't answer till I get home.. I have a smart phone but tend to use it just as a telephone. I don't text, don't take pictures, don't listen to music and don't do facebook. If the phone rings i answer it, providing I recognize the number.

8. I get up late. Have coffee and check the morning news channels. Note that I say channels. Don;t depend on one talking head to give me my news. I tend to go online and read about various happenings of the day. I can figure out what happened from what I read and see. Don't depend on someone telling me their version. News has changed from when we were growing up where the reporter reported what happened.. Today's news is all analysis and opinion of what happened. After checking the news its pretty much whatever comes along... Retired now and do not work nor do I intend to work,

9. TV shows that I watch would be some special or something on PBS. There is no show that i make a point to watch. The days of Cheers. Hill Street Blues and Gunsmoke are long gone. Shows that were on and you made a point to be home to watch are long gone for me. I watch some of the old reruns every now and then and don't believe the stuff we used to watch. The writing was terrible and

the plots sometimes too simple but they were entertaining. funny and enjoyable to watch. When at some friends house today and they have programs on I cant stand the program. Too much killing obligatory violence and outrageous plots. They mimic the evening news. Reality programs have little to do with reality and are badly contrived. Probably the NFL is the only show that i make a point to watch and even then i am quick to change the channel with the many poor showings. Too many games are like bad sitcoms.. Don't bother to show up until the last few minutes to see who will really win.

12. Tired of hearing about the 2024 election. Its three years away. Seems like the election cycle never ends.

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Linda White Sullivan - [lasully@aol.com](mailto:lasully@aol.com)

Kent,

I took your hint on our 2nd chance warning. You've worked too hard, and long, on this newsletter for us to let it go into obscurity. A million thanks to you!

2. My favorite recipe is just a Chicken and Rice Casserole. I've adjusted it to suite us as we like all different kinds of rice so I put in a mixture of white, brown and wild rice.

3. Never was a flannel fan but my hubby lived in flannel shirts when we lived up north. I prefer the softness of fleece when it's chilly here in Florida.

5. I've never been a huge movie buff so there's only a couple of movies I can honestly say I've seen over and over. Dirty Dancing is one of them. Well, I really only cared for the part after the line "You can't put Baby in the corner" because, after that was said, Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey did their famous dance which I could watch a thousand times over. Another movie I've watched over and over will make people scratch their head but I do have a reason for liking it. Only a few of your readers will understand my seasoning. The movie is Drum Line. Even though Drum Line took place on a college campus filled with black students the music always reminds me of the days when I was a part of the Royal Guard Drum & Bugle Corps. In the winter we females entered competitions as The Patriots, an all girl drill team, and in the summer we were the color guard for what was originally a drum corps consisting of Rapids Boy Scouts. That era houses my fondest high school memories and there are still 5 of us (plus1), now pretty old ladies, who are stuck together like glue because we experienced those years

together.

6. What three things am I most grateful for? That's the easiest question to answer. Barry, Brian and Brad.

7. I never thought I was a cell phone freak until this past week. My husband just got out of the hospital after a 7-day stay (not Covid) and one day I left my phone at home and I actually teared up. In the quiet of his room I realized that little sucker just pinged, rang, chimed and buzzed around the clock. So, I guess I don't go very long without checking it.

8. Since I am a night owl I do my very best spending my mornings, and early afternoons sound asleep. I make all appointments, I can, in the late afternoon so I can sleep in the morning/early afternoon. Every now and then someone will get miffed at me and ask me how I can stand missing sunrises or will make some other comment as though my sleeping hours are messing up their schedule. I just tell them I'm a vampire and those are the hours we keep.

9. My favorite TV show is Chicago Fire. Why? Because I have a "thing" for Taylor Kinney (Kelly Severide). Hey, I may be old but I'm not dead--yet.

10. Democrats make me laugh out loud. Such buffoonery!

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Nancy Huisman-Herman - [odesyblu@gmail.com](mailto:odesyblu@gmail.com)

Nbr 1 ...Whoever bought the electric car you failed spelling class... it should be call eclectic due to the one fact that it's the biggest hype ever created. Beautiful cars and trucks, all the bells and whistles for about minimal miles. And if you don't micro plan that road trip and have not marked where the charging stations that are operational are and not in need of fossil fuel to be recharged... kind of like the De Lorean cars. Eventually worth lots of money at auction..

nbr 2. Cookbook. Three ,Boston cooking school. (Fanny Farmer) ,the old Betty Crocker red one and Antoinette Pope Cooking School .. y'all can make anything from these three .

Nbr 3. No flannel invest in a good down comforter .I have them on all my beds.

Nbr 5. Ghost, Fried green tomatoes, Dirty Dancing. Take your pick .

Nbr 6. Most grateful for both Kids ,Heather and Andrew and all three grandkids ,Josh, Reilly, Caroline ,great friends over the years and the ability to still make a good long road trip ,it only takes 21 hours from here to Charleston Sc in 2 days by myself to see the kids and walk the beach.

Nbr7. Check it a couple times a day ..

Nbr 8 My mornings do not function without good coffee ,the news, a spunky cat on my lap and even with that some days are ...well let's just say. Not happening any time soon . Crayons are always welcome .

Nbr 9 .Favorite TV Yellowstone .. the FBI series and NCIS , Sundays it's How it's made .

Nbr.10 lots of things..

Kent thanks for doing this letter it keeps us all in the loop.

P.S. I just had my first Acupuncture sessions, they are amazing .The one thing I have learned tho is that an independent practice is not covered by Medicare unless they accept Medicare payment or insurance but if the Medical Dr is in pain management or physical medicine within a hospital clinic setting that accepts Medicare and insurance it is covered. Marshfield clinic has Dr Lu in Weston and she is covered. I could not believe the relief with one session for back pain that is almost ready for surgery and for Fibromyalgia. Worth the trip to Weston.

Everyone stay warm spring will eventually get here but it could just hurry the hell up.

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Sue Peaslee Schulte '65 - [gaias4mail@gmail.com](mailto:gaias4mail@gmail.com)

Thanks so much for doing the newsletter. Does it also go to members of the class of 67? I had several very good friends in that class (through band) that I would love to reconnect with. - Ed: Nope, just a few 63 and 64/65.

We are enjoying the winter in our 5th wheel camper in Gulf Shores, AL. Cool here but better than Wisconsin! We head back early April. Are any others down here?

Yes, we both wear flannel shirts at times - especially these cool days.

I think my favorite cookbooks are the ones put out by church groups because people put only their favorites in. We did one once for my dad's family reunion. It is probably the one I still use the most often. People included little comments/stories with many of the recipes. Fun memories!