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Memories from our LHS Class of '65, 55th class reunion, 2002.



Jim Vallin, Roger Fritz, and Pat Lauby

Many of you remember our "watering hole" back in the "golden" years, Johnny's Rapids Inn, aka Johnny's, on 8th street across the street from the original Neipp's

Hardware shopping center. Owned by Johnny and Gail Vleeshouwers. I have been friends of the family for over 55 years and had a chance during our class reunion to visit Gail. She is doing fine in her 84th golden year. (Johnny passed away several years ago).



PS. Their daughter, Colleen, bought the Supper Club formerly known as The Hideaway, down along County Z, South of Nekoosa past "Devil's Elbow". Now named "The Dirty Oar". Great place overlooking Lake Petenwell.

This week's topics:

1. If you could ask for a miracle, what would it be?
2. Ever been mugged or robbed? When? Where?
3. Ever lie, cheat or steal? When? Statute of limitations covers you!
4. Seed catalogs came. Gonna order anything?
5. Thoughts on China, Russia, Iran?
6. Food supplements. Taking any?
7. Celebrating Valentine's Day? How?

8. Still visiting the library? Last book checked out was?
9. Pinochle memories.
10. Watching Olympics or boycotting?
11. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

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1. My miracle would be for country's and nations to get along, and worry about our planet.
3. Afraid I can not answer that one.
4. I have always had a big veg. garden plus a lot of flowers. Last year I thought do I want to weed the veg. garden or golf? I golfed a lot last year.
6. We do take vitamins because we do not eat enough good food, but enjoy what we do eat.
8. We use the books that we get on our tablets from the library.
10. We are watching, mainly the curling.

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1. . It may sound very corny but I would love to have all shootings, murders, robberies, abuse , hatred etc. cease; not just in the USA but everywhere. I said it was corny.
5. China, Russia and Iran scare the hell out of me. What more can I say except I don't trust them at all to keep peace.
6. Food supplements.....lots!
10. Yes I'm watching the olympics. I watch to cheer on our country's athletes. I don't care where they are held. Everything is politicized from vaccines to olympics

to everything in between.

These athletes, the majority teenagers and 20-somethings tho many are in their 30's 40's and even a couple 50's' have worked their whole lives to become olympians. Even if they have no hope of a medal, they will always be an olympian. I admire them and back them by watching and cheering them on.

Yes, the communist and totalitarian governments push their athletes and expect them bring home the gold or else. And it was quite the spectacle seeing Putin and Xi Jinping smiling and looking like old lost friends. But my emphasis is on the athletes. But politics has been in several olympics.

Remember the 1980 olympics held in Russia that the US boycotted? Who did it hurt? It hurt our athletes and proved nothing. Then there was the '72 olympics where 7 Israelis were killed by the PLO. And the most profound of all was the 1936 olympics held in Germany pre-WWII. Hitler was present and watched Jesse Owens, the African American, win in track and field.

Just a side note. One of the long distance speed skaters in the 500 and 1000 meter races is 17 year old Jordan Stolz.



His mother is my dental hygienist who I have gone to for 12 years and have followed her son's journey from a 5 year old to becoming an olympian. Her's is a remarkable family and he is expected to medal. His father is a deputy sheriff and his 19 year old sister is active in sports and plans on becoming a veterinarian.

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7. Celebrating Valentine's Day? How? - We have an ice cream social every Valentine's Day in our park which is a very big success. One of our talented

residents painted a very large backdrop backdrop that on 1 side celebrates Valentine's Day and the other side celebrates the Mardi gras. This year I'm taking resident pictures against the Valentine's Day backdrop and then giving the pictures to all of them.

9. Pinochle memories. - Some of my favorite memories from being stationed in Germany is around playing Pinochle.

There were only 5 American couples in our little village and we all played on a regular basis except for one couple who were Mormon. When you're close to people like that it makes the couple of years away from home home so special. The closest thing that we ever came to with something like that was with our bridge clubs. And now we're into Hand & Foot at our park. That keeps our minds active.

10. Watching Olympics or boycotting? - Haven't watched one thing except on sports reports. And we always watched before.

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11. I check the Rapids and Madison obituary sections in their online newspapers from time to time.

As I get older the from is getting shorter. I decided to go back in the Rapids Tribune as far as I could. December 11, 2018 is the limit for those of you interested in necrology.

I found about a dozen folks who had a notable impact on my thinking and will be future subjects provided I do not join them!

Bob Goetzke is the maiden voyageur. Bob and John Nelson taught the aptly titled American Problems class.

I knew John since grade school days because I hung out at Tri-City golf course. Both John and Duke Hornigold who taught chemistry and human biology worked there collecting greens fees and serving beer and pop. Duke, John and Bob all had their classrooms on the third floor.

I had no contact with Bob Goetzke until November 22, 1963. Elmer Winters taught American History and his was the southernmost classroom on the east side of the third floor. We had just begun a discussion of post-War of 1812 and the Second National Bank. Someone knocked at the door and Winters stepped outside to talk.

Thirty seconds later he stepped back in the inform us the “President Kennedy has been shot in Dallas, his condition is critical, which covers a multitude of iniquities....”

The door was reopened by Miller and I heard Bob Goetzke from outside his classroom down the hall exclaim, “HE’S DEAD!”

One row over Judy Bowers was crying. I cannot remember another student in that class and cannot understand why.

I passed Goetzke later in the hall that day but did not speak to him. The next time I did was in September of 1964 in his first hour American Problems class.

Eric Sydanmaa had Goetzke the year before and told me he was a great teacher but “real biased”

I told Eric that Goetzke was just like “you and me and Heilman”.

What I noticed during the transition from junior to senior year was how much smarter everyone had gotten and how dumb I had become.

Tom Poeschel gave a wonderful hour talk on the subject of Social Security. He talked about how Lyndon Johnson wanted to enact Medicare which was eventually signed by LBJ on July 30, 1965.

My hour talk was on the subject of mutual funds which while first offered in 1928, were relatively new.

Management fees, now generally less than 1% of assets in actively managed Vanguard Funds were as high as 8.5%

Betsy Brauer’s dad John provided me with valuable resources and insight of the operation of the funds.

Not until 1976 did John Bogle introduce the first Vanguard Fund. Today Vanguard manages more than 7 trillion dollars for over 30 million investors in 170 countries. They offer 441 funds. The investors of Vanguard own the company in the same manner that policyholders of mutual insurance companies own their companies. If you hold 1 million in a Vanguard fund and pay their average expenses ratio, your annual fee is just \$900.

Bob Goetzke’s background was in political science and economics and he taught his classes with a passion hard to forget and perhaps even harder to find in teachers

today. While I found the following obituary just yesterday, it did not surprise me that Bob had passed on.

<https://www.mankatomortuary.com/obituary/robert-goetzke-sr>

When he was born in 1927 the life expectancy for males was just 55 years—he beat that by 36.

We of the class of 1965 have already exceeded our life expectancies (Men 64, Women 70)

I believe that we will have more than 25 of our class around in another 36 years—time will tell.

Bob was highly influential in turning my attention from studying medicine or pharmacy to business and finance.

Thank you Bob and rest well until we meet again in God's house

Toni Weller Olsen - class of '64 - tonicrafty@gmail.com

8 - The library - I don't check books out of the library, but I support Friends of the Library here in Reno. They have book sales four times a year, and all hardback books are \$1. I love reading mysteries. Martha Grimes and Donna Leon are two of my current favorites. After I read a book from the library book sale, I either pass it on to my friend who also loves mysteries or I donate it back to the library. A win-win situation.

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I'm not boycotting the Olympics; I'm simply no longer interested.

I visit the library often. The last book I checked out was Agatha Christie's *'After the Funeral'* along with five other books. Love the feel of a book in my hands.