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This week's topics:

1. A fad you participated in?
2. Memories of skating in the driveway or on the sidewalk with skates that required a skate key?
3. Do you eat junk food when you are happy or sad?
4. Ukraine thoughts
5. Swimming this winter? Where? Ever fall thru the ice and have to swim?
6. Subscribe to a magazine? Which?
7. Got a sauna or hot tub? How often do you use it?
8. Collect anything? What?
9. Family reunion? Last one was? How many came?
10. Make any artwork lately? What?
11. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

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1. Bucket purses, saddle shoes, detachable collars, angora sweaters, various dance steps
 2. My sister and I loved skating on the sidewalks on my grandparents' block (they lived on the corner of 16th and Saratoga Streets). For one thing, the sidewalks were easier to skate on than either the road that ran past our house or our gravel driveway. And. . . the most important thing. . . my grandmother always gave us homemade cookies!, which more than made up for all the skinned knees we got because our skates fell off our shoes quite often. I loved the sound the ball bearings made in those skates' wheels!
 5. My husband and I usually swim 6 days a week - either 6 AM or 7 AM depending upon the day.
 6. National Geographic, Audubon, Smithsonian, Minnesota Conservation Volunteer, Mother Jones, Rolling Stone, Outdoor Life.
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5. Swimming: I try to go to the New London pool twice a week. They have a 2 and ½ hour block of time Monday through Saturday for adults. You can swim, walk (called bobbing), or simply be in the water and visit. I do a some of all of those activities. The facility never closed during the pandemic and many of us appreciated a place to go without masks. There was a time when you had to reserve a spot to maintain social distancing.
7. Grandkids think we need a hot tub with a current to keep in shape. What do you think? Probably not going to happen.
8. We have maintained family reunions with both sides of the family. My husband's family has had the same date for many years. Usually outside, masks are optional, have switched from potluck to bring your own food.

My side of the family tries very hard to get as kids and grands together when my brother, Larry comes to Wisconsin. If that doesn't work, Larry and his wife, Pam visit as many relatives as they can while they are back here.

Looking forward to warmer weather and riding my e-bike.

Funny thing, Judy Kolstra McGowan and I discovered that we were both from Rapids after developing two year friendship of both living in Fremont. She has graciously taken me back to Rapids several times to touch base with other Rapids people that we have in common.

Cheer from tryouts "Victory, Victory, that's our cry! V-i-c-t-o-r-y (jump and say the letters again slower with hand motions) Not sure that was the whole cheer. Always a great bunch of girls and lots of fun. Hard to believe I was one of the taller girls of the squad.

Thanks again, Kent for keeping up the newsletter,

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1. In high school our skirts had to be an exact length
 3. I try to keep my junk food to peanuts, and some ice cream and I do not need to be happy or sad, I just like to eat
 7. We are in the hot tub every morning, and I get leg cramps in the night so in I go.
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My thoughts are simple ones; When innocent men, women, children, seniors are killed indiscriminately by an aggressor who places no value on their life, every Country must step up and contribute what ever is needed to end the carnage. Once ended, accountability with a War Crimes trial must take place. There is no excuse for what is happening to the millions of Ukrainian citizens. My hope is that Putan is assassinated before too many more people suffer. A bounty of 10 to 20 million US dollars should do it. That would save us a lot of money in the end .This should have been done to Ho Chi Minh for attacking South Viet Nam resulting in the deaths of so many innocent men, women children and seniors.

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A FAD YOU PARTICIPATED IN -- From grade school I remember bright colored pants with skinny belts. My Dad would shake his head and ask why we just didn't use a rope to hold up those god-awful looking pants.

SKATING AND SKATE KEYS -- I remember the skates didn't stay on our feet very well with tennis shoes. Leather soled shoes worked best. I remember carrying the skate key on a string around my neck. I really remember the pain inflicted by cracks in the sidewalk.

JUNK FOOD WHEN HAPPY OR SAD? -- I have a hard time not eating chips and dips during festive gatherings with family and friends. When I'm feeling down I don't eat much of anything.

UKRAINE THOUGHTS -- I haven't had deep thoughts about world events like this in a long time. I hope most of you feel the same way. The word "freedom" has suddenly become more than a cliché. The principles proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution are still some of the most consequential words ever written. I've been enticed to re-read those documents. Most of the world has embraced the concept of government created and controlled by the consent of the governed, especially the people of Ukraine. They simply wish to be free to control their own destiny, as opposed to the despotic government the Russians would impose on them. They're putting up one heck of a fight and deserve the support of the entire free world. Russian aggression should be a wake up call for all of us, especially the Europeans.

74 million of us didn't vote for Joe Biden, but personally I'm adamant about supporting our president in standing up to the Russians. There is no sense in second guessing what Biden should have done before the invasion. We all underestimated the lunacy of Vladimir Putin. He seems to be formed from the same mold as Hitler and Stalin. History has taught us that sooner or later we have to go toe to toe with a tyrant. The sooner the better.

EVER FALL THROUGH THE ICE AND HAVE TO SWIM -- About 20 years ago I was snowmobiling on one of the largest mountain lakes in Idaho. The weather was well below zero and I assumed the ice was safe to ride on. Remember those 2 feet layers of ice we used to get on Nepco Lake? It's not necessarily that way in the mountain west. The lakes may freeze over, but a subsequent heavy snowfall may

act as an insulator preventing a thick layer of ice from forming. I stopped about a half mile from shore and kicked away the snow to see how deep it was. Suddenly I hit slush and my foot plunged through to open water. There was no solid ice! It was miracle the weight of man and machine didn't break through and sink to the bottom. I've never snowmobiled on a lake since.

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6 - Magazines - They seem kind of old-fashioned now, but we do subscribe to a few. Bird Watcher's Digest is a quirky little magazine that Larry gets because he's interested in birds. I get TIME for a different perspective on the news. Better Homes and Gardens is for me because I'm a homebody. We both like SMITHSONIAN for the history articles. Last but not least, I love reading PEOPLE in the dentist's waiting room.

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First I'd like to say how grateful we were for two days of spring here in western Wisconsin so no whining even though more winter on her way. And grateful for you, Kent, for prudent editing, patience and perseverance with this newsletter.

Fads: My parents ran a pretty tight ship so fads and excess enthusiasm over popular singers was frowned upon. And the one time I visited a new fashion store came to Wisconsin Rapids, I discovered the only items that fit my teenage outsize body were the earrings. That said, for a time, I was the proud wearer of a Nehru shirt.

Skating: Oh my yes. In our driveway and the driveways of neighbors and on our little traveled street. We also made chalk obstacle courses to challenge us, skate key ready on a string necklace or bracelet.

Junk food: I tend to run to the pantry when I'm anxious or upset. Funny how an apple just doesn't comfort like a handful of chips.

Collections: I don't collect but I have been collected for. I helped an elderly man raise two pigs one time and even today people gift me pigs even though it's clear the five shelves in the spare bedroom are full of them. Their names were Piggy and Suey by the way.

Family reunions: I haven't been part of one for years. Seems the former elders of the families held these events in higher esteem than we do. My recently retired (second? First once removed?) cousin is attempting a get together this summer. She's received positive responses from the younger folks but my generation of cousins has no interest. Yes, I'll plan to go, with anticipation and the box of old photos.