From: Kent Vasby

To: Marcie (Basler) Ortscheid; Toni (Oberhuber) Howard; Tom Parsons; Thomas Loock; Theresa (Malcolm)

Obermeier; Susan (Rice) Hammel; Susan (Peaslee) Schulte; Shirley (Olson) Singer; Sandra (Robenolt) Kohnen; Sally Kostusak; Ron Lorbeck; Robert Manley; Paul L. Miller; Patrick Lauby; Nancy (Pedersen) Bean; Nancy (Newman) Giggee; Mike Kruger; Maureen (Kronstedt) Daczkowski; Mary (Kruger) Weaver; Marcia (Olson) Ziarko; Linda (Olson) Hellerud; Linda (Mitchell) Leitzke; Linda (Meier) Tavener; Larilyn Loewen; Kay (Overturf) Van de Loo; Judy (Larson) Martin; Jon Matthews; John Nelson; Joann (Miller) Foss; Jim Nickel; Jim Natwick; Jerry Ohm; Janet & Larry (Slattery) Lassa; James Mann; James Kuhn; George Mathews; Gene Moon; Donald Rehman; Diane (Reber) Klawikowski; Chris Mattheis; Charles Lewis; Bruce Ristow; Beverly (Rheel) Szelagowski; Alan Plisch; Tom Marshall; Dan McGlynn; Darlene & John (Zuege) Estlund; Dave Ferk; Ron & Elray (Moberg) Feutz; Gary Flaminio; Jill (Fletcher) Studinski; Fred Foster; Roger Fritz; Richard Frost; Kathleen (Gash) Clark; Mary (Giese) Matthews; Anita (Godin) Borski; Karen (Goetzke) Winegarden; Chris Gorski; Capt. Roger Gray; Ron Grundeen; Ron Guernsey; Gene Hafermann; Candy (Hagen) Koch; Kathryn (Hahn) McKinney; Bob Hall; Judy (Hanneman) Vasby; Steve Harding; Paul Harshner; Cheryl Hasenohrl; Terry Hebble; Sandee (Herzberg) Boyles; Charles Hetze; Evelyn (Hill) Shrednik; chuck; Paul Holberg; Thomas Hornig; John & Julie (Cwiklo) Huisheere; Linda (Jackson) Leder; Judy (Jezwinski) Monarski; Jerry Johnson; Mary (Johnson) McKeel; Shirley (Joling) Engelsman; Ron Karnatz; Shirlee Kath; Gary Kegler; Judy (Kirchhoefer) Lagerbloom; Sue (Klevene) Atwood; Joan (Koch) Fisher; Ursula

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Norm Arendt (65) njarendt@execpc.com writes:

Just do not get to Wis Rapids much any more even though we are close. Vacation most weekends in at our travel trailer near Lyndon Station on the Wisconsin River. Very busy with homeland security issues right now. Enjoy the party on the 17th.

I will have a brew down here in celebration of the get together. Everyone is invited to Blackhawk Golf Course on the night of the 4th. One of the pyrotechnical shows that I set up and shoot is there. Another that I will help with is Rhythm and Booms on the 3rd. Takes a lot of help to set the show up. Of course then we leave because the crowds are so large that leaving after the show is next to impossible.

John Droste (65) loccxz@mail.hz.zj.cn writes concerning the 40th Reunion of the Class of 65!:

I have my reservation at my sister's house! She lives on the back side of the "The Ridges". I can just walk across the parking

lot. We will see you in August of 05.

John

Editor's note:

The "Editor and Judy" will be hosting an open house/mini-reunion on **Saturday**, **July 17th**, for Cary and "whomever" from the Class of 65 at their home at **4131 Weslan** in Wis Rapids! The Class of 65 reunion in 2005 will be a topic for discussion!

Cary is the chairman for the 40th reunion!

When: From 11:00 AM to around 7:00PM?? Judy has to pack and leave for Sheboygan early Sunday!

Where: 2.1 miles east of 8th Street on Griffith (County Z) and turn right (south) on Weslan. Park on the front lawn or the "island" with all the mailboxes!

Beer, brats, burgers, tater salad & beans will be provided by the Editor and Judy! Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, and Mountain Dew provided. If you want to drink something else, bring it!

If you'd like to bring an appetizer, salad, chips, dip, dessert thingy, whatever, it would be appreciated.

Ed: Would appreciate it if you would RSVP if you plan to attend! Would like to know how many to plan for!

Anita (Godin) Borski and her new husband are planning to attend. Judy (Ehlert) Brown will stop by on Thursday or Friday!

Anyone else? Jeesh! 10 of the class live within a mile of us! Can you come?

Hope the 40th reunion turnout is not as dismal as the 35th! That is the reason that the Editor started the newsletter! We went to the 35th and only about 45 out of 387 classmates managed to make it to the reunion! Editor realizes that in a class that large (387) there was not much cohesiveness as a "class" but you had your own "cliques" and interest groups! So rally round, invite your intimate friends to come and we'll put the various cliques in different sections of the house! (grin)

Editor's note:

A "mini-tornado" went thru Rapids last night (Wednesday)! It took limbs down in about a block wide swath

from the west side of the Riverview Expressway across the Mead Inn and up Baker Street and out Hwy 54 toward Stevens Point. Here's a pic of a "twisted tree" on Baker street taken this afternoon.



From one the Newsletter one year ago!

Wisconsin Rapids Memories from Bill (63) & Shirley (Black -64) Hartley toyguy5538@aol.com

When we started reading the Class of '65 newsletter, Shirley and I realized how much we remember the good times growing up in the Rapids. Times have certainly changed!

We remember riding our bikes around town, going to movies at the Palace, Rapids, and Wisconsin theaters and coming out and finding our bikes still there waiting for us. We never gave it a second thought that someday we'd have to lock them up. We could go anywhere in town without our parents worrying about someone "getting" us.

Swimming was a special time of summer in the Rapids. Kids had a choice of the old swimming pool on the East side (complete with river water), Lake Wazeecha, or the new Port Edwards pool (with clean, clear water - what a concept!) The issue was getting there. We could ride our bikes to the pool, hitchhike to the Lake, or take the Milwaukee Road train to Port. Decisions, decisions. Of course if we chose the Lake, we always went to the "white" beach (whether it was politically correct or not).

Little League baseball at Robinson Park was a huge deal. It was the sign that a guy made it. As it was in the Color Guard for Shirley. The competition made for sweaty palms for days before.

Shopping at the corner grocery store was always fun. East Grand Grocery, Parson's, Peter's, Peterson's, and the Farmer Store, to name a few. Nickels went a long way at those places, especially if you were into penny candy.

As we got older, our interests changed. We started going to drive-in movies and dances at the Palace and the Corpsman Hall. All of the activity at the drive-in and the dancing worked up a great appetite.

We remember eating at the Golden Eagle (best barbecue in town), Sowatzke's Root Beer Stand, Robbie's (the original fast food), Wilpolt's, Art's, The Sugar Bowl (remember the home-made candy?), The Friendly Fountain (nickel pinball machines), the Moon Pizzeria (remember the near beer?), Wilbern's (on prom night), and who can forget Herschleb's ice cream and the Dairy Queen on East Grand? And Portesi's Pizza - we've eaten a lot of pizza over the years, and haven't found any we like better. We still stop there when we're in town. (Mr. Portesi doesn't come out and "check the thermostat" when we're being rowdy any more, though.)

And after all that good food, we loved to wash it down with nickel beers at Meehan Station (on Tuesday nights) or with our favorite "shorty" at the Pour Inn. Weekends often found us traveling to Waupaca to the Indian Crossing Casino. I'm gaining weight just thinking about it!

We remember cruising Grand Avenue with the lake plugs or headers partially open, turning around the island by the depot, and going back across the bridge again. Once in a while we'd venture out to East Washington Street with a buddy to see whose car was faster. Those were the days when our Untouchables Car Club plaque, hanging below the back bumper in super cool fashion, dragged when we drove into Sowatzke's Drive-In. I can still hear the sounds...

Where did we get the money to eat and drink and cruise all the time? Why from working at Spiegel's, The First National Bank, Sampson Canning Company, Preway, Montgomery Ward, Northern Auto Supply, Clark Chevrolet, George Nimtz Buick, and C&R Motors, that's where. Remember any of them?

Yes, times have changed in Rapids. Only a few of those places physically remain, but they still live on in our memories. How about in yours?