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## *Lincoln High Newsletter*

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**Jean (Dykstra) Kruchten** [jeankruchten1054@yahoo.com](mailto:jeankruchten1054@yahoo.com) writes:

Hi Kent

Thank you for all the work you do on the newsletter every week. I enjoy reading about the lives of my classmates.

Well, here I am within a couple weeks of my 61st birthday. Did I miss some years of my life? It seems like when my parents were in their 60's they were old. I don't feel a day over 40. Last year I dropped 47 pounds, completely changed my eating habits and got my butt to the fitness center. I feel great! My daughters are pretty proud of their Mom. My grandsons think they have a "hip" grandma. What ever that means.

Three and a half years ago I married my best friend who is 13 years younger than I am. After my husband of 23 years died I never thought I would get married again, but.... never say never.

I work two jobs and haven't given retirement a thought. My life is full of work, gardening, Milwaukee Brewers games, and enjoying my grandchildren. This year my youngest grandson graduated from high school. In two years my oldest grandson will graduate from collage. Then no graduations for twelve years when Grandma's little princess graduates from high school. I have no intention of slowing down for awhile.

We had the opportunity to visit my youngest daughter and her husband last October. They live in Hawaii. We are hoping make another trip to see them right after the first of the year. They live in a home just footsteps from the ocean. Now there is a place I could retire to.

To the classmates who have recently lost a child. I shouldn't put it that way. If we had 'lost' our child we would be looking for them. Our children have died. My son, Greg, died in my arms after an eight month illness. That was 16 years ago and some days it seems like yesterday. Were he to have lived 19 more days he would have been 21. We are all members of a family we wish did not exist. But here we are. It was 5 years before I felt any peace in my heart. Looking back today I don't know how I survived, but I did. Some of you have a long road to travel and it is not an easy road. But someday the sun will shine in your heart again. Someday you will smile when you remember your precious child. And remember, you will always be your child's mother or father. Death can never take that away from you.

And for those of you who know someone whose child has died, ask us about our child and speak our child's name. Just the mention of our child's name is music to our ears. And we do want to talk about him or her. Our greatest fear is that people will forget our child ever existed. And for the parents who's children have died, if you can survive the death of your child, you can survive anything. I send my hug to you.

Come on classmates, what have you been up to? My life isn't spectacular but I'm having a blast, Even if I am almost 61????

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Something to ponder....

Our Grandaughter Arianna turned the "Big 6 " last week....  
Her question this week is: " If God made everything...trees, animals, people....Then WHO made GOD??"

It is funny to see the reaction from people that we ask this question to. Always gets a daahhhhhh and a laugh... something we never thought of....leave it to a 6 year old!!!!

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**Chuck Hinners** [chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com](mailto:chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com) writes:

Kent

My first wife, a Roman Catholic, told me I would never get in the Masons because I marreid her. My dad was in the Masonic Temple Class of 1933. Walter Goodland was Governor then. Optimists International is a service club (no initiation rite) as opposed to a fraternal organization. The story of Damon and Pythias is idiomatic for true friendship as Pythias returned to serve his death sentence in order to free his friend Damon who agreed to be held hostage and be executed if Pythias did not return. I have never been a member of any lodge or fraternal organization, though I have been kicked out of more golf clubs than most people have played.

I used to play marbles with my wife Susan when we were both in third grade at Howe. She had a pretty leather marble bag, and was easier to beat than the Dent brothers who always called foul on me for hunching. I never talked to Susan, being a shy dork.

Art Davis had a restaurant on North Second Street and made great hamburgers according to Bill Heilman. I was not allowed to go there. Ditto The Record Shop to read the dirty magazines. When my mother was busy working at a church luncheon my dad and I would eat at Jackson's Restaurant in the same block as the Labor Temple. Les made great cube steaks and always had a full counter that seated maybe 16, max.

3500 is a 9900% increase over 35. Another way to look at it is a 47% MONTHLY increase. Extrapolate that and give it to the politicians and we will have a National Mosquito Abatement Tax. Politicians are a lot more dangerous than the West Nile, Yangtze, Irrawaddy, and River Kwai viri combined

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Hi Kent and Judy. I was wondering if you would please include this Thank You in your next Newsletter or whenever it works out.

From **Sue (Heath) Kromenaker '64** [densuekr@wctc.net](mailto:densuekr@wctc.net)

I would like to sincerely thank all who remembered me with cards, prayers, visits, gifts and caring while I recovered from my injuries suffered from a car accident in January. I was, and still am, overwhelmed with the response from friends and classmates. I am recovering wonderfully and give thanks daily. I am truly blessed. "Thank you" to all of you. Have an enjoyable and safe summer. God bless each and every one of you.

Very Sincerely, Sue

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Best hamburger goes to the Quick Lunch next to the Wisconsin Theater.

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**Roger Gray** [regraywolf@aol.com](mailto:regraywolf@aol.com) writes:

The Moose Lodge sponsored the "Tigers" Minor League baseball team which played at Robinson Park (directly across the street from my house)...the Tigers had T-shirt style green and white uniforms and green baseball caps as opposed to the Little League teams that had for baseball style uniforms. We were sort of "farm" teams for the Little League. (Another topic for Chuck H. -- our resident sports historian! There were a few of "64 (12 yr olds), "65 (11 yr olds), "66 (10 yr olds), and I suppose even "67 (9 yr olds) during the year I played. My thanks to the Moose Lodge which was once located out by Wazeecha Lake.

The "marbles" I played was more of the "shoot and follow" (gun and run?) as opposed to the "mib" circle shoot. We had "cat eyes", glass shooters about 1" in diameter, and steelies i.e., steel ball bearings, solids, clearies (translucent glass marbles of various colors), and milkies (solid colors swirled/mixed). I still remember Paul Miller using a 1" steelie to hit and bust apart my 1" glass shooter! The rat. Then, a fellow showed up with a 4" brass ball bearing...no way was that going to be legal by the school yard rules! The fruits of my "victories" ultimately found their way to my trusty, homemade sling shot...man, I must have shot away a small fortune in collectibles! I even had some clay marbles! What an idiot!

As for burgers, the best were the ones a number of classmates (who shall remain unknown--you know who you are) and I enjoyed following a night of beer drinking at Little Joes in Stevens Point during our Junior and Senior years at LHS when we were still under age. We had lotsa onions added in order to fool our parents! Yeah right! The place was the restaurant next to the Wisconsin Theater across from Anderson Drugs.

As for this 4th of July...anyone in the Rapids area ought to take a short trip to Rome, WI (about 14 miles S. on Hwy 13) to the intersection of Hwy 13 and County Trunk D for one really huge tent sale and many, many other garage/yard sales. Look in the area SHOPPER for the SALEMANS SAMPLE SALE AD for just follow the white signs to Steve Harding's 30' x 40' white tent sale. It is blow out sale of 1000's of T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, etc.,...he reps about 10-12 companies and this stuff is his sample sale. You can travel throughout the USA without spending a fortune on gas. Also, there is a fellow with top of the line wildlife, sport (bball, football, NASCAR) prints, framed art, and signed/certified pics at lower than Target prices. Of course, a variety of cold refreshments are available and I be there for autographs (pictures are extra)!

Stop on by for cold one and say hi...Peace & Happiness, Roger Gray

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Hi Kent,

Thanks so much for all your efforts. I really enjoy the newsletter. How many others are there out there who stayed in the military until retirement? We could maybe form our own chapter of an organization? Chuck mentioned you also do a military retiree newsletter?

**Ed note: Yup, but it's "very conservative" in nature. If you want Obama as Commander in Chief, you WON'T want to receive the Retired Military Newsletter.**

I would love to learn more as my husband, Bill, and I are both also retirees from the Army Reserves and National Guard. (We were both in the Army Nurse Corps.) The benefits make all those years of summer camps and drill weekends very worthwhile now. I just hope Congress doesn't keep diminishing our benefits, as they try to do.

Thanks again and a wonderful Fourth to everyone.

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**Nancy (Porter) Huisman [huismann@bellsouth.net](mailto:huismann@bellsouth.net) writes:**

Kent,

Strange topics for this week but really .... the marble web site is really cool...I have boxes of marbles and the

original leather bag made from deer hide that my dad had made for me and the original marbles ... ..see...ya'll thought I had lost mine.. NOT TRUE!

I used to try to beat my grandfather at marbles at the farm in Neecedah but he ALWAYS won. The good part was he would always give you back the marbles he won from you plus tradeout one of his for one of yours.( he had all the cool marbles) . I still have a couple of steelies.

As for playing at school NOT A CHANCE!! I got into trouble all by myself without even trying. and you really think I could have JUST played on the playground with them. You see I would have known that bag of marbles was in my desk and I would not have been able to just have them sit there....and do nothing....

The best hamburger was my mothers done on the grill even in the winter time. Dad had hooked the gas grill into the house so we cooked outside year round, needed a jacket for sure in the winter, but she always made them thick and put a little worshestersire sauce in the meat before it was grilled.

There were, I remember, a couple of hamburger places Robbies out on 8th street and later a McDonalds. Arts restaurant had a good hamburger but their fries were better.

Have a good 4th of July .We are going to watch the fireworks from Patriots Point here in Mt Pleasant , the USS Yorktown is docked there and they have made it into a naval museum. They set up fireworks on a barge just past the Yorktown and the whole works is set to music. The last big hoorah is usually great and the new Ravenel bridge in the backround is really awesome.

The greatest fireworks display is in Colorado tho... Lake Grandby you need to be positioned with your chairs by 8am or you are out of luck for great seats. The city has fundraisers and the fire department holds events all year long and the proceeds go to the fireworks fund. They start at 8pm and are still going until the last big bang at midnight. The city puts a couple of barges in the lake and the firemen do the best show in town. The town quadruples for the 4th. Go to [www.grandlakescolorado.com](http://www.grandlakescolorado.com) it is awesome. got to run, kids are up so its off to the beach.( there are perks to being grandma).

Nancy Huisman(Porter)