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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. How was your Christmas?
2. 2013 - A good year or good riddance?
3. New Year's resolutions - Make any? Keep any?
4. Have you had a "generation gap" experience you'd like to write about?
5. What's the biggest gamble you've ever taken?
6. What was your favorite restaurant that your parents took you to as a kid?

and responses:

Leslie J Fitz - lfitz@sjrmc.net

I received this Christmas greeting which made me chuckle:

To My Republican and other conservative Friends: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

To All My Democrat Friends: Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low-stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasion and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all. I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2014, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great. Not to imply that America is necessarily greater than neither any other country nor the only America in the Western Hemisphere.

Susan (Rice) Hammel - gourmay1@gmail.com

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.....

Regarding number 6, hands down The Sky Club in Point. Shrimp Cocktail in the bowl type champagne glass!

We went for special occasions and also because my mother thought it important to learn manners; not only at home but when we went out. - (and I am my mother's daughter in this regard)!

Terry Stake - twots@wctc.net

My Christmas was best ever as the whole family was able to gather in the north woods for fun in the snow and lots of food and games.

I just took my biggest risk ever in writing and publishing my book. The time consumed and the money spent have given me many sleepless nights. So far the reviews have been great and the sales seem to be going well. I had a dream that I only sold two of the 5000 books I had printed, and I was standing on a street corner with a sign stating, Will work for food. For your information the book is about my radio career with highlights of games I broadcast and people I called games for and with. It's called Looking at the Beams and is available on my website www.lookingatthebeams.com

I never make News Resolutions as I know I would not follow them anyway. I just try to be a better person each day.

Kurt Halverson - kurt2541@yahoo.com

#6 brings back lots of local restaurant memories. Although my mother was a great cook, here is a list of places frequented with my parents and grandparents in the 1950's. Chicken Hut (now Grandmas), Moon Pizza, Pink Café (the old location), Sowatzkes Root Beer Stand, Golden Eagle, Sugar Bowl, Freimunds Charcoal Grill, Golden Gate (used to serve great food), Two Lakes, Wilpolts, Arts Restaurant, Brig (in the old Dixon Hotel, Hotel Mead, Wilberns, Benders Corral, Oestreichs, Hot Fish Shop (St. Point), and St. Point American Legion (the best fri. walleye fish fry).

PS: added another - Lake Aire

6. What was your favorite restaurant that your parents took you to as a kid?

I have two favorite memories. Dad took me on a date for my birthday to the Mead. Then we went to the ballroom on 13 south and danced to songs from the juke box.

The other favorite family spot was Two Lakes Supper Club in Almond. We went at least once a summer. My Wisconsin siblings and spouses continue to meet there in the summer.

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I think this qualifies as a generation gap topic: A difference in values and attitude between one generation and another.

Our pastor told a story that we've heard from him more than once in the past, but we noticed this time he added some asides, and he directed them at the youth group sitting in the front rows, as he went along. He was simply trying to be witty, but it did make a point about how times have changed.

A young boy was downtown window shopping. (This was when people actually shopped downtown because there was a vibrant downtown and there were no malls, and even children were allowed to window shop there by themselves.)

He was looking in the window of a general store as an elderly woman came by. She noticed his jacket was threadbare and his jeans were holey. (The jeans were damaged from wear, not by design.)

So she offered for him to come into the store and she would buy him some new clothes. (This was when someone could do this out of generosity without their motives being questioned.)

She bought him a flannel shirt and new jeans, warm coat, hat and mittens. (And she paid in cash because that's what was used then.)

So the story goes on to say in thanking her, the boy asks, "Are you God's wife?" She replies, "No, but I am one of his children." (And it was okay to say God because it was still okay to say Merry Christmas then too.) And the boy ends by saying, "I knew you were related somehow!"

So we all chuckled, even the young people, even though we knew how that story ended, and then to make the youth group laugh right out loud he said, "and of course the boy went home and got out the scissors to fix those jeans so he'd be in style."



Wisconsin is in the Deep Freeze

18 below tonight

12 below for a high on Monday

Good Luck to the readers out in New England!

You're going to get dumped on and then you get the cold.