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Lincoln High Newsletter

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This week's topics:

1. Care to relate your "joint replacement" experience?
2. If you were/are a short order/commercial cook. What was your specialty - if you had one?
3. Still fit in your wedding dress? Send a pic for the newsletter.
4. Gals - Were you ever in the military? Your experiences.
 5. Ever took a trip on the Mississipp?
 6. Summer cottage up north.
Has it always been in the family? Why did you buy one where you did? Did it survive the winter?
 7. Any snowbirds come back to Wisconsin already?
 8. Were you ever stranded in an airport?
9. Grocery store clerk hangovers - If you worked in a grocery - do you still "face shelves" when you take a can off the shelf?
Do you bag your own groceries?

10. Anything else you'd care to write about.

And responses:

Lenore Haferman - lhaferman@sbcglobal.net

Hi you hit me on this one - I have a new knee. I have had it for two years and love it. My doctor told me that if I really worked the knee and the tecks. Kicked me out it three weeks I would not have a problem. Tip (lay on your back put the leg strait up and let gravity slowly take it down when it hurts to much just take it up again) It works.

Yes I still fit in my wedding dress, I am still the same size but got rid of the dress, I think we are all trying to down size on all the stuff we have in our house.

I am a tour director for Lamers and taking a trip down the Mississip is one of my trips this year. It will be fun.

Going to Germany they had a controller's strike, so we were in the airport for over 24 hours, we didn't do so bad, but I felt bad for all the families with kids.

Is anything happening for our coming 50th reunion?

Nancy Whitlock - thenanc@aol.com

Number 6: We don't have a cottage up North on a lake, but we do have a cabin out West. We have owned our place since 1980, purchased from family friends. It is located 30 miles West of Denver just over the first of the foothills. We have a complete 180 degree view of the Divide.



It is a 14 hour drive, and I am very envious of those of you that are at your destinations in 2-3 hours. Before retirement we would spend 4 different holidays or spring breaks out there and the whole summer months. Now we are able to spend a month in July (over the 4th) and a couple of weeks over Christmas and New Years. Now I have the best of two places. My daughter and her husband just moved to a home on a lake, so in 25 minutes I can sit on the dock and enjoy the water.

Kent, thank you for all of your work on the newsletter. Can we ask about hobbies? What is everyone doing since retirement with their hobby?

Jack Sultze - jsultze@verizon.net

Facing merchandise on shelves: Never worked in a grocery store but worked in retail stores for the first ten years of my working life. I still have a problem taking an item from a shelf and not fronting the empty space. Also, my first retail employer required (under penalty of termination) that all paper money be face up and heads up in the same direction before placing the bills in the cash register. I still have a thing about doing the same with bills in my wallet. Also, we were required to count the change back to the customer, not just hand back a wad of bills and change like most do now. I think that most clerks now wouldn't know how to count your change back, or even make change without the machine telling them what to do. It is fun to hand the clerk a couple pennies after the machine has given them the change amount, to watch the panic in their faces.

Peter Parsons - LHS class of 64 - petepars@live.com

Hi Kent, thanks for your effort in putting together the news letters, always enjoy them. I've never had a joint replacement, never been a short order cook, never worn a dress but have taken a number of trips down the Mississippi as a captain delivering private yachts from the Great Lakes to southern waters. All my trips and experiences have been on the Illinois river to the Mississippi, the Illinois river empties into the Mississippi just north of St. Louis. The southern portion of the Mississippi is a challenging river for non commercial vessels to navigate. You don't travel at night unless absolutely necessary, very few places to tie up or anchor and even fewer places to obtain fuel. The tows (barges) take up the better part of the narrow channels, there ability to maneuver is limited so you have to give them plenty of room and understand how they have to maneuver as the river snakes from east to west with endless bends. Largest tow I ever encountered was 6 barges wide and seven deep, 42 of them being pushed by one multi thousand horsepower tow boat. You are mainly in bayou country, not very scenic and very few towns or cities along the way, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez, Baton Rouge, New Orleans and a few smaller towns. Most private vessels can now avoid most of the southern river by diverting to the Tom Bigbee waterway at Cairo Ill. where the Ohio river junctions. The waterway was completed in 1984 and parallels the Miss. R. to the east through Central Mississippi and comes out in Mobil, Alabama. It was said to be a bigger dig then the Panama Canal I always had great crew (friends) that made the trips very enjoyable.

I did get hung up at O'hare many years ago, I was on my way from FL to Appleton where my vehicle was parked. My flight was overbooked so I took a voluntary bump for a \$400 voucher, I figured for 3 or 4 hours was worth it, went back to catch the second flight, same gal at counter called me over and said I could get on this flight if I wanted but it was also overbooked, I said do you mean you will give me another \$400. she said no but we will give you another voucher for \$350., snapped it up, got to Appleton around midnight and a month later used my vouchers to fly to Costa Rica. I wonder if they still do that, don't fly a lot, rather see the "USA in my Chevrolet", or what ever vehicle or boat it might be. I still have and hopefully will always have the travel bug....."it's not the destination, it's the journey"

Don Solie - dg.solie@hotmail.com

8. Stranded In An Airport: This has happened to me more times than I care to recall. Given I've traveled for business purposes for more than 35 years one should be prepared for these occasions.

I'll mention three that were particularly annoying and/or humorous. The first time took place when my wife and I were in the US Virgin Islands courtesy of my company as I won salesman of the year and the trip. We stayed at the Rockefeller Resort, Caneel Bay on St. Johns and traveled between Atlanta and St. Thomas via Eastern Airlines. Had to take a boat from St. Thomas to St. Johns and reverse that for our return. Unfortunately our return was delayed as a result of severe weather and Eastern put us up in a decent hotel. We took advantage and enjoyed the evening and wonderful dinner that Eastern paid for. More unfortunate was our return flight the next day. Again the weather played havoc with St. Thomas so Eastern sent single engine private planes to fetch us and return from St. Croix, six at a time. We got out reasonably early due to my frequent passenger standing, however my wife stopped dead in her tracks when she saw the single engine alternative.....she had never flown on anything other than jets. In the end the desire to reach home won out, she held my hand, and when we landed she belted down a few island beverages.

The next "stranded flight" took place at Logan Airport in Boston. I had arrived early in the morning and the weather was balmy for April. Retrieved my rental car and drove to Quincy for a luncheon meeting. Before we finished lunch it was snowing at some ridiculous rate and by the time I got back to Logan and turned in my rental car the airport shut down for

the rest of the day and evening. I took the shuttle to the Hilton on the airport grounds and to my surprise at least 500 others had the same plan. They were raffling off rooms so I called Copley Plaza who said they'd hold a room for two hours. Many like me were searching for alternative rooms and taxis were scarce due to the weather and the large number of stranded passengers. As a taxi pulled up the driver asked if the hotel had rooms, since I had paid the bellman \$20 to get out he responded affirmatively. A lady jumped out, I jumped in and was off to Copley. I stayed in the hotel for dinner (not much choice) and ate in the lobby bar consuming a significant amount of Bombay Safire on the rocks. A bunch of us suffering through the bad luck were looking out the bar window which was a corner location and we were being entertained by those poor souls trying drive in this massive amount of snow. The funniest event was a wrecker trying to turn left around the corner losing control and taking out three parked cars. The driver kept going none for the worse, and I didn't see what happened when the drivers found there surprise. I was fortunate as an associate was stranded by the same storm in Detroit and he was stuck for two full days in the airport where they ran out of food. The Red Cross came with coffee and stale donuts!

My third event was living though hurricane Gloria in New York. I can't recall which Manhattan hotel I was in, but I was staying on the Executive level, and with the storm predictions the hotel moved all guests to rooms below the 48th floor. I was traveling with an associate and we consumed lots of gin, vodka, and whatever else they had. In the morning we got up for breakfast and found sunny skies, lots of wind, and no rain. Gloria missed us, although we each purchased T-shirts: I survived Gloria! It took us until 9 PM that evening to get out of La Guardia since airlines flew all of their planes out to avoid the hurricane.

There have been many others such as being stranded in Toronto and paying a \$500 drop charge to Avis to drive to Buffalo and driving from Orlando to Dallas after 9/11/01 and more.

I wasn't really stranded in Chicago O'Hare, however as a result of bad weather in Chicago it took me 23 hours to fly from Baltimore to San Diego with a change of planes in O'hare. Ended up spending about 4 hours in the terminal after refueling in Cleveland TWICE and then being grounded in Chicago. I contacted American and got the first flight out of O'Hare to Dallas, then to LA, and finally to San Diego: 23 HOURS.

Enough.

Don Wylie - dwylie@chorus.net

1. I had a knee replaced and will have my other one done in April. My first one is great - no pain and is very strong. I have many friends who have had the same experience. But I also know two who had problems with pain meds in their therapy and the result is limited motion. Knee replacements are painful but the key to getting through them is exercising before surgery (which is difficult), and doing the therapy so that scar tissue doesn't get a chance to get in the way. My preference is a stationary bicycle.

My family physician claims that hip replacements have more success than knees. Good luck for which one you're getting.

Editor's note:

Susan (Rice) Hammel asked:

"Just a question, Kent..does anyone know how Gary Flaminio is doing?"



Pic of Gary & Judy Vasby taken 10 years ago

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The Editor called Gary on Monday.

He's still at Mount View in Wausau - and in excellent spirits.

Can stand up on his own and can even manage a few steps.

Lost weight but still weighs 390. That's his biggest problem.

You can send him a card at:

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Editor: I couldn't resist!

