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Lincoln High Newsletter

More responses to last week's topics:

Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

Going back to the newsletter a few weeks ago..you asked about motorcycles. I ride a 2006 Low Rider Harley Davidson, I started out with a 883 sportster that just was too small after I felt more comfortable riding. In 2010 my friend and I rode them out to Sturgis SD and did the Black Hills and every place else the bikes would take us. I keep telling my sons that I am spending their inheritance on Harley stuff. I had it switched over to a trike last year as it gets a little harder each year to hold up, hate to admit were getting older but it's something that just happens, no matter how we don't like it.

Jean Schillinger - The "Noah" cartoon at the end was priceless!! Saw the movie. Don't bother.

Sue (Peaslee) Schulte - sueschulte3@yahoo.com

Thanks for all your efforts with the newsletter. I really enjoy it!

Sorry I didn't get my response in on time but did want to comment on some favorite teachers in grade school. I loved Mrs. Knutson (first) and Mrs. Buyalski in 4th and 5th. We had a combined class in 4th with 5th graders ahead of us. She was so great! I remember her reading at the end of each day from the Laura Ingalls Wilder books before "Little House on the Prairie" was a TV series. She also made it fun to learn our basic math tables by putting them on the chalkboard and then we competed to see who could say all the correct answers the fastest (stopwatch or clock-- I am unsure) I still am pretty good with doing basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in my head and do not usually need a calculator! Thank you, Mrs. Buyalski! I had many wonderful teachers in my years at Grove and Woodside Schools.

This week's topics:

1. Memories of your trip to Las Vegas - eats, gambling, shows, etc.
2. Have you flown a kite lately?
3. Did you color your Easter eggs yet? Do you do it with the grand-kids?
4. Do you go out of your way to "shop local"? Supporting the mom & pop stores in your community?
5. Just how valuable is a college degree today?

and responses:

Jim Natwick - jjnatwick@gmail.com

A college degree is very valuable....the problem is what they are giving degrees in.. Many totally non relevant subjects that even in a liberal arts setting are useless. Maybe we should go back to a year of tech college so they know how to spell and balance a checkbook. The parents of today are useless.

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Las Vegas we have seen many shows and that is usually the reason we go, from Blue Man Group, Recycled Percussion, all the Cirque shows, the list goes on. Take the kids there about once a year for the shows. No gambling - no interest. Also go to The Gun Shop and Battle Ground Vegas to do shooting and visited recently with Danny from Counting Cars (Kounts Kustom Cars in Vegas), Rick at Ricks Restoration and the crew from Tank. There is a lot to do there besides gambling.

Don Solie - dg.solie@hotmail.com

I'm not a gambler as I work to hard and sacrifice too much for my money, however I've made several trips to Las Vegas for business conferences and industry shows.

The best ever was attending a trade show in the early 2000's with Bally's hosting the event and attempting to leverage the vendors to purchase our hospitality suites through the conference organizer at \$1500 per night. Our President and I were trying to determine if we should host a suite, and I suggested that I was certain I could get a suite across the street at Bellagio's for \$750 per night. We opted for this and received a suite that was "all electric" including the draperies and windows. It was fully stocked with liquor too. Best of all when I called for tickets to cirque de sole we were treated with front row seats for 4 and comtped! My wife and I had an attached suite with his and hers bathrooms, and the President got a single attached suite at the other end of our hospitality suite.....all this for \$750 per night. Let it be noted that our location was the most popular for conference attendees!

I had stayed in Bally's previously when it was still MGM, in fact I stayed their about two nights after they had their fire! That must have been in the late '80's or early to mid '90's. It was dump then too.

I used to stay at Desert Inn until Wynn took it down. loved to play golf there.

Recently I've stayed at Wynn and Mandalay Bay. Wynn and Bellagio are the better locations in my mind, but that's because of service at Bellagio and the golf with Wynn.

Don Wylie - dwyli@chorus.net

Ken and LHS fans, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released its third report on climate change and the reviews are very interesting. The Wall Street Journal says that the IPCC has changed their rhetoric in toning down predictions of large population migrations, but added predictions of gender inequalities and economic costs of climate change. When did this group become experts in economics? I view it as another attempt to scare governments into action.

http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303532704579477222157281450?mod=trending_now_3

The Guardian reports criticisms of the IPCC's proposed methods for reducing carbon dioxide.

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/earth-insight/2014/apr/07/ipcc-un-climate-change-mitigation-wg3-worsen-geoengineering>

The Huffington Post writes in a more neutral tone but also notes that there are valid criticisms of the methods for reducing global warming proposed by the IPCC.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/05/ipcc-meeting_n_5097022.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/05/ipcc-meeting-berlin-fossil-fuels_n_5096948.html

I also found an interesting criticism by PierreGuy Veer in the DailyCaller (never heard of him or that publication) that asked why are they so certain its a "settled issue"? "It took 250 years for Einstein to find faults in Newton's Laws of Gravity and 150 years to figure out how humans evolved from apes using DNA..." Pierre also has more relevant points like "the Medieval Warm Period was warmer than today", hurricanes haven't increased in strength and polar bears aren't headed toward extinction (say the Canadians that have to fight them).

<http://dailycaller.com/2014/04/03/ipcc-cries-wolf-on-global-warming-again/>

So if you're in Madison you can scream "why doesn't our dumb world take notice" and the rest of you can say "business as usual with those guys."

Optimistically Yours, Don

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Thanks for all the work you do with this letter.... I would never even attempt it. ya'll may get it twice a yr if you were lucky.... and it would take a month of Sundays to read it so you'd be glad you only got it twice. :))
Awhile ago you asked to respond to how it's different in the North and the South... There is saying about the south that pretty much sums it up..

The South (the' sau'th \, noun) - The place when "Tea is sweet and accents are sweeter 2. Summers start in April.3. Macaroni and cheese is a Vegetable. 4.Front porches are wide and words are long. 5.Pecan pie is a staple.6.Ya'll is the only proper noun. 7.Chicken is fried and biscuits come with gravy.8.Everything is 'Darlin' .9. Someone's heart is always being blessed..

If you have ever lived in the south you are now rollin' on the floor in laughter. Pecan pie is smooth and sometimes a little bourbon is in it, at least two jiggers... Porches also include a very good mint julep or a bit of bourbon .. and if your heart is being blessed....well lordy... lordy ya'll are not very interestin' it simply means yeah we heard you but you just don't understand ..also girls of all ages are always tan, have long hair ,have their toes done weekly, wear dresses, jewelry and smell sweeter than the gardenias. I've lived there for 12 years near the ocean in Charleston SC and there is nothing like the sand between your toes and the smell of pluff mud at low tide

I am back in Wisconsin enjoying the best cheese anywhere, the good brats in the summer or when-ever. and I have never seen so many bars and taverns in the same block.

Tennis shoes all over the place and I don't think they just came from the gym.either. . and camo :)) . everywhere.. the coldest damn winter ever.. when I told the kids it was 30 below they said ... like below zero .. and I laughed. I do sort of feel like being back for a reunion most days. I don't recognize anyone . so it's like a whole new town for me. I admit leaving Rapids at 18 and not coming back except to come home to parents before they moved to Colorado ,or for a class reunion , leaves you not too in touch with school friends.

This letter is always a welcome fun remembrance of the past ...

Memories of Vegas, a good place to get bumped when you are flying standby .. better that my Aunt and Uncle lived there, and they always took me out for dinner . Staying at circus circus for about \$25 a night , you're never in your room anyway.. and staying out late and tryin' to win.

#2. haven't flown a kite in awhile but it is so much fun to do on a windy day at the beach.

#3. eggs get colored the night before ..

#4. Shop local is a must.. they always have something different. I have figured out since being back that if Fleet Farm does not carry it ..it doesn't exist and the big city is too damn far to go get it. And having lived in the big city for many years it's a huge learning curve for me. I'm getting there tho.

I believe in the local shopping. Ace hardware ,here in Rapids has the Rabbit family that I made. they are cloth bunnies with cool clothes on and are named and signed on their bodies . I have been doing this for some 20-or so years. I use my middle name as designer/artist They are called Originals by Quay.. Unique handmade gifts . Jenny at Ace is selling them for me. If you're local, shop local and check them out. I also do custom orders . I make other cloth dolls and faeries, and turtles and whatever. I have done 3 faeries for Brighton Jewelry during breast cancer awareness in October, one for the march of dimes, lots of angels , one for the cancer society in Oakland, Ca. . Purses and shawls for a shop in Savannah,Ga. and in Charleston, Sc. and special orders for a few others . The web site is being updated so I will let you know when it's ready.

#5. the value of a college degree today is very daunting. you have a masters in something but the only job you find is at something you would never have ever thought of and 1/2 the pay. Just glad I'm old ... and you didn't hear me say that .. I'll deny it forever.:)) . Well now that the novel is done and you're as confused as I am ...I love being a bit ADD .. makes life interesting. just make sure ya leave my crayons ok..

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The last time we were in Vegas, some clerk took our credit card number and later that month our credit card had an item for a flight to South America with the name Hector Morales on it---not exactly William Cammack!

But we loved the Cirque du Soleil show "O".

Chuck Hinners Chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com sends this:

SENIOR CITIZENS - WE MAY BE OLD BUT NOT STUPID!

They like to refer to us as senior citizens, old fogies, geezers, and in some cases dinosaurs. Some of us are "Baby Boomers" getting ready to retire. Others have been retired for some time. We walk a little slower these days and our eyes and hearing are not what they once were. We have worked hard, raised our children, worshiped our God and grown old together. Yes, we are the ones some refer to as being over the hill, and that is probably true. But before writing us off completely, there are a few things that need to be taken into consideration.

In school we studied English, history, math, and science which enabled us to lead America into the technological age. Most of us remember what outhouses were, many of us with firsthand experience. We remember the days of telephone party-lines, 25 cent gasoline, and milk and ice being delivered to our homes. For those of you who don't know what an icebox is, today they are electric and referred to as refrigerators. A few even remember when cars were started with a crank. Yes, we lived those days.

We are probably considered old fashioned and out-dated by many. But there are a few things you need to remember before completely writing us off. We won World War II, fought in Korea and Viet Nam . We can quote The Pledge of Allegiance, and know where to place our hand while doing so. We wore the uniform of our country with pride and lost many friends on the battlefield. We didn't fight for the Socialist States of America ; we fought for the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We wore different uniforms but carried the same flag. We know the words to the Star Spangled Banner, America , and America the Beautiful by heart, and you may even see some tears running down our cheeks as we sing. We have lived what many of you have only read in history books and we feel no obligation to apologize to anyone for America .

Yes, we are old and slow these days but rest assured, we have at least one good fight left in us. We have loved this country, fought for it, and died for it, and now we are going to save it. It is our country and nobody is going to take it away from us. We took oaths to defend America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that is an oath we plan to keep. There are those who want to destroy this land we love but, like our founders, there is no way we are going to remain silent.

Now, you young whipper-snappers have tasted socialism and seen evil face to face, and have found you don't like it after all. You make a lot of noise, but most are all too interested in their careers or "Climbing the Social Ladder" to be involved in such mundane things as patriotism and voting. With all the education we gave you, you didn't have sense enough to see through the lies and instead drank the 'Kool-Aid.' Now you're paying the price and complaining about it. No jobs, lost mortgages, higher taxes, and less freedom.

Well, don't worry youngsters, the Grey-Haired Brigade is here, and we are going to take back our nation.

It belongs to "We the People" and "We the People" plan to reclaim our land and our freedom. We hope this time you will do a better job of preserving it and passing it along to our grandchildren. So the next time you have the chance to say the Pledge of Allegiance, Stand up, put your hand over your heart, honor our country, and thank God for the old geezers of the "Grey-Haired Brigade."

