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This week's topics:

1. Cuban missile crisis - Oct 1962 - Did you know it was happening? Precautions?
2. Going maskless now that Biden says it's OK?
3. Wringer washer memories.
4. Still enjoy ice cream? How? Sundaes, malts, cones?
5. Favorite alcoholic beverage is?
6. Memories of your 1st airplane ride.
7. First TV you saw. Your family's? Someone else's?
8. Anyone in your family graduating this year? Who?
9. What do you think about some of the changes in the schools and girls sports and the issues there.

10. Spring flood memories.

11. Get vaccinated yet? Your doctor encouraged you to do it?

and responses:

Jo Immel-Davis - jimmel49@msn.com

2 I will continue to wear the mask in public. I have been the healthiest this year by avoiding many common germs and viruses.

4 Malts

5 Manhattan's (Makers)

9 Vaccinated

Kathy Gotter - gotterkd@yahoo.com

1. Cuban missile crisis - Oct 1962 - Did you know it was happening? - My dad was Captain of a reserve unit in Wausau at the time and was put on high alert. The family did go to Fort Benning, GA for a short time. Being a military family, kept us in the know of all going on.

6. Memories of your 1st airplane ride. - When I was 8 years old, my uncle Henry flew his 2 seater from Geneseo, Illinois to our farm near Vesper. He landed in our clover field. What a site to see in rural Wisc. He was taking me to my grandmother's for the summer. It was so much fun. It was the first of many rides in his plane.

7. First TV you saw. - I don't remember the time when we didn't have a TV. We brought one with us when we left Illinois to move to Central Wisc. when I was in 1st grade.

8. Anyone in your family graduating this year? Who? - I am in central Oklahoma for my granddaughter's high school graduation.



Straight A's for final year! So proud.

11. Get vaccinated yet? Your doctor encouraged you to do it? - 3 of my Doctors, Cardiac, Surgeon and GP, said not to rush into the shots. What do they know That I don't? Their staff were holding off also.?!?!

Alert: Don and I got vaccinated because we both have class reunions in Wisc. in July and wanted no problem...

REMEMBER: CLASS OF 64 REUNION ON JULY 24TH.

Lenore Haferman Crothers - lenorehaferman@yahoo.com

I finally had a chance to open my computer - been busy trying to catch up with spring., welcome back Gary Kegler. I keep my Ahdawagam next to my computer to refresh my memory, and it needs more and more refreshing lately. At 75, you would think I would not still wake up some mornings shaken because I was down to the office again asking for my locker number, or I can't remember which class is next or where my class is. I am wondering how many of us still have those dreams. My panic dreams also include college final math test and that I never went to the class.

Barbara Cammack - barbaracammack@hotmail.com

Got our shots with no reactions. But now I will be in pain; end of June I'm having the first of my shoulders replaced. Shoveling mounds of mulch, dirt, plants and walking two 90 pound labradors kind of wrecked both of them. Anyone had reversed replacements? Nurse said it can be easier than rotator repair. Sure won't be attending class reunion this summer due to months of rehab.

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1. Do remember hearing about the Cuban Missile Crisis as a HS sophomore, but was not well politically informed back then.
2. My wife and I still wear masks when going into restaurants, for haircuts, for airports/flights, or any place they are required by the business we are patronizing. One thing I will say is that I haven't had even a hint of a cold since wearing masks and social distancing.
3. I remember seeing a wringer washer at my Grandma Haferman's.
4. Try to cut out most sugars, so can't enjoy ice cream as I wish I could. If I have anything it's just one of those new mini cones that have about 2 bites.
5. If I have any alcohol at all, a half glass of white Riesling wine or a small margarita will give me a buzz.
6. First commercial airplane ride was to visit my girlfriend going to school in NYC in 1968. And there was still a smoking section in the back of the plane.
7. First one I remember was a B&W we got when I was 5 years old. Little Rascals. But may have seen one at an uncles before then.
8. All sorts of bonus great nieces/nephews, cousins once removed, etc graduating and getting married.
9. Without having kids in school, I am not too informed related to any changes in schools except related to technology and the pandemic.
10. I remember some flooding along Moccasin Creek between Rapids and the Homestead Golf Course way back in HS years. But most vivid memory of flooding was the 100 year plus storm that hit NW Dane County back in August a couple years ago that flooded out homes and businesses in Black Earth and Mazomanie.

We had already moved to Madison where we received 11 inches of rain in a couple days and since we are higher up, it didn't affect us much. But many friends along the Black Earth Creek were devastated.

11. Got vaccinated back in February and had little to no reaction from the Pfizer shots. Wife had a headache for a day or so. Encouraged by CDC as well as a niece who worked on the Moderna vaccine with NIH.

Linda White Sullivan '64 - lasully@aol.com

1. Boy, do I ever remember the Cuban missile crisis! My two favorite teachers, Mr. Junkman and Mr. Spees, were plucked out of their classrooms and were deployed with the National Guard. I organized a small "Going Away" party for them in the old cafeteria turned study hall. They came in their uniforms and looked so official. Even though, at that age, I'm not sure if any of us knew the gravity of the situation I do think we realized it was serious and I hated seeing them having to go. Mr. Spees wrote me a couple of letters while he was deployed to share what he was experiencing from day to day. Twenty plus years later I walked into his classroom, at the new LHS during my oldest son's parent teacher conference, and he knew who I was immediately. Amazing.

2.& 11. (Not my president) Biden has my permission to stuff his mask mandates, whether pro or con, anywhere he has the room. I have not now, nor have I ever had, an interest, or desire, in wearing a mask to my life's end in my casket or during my viewing. Since day one I wore one as little as possible because I believe they do nothing except garner more income for the Chinese sweat shops supplying them and making idiocy normal for some people. (I will give credence to the N95 masks which few of us could get a hold of), Plus, it would take a whole lot more to shame me into submission than what Anthony Fauci has to say on any given subject.

Fauci Admits Wearing Mask Indoors After Receiving 'The Jab' Was Just For Appearances – Republican Daily.

As of Monday's news accounts I see the little pencil neck weasel has suddenly appointed himself head authority on racism vs the pandemic. The funny part is he actually doesn't understand why he now needs an extra security detail surrounding him. (DUH) Both my husband and I got the shots so we can resume cruising when the industry opens back up. The only discussion I had with my Primary Care Physician on whether to get vaccinated, or not, was my total belief in herd immunity and him not so much.

Toni Weller Olsen LHS '64 - tonicrafty@gmail.com

Masks - The messaging from the CDC has been very poor! Many businesses in Reno, NV still ask customers to wear masks; and I'm glad to comply. I've had the two vaccines, so maybe the mask is my "security blanket." When outside, I don't wear a mask because I'm never in a crowd.

Vaccinations - I look at them as decreasing my risk. Every year I got a flu shot, even before Covid. A shingles vaccine is on my "to do" list because people I know who've had shingles say it's no fun. People in our age group remember the polio epidemic too. I'm glad the Covid vaccine is available now to all adults who want it.

Roger Fritz - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

#2: Hell! I've been going maskless since two weeks after I had my shots.

#3: My Grandma , on the farm, had two tubs. One with soap & water and one clear water. She would wash, then rinse and twist the clothes (No wringer here) and hang them on a rickety single clothes line. She had tiny little arms but was tough as nails.

#4 & #5: I get one Eskimo Pie for dessert most nights and because my wrist watch alarm goes off every day at 12:58, and I can't seem to get it fixed, I use that to take a mid-day break and have a beer. Try Kilian's Irish Red. It's great.

#10: One spring day back in the HS years, Doug Vilbaum and I decided to put in my 17 ft Gruman aluminum canoe somewhere up the Wisconsin river near Plover (?). The river was in spring release with ice chunks floating along at a very rapid rate. When we got to the place where the river widened just above the dam, we looked ahead at the river going thru the two or three open gates and crashing at the rapids below. Paddling with all we had, we managed to get into calmer water behind the closed gates. That was my most memorable near death experience. (I still have that canoe, the Jolly Roger, skull and crossbones still visible)

Rapids News

Governor Ever's Latest Plan Would Spend A \$1B Federal Incentive On Projects Around The State

The governor's latest proposal would spend \$200 million of the federal Medicaid incentive on broadband expansion grants, \$100 million on replacing lead pipes, \$100 million on bridge and local road replacement, \$50 million to purchase the Verso Paper Mill in Wisconsin Rapids and \$15 million for the purchase of the Park Falls Pulp and Paper Mill.

<https://www.wpr.org/evers-revives-push-expand-medicaid-wisconsin>

In Memoriam

Donald F. Ruffi, age 74, of Wisconsin Rapids, passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

Don was born October 18, 1946 in Wisconsin Rapids to Maurice and Victoria (Szafka) Ruffi. He graduated in 1964 from Lincoln High School.

<https://www.taylorfuneralhome.net/obituary/Donald-Ruffi>