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Lincoln High Newsletter

Memories of then! News of now!

New readers:

Jerry Jepson (65) - southbison@aol.com

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John Moscicki (64) - jmoscicki@hotmail.com

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Hello everyone, WOW, can't believe it! I found Jerry B. Jepson, no that's not "toad" (Terry). Jerry is in Illinois working for a wild life park. <http://www.wildlifeprairiestatepark.org/> I have been looking for him for months. Made maybe 20 phone contacts. Just talked to him this morning (last Friday). Found him on the web. I AM DONE !!!! Found everyone, over 400, except "eternally lost" classmates Ron W. Ratajczyk and Fred R. Green, and newly "lost" Nancy J. (O'Neil) Gray. I am done, off to the printer Tuesday. Still time for a few additions to obituaries if you have any.

What a relief! I really wanted to find Jerry Jepson and Jean M. (Hill) Fessler and have done so, Done.

Live Well and Stay Healthy,,

Cary Winegarden (65) winegca@lavonweb.net

Linda (Mitchell) Leitzke (65) writes:

Hello Kent: Sent this last week but since didn't see it in last email decided to re-send in case it did not get received. T.Y.

Hello Classmates:

I have not written in a long time. Been working 22-24 hours a day/7 days a week for about 22 months. I have been supporting my daughter while she worked on her Master's program through Columbia University- Paris, France campus. (Sent her about \$2500. a month to live on - which was a very tight budget for her! The American dollar kept going down in value there.)

I take care of senior citizens in their homes. I have 4 regular clients at the present time. (They are 91, 91, 96 and 98.) It is very difficult to get and keep help for seniors with special needs so I didn't know if we'd be able to get to the reunion. (Also my husband may need surgery on his nose for a growth and then it was decided to hold off until Fall. I am glad he decided to come even with his deformednose-smile. He has a healthy sense of self - thank goodness!)
So we are coming to the class reunion.

We recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We were going to spend a month in Europe in August but since our daughter came home in Jan. instead of this coming Sept. we decided to take 2 weeks in June and sight-see here in Southern California (we live 10 minutes from the Ocean and rarely

take advantage of it because we know it will always be there) and then 2 weeks in August to the mid-west.

We are arriving in Cleveland, Ohio on 8/12. Driving to Sandusky. Going to take a ferry across some bay and spend the night on a sail boat with Chuck's cousin and sail back sometime Sat.

On Monday we will travel through Michigan (Flint, Grand Rapids and Torch Lake) to visit friends. Wed. we will then go to Mackinack Island. Thursday we will travel across the UP into Wisconsin. Friday a.m. we plan to stop in Wausau to see classmate, Sherry Retzlaff, who is not able to come to the reunion at this time. (She has to work the week-end and does not drive. Maybe we can wait till she gets off work and drive her down for the fish fry and drive her back that night if it is not too far. Maybe we can pick her up after work Sat. for the p.m. activities - we'll see if she is agreeable to that. We don't mind the driving if her schedule and distance permits.)

If anyone has suggestions on what we should try to see along our travel route please let me know A.S.A.P..

I would like to request a copy of my report cards for all four years so I can see who my teachers were. Could someone in Rapids send me the name and phone # of the Bd of Ed person who could find that for me? I remember an English teacher and an Art teacher who were especially kind and encouraging to me but don't recall their names. I could not afford a yearbook my senior year but if there is one on display at the reunion maybe I can check out the pictures. I wish I could buy a yearbook now! (Smile)

I'd also like to know who was my senior advisor. When I told him I wanted to go to college he told me I should settle for being a secretary. When he said that I thought I was too stupid for college.

Well, God had other plans. He opened the door for me to attend a Jr. College in Flint, Michigan. I was on the Dean's list the first semester - with "A's" in English which was my most difficult subject in high school!

I went on to become an Administrator for the Bd. of Ed. Human Relations Program; an Investigator for the D.A.'s office; Education Coordinator for an Economic Development Corporation office; and then did marketing for IBM. Boy was that counselor a bit off (smile). God gets all the credit for putting me in the places of opportunity I have had. I have had many opportunities to share with young people to go after their dreams no matter how hopeless it looks. (I was a spokeswoman for all those jobs to business, social and high school groups. I was blessed even to be offered an anchor woman's job for a Flint, MI TV station back in the late 70's. Boy did I make a mistake turning that job down! Little did I know the financial potential! (smile)

Well, I am looking forward to attending my first class reunion. I don't know how many people remember me as I was mostly home taking care of my sick Mom when not in school so I didn't get to participate in very much that was after school.

To those of you who have written me in the past and will be at the reunion, I sure look forward to visiting with you. (My apologies for falling off the email circuit the last 22 months but I had so little time.)

May the Lord keep you safe in your travels if you are coming from a distance for the reunion and I look forward to hearing from any of you before we leave California on 8/11.

Thanks Cary and all the others for all your devotion to putting this reunion together!

Many blessings to all of you! Linda Mitchell/ Leitzke (Light-ski)

Note: new email address gradLHS@Gmail.com (I finally pinned down one of my boys to help me create a new one.) "skulmom@hotmail.com" for "schoolmom" was pretty embarrassing to use. Years ago my young daughter tried to be creative not realizing others would read it as skullmom -smile)

Roger Fritz (65) FRITZCAT11@YAHOO.COM writes:

Hi,

It's just me complaining again. I finally made it to **Milwaukee** and am working on the new power plant. It's a big job and looks like it will be fun, but...

But JoAnn is still in Mass. by herself trying to sell the house. (It's been on the market about 4 days.)

But I'm still in a hotel (Going on 8 months now) on a business assignment. Haven't gotten the official papers (PAN) so can't charge off some of the moving expenses yet.

But we have been working out of two small trailers with a slow dial up modeum to the outside world. Most of the work gets done out of the hotel rooms. But there are not enough people here yet so we few get to do everything. That would be OK... but the tunnel sub is going 24-7 and the earthwork sub is 6-10s and soon to be 6-10s x two shifts. I am doing the night shift on the drilling platform, two miles out into Lake Michigan from 5:30PM to 5:30AM.

But that's OK if they will pay me for my efforts. I think the boss is trying to sell that arrangement as "casual overtime" That's a little to "casual" with my "overtime"! I use to look at other people and see how nice they had it and say "Boy I wish I had that guy's money, boat..." Now I say, "At least I don't have leprosy".

Roger

Barb Nelson barbn@wctc.net sends this update on John Nelson (65)

Just notified that Friday is date set for return home. He is walking up stairs. Has a cane for left leg but doing fine if no incidents happen. Aug 6th coming around soon. He is anticipating going home. Memory tests all coming along pretty good daily. Thanks again for prayers. His weight dropped from 233lb to 164lb now. BARB

Ed note:

The United Methodist Church in Wis Rapids is sponsoring a "fish boil" the evening of Friday, August 12th. It will be prepared by professional "fish boilers" from the Green Bay area.

Judy (Hanneman) Vasby (65) would like to invite those in the **Rapids area** from the Classes of 63-65 to attend the "fish boil"!

Cost is \$10 per person and you can make a reservation with Judy at kvasby@smallbytes.net or call her at 1 (800) 594-3433.

(Editor has had an 800 number for more than 15 years - used to be for my business and for the daughters in college to call home. Feel free to call!)

Judy and the **Editor** will obviously be at the fish boil!

Cary Winegarden (65) writes:

Hi Everyone, WOW! 12 more reservations and we will have met my self-imposed goal established 2 years ago. We now have confirmed reservations equal to twice the number who attended the last reunion five years ago! We have already surpassed the goal for the golf event.

The special commemorative class directory is at the printer being worked up as a rough draft. If you have the reply card information still to submit, please email it to me and I can still get it into the directory for a few more days. The directory looks great and should make a great souvenir memento!

It is not too late to send in your reservations. No one is going to be turned away. We want everyone of you to join us. Check with your classmate friends and spread the word. Don't miss this event, it will create memories to last a life time.

Just a special note. Join us, even if unable to attend the banquet, at the golf "Happy Hour" Social, Friday, August 19th at The Ridges "Bunker" from 5 PM to 7 PM. No reservation needed, but an email notice would be appreciated. winegca@lavonweb.net That goes also for the "Farewell" Brunch Sunday, August 21st at the Chalet Restaurant on 8th Street South from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Both events are cash events and no reservation is needed. Come and say hello to your friends and classmates, many who have traveled a long distance to see you. Yes, to see you!

Many classmates have put in a special effort to make this event memorable. It is turning out to be one of the best reunions and these classmates deserve a lot of recognition for their contributions.

We hope to see you at the reunion, August 20th.

Cary Winegarden, Chairperson, 40th Reunion, Lincoln High Scholl Class of '65

Hi Classmates,

Just a reminder to those of you who are donating prizes for the reunion. Please wrap them and include a tag with your name and if it is gender specific. If it's possible to get them to me before Saturday (maybe Friday night at The Bunker?) that would be great, otherwise Saturday will do.

We can always use more prizes, so if anyone else is interested in donating a prize please email me at jmorman@charter.net. Thanks.

Jill (Kohnen) Morman