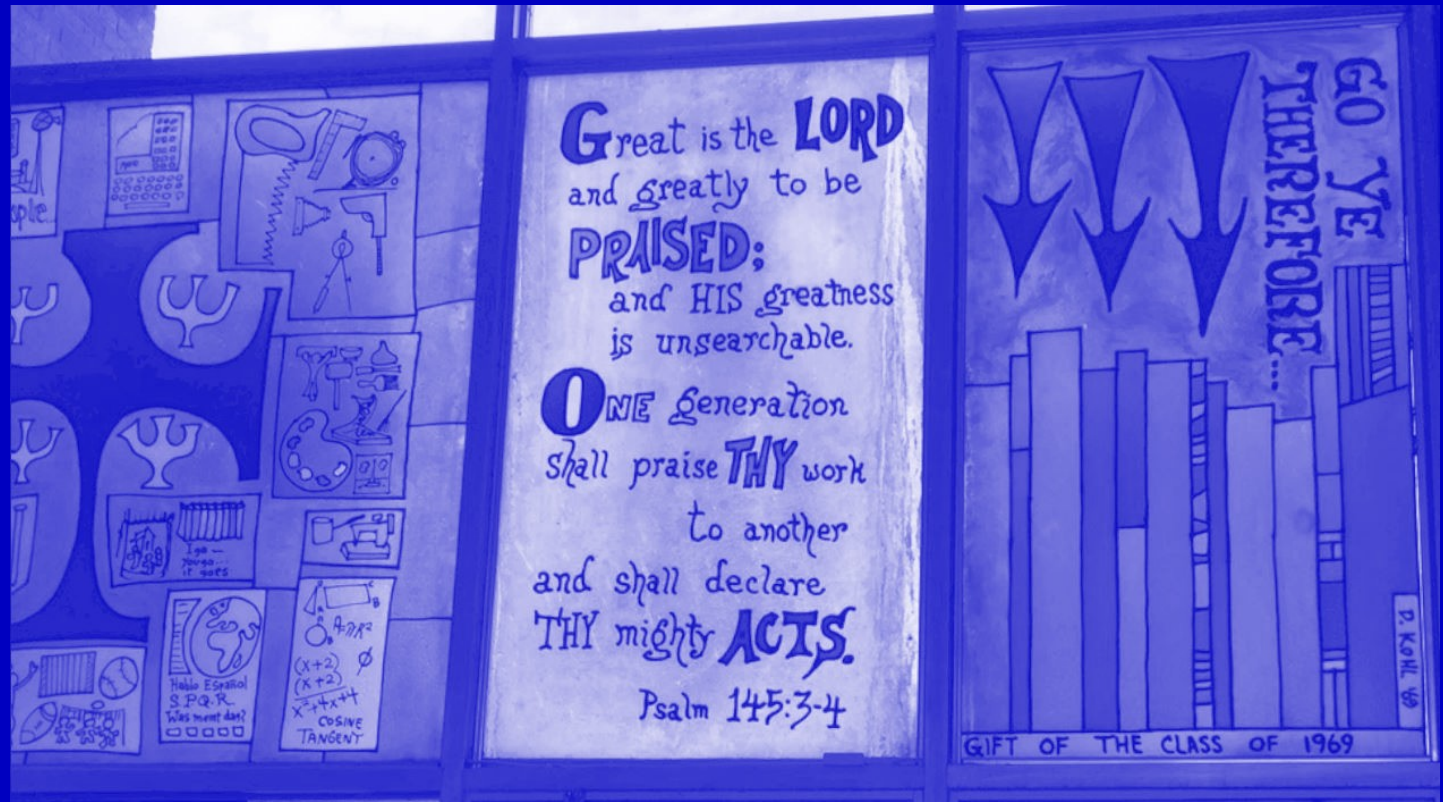


**Luther High
School North**

**Class of
1969
50th
Reunion**

September 13-14, 2019



See You In September

Belvedere Events & Banquets, 1170 W. Devon Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

PROGRAM

Saturday, September 14, 2019

- 1:00-1:30 PM - Check-in, registration
- 1:00-1:45 PM - Cash bar, Appetizer Buffet, and Fellowship
- 1:45-2:15 PM - Opening Remarks - Beth Bales Toy (emcee), and Class Photo
- 2:15-2:30 PM - Invocation & Prayers - Mr. Paul Trettin
- 2:30-3:30 PM - Dinner - Family Style, followed by reunion cake dessert
- 3:30-3:45 PM - Address to the Class—Ms. Andrea Gaugher
- 3:45-4:00 PM - Closing Remarks, Benediction—Carol Becker Henderson
- 4:00-5:00 PM - Reminiscing and Reacquainting

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE - By Rev. David Hudak

(The following Words of Remembrance were provided by Rev. David Hudak for the 50th Anniversary Reunion for the Luther North Class of 1968. They are felt to be just as appropriate for our Class of 1969 and have been edited accordingly.)

As we meet tonight for the 1969 Luther High School North 50-year class reunion, we rejoice that so many of our classmates are in attendance. Fifty years is a long time! So many things have happened in our lives—many challenges and many blessings. As we give thanks that so many are here to celebrate this event, we also take time to remember the classmates who are no longer with us. There are those here this evening who knew some of them very well and there are others who simply knew that they were part of the class of '69. One thing is certain, everyone here, at one time or another, saw them walking in the halls of Luther High School North. Maybe we exchanged a quick hello or goodbye, or shared a passing comment about the football team, or a choir concert or the weather or a teacher whose class we both were attending. We formed circles of friends from the moment we began our freshman year. Some of those relationships continued long after we graduated, while others ended soon after we went our separate ways. Perhaps you have a special story or memory about some of those who have gone before us. May the Lord bless those memories as we meet together this evening. However, by the grace of God and because of His mercy and kindness, we are here to remember and to celebrate fifty years since we left Luther North. Someone once said that we are never promised tomorrow, so let us cherish today. That is what we are doing this afternoon. So, to our classmates who are no longer with us, we truly miss them and we remember them today. Their lives were a blessing! Their memory--a treasure!



Luther High School North Class of 1969,

The day has arrived - the celebration of our 50th Reunion! It is hard to believe that it has been that long since we shared so many experiences during our high school years at Luther North.

Through the compilation of this **Class of '69 Reunion Memory Book**, we have had the pleasure of reacquainting with many of our classmates. It has been both interesting and humbling to see the fulfilling lives our classmates are living and the roads we've taken. We may have gone down different paths professionally and personally, but we hope that when you read about the lives and interests of so many of our fellow classmates, you will see that we still have a lot in common.

"Thank you" to all of you who completed our survey and sent current photos so we could create your personal profile for the book. You will find an **Index to Profiles on page 21**. It shows the page number for each LHN classmate's profile.

Just as Luther North was the starting point for our adult life journeys, we look forward to this reunion event and the memory book connecting us to renewed paths of friendship. Let's keep connecting!

LHN Class of 1969 Reunion Committee

Luther High School North Class of '69



Highlights of our high school years-The world as we knew it

1966



Medicare begins.

Supreme Court decides *Miranda v. Arizona*, protecting rights of the accused.

Richard Speck murders 8 nurses in Chicago.

Academy Award/Best Picture: *The Sound of Music*

Record of the Year: "A Taste of Honey," Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass

World Series Champions: Baltimore Orioles

1967



1st issue of the *Rolling Stone Magazine* is published in San Francisco

Riverview Amusement park closes

The 1st hand held calculator is invented

The Mariner 5 probe flies by Venus

The 1st heart transplant performed in South Africa

Picasso sculpture installed in Daley Plaza

Academy Award/Best Picture: *A Man for All Seasons*

Record of the Year: "Up, Up, and Away" The 5th Dimension

World Series Champions: St. Louis Cardinals

1968



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated two months apart

1st Big Mac sold for \$.49

Emergency 911 started in USA

Average cost of new house was \$14,950 and minimum wage was \$1.60/hour

Beatles released their "White Album" to mixed reviews

Academy Award/Best Picture: *In the Heat of the Night*

Record of the Year: "Mrs. Robinson," Simon & Garfunkel

World Series Champions: Detroit Tigers

1969



Draft lottery instituted

The Woodstock Music Festival began on August 15, 1969

American astronauts first humans to land on the moon

"Chicago Seven" trial begins

Academy Award/Best Picture: *Oliver!*

Record of the Year: "Aquarius," 5th Dimension

World Series Champions: New York Mets

Where we live now ...

Statistics may not be exact as the information was taken from the addresses that we had in our database. Some addresses were unknown, so we apologize if we missed your location.



A few LHN CLASS OF '69 Demographics

NOTE: Many people did not complete Part III of the Survey, thereby limiting an actual representation of our classmates as a whole. However, these percentages represent a breakdown of those who did respond. The “No Response” percentages are based upon the total number of surveys submitted.

Family

74%

MARRIED



Average Number of years:

37 Years

36 couples have been married over 40 years.

Of the 26% not married:

58% divorced

32% widowed

10% never married

80% have children

65% have grandchildren

Spirituality



61% Lutherans

7% Presbyterian

3% Roman Catholic

3% Baptist

3% Christian

2% Buddhist

2% Atheist

2% Community of Christ

2% Evangelical

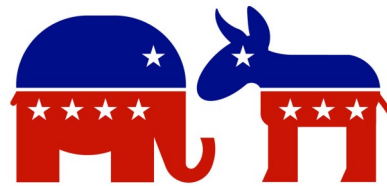
2% Jehovah's Witness

2% Methodist

2% Unitarian Universalist

16% Other/No Response

Political Affiliation



34% Democrat

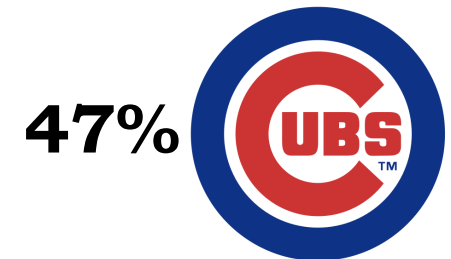
34% Republican

14% Independent

10% Conservative

32% No Response

Chicago Team Loyalty



19% Bears

14% White Sox

10% Blackhawks

2% Bulls

2% Fire

5% Non-Chicago Teams

21% No Response



Our Academic, Professional and Career Accomplishments



Higher Education Institutions Attended by LHN Grads

Augustana College
 Bradley University
 Brown University
 Carthage College
 Chicago State University
 Colorado College
 Concordia Teachers College
 Concordia University
 DePaul University
 Excelsior University
 George Washington University
 Goucher College
 Iowa State University
 John Marshall Law School
 Keller Graduate School of Management
 Lawrence University
 Loyola University

Lutheran Diaconal Association
 Lutheran School of Theology
 McHenry County College
 Michigan State University
 North Park Seminary
 Northeastern Illinois University
 Northern Illinois University
 Northwestern University
 Oklahoma City University
 Pepperdine University
 Purdue University
 Roosevelt University
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Sonoma State University
 Southern Illinois University
 Southwest Missouri State University

Triton College
 University of Alberta
 University of Chicago
 University of Colorado
 University of Illinois
 University of Illinois Medical Center
 University of Iowa
 University of Montana
 University of Nevada
 Valparaiso University
 Western Illinois University
 Westminster Choir College
 Whittier Law School
 Wilbur Wright Junior College
 Wright State University Ohio

Certifications Earned by LHN Grads

ASPO certified
 Certified Public Accountant
 Childbirth Educator
 Critical Care Nurse
 Deaconess in the LCMS
 Education Administration
 General Life Insurance
 Legal Shield Director
 Licensed Attorney-at-Law
 Los Angeles Recording Certification
 Medical Transcriptionists
 Nuclear security clearance
 Nurse Educator
 Private Pilot License
 Professional Coder
 Project Management
 Real Estate Appraiser
 Registered Nurse
 Teaching Credentials

Class of '69 Academic Degrees

Associate Degree	3
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science	21
BA/BS + Master's Degree	15
BA/BS + MA + PhD, EdD, MD, or JD	7

NOTE: Many people did not complete Part III of the Survey; therefore, we have chosen to record the number of responses to these questions rather than percentages.

Top Career Choices

Management.....	27
Office/Administrative Support.....	14
Business & Financial Operations.....	13
Healthcare Support/Practitioner.....	13
Education/Training/Library.....	11
Legal Occupations.....	9
Ministry/Religious Life.....	6
Computer/Mathematics.....	4
Full Time Homemaker.....	4
Art and Design.....	4
Entertainer/Performer.....	4
Media/Communications.....	4
Architecture/Engineering.....	3
Farming/Fishing/Forestry.....	3
Photographer	1
Building & Grounds Maintenance.....	1
Other.....	9

NOTE: Since many people have had multiple careers, there were multiple responses to these categories.

Our Military Service ...



United States Air Force

Garry Abraham (deceased)
 Steven Ainley (deceased)
 John Boydston (deceased)
 Ernest Frindt (deceased)
 Tony Liebrecht (deceased)
 David Roehl (deceased)
 Joseph Schmitz
 Fredric Zimmer



United States Army

Karen Jensen Studniarz (deceased)



United States Marine Corps

Bruce Evanoff (deceased)
 Elmer "Chip" Hessenthaler



United States Navy

David Bruschuk
 Karen Demzien Connors
 Russell Lindberg (deceased)
 Daryce Moore
 Miguel Oscar
 James Peterson
 Scott Phillips
 James Schrock



Flashback ...



MISS ANDREA SCHMIDT, English



Luther High School North



Flashback ...



The AUSTINITE

GOING TO EUROPE TO SING—These six Austin members of the Luther North high school A Cappella choir will leave for Europe June 22 and will return on July 15. Standing are, left to right, John Simko, Bill Blohm, Rich Witkowski, and Dave Bruschuk. Kneeling is Darryl Pratscher while Joanne Kersting is seated. They will be part of a 125-member group who will sing their way around Europe.

Six local youths to tour Europe with Luther North



Chicagoans' serenade stops traffic

Luther choir in London 'special'

By Judy Barden
Daily News Foreign Service

LONDON — Every now and again the job of being a foreign correspondent pays off in spades, as it did Wednesday night, for instance, when the a capella choir from Luther High School North in Chicago put on a special concert for me.

Their voices floated out of the windows of Benton Hall (University College of London, where they are staying), drowning the noises of the frantic commuter traffic.

Tired businessmen and weary career girls stopped in their rush for a train or bus.

They stopped out of curiosity and stayed to listen to two soul-soothing numbers from Bach and two spirituals.

THE STUDENTS, aged 16 to 18, sang with verve and gusto, though there were tiny shadows under their eyes from lack of sleep. They had traveled from Chicago to Ireland to London in one go—and as they only had one day in London they could not bear to waste it in bed.

They were up and away before 9 a.m. after promising to be back by 5 p.m. (They had a concert to give at 6.)

They started out to sight-see, but the girls couldn't be blamed if they only saw Westminster Abbey and the houses of Parliament. It was a big sales day in London stores, and the girls couldn't resist the temptation to shop.

Darryl Pratscher of 1001 N. Lockwood does not intend to take up music seriously, but he thinks this choir is great. "We have a message to give, and it is nice to do something for others instead of always accepting things from them," he said.

DAVID WEBBER of 4732 Berenice, who was president of

the choir last year, found London a delight. He admired the way the old buildings were kept up and thought the new buildings mixed extremely well.

He laughed at a bus conductor who, looking at a modern hotel, said: "Ignore that. It is an atrocity."

David did not like Piccadilly — "too commercial" were his words. But, here is something to shake Chicago, he said: "I had the best steak of my life in one of the downtown restaurants."

RICHARD (Rich) Jensen of 1105 Lincoln, Glenview, who

will be president of the choir next year, was disappointed by the "changing of the guard." Having heard so much about it and dashing off to see it, he saw almost nothing.

"There were hundreds of people there before us, and we were right at the back of the crowd," he said. "I was told it is even worse in July and August."

From here, the 70-member choir and Henry Elling, the choral music director of Luther High School North, will go to Holland, Germany, Austria and Italy. On July 15 they fly from Rome to Chicago.

A Cappella Choir Luther High School North Chicago, Illinois

Henry A. Elling, Director

Summer Tour 1969

Hotel List	
LUTHER CHOIR EUROPEAN TOUR - LC31/32	
June 23 - DUBLIN, IRELAND Trinity Hall Dartry Road Dublin 6, Ireland Tel: 971772	July 4 - STUTTGART, GERMANY Private Homes
June 24-25 - LONDON, ENGLAND Bentham Hall (University College London) Cartwright Gardens 31/44 London W.C.1, England Tel: EUS 1836	July 5 - DONAUWOERTH, GERMANY Jugendherberge Goethestr. 10 Donauwoerth, Germany Tel: 2158
June 26-27 - AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND Hotel Adolesce 26 Nieuwe Keizersgracht Amsterdam-C, Holland Tel: 53629	July 6 - SALZBURG, AUSTRIA (Bus 1) (Bus 2) Hotel Meran Hotel Zum Hirschen Plainstr. 14 Elisabethstr. 5 Salzburg, Austria Salzburg, Austria Tel: 72 27 4 Tel: 72 40 3
June 28 - VERDEN, GERMANY Private Homes	July 7-8 - VIENNA, AUSTRIA Jugendgaestehaus Huetteldorf Schlossbergg. 8 Vienna 13, Austria Tel: 82 15 01
June 29-30 - BERLIN, GERMANY Jugendgaestehaus Berlin Kluckstr. 3 Berlin 30, Germany Tel: 13 10 97	July 9 - VENICE, ITALY Hotel Sirio Via 4 Cantoni Venice (Mestre), Italy Tel: 51 728
July 1 - FRANKFURT, GERMANY Haus Der Jugend Deutscherrufer Frankfurt/M, Germany Tel: 61 90 58	July 10-11 - FLORENCE, ITALY Hotel Columbia-Parlamento Piazza S. Firenze 29 Florence, Italy Tel: 23 400
July 2 - DARMSTADT, GERMANY Private Homes	July 12-14 - ROME, ITALY Youth Hostel "Foro Italico" Viale delle Olimpiadi, 61 Rome, Italy Tel: 383 213
July 3 - BECHTHEIM, GERMANY Private Homes	

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Know Your Class Officers

Freshmen Tell of High School Experiences

The freshman class officers: (l. to r.) Candy Sundstrom, secretary; Don Hafeman, president; Barb Vragel, treasurer; and John Simco, vice-president.

Oct 26th
Homecoming '68

"ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS"

Annual Choir Tour
in
honor

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SESQUICENTENNIAL

Luther High School North
Chicago, Illinois
Mr. Henry Elling, Director of Vocal Music

LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
INVITATIONAL

1966

FIRST
440 YD. RELAY

MR. ELLING
MR. KAESTNER
MR. SCHEWE
MR. ROHL
DIRECTOR

MAY 10th, 1969

SPRING CONCERT

LUTHER NORTH H.S.

The Faculty and Council of
LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL NORTH
cordially invites you to attend

**The Graduation Exercises
of the Class of 1969**

Wednesday, June the Eleventh, 1969
at Seven-Thirty O'clock in the Evening
Luther High School North Gymnasium
5700 West Berteau Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Admission by this
ticket only

Flashback...

The Touch of a Poet

Reach out and take my participle dangling,
Embrace my symbols for a while,
And when our words have come between us,
Depart with a monosyllabic smile.

Tom Golz



OCTOBER

Look at that blue sky.
The sun's rays washing the day in a peace
That can be felt deep in our souls;
Penetrating our minds with a calm that is precious.
Close your eyes.
Feel the warm kindness of the day,
And a smile comes slowly
To our faces turned up to meet
That bittersweet day of memories we both know.
Touch my hand and feel this quiet joy.
This day will live with me forever
Because I share it with you.

Kris Wissensz

The Junior Class
of
Luther High School North
cordially invites
The Senior Class and Faculty
to
The Junior Senior Prom
Moon Drops and Tear Drops
on the evening of the sixth of June
Nineteen hundred and sixty nine
at the hour of eight o'clock
in the Gold Room
of
The Pick Congress Hotel
520 South Michigan Avenue
Enter on Michigan Avenue

CITIZENSHIP RATING		GRADE EXPLANATION				STUDENT'S NAME		NO.				
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NO MARK	SATISFACTORY	B	GOOD	F	FAILURE	German 1	Vragel					
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CITIZENSHIP RATING		1	2	3	4	PERIOD	ROOM	CLASS				
USE OF TIME TO ADVANTAGE								9	10	11	12	
USE OF ABILITY												
USE OF GOOD STUDY HABITS			U									
RESPECTS RIGHTS & OPINIONS OF OTHERS												
SUBMITS ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME			U									
IS ATTENTIVE			U									
SUBJECT REPORT CARD												
LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL NORTH												
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO												
TEACHER'S COMMENTS						GRADE - SEM. 1						
Must learn to study at a steady pace						X	I	F	D	C	B	A

Flashback...

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zone _____

LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL NORTH
 5700 West Berteau Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois 60634

_____ 1968


Description	Dollars	Cents
TUITION -- Semester I or II	145	00
Enrollment or Graduation Fee		
Student Activities and Library Fee	10	00
Typing or Transcription		
Machines (office practice -- calculating)		
Biology -- Chemistry -- Physics		
Adv. Biology -- Adv. Chemistry		
Clothing -- Foods		
Mech. Drawing or Art		
Shop		
Additional Elective		
Book Rental		
Towel Service		
Insurance & Locker Fee		
CREDIT		
TOTAL	155	00

Please return this statement when you make your payment.
 The statement will be returned to you with our receipt.
 Thank you for this courtesy.

Martin C. Duensing
 M. C. Duensing, Principal

!! payment has already been made, please disregard this statement.

PHONE PENSACOLA 6-5441


Luther High School North

MEMBER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
 OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

5700 WEST BERTEAU AVENUE
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60634

August 1965

Hi Freshie:

Welcome to Luther North! We hope that you are having a pleasant vacation and are anxiously looking forward to your first day of high school and all the excitement that will be connected with it.

You are probably wondering, "How will I know where to go and what to do?" In order that you may become acquainted with our school before the first day of actual classes, the Student Council is sponsoring a FRESHMEN ORIENTATION DAY especially for you. This will be on Friday, September 3rd. You, along with the other members of your class will meet at 8:30 A.M. in the Cafeteria which is located at the northeast end of the building.


The first part of the program planned for the day will consist of an assembly in which you will become acquainted with your Principal, Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, Class Counselor, teachers and classmates. Representatives of the Student Council, the "Blue and Gold" (our school newspaper), and the "Log" (our yearbook), will give explanation of their functions in the school. The second part of the program will be made up of a shortened version of a normal school day. You will go through your daily schedule and at 12:30 P.M. lunch will be served in the Cafeteria.

In order to take full advantage of the day's program you will need your class schedule which gives the room number and period of your classes. You should also bring your Student Handbook and 40c for lunch. (You will receive your Handbook and schedule on the day you register.)

This orientation program has been planned for you and we are looking forward to seeing you on September 3rd.

Sincerely,

THE STUDENT COUNCIL
Ronald Roschke
 Ronald Roschke
 President

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO 



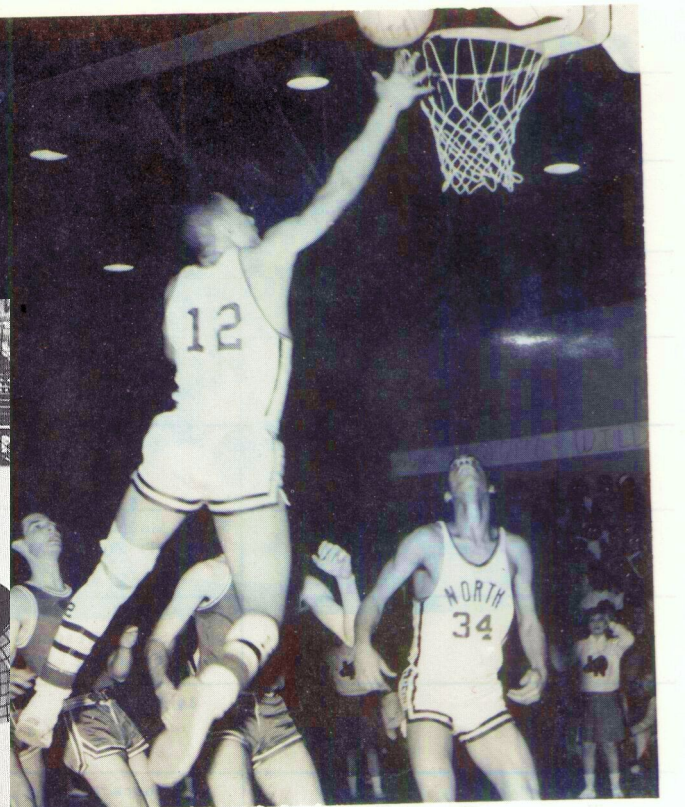
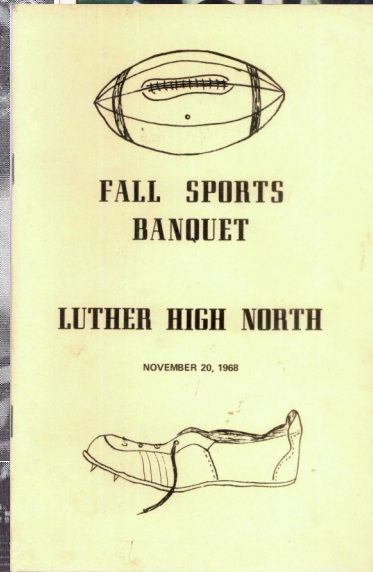
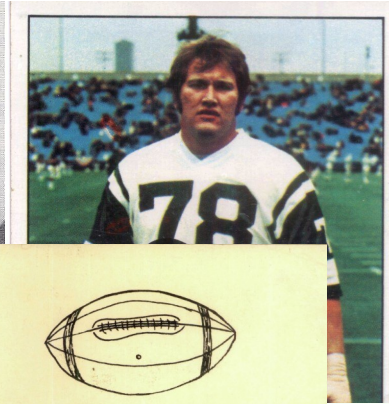
**Luther North
 Booster Club**

presents

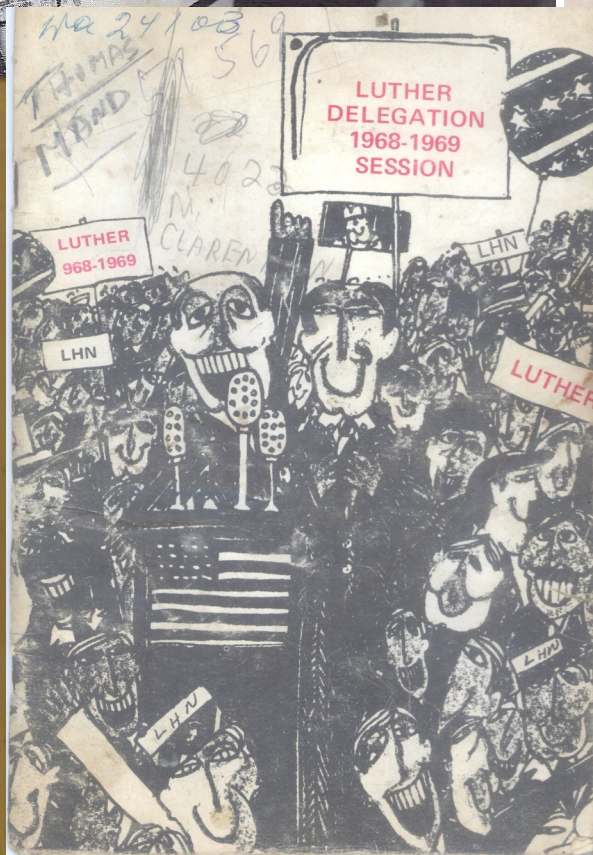
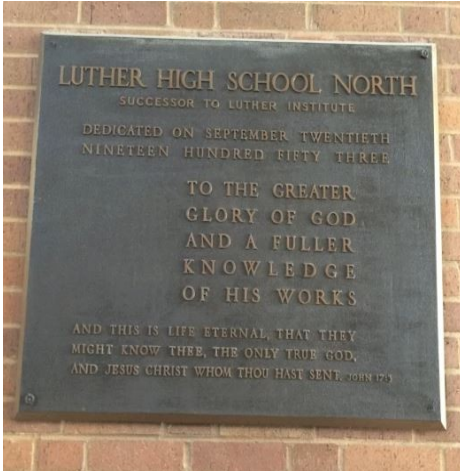
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Tommy James
 and
The Shondells



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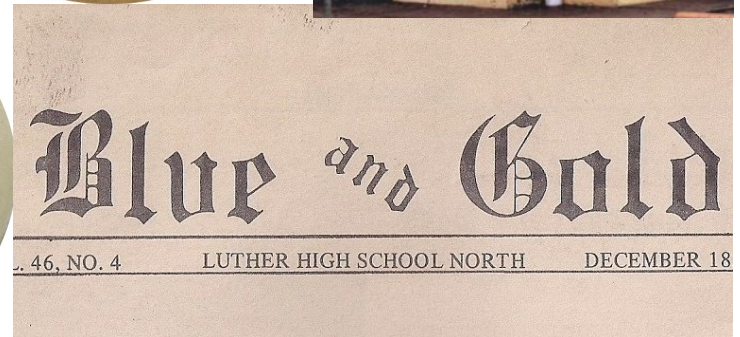
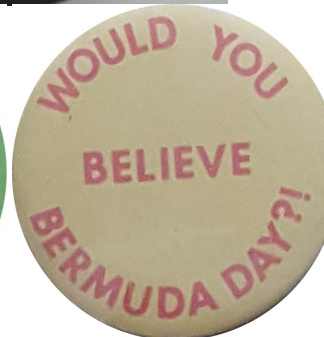
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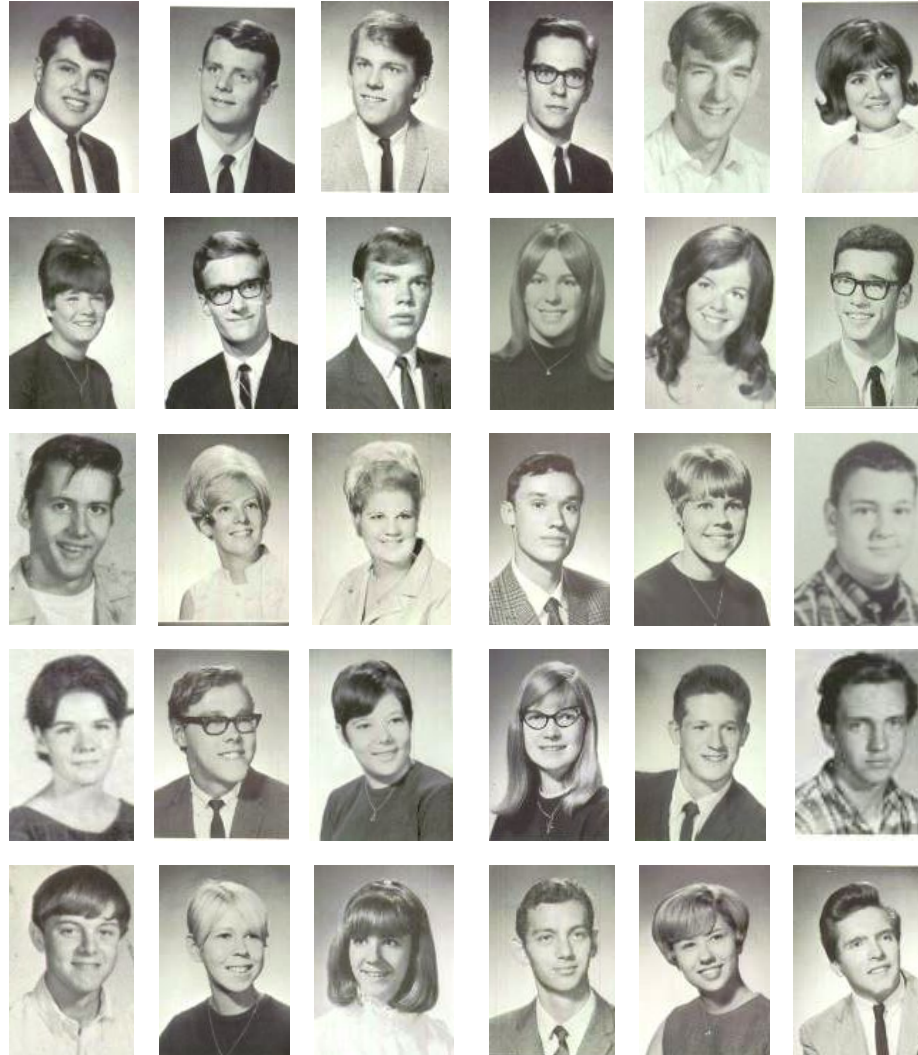
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In Memory of ...



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 Dana Anderson
 Charles Baehr
 Janet Bent

Barbara Berthlein
 William Blohm
 John Boydston
 Barbara Brosman
 Lynne Cederstrom
 Daniel Chobot

Richard Davison
 Holly Delwo
 Suellen Di Michele
 David Draeger
 Janet Dulbis
 Bruce Evanoff

Vera Frickas
 Ernest Frindt
 Patricia Gray
 Carol Halbert
 Robert Harper
 Robert Harvey

Guy Herbert
 Karen Hess
 Paulette Hitzke
 Scott Huberty
 Karen Jensen
 Wesley Jett

We are saddened to inform you of our fellow classmates who have gone home to be with our Lord. We have strived for accuracy in providing this listing. Please join with their families and friends in prayer for their memory eternal. Rest in Peace.

In Memory of ...



Candice Kerbs
Pamela Kohl
Kerry Krug
Joseph LaPointe
Tony Liebrecht
Russell Lindberg



Ronald Moczarney
Holly Orton
Kathleen Patterson
Darryl Pratscher
Robert Pruce
Ambrose Ratcliff



David Roehl
Joyce Rogers
James Scardina
Steven Schinkel
Barbara Schultz
Victor Scimeca



Donald Stahl
James Tetzlaff
Thomas Tinley
Richard Vincent
Daniel Vinson
Jack Wieting



Kristine Wissenz

We all suffer so much loss in our lives. The loss of a classmate seems more difficult because they are our age, regardless of when they passed. Even though we are separated from most of our classmates by years and/or miles, there will always be a bond between us.

Our Classmates ... "September of our years"

Andria Dickholtz Witherell 30
Arthur Lorenz 45
Beth Bales Toy 22
Candace Sundstrom Renwall 23
Carol Norris Baidinger 36
Carol Becker Henderson 29
Carol Wickboldt Rode 36
Cheryl Kane Hugo 25
Christa Vragel Murray 33
Christine Rumsey Krueger 27
David W. Bruschuk 35
David Gibbons 45
David Kuehm 23
Denise Fritz Schrock 41
Diane Harrington 51
Don Benson 49
Dorothy Carol Manz Tasian 50
Ed Basler 42
Gary E. Daniels 30
Gary L. Williams 48
Jack C. Mauer 43
James Richter 31
James Peterson 24
James Schrock 41
Jeannine Elitt Scheffel 31

John Kunz 41
John Negele 45
John Simko 52
Joseph Schmitz 32
Joyce Kapchinski Paugh 50
Juanita Ebert 44
Judy Anderson Johnson 42
Karen Demzien Connors 32
Karen Gubitz 28
Kathie Korn 42
Kathleen Bartlett Byrne 46
Kathleen Loan Nelson 46
Kathleen Calder Zielinski 33
Keith Werner 32
Kim Rayburn 24
Larry Galvin 22
Laurie Wanat Cameron 38
Linda Larson Meyer 32
Maria Kraemer Bergmann 34
Marie Alex 40
Marlene Houtsinger-Robbs 31
Marti Hemwall 37
Mary Lutz Beyer 34
Micky Randazzo 47
Monika Czehak Duncan 39

Nadine Schmitz Wallace 35
Nancy Logan 44
Nancy Koetke Roach 49
Pat Natschke Lenius 37
Paul Barthel 53
Paul Trettin 24
Peter Buerger 45
Phillip J. Battaglia 50
Rees Makins 34
Regina Steiner Donner 30
Richard Kraneis 27
Richard Witkowski 22
Rick Anderson 41
Roswitha Sabo-Spector 43
Roxanna Schultz 39
Sally Netznik Cassling 40
Sandra Stewart Nowak 40
Scott King 33
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Scott Sealing 38
Steve Baxter 54
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Susan Parpart 37
Tom Golz 48
Wendy Fujibayashi Lambkin 44

Index to Profiles:

We have chosen to index the classmate profiles in alphabetical order by *first* names—just like many of us keep our contact files today, but more importantly, it's the way we remember each other.





Beth Bales Toy

Las Vegas, Nevada
bethtoy@me.com

First marriage was widowed after 11 years. Re-married to Grady Toy (husband) for 15 years.

After high school, I worked for Merrill Lynch, Traveline, became a full-time musician for 10 years, and in 1982, was married and moved to the Los Angeles area. After my husband passed away, I moved to Las Vegas and was married again in 2003.

I feel that LHN gave us a certain warmth and encouragement that the public schools lacked. We were all fortunate to attend a school that strengthened our faith and cared about helping us grow into caring adults. My favorite teacher was Andy Gaugher. My favorite memories are with my closest high school friends who I am still very close to: Jan Bieze Spinelli, Kathy Loan Nelson, Renee' Knaub, Regina Steiner.

I have an internet TV station in Las Vegas, WWDBTV.com, I also have an audio podcast, Babes In Voiceland which is on Apple podcast, WWDBTV and our website, Babesinvoiceland.com. I am also in a 60's band called Jukebox Saturday Night.

I feel that we all learn something each and every day. There's no way to answer this in a couple of sentences. I guess they would be surprised that I was a full time musician for 10 years.

It was always Las Vegas, but I live here now so my favorite vacations would be Hawaii or a cruise.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.



Richard Witkowski

Naperville, Illinois
rbbek@att.net

Family Facts—Spouse Barbara, have three sons all married and four grandchildren.

Luther Impact— learned that effort is rewarded.

Luther Memories—Pre-school intramurals, lots of time in the Senior Lounge playing pinochle, A Cappella Choir Christmas album, European choir Tour, Senior - Faculty basketball game.

Current Interests—Work part time as the Assistant Director and clinical professor of a low income tax clinic at Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Lifelong Learning—It's A Strange Strange World We Live In, Master Jack.

"So There is no point in anyone trying to learn from me what I know I do not know - unless, perhaps, he wants to know what, as he ought to know, no one can know". St. Augustine - City of God



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Wife Karen (Pollock), sons Jason, Ryan, Bret, Brandon, & Brock. 8 grand kids. Scott Huberty brother in law .

Traveling & cruising. Get out of Chicago. Alaska Gods creation.

By his stripes I am healed.



Scott Phillips

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My work involves travel and meeting people

Current interests are softball, volleyball and motorcycle.

Favorite vacation spot is the Dominican Republic because of is weather.



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Cousins and Friends... that's all that's left!

25 years in for-profit management, 24 years in not-for-profit executive management.

The fundamentals of a well-rounded education, so necessary to build a foundation for both personal and professional success, is something I now realize was a blessing beyond my comprehension. It shaped my life.

My gosh the Luther memories, how is it possible to list them all?! I've got to think about this and get back to you!

Currently, playing volleyball, qualified for Senior Olympics and heading to the Huntsman games in Utah this year. A strong Christian education was the greatest gift of my life

My faith and a Christian education have carried me throughout my life in good times and bad.

Hard to believe, considering I was always in the slow learner classes, I ended up having a successful career, as a Senior executive and a CEO. Nobody is more surprised than me!

I don't have a favorite vacation spot, I don't travel very much. Had a number of sick relatives to care for and doggies that kept me close to home.



David Kuehm

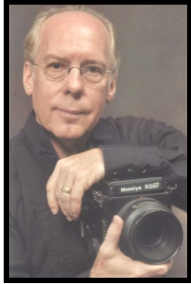
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Spouse: Megan Children: Julie, Ryan, Ben, Amy. G-children: Aurora, Josie, Jack.

I like to make and fix things and help people learn how to do the same. These somethings are as simple as a coffee brewer and as complicated as a vehicle automatic transmission.

At Luther I found that I had a knack for communicating with words. Mr. Grunst impressed me with his teaching style. Miss Schmidt helped me see that I could be a good writer. I still like to fix things. I am a touring bicyclist and an occasional folk/rock musician. When motivated, I can learn to do just about anything. I'm a car guy! Vacation fun is a week long bicycle trip in Northern Michigan with a group of people. Bring on those hills and headwinds!

Treat others as you want to be treated.



James Petersen

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I am married to Linda.

We have 3 sons and 6 Grandchildren.

I am a photographer.

Made great friendships at Luther, and married one of them.

Current interests are playing guitar, hunting & fishing

Fun vacations are family fishing trips in northern AZ.

I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me

Paul Trettin

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Victoria (nee Rubin) died 11/2012 (married 38 years) Children: Jenny, Heather, Brett Grandchildren: Hailey, Kylee, Austin, & Mason. Remarried 7/2017 Sharon.

Served as a Lutheran Elementary School Principal for 44 years.

I entered the educational ministry of the Lutheran church as a result of the incredible staff and friends at Luther North.

Loved playing football and co-ed volleyball (between classes). All my coaches were fantastic (Seevers, Oetting, Bobzin, Boll, Matthias, etc.).

Current interests are Church involvement, airshows, golfing, fishing, and sharing time with family.

Life experience has shown the importance of Lutheran elementary, secondary, & college education.

I became a private pilot and flew for 10 years.

Vacation spots—United States, Northern Europe, and Mediterranean because of the cultural diversity and history.

Isaiah: 40:31 "but those who hope in the Lord, will renew their strength, they will fly up on wings like Eagles, they will run and not be tired, they will walk and not be weary."

Kim Rayburn

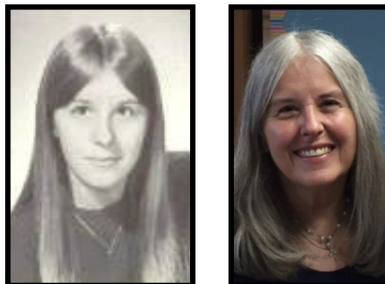
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Married to wife Janet for 44 years. We have no children.

Favorite Luther memory is the A Capella trip to Europe.

Current interests include playing golf, going to the beach, going to the gym, shag dancing (it's the state dance of North and South Carolina)

Vacation fun is anywhere there's a beach. Love my toes in the sand.



Cheryl Kane Hugo

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My husband, Don Hugo, and I will be celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary in August this year. We have been blessed with 3 beautiful daughters: Jennifer (Chris) Hartley, Kate (John) Thaelke, and Anna (Jason) Lind. Our greatest joy is loving and spoiling our 11 (living) grandchildren (we have 3 more in heaven). Their names are Zachary (19), Noah (17), Susanna (14), & Lucas (12) (all Jenny's); Anna & Olivia (both 15, with their triplet sister, Elizabeth, in heaven), & Emily (14) (all Katy's); and Charissa (16), Caleb (15), Isaac (13), & Nathan (10) (all Anna's). Our only pet is a talking yellow-nape Amazon parrot named Holly, who has out-lived our dog and cat and will probably outlive Don and me! Her repetitive comments keep the grandchildren entertained.

Having never attended college due to marrying at age 19, I have held many jobs before and after raising my daughters. During my high school years, I sold purses for Malings Shoe Store at "Six Corners" in Chicago at 16 and then bagged groceries for my senior year at the Jewel Grocery store near LHSN to earn spending money for my Europe trip with Mr. Kohl the summer I graduated from Luther North. On the trip, I met my husband and we became engaged in December, 1969. I decided to take a job working with Kris Wissensz at the law firm of Gifford, Rodney, Power & Detuno until my wedding. After getting married, and moving to St. Louis, I worked for the advertising firm of Winius-Brandon in downtown St. Louis until we bought our first home. Next I worked for Seeger Toyota in St. Louis county until I started having children. After my first 2 daughters were born, we moved to St. Charles county and I began working evenings and Saturdays for the dental office of Bridwell, Cavanaugh & Scanlon, DDS. I worked there for 23 years. When I turned 50, I began working for another dentist, Dr. Wattles, and finally finished my dental field years working for a periodontist, Dr. James Kopfensteiner in St. Peters, Missouri. I retired when I turned 62 and haven't missed working for a minute!

I have to lump "socially, emotionally and spiritually" together because once Chris Rumsey introduced me to Carol Wickboldt and Kris Wissensz our Sophomore year at Luther North, it began the most wonderful lifelong 4-some friendship I could have ever hoped for! We were inseparable, influencing each other in those three areas immensely! We wrote notes incessantly to each other, sat together at lunch, and shared many classes together (as well as our deep faith in Jesus, our Savior, all of our hopes, dreams, fears and doubts). We named ourselves "The Polish Union", and, except for being separated from Kris Wissensz when she left us to be with Jesus, we all still get together every year! This was a priceless gift that attending Luther North gave us and I have been forever grateful for this!

Cheryl Kane Hugo—Cont'd

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My memories of attending Luther North are very precious to me! I loved playing the part of the fictitious psychic, “Deana Jixon” (a combo take-off of the hippie girl from the Electric Company and Jeane Dixon) in the 1968 politically-themed Homecoming Show, written by Tom Golz and his friends. Kris Wissensz played “Madam Chairman” too, and it was definitely an honor to act in the show! I also enjoyed working on the committee putting together the first literary booklet published at Luther called: “HARK!” The Polish Union actually had an article written about us in Luther’s student newspaper, The Blue and Gold! Our crazy group was extremely proud of this honor our senior year! My favorite teacher was Mr. Helmkamp. The P. U. made him “our fearless leader”! I also appreciated Mr. Grunst, who was my dear homeroom teacher. He kindly put up with a lot of silliness on the part of me and Chris Rumsey for 4 years! What a saint! My favorite class was Mrs. Tjernagel’s English Literature class. I learned to love reading there and it broadened my worldview. I remember the day Arnie Amundsen fell asleep in her class and she duct-taped him to his desk. I’m not sure that would fly these days! Poor Arnie! My “secret crush” was on Dave Wischmeyer, when I was a freshman and he was a Sophomore dating Holly Jukish. I also liked Curt Venske, senior, when I was a sophomore. Dave W. knew how I felt and Curt V. might have suspected something was up when I took a picture of him for my Polish Union photo album and made him “Senior of the Year!”

I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren the most. I also sing in 2 choirs at Zion Lutheran Church, attend a weekday Women’s Bible Study during the fall/winter/spring, as well as each Sunday morning. I’m a member of my church’s Women’s Retreat Committee and our church’s Advent by Candlelight Committee. I also am a member of our church’s Audio/Visual Team. I play Bunco once a month and Pinochle twice a month with 3 groups of ladies. I like bowling, reading books, and watching horror movies with a couple of my grandkids and Chris Rumsey Krueger. Romantic movies are pretty good too!

I’ve learned that we humans are definitely created in God’s image because we have an infinite capacity to love countless other humans.

My husband and I have traveled to Russia, toured England and Europe twice, sailed to Alaska and to South and Central America. We have also driven to Prince Edward Island, and to almost every state in this beautiful U.S.A! Many years ago I even toured Israel with people from my church. That trip was wonderful for the most part, but was very frightening when we visited Bethlehem and our Jewish guide was temporarily arrested.

We own a cabin on a small lake near Sullivan, Missouri. This is truly my favorite vacation spot because it is large enough to sleep our entire family of 19 people. It is the place where I have the most fun and love the best! Our family spends every 4th of July week there and every Thanksgiving. My 2nd favorite is a tie between going on an ocean cruise and being in Florida at Walt Disney World.

My favorite Bible verses are 1 Timothy 2:2b-6a NIV: “Live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, Who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all men.” My favorite inspirational quote is: “Mercy is God not punishing us as our sins deserve. Grace is God blessing us despite the fact that we do not deserve it. Mercy is deliverance from judgment. Grace is extending kindness to the unworthy.”



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Spouse- Jerry. Children- Scott. and Cherie. Step Children- Lisa, Chad and Al. Grandchildren- Jesse, Gabe, Matthew, Michael, Anna, Lillian Ben, Colin, Eli, Dylan, Justin, Kate, and Greta.

Registered Nurse-retired Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist. 26 years at Abbott Labs Corporate Health Services.

Singing under the direction of Mr Elling impacted me the most at Luther. His zeal and love for our Savior, gave me confidence and passion for church music. As a result, I have and currently am directing church and children’s choirs for over 30 years.

Favorite Luther memories — Playing cards in the Senior Union! Using the Meditation Chapel as the Polish Union Meeting Room before school. Carl Paschke jumping out the window in Freshman Algebra under the direction of Miss Ginny Lundman.

Current interests are: riding roller coasters; Walt Disney World; rides on our Can Am; being with Grandchildren; Church activities.

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not harm you”. “Plans to give you hope and a future”. Jer. 29 vs 11 NIV.



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I won’t list all my family. Buy me a beer and I’ll tell you. I will say I consider my LHN locker partner family: my good friend, Tom Golz.

I taught American history one day in Mr. Preston’s class. I must’ve liked it. I’ve taught thousands how to use computers. I once taught someone to swim in 10 minutes.

I was the kid from Skokie. LHN introduced me to Chicago. I’ve loved Chicago and it’s neighborhoods ever since LHN.

Blogging about film cameras, XL, and the PMP has faded. Late at night I may read another Abraham Lincoln book. When I’m lucky, I get to read and sing to my granddaughter.

Lifelong learning—Economics, Russian, juggling, technical writing, WordPerfect , Word, Lotus 1-2-3, Improv, Next, computers, Windows, limo driving, PMP, SharePoint, kayaking, blogging, SCRUM, YouTube and being a grandfather.

New Orleans was great last year. And I enjoyed hitchhiking from Portland to San Francisco when I was 29. My favorite vacation spot? It’s my front porch, having a quiet time with my wife Sina.

Phillipians 4:13. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



Karen Gubitza

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Happily married to Nick Sinadinos for 31 years; childfree but include my niece, Gretchen Jankowski as my child for life.

I retired at age 60 from a career in law to become a full time artist. I'm often asked about my art, so I'll include a portion of my artist statement: "As a fiber sculptor, first and foremost I am a materialist. I explore materials and their relationship to the dimensional constructed surface, taking advantage of their potency, limitlessness and pliability. Some of my work explores lines and shapes to create patterns. Some of my work uses the flexibility of the fiber to wrap and fold to build dimensionality. Experimenting with craft techniques I study the properties of materials to extract their highest possible resiliency and surface potential. The artistic decisions that I make are intuitive, found someplace inside me where, in my own estimation, the sum of all my visual experiences are stored. I draw upon them when needed and continually add to them by experiencing the world around me."

Impact of Luther — No doubt, friendships. While many of us traveled new paths, I'm happy to say that social media has brought many of these dear friends back in to my life.

One of the most humorous memories I have is that during Senior year I was voted the "most radical". I'll just leave it at that. It's hard not to mention my great friend and once upon a time, husband, Dan Chobot. That friendship defined my social life at LHN and it's difficult now, knowing that those memories can never be shared together.

I have found another passion in nature. 20 years ago my husband, Nick and I, purchased 80 acres of land near Amboy, Illinois. We developed a 4 1/2 acre short grass prairie with approximately 120 species of native prairie forbs and grasses and a 6 acre mixed pine and hardwood forest. We manage and maintain the prairie and woods, with prescribed burns and trails.

My artistic life began late in life. At LHN I had very little exposure to the visual arts. Math, science, language skills were the focus of my education. I had always considered myself a left brain person; thinking linear, solely in the language of mathematics, processing information in an analytical way. And then, during my 45th year, my older sister gave me a gift that helped me to find the right brain person within and my artistic life began in earnest. Since then I have participated in numerous exhibitions, galleries and other artistic events. My work has received numerous awards and I have been gratified to include many artists as friends in my life.

A favorite vacation spot is Mexico City, Mexico.



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Husband, Richard Henderson; sons: Bill (spouse, Tanya), “JR” Henderson; step-children: David Henderson and Lisa Henderson (Married to Martin and living in Denmark) two granddaughters.

Because of the many influences of music in my life, from my early start on the piano; to my family’s violin making; to my early choral experiences at Luther and within the church at St. Luke’s, I continued to teach piano and work in churches and attained two degrees in Sacred Music at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ which included areas of choral conducting and organ. I now am conducting two community college choruses and work at a small church in Clarksville, VA. So, as a consequence, when I look back on these past fifty years, it has been a trajectory that was meant to happen. I also respectfully realize the impact music has made in my relationships with students, performers, and members of the churches where I have served. I have been fortunate to be able to work in the field that I dearly love all these years. I also have seen the huge benefit that singing as a community can bring to people. Unfortunately, these opportunities for young people are dwindling.

Luther memories would have to be the choir; our tours; and the quality of our education. One of my favorite classes was Latin with Mr. Grunst. I remember playing cards....in history class one time, or maybe more. Because we were put in the back of the room for a change (alphabetical order was the rule of the day! And the A’s and B’s were NOT in front!) And my role in “Harvey” as Vita Louise Simmons...his dottering Aunt. Also, Advanced Chemistry labs where we regularly brought into class cupcakes and lemon poppyseed was my favorite. My lab tests were always “close” but never very accurate. Bill Blohm was my lab partner, which was hilarious because I drove him crazy with my “that’s close enough” remarks. I am now a great cook! We went Christmas caroling in downtown Chicago to sell our records to raise money for the choir. And, of course, our choir tours in Illinois and in Europe.

Rich and I are traveling overseas on river cruises; visit our grandchildren in Denmark regularly. We live on a farm and I work in the yard with flowers and tomatoes. I am still active as a church organist/choir director; coach singers; produce concerts; direct an occasional musical, and direct two community choruses for two sets of concerts every year. So, I haven’t “retired”, yet. How important it is to listen to the world around you, and appreciate the people that enter your life. The movement of the spirit is always present; and that is easier seen by looking back in time. But wouldn’t be great if we could remember that we aren’t the ones in charge? I still love to laugh! Denmark vacations...not only because of family, but because it is friendly place, the food is awesome, and the countryside is beautiful. It is easy to get around and it is never over-whelming. Living makes sense. Conservation; healthcare; and community.

“To love someone is to learn the song in their heart and sing it to them when they have forgotten it”.²



Regina Steiner Donner

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My children are Lisa, Kristina, and Brian.

I am retired. I worked in the medical field and enjoyed helping people. One of the greatest impacts from Luther North was the life-long friends made.

Luther memories - Favorite teacher was Miss Schmidt. I had a secret crush on Bob Donner and I married him later.

Current interests include: babysitting my grandchildren and spending time with good friends.

Life is very short and we have to enjoy every minute. We need to look around and see all the blessings from God.

My favorite vacation spot is Colorado Springs. It is so beautiful there with the mountains and hiking.

Psalm 46: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble, therefore, we will not fear.



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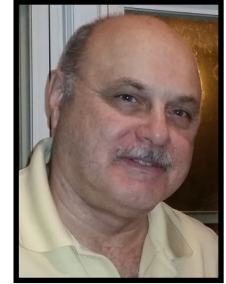
Educator, 47 years-Semi retired, Adjunct faculty Bradley University Dept. of Education. From Luther I learned the importance of leadership, creativity and hard work.

My memories of Luther were the senior lounge, float building, and friends.

My time is spent traveling, with family, and creating new projects for the house. I have learned not to give gifts, but give experiences. For Christmas, birthdays we give tickets to shows, trips to Gettysburg, Washington D.C., zip lining in Alaska's rain forests, helicopter flights to the top of the Mendenhall Glacier etc., family trips to Vegas or Disney World, Experiences last a lifetime.

After reading and grading student papers, I like to read some good literature- like a trashy romance novel. My favorite spot is the world. I love traveling and experiencing what the world has to offer. I love saying, "I can't believe I'm here" or "I can't believe I am doing this, I hope I don't die."

"A mother is only as happy as her unhappiest child." A. I. Witherell and "Non illigitmus carborundum" (Don't let the bastards grind you down)" My dad's advice to me.



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Happily married for 34 years to my wife, Pat. We are proud parents of our son, Jake, and our daughter, Kelley.

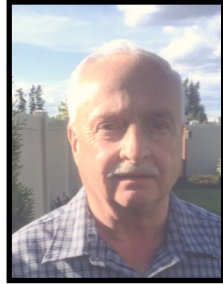
I've worked primarily in the real estate industry beginning as a mortgage loan officer, then switching to real estate appraisal. Retired in July 2018.

The teachers at Luther made a lasting impact. They cared for students, would listen to them, provide support, and exhibited a good sense of humor.

Favorite Luther memories include: football; A Cappella choir; school plays.

In my late 40's I started training in Karate and attained Black Belt level.

"All good things must come to an end...so that they may begin again."



James Richter

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Spouse-Renae Children: Jill, Kristine, Denise Grandchildren: Briana, Reece, Morgan, Elloise, Savannah, Renn, Lennon, and Elsie.

I have been in the paint industry for my entire career. 1st being a professional painter and then working for PPG Industries, Pittsburgh Paint, then owning and operating my own Paint and Decorating Store. I am presently working part time for Washington State University.

Luther Impact/Memories—Going to school with the same friends from kindergarten at St. John's all the way to Luther North. I enjoyed going to basketball games and participating in cross country.

Current Interests—Watching the Cubs games when they are televised here in Spokane. I like to golf, go to hockey games, fish and spend time with family.

Enjoy life everyday. Be a positive influence, set good examples and embrace the diversity of others.

I have worked in some of the most highly radioactive contaminated areas of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, encapsulating airborne plutonium and other highly radioactive waste to make it safer for others to clean up.

I love Lincoln City on the Oregon Coast. It is beautiful, relaxing and has great sandy beaches as well as some fantastic restaurants.



Jeannine Elitt Scheftel

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Family—Husband, Barry who retired 4 years ago, daughter Heather, works/lives in London so she can travel and our son, Brad passed away 12/17. We now care for Remy, our daughter's 15 years old dog, our grand dog.

I began working in Recreation in Oak Park, the family mail order business THE BUTTON SHOP, Market Research-in the product/ food preparation area and currently in Costco promoting various products, part time for CDS.

Luther Impact/Memories—The lifelong friendships with classmates and some recently renewed ones, are a tremendous blessing in my life. So nice to visit with old friends when we traveled in the US. The Christian Education has always been a special part of my life. So blessed to be in the A Cappella Choir when they toured Europe in '69. What an exciting, educational trip that was. My German wasn't very good though when I tried using it in Germany.

We travel whenever we can to interesting, out of the way places, 43 countries and counting.



Marlene Houtsinger-Robbs

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Family Facts—Sister Judy Houtsinger. Cats Marley and Kepler.

Work Life—Still working in Copier Sales industry as a Biller for over 20 years. Love my job at Imagine Technology Group.

Luther Impact—I would say compared to education now, I received an awesome academic experience. Younger people still come to me for my writing and grammar skills. Kids now are missing a lot.

Luther Memories—Mr. Gruntz was always my favorite teacher. I had him at Trinity Lutheran grammar and was blessed to have him again at Luther. Patient and kind and made learning fun.

Current Interests—I enjoy family time, talking on a daily basis with my long time best friend Kathy Calder, and playing bingo with my sister.

Lifelong Learning—Always be kind.

Vacation Fun—Paradise Island Bahama. I got to spend it with my high school buddy Kathy!

Favorite Words of Wisdom—Live, Love, Laugh.



Joseph Schmitz

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Family—Marsha McWhinney, my life partner. My kids are Ellen, Wendy, and Jo Jo. My Grand Kids are Noah, Kira, and Serena.

Retired from American Airlines , TWA Ozark Airlines and Lexus and Toyota auto company. Had the opportunity to travel around the world. A snake charmer wrapped a poisonous snake around my neck in Morocco and monkeys were on my shoulder in Bali. They would take your glasses and trade them for a banana.

Socially and spiritually I enjoyed the prom and the school plays.

Currently, still traveling. We have been on many cruises. My children and I paint the streets with chalk.

Vacation spot—Alaska . It is beautiful.

Ecclesiastes chapter 3 vs 1 thru 8.



Keith Werner

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Married Sally Holbert, class of 71.
40 years in non profit and retail.

Luther memories—Having life long friendships.

Current Interests—retirement , traveling, cruising, and enjoying living in Texas / no state income tax and a freeze on school taxes.

Plan your work and work your plan and review your financial strategies often .



Karen Demzien Connors

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Michael Connors-husband, we will be married 42 years in October, 3 Children-Shon (Deceased 2012) Julie 47 years, Mary Kathleen-34 years, 3 grandchildren (Brendan and Troy from Julie) (Xavier from Mary Kathleen). We also have 2 dogs and a cat. I retired in 2017 after teaching Nursing for 22 years. I also was part of the team that wrote and implemented the state-wide nursing curriculum for NM.

Luther Impact—The academic preparation was excellent. The teachers nurtured a lifelong love of learning. Memorable teachers— Mr. Grunst and Mr. Meiers .

Current interests include volunteering. Appreciate Life and all its wonders and trials. Michael and I adopted all of our children. Vacation Fun— Actually going home to Chicago especially on AMTRAK. My brothers still live up there with their families



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Family Facts—Son Fred, his wife Heather and their children Macenzie, Preston and Logan. And my cat Musetta.

I have been working at Citizens National Bank for 33 years with plans on retiring the end of 2021.

Luther Memories—Always enjoyed working on the plays with the Thespians.

Current Interests—I have been singing with the Park Rapids Classic Chorus since 1991. I also enjoy horse-back riding.

Vacation Fun—Boundary waters.



Christa Vragel Murray

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My immediate family consisted of my husband, Dr. William Murray, and 2 kitties: Pele and Pepe. My husband passed away in February 2019. 2 brothers and their families--Kurt and Diane, Sara, Justin, 3 grand nephews; Paul and Jodee, Tasha and Bobby, and Clea and Cooper.

Liked being a Travel Counselor and sending people all over the world--later enjoyed having my own travel business and traveling all over the world. Had great fun being a Ski Instructor in Colorado--until I broke my arm and leg!

It was most interesting to teach Architectural History at the New School of Architecture & Design in San Diego. Spent a lot of time Stone Sculpting--marble, alabaster--and exhibiting and selling my work.

Luther Impact—Met several good friends.

Luther Memories—Favorite was Art class; liked cheerleading.

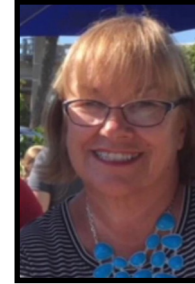
Interests— Movies, reading, writing, volunteer reading to low-income kids and volunteering as a Balboa Park Ambassador.

Lifelong Learning—Be patient, stay calm, and it will get done.

People would be surprised to know— I traded in the Stock Market.

Vacation Fun—Anywhere in the world! Love to travel!

Words of Wisdom—Psalm 23: There is a time.....



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Gerry is my husband of 45 years. Erika (Josh), Joe and Christopher (Erin) are my kids. Harper, Lincoln, Sybil and Phoebe are my grandkids.

My secret crush was Hans Kief! I enjoyed the class trip to St Louis. Being in Girls Service Club and hometown representative were my favorite memories.

Current Interests—Travel, volunteering at our local food shelf, and spending time with my grandkids.

Lifelong Learning—To accept everyone and be kind because that is really all that matters.

Vacation Fun—Paris, France is my favorite. The beauty of the city, the food, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and all the museums, cathedrals, people. I can go on and on.

Happiness starts within. Do not expect anyone else to make you happy.



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Family Facts—Wife Irene, 3 children, 3 grandchildren.

Work Life—43 years of law practice, 10 years elected office.

Luther Impact—Friendships formed.



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Married Jim Beyer (who made me a pastor’s wife.) We have 3 adult children. Son, Andy, math teacher at SFSU, married to Jennifer Turri, father to Aviva (2 yrs) and baby boy due very soon. Daughter, Beth, elementary teacher, married to Dan Lindburg, mother to Macy (4 yrs) and William (2 yrs). Son, Phil, a lawyer in Chicago and married to Angie Thayer.

I mainly taught elementary school, both Lutheran and public. Before that I worked in a grocery store, factory, restaurant, florist, stationary store, and security at O’Hare.

Luther memories—I was glad when Marilyn, my lab partner, let me do all the dissecting of a fetal pig. Basketball coach Zoble letting the players smash cream pies in his face and up his nose at a pep rally. Playing pinochle in the Senior union, Making tissue flowers for our homecoming floats, home bands playing for sock hops following basketball games, pizza at Double Z’s, fund-raising dances in people’s basements, embarrassed when giving a speech for John Simko’s campaign saying “ If you know John like I know John...”

Vacation Fun—Hiking in Switzerland .

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these thing will be added unto you. Matt.6:33

Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me .

Ps.51:10

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5



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Married to Dieter Bergmann (62) for 47 years. Son Jonathan Bergmann married to Amy. Two beautiful granddaughters Avery (8) & Harper (6).

Pharmacy technician for 17 years.

I felt very blessed to have been able to attend a Christian School. My faith has always been very important to me.

My husband and I love to travel and spend time with family and friends. We have been foster parents to over 30 boys.

Vacation Fun—Anywhere we are together.

LOOK NOT FOR BEAUTY OR COLOR OF SKIN BUT LOOK FOR THE HEART THAT IS LOYAL WITHIN FOR BEAUTY WILL FADE AND SKIN WILL GROW OLD BUT THE HEART THAT IS LOYAL WILL NEVER GROW COLD



Rees Makins

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I attended LHN freshman & senior years.

Retired... I made it!



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Married to James Wallace, 2 step-daughters Melinda Wedzina & Angela Miller, grandkids Matthew, David, & Adam Wedzina and Nina and William Miller.

Practiced medicine for quite a while, then switched to Environmental Education. So now I can say I've taught every age group from Pre-K to post-doc! I'm an educator at heart and loved teaching them all.

Luther Memories—Advanced Chemistry with Mr. Taylor and the poppy seed cake baking contest. Enjoyed Thespians a lot.

Jim & I are both fully retired. We hike, bike, paddle around central Illinois. We have hiked extensively in the Smokies and paddled a lot in the Boundary Waters. We are both volunteers for the mentoring program for the Urbana School District.

You'd be Surprised to Know—Our first wilderness canoe trip was with friends who didn't prepare us especially well. But we paddled across the wilderness from Canada to the US in 10 days & loved it! It was the first of many adventures.

We've spent a lot of time in the Smokies. You can get there in a day, spend a week hiking the mountain trails, and get back to work easily from where we live. Will be expanding to other national parks now that we have more free time.



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Family Facts - Wife: Judy. Brothers: Jim, Joe, and Mark. Sister: Elaine. Son: Derek. Daughters: Shelly and Carrie. Grandsons: Elijah, Noah, and Jacob. Granddaughters: Aliyah and Natalie.

I spent 37 years with Siemens Medical as a Field Service Engineer. I enjoyed the work - a combination of electronics and mechanics, installing and servicing all types of diagnostic x-ray equipment. The people in this field were a joy to work with.

The time at Luther was a memorable time in my life. The people I met, the friends I made - all made that time in my life a fond memory. I particularly enjoyed choir and the Illinois tour in '68 and European tour in '69. I enjoyed the sports - mostly baseball and basketball. I really enjoyed the choir with Elling and the choir tours. Science and Math classes were always a challenge, but it was my classmates that made it all special.

I still enjoy fishing. I spend a lot of time with family and grandkids - always help out when I can. I volunteer a lot at church and at a medical supply company - refurbishing equipment to send to 3rd world countries. I volunteer at DuPage County forest preserves. Nov/Dec is set aside for Santa.

Lifelong Learning - I received an education in the world of electronics and in the field of diagnostic radiology and imaging. I learned quite a bit about construction after adding an addition to my house. Vacation Fun - Chippewa Flowage in northern Wisconsin. I love the beauty of the area and I love to fish.

Galatians 5:22-23 "Fruits of the Spirit".



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Family Facts—Koa, German Shepherd; Kee Kee, yellow striped tabby.

Current Interests—Photography, camping, biking, hiking and being outdoors.

You'd be Surprised to Know—I was the photo editor of Airstream Life magazine at its startup and traveled extensively in my Airstream trailer often solo with my dog from Maine to Florida to Washington to Arizona and so many places in between.

My favorite places visited are Yellowstone, Tetons, Rocky Mountain National Park, Glacier Park, and Olympic National Park. I love the mountains and the animals. Awesome is woefully understating the experience. I felt like the Flintstones in Moab with all that red rock, surreal, and I long to become a snowbird headed once more to Florida for more sunshine, ocean and wonderful birds.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous. It does not brag, does not get puffed up, does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked. It does not keep account of the injury. It does not rejoice over unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Phillipians 4:8 Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Joshua 24:15 But as for me and my household, we will serve Jehovah.



Carol Wickboldt Rode

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My husband, Bill. We have four married children and 11 grandchildren After graduating from Concordia College with a BA in Education I taught one year of preschool in Ohio and then three years of Kindergarten at St. John's May-fair before marrying and starting a family. Of note is that Mr.Heidemann, Mr. Grappatin, Mr. Berning, and Miss Millies (Knoepel) became friends to me instead of teachers and I even "hung out" for a season with a group of bluegrass fans that included Mr. Borcharding. Oh, how things change in a few short years! I didn't totally embrace it at the time but the Christian education I received at LHN played an important part in grounding me in my faith in Jesus Christ. Equally important to the shaping of my character was my strong friendship with Kris, Cheryl and Chris and their commitment to faith in Christ. Cheryl, Chris and I are very close friends to this day and we get together as often as we can. My most treasured memories are the time spent with my three close friends, but also all the other interesting interactions with classmates. My four years of choir were a highlight and of course, Mr Elling will always have my heart. My other favorite teachers include Miss Schmidt (Gauger), Miss Tjernagel and Mr. Bobzin. My husband, Bill, retired in 2011 and we love to travel. I also spend time with our kids, grandkids and friends. I like to scrapbook and have done a book for 7 of the grandkids so far. I also love my water aerobics class of 10 years and attend faithfully 3-4 times a week.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Trusting in Him has been everything to me...joy, peace, comfort, wisdom, hope for eternity and an abundance of love



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"Working with computers" has no final point of "expertise". After you become an expert at a system, it gets replaced & you need to learn one or more new ones, to be employable. The problem-solving mindset continues, but the toolbox keeps changing. I took a summer class in typing. I was dreadful at it - I think I got a D, & someone mercifully overlooked it for my GPA. But now, ironically, I use those keyboard skills every day of my life. I remember when we had trigonometry class in the typewriter room in the afternoon. Bill Blohm fell asleep, leaning on a typewriter. We all tiptoed out & left him there. He rushed into chemistry class, late, afterward. Still employed in tech support of HR/Payroll at IIT, because I enjoy SOME parts of my work. To be honest, I spend a lot of time reading/watching items posted by intelligent people on twitter, & articles/videos they suggest. I support moderate, responsible cannabis use (at appropriate times & places). "The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running." (From a poster I've had for many years!)



Pat Natschke Lenius

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Husband: Joe Lenius; daughter, Jennifer; pets: dog, Gina; cat: Fluffernutter; cockatiels: Bandido, Prince, Chips, Peachy Lu; parakeet. Other family: mother, Barbara Natschke; siblings: Debbie Natschke, Sandi Hovet, Karl, Steve, Connie, Fred, Dan (all Natschke); nieces, nephews, aunt, uncles, cousins. After starting as a secretary at a publishing company I moved into editorial as a reporter on a trade magazine and have spent more than 35 years as a writer/reporter/editor/proofreader on trade magazines. Been a freelance writer since 2011.

Honors English classes at LHN all four years reinforced my love for reading and writing and led to the formation of some lifelong friendships. Sue Parpart and Carol (Becker) Henderson were bridesmaids at my wedding and remain close friends.

Favorite Blue & Gold assignment: measuring male teachers' sideburns for an article. Loved playing pinochle in the Senior Union our senior year. Enjoyed performing pom routine to "Hair" for a teacher/student game. Met Tommy James & the Shondells at LHN. Love animals; attend Wisconsin State Fair annually with my daughter; enjoy TV and movies, nature trails, family parties, Skipbo with my mom; continue to write freelance articles and like attending trade shows and conferences; value my church, St. Mark Lutheran.

While a part-time night student at Wright Junior College in early 1970s, I ran for Homecoming Queen (did not win); served on student council as Night Student Ombudsman, and acted in some plays. Also attended DePaul's School for New Learning.



Marti Hemwall

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Family Facts—Peterson (spouse), two daughters - Maren and Emily. Since high school I have worked as a food service worker (college), a camp director in the Dominican Republic, a salesperson in clothing stores, a food stamps and welfare case worker in St. Louis, a housekeeper for a wealthy family in Rhode Island, a college professor, dean of student academic affairs (Lawrence University), a consultant on academic advising to liberal arts colleges and a grantmaker and vice president for the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. I guess I am the product of a liberal arts education! After transferring in (to Luther) from a large urban high school, I found the sense of community and caring to be astonishing and life changing. I learned that serendipity determines most of what happens in life no matter how hard we try to use logic to control our path. Vacation Fun—The Northwoods of Wisconsin where I have vacationed since I was a baby.



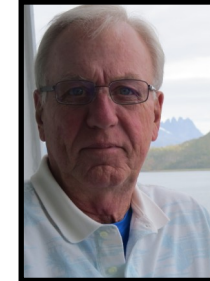
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Spouse: Kenneth Bruce Cameron (goes by "Bruce", no children, 3 pets who are our surrogate children: Maxx (a 135 lb Boerboel (South African Mastiff. 2 yrs old), and two rescue cats: Millie and Molly :)) multiple nieces and nephews in Canada (Bruce is a dual citizen. Canada and the US). Work Life — Medical for 35 years.. now retired due to multiple joint replacements (I'm practically bionic. Lol). Luther Impact—Wonderful school with strong values.. hear that it either is closed or is closing which is very sad but the world is changing! Favorite teacher: Ms Schmidt, favorite class: German with Mrs Vragel, history with Ms Schmidt.. favorite memory: helping to build a homecoming float either Jr or Sr year , and senior prom at the Pick Congress hotel (Larry Lujack was mc). Current Interests— House redecoration, enjoying our house and grounds, spending time with our animals, living a peaceful quiet life with my spouse. Lifelong learning—So many things: live your life the way you were taught is right, treat everyone well regardless of how they treat you!, no matter how challenging things become they will eventually either resolve or pass, the important things are how you treat folks and the grace with which you respond to others. Set an example, be an example. In my mid to late 20s I sang classics and Broadway in some downtown venues which are now all gone! Vacation Fun—Vienna for its beauty and history, Dubai for its wonder and friendliness, and Doha Qatar for the memories and friends we both made when Bruce was there with a joint venture between Mobil Oil and the government of Qatar (RasGas)... with whom we are still in contact from all over the world, and Hawaii for its beauty.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm! Whatever good you can do in this life do it for life is short ! Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return!



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Wife Nury, Daughter Shannon (son-in-law Robert), Son Paul (daughter in law Jenna). Lost "Lexus", my very faithful 4 - legged furry friend a while back.

Having worked directly on the Space Shuttle Program for 31+ years was both rewarding and inspiring for me, especially since many of the astronauts we launched were my neighbors and parents of my children's best friends.

Luther Impact— actually learned a little Latin !!

Luther Memories—Drag racing, or just cruising. Double Zs pizza.

Since retiring on June 30, 2017, I enjoy bike riding, running, traveling, teaching workshops for small business owners for the University of Houston and, volunteering at our local animal shelter.

How fortunate we were in 1969 that we weren't inundated with social media. We actually had to talk to each other and even occasionally write and mail greeting/birthday cards and letters. Much more personal in '69! Since loosing a bet with my son which required me to quit smoking in the late 90's, I began running and continue running 1/2 marathons today as well as having run the full Chicago LaSalle Street Marathon in 2006 (it was 33 degrees that day!). Also, the fact that I today still have a pristine 1964 Chevy Super Sport in my garage that I love driving (I guess some things never change)! Vacation Fun—Any place that I haven't been to or visited before!

Words of Wisdom—1) I Corinthians 13: 1 - 13. 2) Isaiah 40: 31. 3) "You leave what you live." 4) "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened!"



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I have been married to Scott Duncan for 33 years. We have a son, Nick and lovely daughter-in-law, Caroline. We have two cats, Sammie and Harry. Since graduating from SIU in 1973, I have worked in marketing. I have held positions ranging from Assistant Director of Admissions, Creative Services Supervisor and Director of Communication Services at DeVry; Associate VP of Marketing at National Louis University; Director of Marketing at Kendall College; as well as Principal of MC Marketing and Communications. Most recently I was responsible for marketing at Park Ridge Public Library.

I value the sound education I got at LHN. I remember the fun we had in the ski club; working on the yearbook and student newspaper (it seems that became the foundation for my future career interests); and also remember the Junior class trip to St. Louis. I am retired--though I may continue free lancing after I get my back fixed. We enjoy travelling the world (cruising) and skiing. I still read voraciously and my latest endeavor is knitting.

Curiosity and lifelong learning is what keeps one young at heart. I consider myself technically literate (because I got tired of having my son tell me, "mom did you google it?"). Considering LHN was quite conservative, I guess people would be surprised how liberal I have become. Of course that could have been a side effect of growing up in the sixties. My favorite sport is to ski in Utah. However, we pick different locations for annual cruises. (We like that the ship travels at night and we frankly got tired of lugging our suitcases up hotels that don't have elevators.) We have travelled throughout Europe, the British Isles and Scandinavia, and also visited Japan and Russia.

"Never give up" and "build bridges not walls."



Roxanna Schultz

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Worked over 25 years at Colorado Springs Utilities and remain close to the people I spent so many years working together. We have annual retiree lunches and it is like a family reunion when we meet twice a year. Well singing in choir was a wonderful time for me and one of the highlights of my high school years was going on the choir tours. Friendships made - some still connected after all these years and others I would love to hear from again.

I do remember the time Carol Peterson and I interviewed Irv Kupcinet for journalism class and working on the school paper - what was it called - The Blue and Gold I think. I think we were pretty gutsy to do that! Home Room with Miss Roberts, she wrote a saying for the day on the blackboard and we really gave her a hard time about them being silly but she had a good heart and I wish I could have told her I appreciated her when I was an adult and understood how much she cared about all her students. I have become addicted to felting - needle felting, wet felting, nuno felting and the newest technique I learned this Spring called "upwolfing". I make little critters and scarves, hats and mittens. I also scrapbook with a group from my church and will be starting on a memory book on my grandmother next.

Life is short so make the most of it always looking forward without regrets. Learn from the mistakes. Try to find joy where you are. Look for the blessings that come even from the difficult times. I spent over 20 years line dancing and participating in line dance competitions. I am no longer able to dance because of arthritis in my feet and ankles but still try to get together with the old gang at the Pikes Peak or Bust Line Dance Event each Summer.

"The fewer the words, the better the prayer." Martin Luther.



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Family Facts—Sister Helen, still in family home on Major Ave., in Chicago. She lives with my niece, Katy. Nephew Jimmy lives in Chicago with his wife. Brother, Jim, lives in Daytona Beach with wife, Char. His son, Nicholas, my nephew, lives in San Diego with his wife, Jenn. **Work Life**—I work for Solano County as an attorney for the Public Defender's Office. **Luther Impact**—Helped me reach my potential. **Luther Memories**—Favorite Teacher: Mr. Mathias. **Current Interests**— I race on a sailing team, racing sailboats in San Francisco Bay. I enjoy outdoor activities and like to hike and rollerblade and ski. **Lifelong Learning**—Nothing is as fleeting as the years. **You'd be Surprised to Know**—About my love of racing sailboats and being part of a crew on a sailboat racing team. **Vacation Fun**—Switzerland. The sheer beauty of the country, the kindness of the people; low crime rate.

Nike (just do it!!!)



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Family Facts—Husband Russell Nowak. Children Kristin Nemitz, Matthew Nemitz. Daughter-in-law Kathy. Five grandchildren Hunter, Morgan, Cameron, Logan and Kelsey. Only current pet is Daisy. Previously Koko, Bailey, Cassie, Amber, Alex and Smokey.

Work Life—Started in banking at North West Federal S&L in mortgage loan department. Transitioned to healthcare, working for private practice of five OB Gyne physicians, as Office Manager. Last major change was to public service at Elk Grove Township in General Assistance Dept. Began as caseworker determining eligibility and processing applications for public aid benefits. Ended as General Assistance Administrator for the Township.

Luther Memories—Mrs. Vragel's German classes. Miss Heidorn in Office Practice and Shorthand. Enjoyed Ski Club, especially trip to Manistee Michigan, losing my ski at the top of the hill. Remember Joy running into the tree!

Current Interests—Regularly attend Tai Chi classes. Enjoy gardening and taking art classes at the Senior Center - watercolor and pastels.

Lifelong Learning—Patience is a virtue that I practice daily. Learn to "stop and smell the roses".

Let Go and Let God.



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Work Life—Retired attorney.



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Family Facts—I've been married to my wife, Jan, for 44 years. She's a retired Lutheran School teacher. We have two children; a son Mark who's a high school English teacher and the head coach of the girls' cross country and track & field teams at Cary-Grove High School. Our daughter is an attorney and is the General Counsel for a medical society. We have five grandsons.

Work Life—I retired in June 2014 after 36 plus years with the IRS. The bulk of my career was spent in the Appeals Division, where I attempted to negotiate the settlement of tax disputes between taxpayers and the IRS. In 2011, I was honored to be named the IRS Appeals Officer of the Year.

Luther Impact- The quality Christian education that I received has influenced me to try and treat all people justly and fairly.

Luther Memories—My favorite memories were my participation in sports (football and baseball) and student government, and the influence that my coaches and teammates had on my life.

Vacation Fun—Baileys Harbor, WI. My wife and I own a condo on Lake Michigan in Door County; it is a place where we can truly relax and enjoy all that Door County has to offer.

Zechariah 7:9 - This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Administer true justice: show mercy and compassion to one another."



John Kunz

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Family Facts—Fiancee: Christina.

Luther Impact—I met most of my best friends during my years at Luther North.

Luther Memories—I still want to know why the girl I liked - wouldn't go to the prom with me.

Current Interests—I still work but I like building stuff.

Lifelong Learning—We never landed on the moon!

You'd be Surprised to Know—I did OK. (I think of the girls from Luther that missed their chance.)

Vacation Fun—Motorcycle touring through the Western states and Canada.



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Looking out on the deck at 100 acres of beautiful land to enjoy life New Zealand & Australia. We as a family had a great time.



Ed Basler

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I have been happily married to the love of my life Cathi since 1976, I have four children and 6 grandchildren so far. My Wife and I planted and Pastored 3 different churches over the years and also ran an International Youth Organization for 15 years working with at risk youth.

I am currently CEO of a precision machining company supplying parts for the agricultural and automotive industries. Not looking to retire anytime soon, having too much fun with kids involved in the business!

Luther gave me amazing friendships that have lasted over the years. Miss my friends Dan Chobot and Kerry Krug. Loved being in the rock group "All Souled Out" throughout high school and playing at dances and the famous basement parties. Besides working I spend a lot of time with my 6 grandchildren, traveling, and motorcycling the back roads of America.

The most important relationship a person can have is with Jesus Christ. He is the key to an abundant, meaningful life. In 1980 I was given 2 days to live by a team of 3 doctors with the worst case of pancreatitis known at the time in Illinois. I was dramatically healed off my death bed after a local church came and prayed for me. I am forever grateful for these many extra years of life.

Vacation Fun—Disney World because it makes my kids and grandchildren so happy, and Israel , the amazing land of the Bible. So Cool !

Proverbs 3:5&6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.



Kathie Korn

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Family Facts— Son Grant; daughter Corinne; dog Mango.

Luther memories—The Big Snow of 1967.

Current Interests— Gardening.

Lifelong learning— French classes at Alliance Francaise (filling in a gap in LHN curriculum); docent training at 2nd Presbyterian, a National historic Landmark; variety of non-credit classes at Cornell in Ithaca, NY.

Vacation Fun - I like cities with good art museums.



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My husband is Ted Johnson, (Walther'69). We have two children, Megan and Michael. Megan lives with her two daughters in Farmington, Minnesota and Michael lives in Ft. Worth, Texas. I met Ted during our freshman year at Concordia University in River Forest. We were called to serve the Lord as teachers in Denver, Colorado. I taught 3rd grade and Ted taught at Denver Lutheran High School.

Luther Impact—It was a great school to spend my high school years.

Luther Memories—Building the senior float for Homecoming, football games, student counsel.

Current Interests—Enjoying the entertainment Las Vegas provides. My life's journey has taken me to Colorado, Oklahoma, Illinois, Texas, and Nevada. Vacation Fun—Denver because of wonderful memories, great friends, trips to the mountains, and Denver Bronco games.



Roswitha Sabo-Spector

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My husband, Art, and I have two wonderful sons. Christopher is a Registered ER Nurse at Northwestern University Hospital. He and wife, Anne, along with their son, Henry, who will be 3 in November, are expecting a new addition to the family at the end of August. Jonathan is a US International Soccer Player and spent 14 years playing in the UK. He recently returned home to play for Orlando City for 2 seasons. He and wife, Olivia, have two sons. Monroe will be 5 in January and Arden will be 2 in November. They are all our pride and joy. We are so blessed. Hayley, our long-haired red Dachshund, was a very special member of our family and a sweet and loving companion for 16 years. She left a deep imprint on our hearts and is missed terribly.

I was the first female to be promoted to Assistant Buyer at Walgreens Corporate Office---it was the early Seventies!

My education at Luther North reinforced the beliefs and teachings from home that my parents had instilled in me.

Enjoyed the school trips, as well as extra curricular trips with Ski Club. Being a Gym Leader was such a great learning experience as well as a lot of fun! Realized later in life that being a part of Office Staff was really an honor and great learning opportunity. Also came to the realization that secret "crushes" need to remain secret!

Life is still full of travel and adventure. Sometimes it's following our son's soccer career wherever that may take us and sometimes it's watching our grandsons learning how to swim or having lunch with Mickey Mouse! We have visited many exotic places around the world for both business and pleasure with our sons--from Notre Dame Cathedral to the Moulin Rouge, from a Lion Safari in Africa to visiting family in Germany. Our most recent getaway was in Lake Geneva for Christmas with the entire family. Our family has gotten bigger---our lives have gotten fuller!

Learning is just that: Lifelong. Never stop opening your heart and mind to all that Life has to offer and you have to give.

A loving heart is the truest wisdom. Charles Dickens.



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Family Facts - Merle Ann Loman - partner. Hannah Knich (41) - daughter. Lucas Mauer (35) - son. Tristin Knich (13), Tait Knich (11) - grandchildren. Frieda - dog. Mowat and Molly - cats. Have been a professional fishing guide for 35 years. Have been a semi-pro musician for 40 years - Bluegrass, Folk, Celtic, and Blues. Luther Impact - Relationships. Our '69 class was like family. Luther memories - Loved going to basketball games. Marlin Zobel recruited some great players and it was fun to witness. Current Interests - Fishing, hiking, skiing, playing music with my friends. We are a lifelong outdoorsmen. Lifelong Learning - One must always pursue your dreams. Do not suppress them. You'd be Surprised to Know - Well I guess we are a dedicated musician. That may be surprising. vacation Fun - I live in a vacation spot! We take advantage of the opportunities to recreate here in Montana. No good deed goes unpunished. Don't expect to be rewarded for good deeds. - but do them anyway.



Juanita Ebert

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My work has been along two streams. First as a social worker working at a Salvation Army Center in Uptown Chicago for 22 years and then as a Lutheran Deaconess serving 13 at a church in Madison, WI and now working on completing 6 years at a church in Seward, Ne. Listening to someone at a career day speak about social work was partially responsible for my decision to study that field in college and ultimately to enter the profession. I have fond memories of working on the yearbook staff and singing in choir. I'm still working full-time through the end of January 2020, but in my spare time read mysteries and enjoy gardening and walking. The Indiana Dunes was my favorite 'get-away' spot when I still lived in Chicago. Just enjoyed the lakefront, the breeze and sunshine. My favorite Bible verse is in Romans 8 - where it reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God.



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Family Facts—John Lambkin, husband; Brandon Lambkin, son; Sarah, daughter-in-law; Zoe` Lambkin, granddaughter; Fur Babies: the dogs: Levi, Lacy, Lugs & Sonic and the cats: Callie and Ebony Favorite Nieces and Nephews: Ross, Brian, Meghan Fujibayashi and Ginny Caballero and Josh Warren; Also, 4 great nieces and nephews, Kameko, Elyse, Charlie and Akira Fujibayashi . **Work Life**—My favorite position was working for a non-profit. The Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House. I worked there for 12 years helping cancer patients and their family deal with their concerns and whatever needs they had. My favorite story is about a 12 year old with ovarian cancer who had lost most of her hair. A boy made fun of her and she wanted a wig. At the time we did not have wigs for children. But I found her wig in a cabinet that we did not keep wigs in. It was her color, length and style. I still believe an angel put it there because I was praying that I would find a wig for her.

Luther Impact—Made believe in myself. **Luther Memories**—My favorite memory is my 16th birthday. My friends made a poster and put it on my locker. It was a very special day thanks to friends!!! **Current Interests**—Spending time with family, especially my husband and granddaughter and some very special great nieces and nephews. **Lifelong Learning**— How precious life is and that God is always by my side. **You'd be Surprised to Know**—That I am a Priest in my church and have performed several weddings.

Vacation Fun— The Gaylord in Nashville. It is a beautiful resort, with waterfalls and plants

Your attitude is everything!!! You can do it if you believe you can!!!



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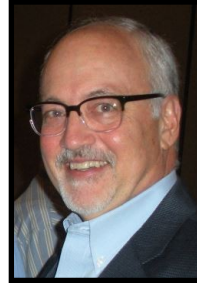
Family Facts - David Finley - husband. Hayley Finley (age 33) - daughter. Connor Finley (age 29) - son.

Work Life—I currently work front desk Radiology in The Women's Imaging Center at a nearby hospital. No, I am not ready to retire, but I like working 3 days a week.

Current Interests - Hiking, traveling, reading, visiting new breweries, dogsitting for friends.

Lifelong Learning - Don't cut your bangs after a few glasses of wine.

Vacation Fun - I'll say France because my daughter lives there. I also love northern New Mexico and anywhere in Colorado.



David Gibbons

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Family Facts - Souse - Monica (Zack) Gibbons, Class of 1971. Daught - Rachel. Sons - Matthew and Michael. 5 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

Work Life - Currently retires builder/ construction remodeler. Last 9 years - drove Special Ed students ages 19-22 to their jobs and community sites for a school district.

Luther Impact - Forged lifelong friendships.

Current Interests - Working on home projects and fishing.

Vacation Fun - Tomahawk, WI. Spending time with family at our cabins there.

Peter Buerger

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Family Life—My wife Ginny and I have been married 41 years, our 2 children (Fritz and Jane) are both married and together have 5 grandchildren.

Work Life—My career has been in finance and accounting with roles ranging from public accounting to CFO at a variety of businesses. I've had multiple experiences in 'Bunny' businesses as I was a finance director for Playboy and CFO for the Company that makes Blue Bunny ice cream.

Luther Memories—Traveling with the choir for the IL Sesquicentennial and to Europe; standing at the corner of State and Madison with Bruschuk, Anderson and Witkowski trying to sell Christmas records; being coached by Wes Bauman for 2 years in Cross Country, building our Junior year class float.

Current Interests—Walk, sail, bike ride, work in the yard, volunteer and serve on the board of our local neighborhood association.

Lifelong learning—How to sail. That I've always liked Jazz music.

There is no such thing as a free lunch' and 'in the long run, we are all dead' (Lord Keynes).

Arthur (Art) Lorenz

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Family Life—Wife: Martha Children: Brandon & Jason Grandchildren: Ashley & Catie; Michael, Maria, James & David Pets: Two rescue dogs - Patches & Bailey.

Work Life—General Electric Company - Electrical Engineer, Industrial Automation Technology - 19 years; International Paper Company (Hamilton Ohio Mill) - EE for Mill Maintenance - 9 years; Ford Motor Company (Powertrain Division) Sharonville Transmission Plant - EE for Manufacturing Automation & Controls - 18 years, so far.

Current Interests—Enjoy working on: Home Improvement projects & Landscaping; Automotive repairs and performance modifications; Shooting sports - Handguns, Rifles & Shotguns; Computers & Audiophile sound systems.

Lifelong learning—Don't let "Perfect" get in the way of "Good Enough".

You'd Be Surprised to Know—As a young Engineer just out of college and on a work assignment with GE in Roanoke, Virginia, a pretty girl caught my eye as our group was being escorted on a tour of the factory. Subsequently, I dated this "Southern Belle" for a whole six weeks before making the leap and proposing. Today, some 46 years later, we're still happily married and enjoying life.

John Negele

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Spouse: Marguerite Negele
Children: 4; **Grandchildren:** 5;
Greatgrandchildren: 1.

Work Life—Lutheran Pastor. Serving in Bay City, MI; Brownstown, MI; Waterford, MI. Retired in November, 2018. **Luther Impact—**Planted seeds for going into ministry, although unaware of it at the time. **Luther Memories—**Posed for underclassmen section of '66 yearbook in school chapel, wearing Larry Galvin's school sweater. **Current Interests—**Having weekends and holidays available to be with family. Playing golf. Reading all the books I never got to while working. **Lifelong Learning—**Greatest meaning in life comes through being there for others, especially those in need. **You'd Be Surprised to Know—**Going into the ministry. **Vacation Fun—**Home. Most relaxing. **Words of Wisdom—**Micah 6:8 - What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.



Kathleen Loan Nelson

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Family Facts—Art and I are blessed to be married almost forty three years. We have two terrific children; a daughter Mika, a son Stephen, and six awesome grandchildren Kylie, Stephen, Grace, Will, Maddy and Gavin. Mika and Rick along with their children Grace and Gavin reside in Pennsylvania. Steve and Suzanne and their children live in Northern Illinois. We love to spend time with our family.

Current Interests—Walking on the beach. We live close to South Padre Island, Texas. It's great to walk on the smooth sand. Time spent at the beach always calms me.

Lifelong Learning—My cancer diagnosis made me realize I could face any obstacle and survive. I discovered I was stronger and tougher than I thought. I had two different kinds of cancer. One was stage three because it was a very aggressive cancer. Treatment was done at a teaching hospital, Penn Med in Philadelphia, which made all the difference in the world. My faith has strengthened and I am reminded how great our God is. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to live. I enjoy my days and appreciate all the ordinary ones. Each day is a blessing. Life is good.

You'd Be Surprised to Know—Art and I retired early to travel throughout our beautiful country in an RV. We have had many amazing adventures. We were fortunate to enjoy great road trips with our oldest grandkids Kylie and Stephen. An RV has all the comforts of home! We sold our home over a decade ago and live full time in our RV.

Favorite Words of Wisdom—Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5



Kathleen Bartlett Byrne

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Family Facts—Married to Dave Byrne. We have Megan Bartlett Byrne Keck (age 32), lives in Zionsville IN; and Austin Byrne (age 29) lives in Flagstaff AZ. We have one grandson, Andrew, 21 months. He will have a sibling on 9/13/19 and a cousin in October, 2019.

Work Life—I worked for my parents' business (CB Center of America) until 1981 (they sold it in 1979). Then I got into the tool steel business and sold steel for 20 years. In 1981 I was invited to play in a golf tournament for the Tooling & Manufacturing Assoc. They weren't sure I could play with them because no woman had ever attended their outings. I eventually became Chairman of the TMA Golf Committee!

Luther Memories—On a Ski Club trip to Wilmot our senior year, I took a fall (it had been a warm day & started to freeze when the sun went down). One side of my face was scraped up and my glasses broke down the middle. Sue Graef had to drive my dad's car back to Chicago. The next day in English class, Mr. Rousch (sp?) had a moment of silence for me!

Current Interests—I enjoy reading, travelling and playing golf. I also make Christmas stockings for family & friends.

Lifelong Learning—Enjoy life!

Vacation Fun—Maui -- relax & enjoy the weather!



Susan Graef Freise

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Family Life—I have 4 children Elizabeth, Mark, Ann and Erin. All live near except Elizabeth who lives and works in LA. Mark is married. He and Lyndsey have my 3 wonderful grandchildren. Lucas is 6, Caitlyn is 4 and Lauren is 4 months. I care for my grandchildren each Thursday.

Work Life—For the first 10 years after college I worked in the insurance business in claims, underwriting and as an agent selling property and casualty insurance. It was interesting to be a part of the first women working in the industry. After I worked part time for 20 years in my former husband’s Law office. I truly enjoyed raising my 4 children and being involved with all their activities. Now I’m retired part time and work in a small boutique in historic Snohomish.

Luther Impact—The greatest impact was serving on student council. It taught me how important it is to be involved and serve. It was fun being in the production of “Bye Bye Birdie”.

Current Interests — I enjoy traveling. In March, 2019, I had a wonderful trip to Israel. I also enjoy traveling around the country to stay in close contact with family and friends. I enjoy taking day hikes whenever I am able to enjoy the beautiful State of Washington.

Lifelong Learning—I have enjoyed being part of many Bible Studies. I attended and was part of leadership for 14 years in Bible Study Fellowship.

Vacation Fun—Spending time with family and friends around the country like Illinois, Arizona, Colorado and North Carolina. I have had 2 wonderful trips visiting the national parks in the western part of our country. My favorites are the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park.

Favorite Words of Wisdom—Psalm 23 is and was a great comfort to me during an especially difficult time in my life.



Micky Randazzo

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Work Life—Owner of Banner Moulded Products.

Luther Impact—Baseball and meet my wife Lynnette Howard.

Luther Memories—Ms. Schmidt.

Current Interests—Golf.

Lifelong Learning— Save money.

You’d Be Surprised to Know— CEO of Banner Moulded Products with 30 employees.

Vacation Fun— Arizona , we have a house there and always see Jim and Lynn Petersen.

Favorite Words of Wisdom— Prodigal Son



Tom Golz

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Family Facts—Janet Hasz (my wife), Lily and Bella (our cats).

Work Life—Thanks to my dropping out of college after my first semester, I had a long series of jobs all the way up until my mid-50s, from factory work, to retail sales, to tree planting, to lab testing, to community organizing. Volunteer organizing around the Nuclear Freeze and Chicago school reform opened up a new career life in nonprofits for me, not to mention found me a wife. It also led me back school to earn a master's degree in public administration from Roosevelt University when I was 44. I ended my career as a corporate and foundation fundraiser at University of Illinois at Chicago, where I worked for 11 years

Luther Impact—I've never had such a total sense of community since I left Luther. I think it is because of Luther that I've gravitated towards organizations that are mission-oriented. I also give credit to all my English teachers for giving me a good foundation in writing that has stayed with me throughout my life. Also, kudos to my cousin Carol who also taught me another life-long skill—typing!

Luther Memories— I got in trouble for writing an editorial that chapel services in the gym were boring. A board member asked that I be expelled and Principal Duensing interrogated me about whether or not I believed that Jesus Christ was Lord.

You'd be Surprised to Know—I didn't get a college degree until I was 44.

Favorite Words of Wisdom—The most difficult thing in life is to accept yourself for who you are.



Gary L. Williams

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Family Life—My girlfriend Alison and my cat, Bobbicat. Have a daughter still living in Elk Grove, Ill.

Work Life—I worked as a union carpenter in Chicago .

Luther Impact—I appreciate the good morals instilled by my time at Luther.

Luther Memories—I was shocked to see Barbara Berthlein had passed. I had a crush on her in HS. I was shocked to see how many of our classmates have passed on.

Current Interests—I live in a active adult community called PebbleCreek. When I first retired I played golf everyday. Now I play golf occasionally and pickleball 5 days a week. I have a 35' cabin cruiser on nearby Lake Pleasant. I have a Acura MDX and a Mustang GT convertible which I like to tinker with. I spent most of July in Colorado this year. The last 5 years I've spent time in SoCal in the Summer.

Lifelong Learning—I have learned to be positive, kind and appreciate everyday. Understand to be tolerant to unhappy people. Life can be hard.

You'd Be Surprised to Know—I'm happy to be living away from the Chicago weather. Didn't really enjoy HS that much. It was a time of hormones and acne. **Vacation Fun**—I love San Diego and all the SoCal beach towns. Colorado would be my second best place to be. A beach in Mexico would be my third favorite.

Do onto others as you would have them do unto you.



Nancy Koetke Roach

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Family Facts—Nathan (spouse for 42 years) Nathan (first son) Kyle (daughter in law) Zachary 9 Lucy 6 (grandchildren) Zachary (second son February 1983-August 1984) Joshua (third son) Lydia (daughter in law) Madeline 3 Josephine 18months Annie (daughter) Zach (son in law).

Work Life—I was still competing at the college level when I began coaching in 1970. In 1979 I opened Flips Gymnastics in Sparks, Nevada. I coached and taught all ages, but was mostly focused on the competitive side of the gym. In 1980 I began working with the National Gymnastic program preparing girls for International Competitions such as World Championships and Olympics. I began choreographing for gymnasts throughout the US and continue to do at this time. In 1996 NBC Sports offered me a position as a Statistician at the 96 Atlanta Olympics which continued for the next 20 years. This was a wonderful experience for me as well as my family. My career has allowed me to travel the world as a coach and an athlete. I have been to Eastern Block countries in the 1980's which made me thankful to be an American and attended 7 Olympics. Most of all I am blessed to have worked with so many athletes while helping them accomplish their goals, whether it was as an International competitor or receive a college scholarship.

Luther Impact—Having the opportunity to attend a private High School with a spiritual influence and smaller class size.

Current Interests—My husband and I enjoy time almost every weekend at our Tahoe cabin. We love to snow ski and snowshoe in the winter. In the summer we hike in the sierra mountains as well as Yosemite and the pacific northwest where we have family.

Lifelong Learning—Keep an open mind.

Vacation Fun— Africa...the people were very grateful for what ever they had in life. That interaction along with the animals makes for a very spiritual experience.



Don Benson

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Family facts— wife.....3 kids, 5 grandchildren.

Work Life— Investment Banking
Credit Suisse.

Luther Impact— Honesty and a great academic base.

Luther Memories—Basketball, Senior Lounge, Great Choir.

Current Interests— re-tired...golf..travel...grandkids.

Lifelong Learning— Family and Friends is everything.

Vacation Fun—Fontana, Wisconsin



Phillip J. Battaglia

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Family Facts— Married 31 years to Carol. We have two daughters: Barbara & Emma.

Work Life—Worked 28 years with the “Bell System” most of the time doing Project Management at AT&T/Lucent Technologies/Bell Laboratories for new worldwide product development and initial product deployment. From 1984-1991 I was actively involved in transitioning operational elements related to the AT&T breakup. Most recent 11 work years were spent with the City of Chicago Department of Public Health – Emergency Preparedness and Public Response Bureau addressing emergency communications and chemical/nerve agent response management.

Luther Impact—Attending Luther North taught me that much of a person’s success is dependent on the effort put into it. Also, if you need to get an important task or activity done, “assign it to a busy person”.

Luther Memories—Most significant memories were being a member of the A Cappella choir with the wonderful opportunities for traveling and performing throughout Illinois and Europe. Many wonderful friendships were made and remain as a result of attending Luther.

Current interest is directed towards transitioning from work into retirement where leisure and travel become the norm.

Lifelong learning has taught me to be an attentive listener, respectful of differing views yet more confident of my own.

Vacation Fun—Backpacking in the Sierra Mountains California. Enjoy the adventure, beauty and ruggedness of this area.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you but also realize that there may be times when you may also have to “turn the other cheek”.



Dorothy Carol Manz Tasian

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Family Facts—Husband-Gerald; son (son and daughter; five grandchildren) 2 shelter dogs.

Work Life - Over twenty five years with public school system in Nutrition and Food Service: Human Resources.

Current Interests—Assisting in grandchildren childcare; gardening, gym workouts, travel.

You’d be Surprised to Know— Avid gym participant-daily early morning workouts at the gym.

Vacation Fun— Colorado-extended family vacations together.



Joyce Kapchinski Paugh

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Current Interests—Retired July 1, 2017.

Lifelong Learning— Keep in touch with the people you care about.

Favorite Words of Wisdom—Life is a journey not a destination.



Diane Harrington

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Family Facts—Just my dog, Noelle of 4 years--pitbull.

Work Life—Flight attendant for 16 years; Brainiff International Airways; Gucci Fragrance rep (#1 out of 10 Dallas metroplex malls); Fernand Aubry Cosmetics makeup artist x 2 yrs (#1 in nation and won trip to Paris, France 1993); Homebuilder sales consultant 1993 (United Homecraft-#1 out of 9 communities first 6 mos.); Homebuilder sales consultant 1994 (David Weekley Homes); Medical Transcriptionist '95-'07: Aurora Community Hospital, Aurora, MO, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, LifeCare Hospital of Dallas, Medical Center of Mesquite, TX, Touchstone MRI (self employed 2001-2007). Licensed insurance agent '08 to present (retirement investments only-annuities-independent contractor with top in nation-self employed). Independent associate for Legal Shield (prior PrePaid Legal company) and sell legal plans and identity theft plans, which are #1 in the nation!! Kim Dawson model (Chicago Playboy Bunny).

Luther Impact— Voice training-in choirs and touring Europe with A Cappella Choir in 1969!! Luther Memories—Mr. Matthias. Secret crush: John Simko.

Current Interests— Choir at First Baptist Dallas with Pastor Jeffress (on TV); waterskiing in summer; life with my pitbull; flowers and landscaping; selling annuities-retirement investments.

Lifelong Learning—1. Never say the words: "never" or "always". 2. Put God first in your life and God honors when you pay a "tithe" to the church to support the Gospel. 3. I will never do "hospice care" again as I did for my mother whom I moved down from Chicago and who lived with me for 18 years. 4. Bury the past or the past will bury you. 5. Take care of your health if you want to live a long, healthy, fully functional life to a ripe old age and not end up in a nursing home.

You'd be Surprised to Know—I have had eight proposals and was only married to one of them (who was 10 years younger) for 4 years and I always thought I would remarry and have kids but just was working too hard to support myself and have a comfortable, independent, debt-free life....I have owned 4 homes and am so blessed, happy, and fulfilled---guess some times you don't know what you're missing. Vacation Fun—I have traveled quite a bit being a flight attendant for 16 years and cannot narrow it down, but if forced, I guess I love Hawaii and have been there probably 25 times.

Favorite Words of Wisdom—I have so many favorites....I am the "walking Word". Proverbs 16:3 Amplified version: "Roll your works upon the Lord committing and trusting them wholly to Him and He will cause your thoughts to be in agreement to His Will and so shall your plans be established and have good success".



John Simko

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Family Facts - Married Linda Cayton in 1972. (Diane Buchanan... thanks for throwing the Saturday night basement party where we met.) We have 2 children and raising them has been the most important and most gratifying part of our lives. Kathryn (Kate) is married and has a son going on 2 years old. She has Music degrees from Northwestern and the Royal College of Music. She moved to London in 2012 to attend graduate school and they have settled down there. Kate is a professional musician, and while in Grad school, formed the London Electronic Orchestra. She travels professionally and has been to at least 40 countries. Stephen is a bachelor and has a Finance Degree and a Charter Financial Analyst designation/certificate (the equivalent of an MBA). Most recently he has been an oil and gas industry analyst at Morningstar, and is coming off a 2 year sabbatical. He lives a Bohemian lifestyle...a modest apartment in Pilsen...a 3 speed bike and the El are his preferred modes of transportation...volunteers at a local food pantry...been in a few garage bands. Stephen is well read and is also a world traveler. I'm very proud of our kids. Suffice it to say that they have "landed on their feet".

Work Life - Have a B.A. from University of Chicago and a Law Degree from Loyola University of Chicago. Practiced in McHenry County from 1976 to 2012. Went to New Jersey in November 2012 to work on the aftermath of super storm Sandy and returned home in 2015. Presently, I'm General Counsel for Bear Construction Company in Rolling Meadows. Holding this position is a privilege and I plan to continue working as long as I can tie my shoes in the morning. The greatest benefit of this position has been the personal and professional growth I've experienced.

Luther Impact - LHN was a really good transition from a small Lutheran Grade school to the real world. I met lots of really interesting people. In retrospect, several male teachers have served as positive role models.

Luther Memories - Pizza at Double Z's after BB games; Saturday night basement parties; Junior year & European Choir tours; recording the A Cappella Christmas album at Jehovah Lutheran Church; senior lounge privileges; Pastor von Stroh's favorite phrase "Let God be God". Favorite teachers: Henry Elling; Gary Seevers; Harold Meier; Karl Helmkamp (who also was my 3rd-4th grade teacher at Bethel).

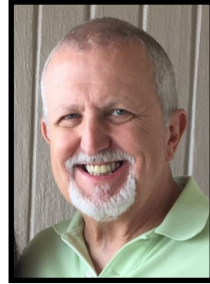
Current Interests - classical music; ecology; travel; cooking; gardening; building & construction. I volunteer at Loyola University's Retreat and Ecology Campus in Woodstock and presently involved in campus planning & development and land restoration (invasive species removal, tree cutting, ground burning, etc.) I enjoy cooking but don't pretend to be a gourmet cook. I'm pretty good at following directions on a recipe card. Also enjoy gardening and landscaping...it's my personal form of therapy.

Lifelong Learning - Life experiences cause humility. I am not the center of the Universe. Be a good listener.

You'd be Surprised to Know - I'm a life-long listener devotee of classical music & Opera. Especially fond of Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Dvorak & Verdi.

Vacation Fun - During Kate's college study abroad in Santiago, Chile, we took a family trip up to Macchu Pichu, Peru.

Favorite Words of Wisdom - Psalm 121.



Paul Barthel

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Family Facts - Three beautiful daughters with my first wife of 28 years. Jessie is 34 and a free spirit. Allie is 30 and very focused. Betsy, 29, is fun and wild and now starting to settle down. I was divorced and single for 10 years and now I am happily married to my beautiful wife for a year and a half.

Work Life - Kathy Loan helped me get hired at Illinois Bell while we were still in high school. I worked there and at successor companies for 32 years. My final posting was as a systems analyst. I retired at 50 years young in 2000. I worked at Ma Bell through college, and graduated from UIC in 1975 with a bachelors in Business Management. I got a second bachelors in Information Technology from Purdue.

Luther Impact - Luther gave me the fundamentals of my belief system.

Lifelong Learning - I became a born-again Christian in May of 1975 and then attended Moody Bible Institute's Advanced Studies program during 1977. What a year! and a great jump-start to my spiritual journey. I've worshiped and served at South Park Church in Park Ridge since 1977.

Vacation Fun - Maui.

Favorite Words of Wisdom - Ps 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Jer 29:11 – 13 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

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at our class website: http://www.classcreator.com/Chicago-Illinois-Luther-North-1969/class_index.cfm.

(Registration is free)

Share your reunion photos...email them to gdaniels@askdata.net and they will be uploaded to our class website.





Steve Baxter

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Family Facts—Wife - Joy. Son - Christopher. Daughter in law - Lena. Golden Retriever - Hunter.

Work Life—I retired from KBR last year after 46 years with the company. KBR (formally M W Kellogg and Brown & Root) is an international company with offices and projects around the world. During my time with the company and as the Global Engineering Operations Director I was given the opportunity to see many of the wonders of the world and experience the divergent cultures of people from 6 continents and over 25 countries. Travel song - Good Life by One Republic. Most interesting country - India. Easiest country - United Kingdom and Singapore. Most difficult country - Japan (outside of city centers). Coolest thing - King Tutankhamun's death mask.

Luther Impact—When I look back I see many people, places, events and experiences that over decades have shaped and reshaped me. I consider Luther North as a positive contributor to my life's everchanging tapestry.

Luther Memories—Watching our awesome basketball team.

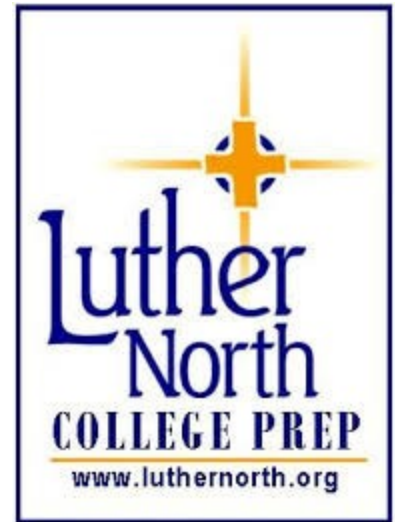
Current Interests—I enjoy reading, golf, stock day trading, gardening, tai chi, music, watching the Astros and after getting up at 5:00am for decades, just sleeping in. Volunteer work is in the future once I sort out what retirement is all about.

Lifelong Learning—You don't know what you don't know so don't stop listening, evaluating and learning.

You'd be Surprised to Know—I can do chair caning.

Vacation Fun—The Kaanapali Alii on Kaanapali Beach, Maui. The facility is beautiful and relaxing and the whole island is filled with beauty, inviting smells and the Aloha spirit.

Favorite Words of Wisdom—Don't look back, because something may be gaining on you - Satchel Paige. Don't cry because it's over, Smile because it happened - Dr. Seuss.



Messages
and
Greetings
from
classmates
that
could
not
attend
the
50th
reunion.



Jerry Aaron
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"Sorry we cant make it as we have other plans that week-end. Thank you."



Marie Alex
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"I am really sad that I'm not going to make the reunion. Sorry to miss this reunion. I will be out of the country. Be safe. Have fun. Send me some pictures and if I'm able to face time then, I'll be able to say hi to everyone myself."



Tom Anderson
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"Thanks for reaching out about this 50th. is that this year? wow. We will look at schedule and see how we can work this out."



Ed Basler
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(Ed had a wedding to attend and wishes everyone well.)



Maria Kraemer Bergmann
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"I regret that I will not be able to make it. I was planning on coming to the reunion but as of right now, it does not look like that will be a possibility. It sounds like it's going to be a nice reun-



Kathy Bartlett Byrne
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"It was a tough decision for me. Our daughter is delivering a baby the morning of the 13th and my Valpo sorority is having a reunion in downtown Chicago the same weekend. Have fun!"





Karen Demzien Connors

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"Unfortunately I won't be able to attend, had really hoped to but my husband's health and being in New Mexico seem to be interfering with it."



Jean Bone Cutlip

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"We have another commitment on that weekend. Hope you all have a wonderful time!."



Monika Czehak Duncan

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"Since I am having back surgery in August, I am not sure how long the recuperation will be."



Juanita Ebert

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"I'd like to be there, but unable to make the trip at this time. Hope everyone is doing well."



Kris O'Kelly Holland

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"Unfortunately I can't make it this year but wish it was different. Hopefully another



Susan Graef Freise

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"I'm sorry to miss. I have a family wedding in North Carolina."



Tom Cremer

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"Maybe next time."

Dorell Cizek Koon

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"Sadly we won't be able to be there."





William Krugler

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"It would have been great to see everyone at the reunion but I will not be able to attend. Hope everyone there has a great time! Maybe next time!"



John Kunz

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"Due to last minute complications, I just can't come. But please, do not cancel the event because of me. (I) am so sorry I cannot attend. I feel terrible, because; this may be the "last one." Give my best to Phil and Russ."



Wendy Fujibayashi Lambkin

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"I am not going to be able to make it. Several things have happened, first my husband had an accident which left him with a broken finger and multiple stitches in his right hand. Second, they have cut my hours at my part time job over the last two months and now the car is in need of repair. This shall pass. I was really looking forward to attending, but such is life."



Miguel Oscar

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"My working schedule won't allow me to attend."



Art Lorenz

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"Greetings from Art Lorenz in the Blue Grass State. Wow, 50 years sure went by quickly. I hope everyone is in good health and enjoying life. Always remember... *We are Great... We are Fine... We're the Class of '69!!!*"



Mike Nikas

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"Thank you and tell everyone that I would have loved to have been there and I'm sorry that I'm missing it but I'll be thinking of each and everyone of them. Hopefully next time."



Garry Puetz

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"Luther North friends: Traveling back from a fall excursion through Maine, Canada and New York this weekend and unable to make it to Chicago in time. Know that I'll miss seeing you, but hold each of you and our high school memories close to my heart! Have a great reunion...All my best! Maybe next time!"



Patricia Reid

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"Will not be able to make it. Thanks!"



Richard Schepler

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"I'm very sorry that I will not be able to attend my 50th High School Graduation Reunion. If was at all possible, I would attend! I hope to be able to see photos from the reunion."



Roxanna Schultz

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"Lots of logistical things to consider so not sure yet if it will be possible for me. I will not be able to attend - I am in the process of buying another house so I can finally move out of my parents home and into my own place - have tons of their stuff to clear out so I just am too swamped to try to take time out to travel."



Nadine Schmitz Wallace

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"Nadine Schmitz here. This morning the spring and a cable on our garage door opener broke & we can't open the door manually. The earliest we can get someone over here to deal with it is noon. Unfortunately, it's a 3 hour drive for us to get to the reunion, so unless we can get someone else over here earlier, I will be very sad to miss the event. Will keep hoping."



Keith Werner

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"can't b there.....but can u make an announcement that if anyone wants to call me on Facetime I would be available and would enjoy seeing and talking to my classmates and fellow Texans attending. 832 585 2200".



Roswitha Sabo Spector

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"I'm sorry I can't be there as we will be out of town, but I am wishing you a great time together! Enjoy reminiscing and making new memories! Will be thinking of you."



Dave Stacho

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"I will not be attending the reunion, but I hope you all have a great time together."

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Hope and desire for noble lives and true
Keep us we pray Thee steadfast and unerring
With light and love divine our souls endue.

Fill Thou our hearts with zeal in every brave endeavor
To right the wrong that shame this mortal life
Give us the valiant spirit that shall never
Falter or fail however long the strife.

Teach us to know the way of Jesus Christ our Master
Give us a clear-eyed faith, a fearless heart
And through life's darkness, danger, and disaster
O may we never from His side depart

May we be true to Him, the giver of Salvation
Bearing His cross in service glad and free
Winning the World to that last consummation
When all its kingdom shall His Kingdom be. Amen

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26.



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