

MOOSMATES AND NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS

A NEWSLETTER FOR & ABOUT THE KIDS IN & AROUND BERNHARD MOOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM THE 1930'S THRU THE 60'S

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Julius Post (Julio) Schlotthauer

I am presently working for the US Embassy in Maputo, Mozambique (Southern Africa). I am an economist working in the foreign assistance section of the embassy, a.k.a. USAID. I have worked for USAID since 1968, nearly 30 years as a career foreign service officer, and subsequently as a retiree back on a personal services contract. I have lived for extensive periods in Bolivia, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mozambique, Malawi, and the Philippines, as well as Washington, DC.

After Moos I went to Lane Tech, and upon graduation from Lane I tried engineering school, gave it up and got a bachelor's degree in economics and government from Beloit College. I then went to U. of Chicago and have a Master of Arts in Economics.

I have two daughters from my 1st marriage: one is a lawyer in Buffalo, NY, and the other is a hydrogeologist in St. Paul, Minn. I have one grandson and two granddaughters. My wife, Martha Baltodano, has 4 children from her previous marriage, 3 boys and 1 girl, and 2 grandchildren, one of each. Martha and I have 2 homes: our summer cottage in Wisconsin, and our winter place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where it NEVER gets cold. My sisters, Joanne and Dorothy, both live in the Washington DC area.

We do not get to the US for long periods, and of course our priority is grandchildren when we do. We occasionally get to Chicago for a Cubs game and to visit the family plot at Graceland Cemetery. I have not been back to the old neighborhood for a long time.

A short note.

The area North of Moos has been razed to the Viaduct to be used for expansion of the school. The candy store run by the old couple that we remember so fondly and several buildings are nowhere to be seen.

The MYF

A big part of mine and many other neighborhood kids lives was the MYF in the Humboldt Park Methodist Church in the 1700 block of Fairfield Ave. At the time I was becoming a teen-ager, a new minister entered the picture named Auggie Aamodt. Auggie brought the kids to the church. He was the teen-agers pastor. My life and many more have been touched deeply by Auggie. Many friends were found thru this Methodist Youth organization.



Joseph Troka

Sad to say Joe Troka passed away in 1992 due to bone cancer. His wife, Lois, still resides in McHenry, IL. She is the former Lois McNulty and went to Moos until 1953 or 1954. She then went to Tuley until 1957 or 1958. She remembers Marlene Becker who we are presently trying to locate.

Tanya (Toni) Halley Berley



I was born and raised in Chicago for the most part. I attended several schools including Moos from about the 3rd grade on. Then to Tuley, Hinsdale and Downers Grove and back to Tuley to graduate in 1955. I met Nick Berley at Tuley. We married in 1956, lived in Chicago, had our 2 children, Greg and Gail, then moved to West Chicago to be closer to Nick's job at AT&T. I had started some college classes in the city and decided to continue my education at Northern Illinois U. which is where I got my bachelor and master degrees in education.

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I began to teach in 1968 in Winfield, which is a small community next to us. My 26 year teaching career was spent in Winfield where I taught 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and reading over the years. Now that I'm retired (since 1994) I enjoy my two grandchildren Andrew (16) and Matthew (13) who live nearby as well as traveling, reading, golfing, swimming, gardening, taking art classes at DuPage Art League and spending time with friends and family. I am also busy in the community as a trustee on the library board, secretary at the DuPage Art League and member of my church's property and finance committee.



Nancy (Paul) Stokes

After a brief interruption in my educational plan, 4 children and 20 years, I completed my education as a Dental Hygienist, a B.A. in Business Management and a M.A. in Human Resources. After working in clinical practice as a Dental Hygienist in Illinois and Minnesota we moved to Arizona and I redirected my attention to the corporate world working in Benefits Administration, Quality Assurance and now, Director of Sales Support units. One day I may even retire. My husband and I have been married 45 years, have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and currently reside in California. If you are out our way, give us a call @ 949-493-6433



Charlene (Southwell) Schwingback

After graduation in 1955 I went right to work. Got married in 1956 and began to start a family. In 1958 our 1st son, Tom, was born. In 1960 we moved from the old neighborhood to Des Plaines. In 1961 our daughter, Susan, was born and in 1963 our son, Jim, was born. From 1968-70 we took our little family and moved to India.

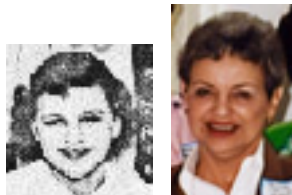
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Susan Mabel (Taylor) Albrecht An Autobiography

I was born on July 27th, 1937, in our family home at 1633 N. Albany Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. I was the 3rd child of Mabel and Leslie Taylor, who had two sons, Allan 6 and Kenneth 2. My grandfather, John W. Taylor, also lived with us. My childhood was spent playing various games with the other children on the block. We spent a lot of time playing softball on the street and at Humboldt park. I also spent a lot of time ice skating in the park and taking part in the various programs offered there.

I attended grade school at Moos School on California and Wabansia Avenues. I especially enjoyed helping in the library, being active in the student council and taking part in the spelling bees. The teacher I remember most was Miss Hayes because she was probably the strictest. After grade school I attended Foreman High School on Belmont and LeClaire Avenues. My friend from Moos, Anna May Devita, also went to Foreman so we did most everything together. We joined a social club of girls called The Coeds. We were a group of 15

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girls who still get together on a fairly regular basis. In high school I was active in editing the school yearbook, working on the Friday Night Social Program and Senior Class Government.

After high school I went to Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. I still don't understand how I had the courage to do that because I did not know one person there. However, I always thought it would be fun to go away to college and Valpo was fairly close to Chicago. After I got over my homesickness, I loved campus life. I joined the Alpha Xi Epsilon sorority and was very active with them. Since college academics and sorority life were so time consuming, I did not take part in many extra curricular activities. I graduated in January of 1959 with a minor in English Literature.

My first job was with Arthur Anderson & Co. Since in the dark ages of 1959 they did not allow women on their accounting staff, I worked in the in-house bookkeeping department. It was a great job with lots of nice people and I loved going downtown every day to work. I worked there until we started our family.

In September of 1959 I met Richard Albrecht who had just gotten out of the Navy and was a full time student at Roosevelt University while also working as a Chicago firefighter. We were married one year later and moved into a two-flat near Knox and Fullerton Avenues where his parents lived upstairs. Since his father was also on the Fire department it was nice to have family there when he was working. After Richard graduated from Roosevelt he went to work in the administration of the Department in City Hall. He eventually rose through the ranks of the department to become Commissioner in 1978.

We were active in our church and the Boy Scouts and spent many vacations trying to perfect the art of water skiing. We also spent a lot of time on Wonder Lake where the family had a vacation home. Our son, Daniel, was born in

December of 1965. In April of 1967 we bought our house on Newark Avenue in the Norwood Park section of Chicago. Our daughter, Leslie, was born in May of 1968. We continue to take family vacations and became active in community activities such as the church counsel., Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTA and the local School Council. Of course there was an active social group in the area which we thoroughly enjoyed. The children attended Norwood Park Elementary School and Luther High School North. Daniel went on to Lincoln Technical Institute to become an auto mechanic and Leslie went to Lewis University to become a social worker.

Unfortunately, Richard died suddenly in March of 1981. In January of 1982 I was offered a job in the Purchasing Department of the City. From there I went to work in the Mayor's office for Jane Byrne where I was assigned to arrange her social calendar. When Harold Washington became mayor, I continued in his office as an administrative assistant. I truly enjoyed working in the mayor's offices because you really got to know the inner workings of the city. In about 1988, I went back to the purchasing department where I eventually became a Director of Administration. After a falling out with the purchasing department in 1997 I was offered a job in the fire department as a Projects Administrator. In June of 1998 I decided to take an early retirement from the city.

I did some part time work downtown for a while but now I am fully retired. Both of the children are married and Dan and his wife are expecting my first grandchild in July. I am still active in the church, still love to travel and have taken up Jazzercise so that I don't fall apart altogether. I enjoy working on the house and the garden, reading, working crossword puzzles, dining out with friends, going to the movies, and enjoying some of the cultural events of the city. One day I hope to become more proficient on the computer. I have a 10 year old Doberman and a 14 year old cat so we are all growing older together.

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Fredrick "Slim" Voltmer

I spent almost 4 years in the US Navy then I found a nursing student from Northern Michigan and we got married in 1958. We have 3 sons and a daughter. Son #1 is a minister and has 4 girls and 1 boy. They live in Grand Junction, Colorado. Son #2 is a missionary in Papaua, New Guinea and has 2 sons. Son #3 is too busy to have kids. He is a software engineer and he lives in Tampa, Florida. My daughter lives in Pennsylvania. She has 2 girls. They are all married and doing well.

(editors note)

Fred lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Does this mean he has to be a Packer fan? Poor fellow.

Wabansia Avenue

Derived from the Potawatomie indian chief "Waubensee" who died in 1846. He guarded the John Kinzie family who were were among Chicago's earliest white settlers.



Edwin Stranski

Passed away in 1996.



Brigitte Barton

I've been married 48 years this November. I have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren!! Life has been decent. I'm looking forward to my husband

retirement communities. We are also interested in New Mexico and Arizona. Where has the time gone? I knew Henry Pollack was deceased. He lived in Schaumburg and also attended our church. Darrell Durec had a business in Schaumburg. He put in a garbage disposal once for me in our condo. He sold the business some time ago. I am visiting my daughter today, trying to enjoy the spring weather, planting some flowers and having some lunch. My daughter is attaching a picture of me taken last July. looking forward to the luncheon with the girls.



Patricia Leverenz

I am married 42 years to the same Polack I met while working at Continental bank. We dated for 4 years and married in 1960. He then got drafted and we spent some time in Colorado Springs while he was in the army. We have three daughters, Lorelei (36), Christianne (33), and Jennifer (31). Christy is the mother of our 2 grandchildren (grandson Eben (6.5) and granddaughter Celia (23 months)). I am semi-retired and work about 15 hours/week at a Christian bookstore here in Oak Park. Off and on I have worked for Logos for about 15 years. I do their accounts payable and any computer graphics needs, which is more than the A/P work. I also take care of Celia 2 days a week while Christy teaches daycare/preschool at a non-profit organization for De Lasalle High School. In fact, the Angel is here right now. Christy is also a Certified Youth Minister for our Christian Community at a Catholic Parish in Oak Park. Lorelei just started back to work full time and is an administrator. Jenni is a manager for a gallery/Gift shop in Oak park. She graduated from interior design school and is helping her bosses wife start a quilting class in the gallery. My Hon (Geo) is finally thinking of retiring soon



Darrell Durec

Darrell has been living in Elgin for the past 12 years in a Victorian 2 story that he is trying to re-furbish. He is semi-retired and works part time at the Elgin City Library in the computer department. Darrell keeps in touch with Ron Olsen and Burt Olson. Burt wishes to NOT be contacted. It seems his memories of the past are not too pleasant. Darrell has a married son and married daughter who both live nearby. Darrell is anxious to hear from everyone. His email is: dddurecd@netscape.com

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Ron Olsen