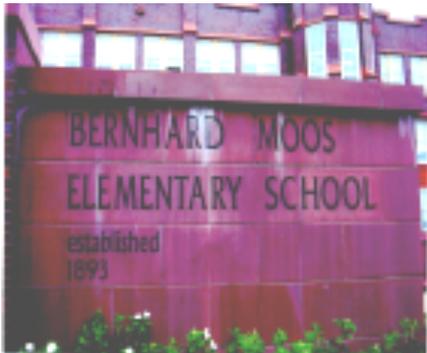


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My Column

It's hard to believe that we have published 10 editions of this humble newsletter. The letters and photos and memories just keep flowing (sometimes just a trickle) in and I enjoy putting them to paper. Lot's of input from old friends and neighbors and classmates are in the following pages. I hope you enjoy the effort as much as I do putting it together. As always, I look forward to more tidbits from my fellow Moss Mates.

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Another "kid" has been found!

Kenley Kulp Jan. '50 is alive and well in Utah. Warren Sunde, also of the Jan. '50 class, asked me about Kenley and lo and behold we found him and he is now on our mailing list for all future editions of the newsletter. I hope you two guys get together and exchange life adventures.

A Washtenaw kid



John Lanan Jan. '53 has been located in the Chicagoland area. John lived at 1725 N. Washtenaw and his family moved to Bellwood in 1952 making it extremely difficult for him to attend and graduate from Moos but he DID IT and survived the effort. Hats off to you John. John went on to graduated from Proviso East High School.

From our last edition
The picture of "Pete" resulted in several inputs and here is the results. Pete is actually Peter Chresanthakes and he has a brother George Chresanthakes. Pete lives outside of Chicago and is the brother-in-law of Pat Dolas Jan. '58 who married Pete's brother George. Pat and George also live in the Chicago area. Perhaps the brothers will team up and tell us more about their Mom and Dad whom lots of us remember from the days when the MYF would break up on a Wednesday night and we would all head out to their ice cream shop for a cool drink and to listen to Frankie Laine or Patti Page on their juke box.

Celebrity News

You may or may not know the name **Dennis Farina**. He's...

not strictly a "neighborhood kid nor is he a MoosMate but he is worth noting as a near north side celebrity. Dennis is a well known actor who is currently playing detective Joe Fontana on the TV series Law and Order. Dennis lived at 549 W. North Avenue which is near Halsted and attended St. Michaels Elementary and also St. Michaels Central High School. He was born on 2/29/1944 and that makes him a 1958 elementary school graduate. He actually was a Chicago Police detective for 18 years before becoming a major actor in films and TV.

Ted Tado June '51, who died tragically early in life, had two siblings who also graduated from Moos. Richard June '50 and **Emi Tado Jan. '54**. Emi is on the Classmates.com website if anyone is interested.

I recently had a nice chat with **Cliff Wolnik June '53** and am sending him all the past issues of this newsletter. Small world...my 1st job was working for Western Electric in a downtown office building located at Lake St. and Canal called the Butler's Brothers building. Cliff also worked there a short time later & went on to work for Lucent Technologies after the big breakup of AT&T. His sister, **Geraldine Wolnik June '51** can be found at the Classmates.com website in the Tuley section. Cliff lives in the Chicagoland area as does his sister.

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Marilyn Hall Jan. '53 celebrates her 46 years of marriage and still lives in Illinois according to her cousin Pat Waterman June '53.

Jim Moran

Hard to say that name without following it with "The Courtesy Man".



I remember him from way past. Who among you actually bought a car from Courtesy Motors, located on Grand Avenue? My 1st encounter with his dealership was when I accompanied my neighbor, Nick Samar, to take his Dad's Hudson in for service. That was when we were

I don't know how we did it but we did. Later on I purchased 2 used cars from Jim's dealership, both were Rambler station wagons.

When we moved to southeastern Florida in 1971 I found out that JM Pontiac was in fact Jim Moran's dealership. Jim Moran is now a formidable force down here in Florida. His JM Family Enterprises is the Southeast Distributor for Toyota and also owns the Lexus dealership close by. Do you remember his TV ads on late night movies back in the 60's and his \$99 specials? Seems like just yesterday.



James Martin "Jim" Moran

b August 8th, 1918

d April 24th, 2007

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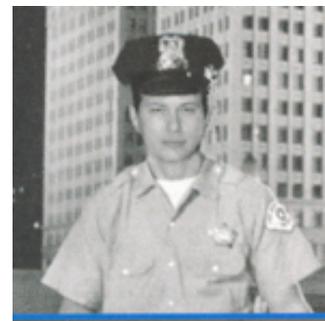
Susan Taylor Jan. '51 and I are truly amazed at the real estate market in the Humboldt Park area. That area, as well as many others within Chicago, have been "gentrified". **gentrify:** renovate and improve (esp. a house or district) so that it conforms to middle-class taste. My home, at 1718 N. Washtenaw, was purchased in 2000 for the amazing sum of \$160,000.

It was extensively remodeled and was put on the market for around \$400,000 shortly afterwards. Recently, 1717 N. Albany was sold for \$395,000, 1305 N. Kildare was sold for \$600,00 and 1751 N. Sawyer was sold for \$470,000. On my trip thru the old neighborhood, last September, there were many buildings being remodeled and renovated. Your old home from the 50's may not be recognizable anymore or may be replaced by something new. I guess it's a good thing and is keeping the area clean and neat and also keeping property values up-to-date.

Recently I've discovered that **Brigitte Barton Jan. '51** has a brother who also graduated from Moos.

Manfred Barton Jan. '53 lives in New Mexico with his wife Judy. He was in the Air Force and was active in the reserves. He is now retired from Kodak where he worked as an electrician. They have 3 daughters and 1 son. See page 5 for a look see.

Ronald Thornton Jan. '50 has recently relocated back to the Chicagoland area from California. Here's Ron in 1963 at age 29. One of Chicago's finest. is that the Wrigley Building in the background Ron?



A "few" years ago
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looking good.

The Front Porch

(See photo on pg. 6)

It seems most everyone had a front porch and it was filled with family and friends on those warm summer evenings after supper time. Some homes had many steps up to the porch and some had only a stoop but we were all out and sitting around talking and watching the things that were part of our neighborhood. Being on Washtenaw Ave. we occasionally saw the excitement of fire station Engine Co. 111 going into action to fight a blaze somewhere in the city. The streets were filled with kids playing 3 Feet Off or Ring-a-Levio or Kick The Can or Statues or just plain old Hide and Seek. Families watched out for each others kids and we were under a kind of neighborhood supervision. "I'll tell your parents" or "I see what your doing" or "I know who you are" kept us in check under the threat of being told on if we did anything "bad".

Today,
still

Looking back the parents and grandparents were looking out for our well being and safety. We knew which yards NOT to cut thru and where we could and couldn't hide in bushes and gangways and what garage roofs not to climb. Some how, we all had fun and always tested our boundries but here we are, survivors of a different time and place. The front porch was the gathering place for families after a hard days work at a job or being the head of the household and cooking, cleaning and feeding the family. People walking by were greeted with a hearty hello and conversations were held to communicate what was going on at the other end of the block as well as other local and area events of concern. It was a time when rockers and chairs were prominent and the steps were filled with family. Do you remember? We may have had our first kiss on someone's front porch or found a new buddy to play games with. The front porch was the way we communicated in the 40's and 50's and probably into the 60's. It is a time long gone but not forgotten by me and I'm sure, not by yourself.

Charles Platt, who is a close friend of **John Lanan Jan. '53**, has inquired about any information regarding his Dad who was also named Charles. His Dad attended Moos during the time frame of 1914 thru 1922. My records don't go back that far but perhaps someone remembers the Platt family that lived on Talman Ave. during that time long ago.

And What ever happened to **drug store lunch counters and soda fountains**? It seemed as if every drug store, I guess we call them pharmacies now a days, had at least a soda fountain. No self-respecting drug store would be without one. Wallgreens had full blown lunch counters. The one I remember most was on the Southeast corner of North Ave. and California Ave. I still remember the sweet taste of a freshly made "Green River" soda. Which, by the way, is still available in many places around Chicago. Flukey's still serves it as a fountain drink. Where was your favorite lunch counter or soda fountain.

Although **Barbara Jaworski Jan. '53** passed away, at an unfortunately early age, the following are a few pictures of her when she was one of us kids on Washtenaw Ave.

She lived at 1715 N. Washtenaw Ave. Thanks to the archives of **Larry Janowiak Jan. '53** for the photos. I recently talked with Barbara's brother **Robert (Bob) Jaworski Jan. '49**, who still lives in the Chicagoland area, and I am sending him all the back issues of the MoosMates by his request. Perhaps he will tell us more about Barbara's, and his, life after Washtenaw Ave. in the 50's.



Is that really you, BOB?

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All decked out for a wedding



Barbara was a fine looking gal,
eh?

Carol Stasch recognized names, in the last edition, that she hadn't thought about in years. She lived next door to the Metz family on California Ave. and across the alley from **Norman Peterson Jan. '60**. Carol works in Elgin where **Judy Metz June '54** lives and not far from **Charla (Cary) Metz June '49** where **Caroline (Kathleen) Metz June '47** lives. Small world! She has probably passed by them and didn't even realize it. She also recognizes several kids in Norman's picture of the Jan. '60 class. Top row, 4th in from left is **Carole Van Kempen**. 3rd boy is **Roger Plikta** and next to him is **Gary Fuchs** and in bottom row is **Wally Majewski**. Carol rode her bike like a bat out of hell in Humboldt park although she wasn't allowed there without an adult. She would enter the park at California and North and she doesn't recall ever getting caught by her parents. She remembers Miss Hayes but not too fondly. Carol always had chapped lips in winter and her Mom would apply a little Vasoline. One day Miss Hayes swore she was wearing lipstick, took out a tissue and roughly rubbed her lips until they bled. Needless to say, Carol's Mom accompanied her to school the next day and let Miss Hayes have it and so the rest of the semester was pretty miserable for Carol. To this day when Carol's lips get chapped she still remembers Miss Hayes and the tissue...and "the lipstick". And NO, she still doesn't wear any lipstick.

Lale (Peterson) 1968 Yates grad wonders if anyone remembers Abe's on Cortland and Fairfield? How about the store at Cortland and Washtenaw?

A very sad note.

Shirley Mae Spencer (nee Reiss) passed away on Friday February 17th, 2006. Shirley was a sometimes MYF'er and although she was not a Moos graduate she hung around the Humboldt Park Methodist Church with us and is sorely missed by old friends and family. She was the cousin of Dick Gilbert, Ruth Gilbert and Diane Zavadil. Shirley sang in the church choir at the Methodist Church for a time. She is survived by her daughters Cheryl, Cindy, Mary and Michelle as well as 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



A recent photo of Shirley

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Class of June '53

1st row: Pat Waterman (class secretary), Janice Cowley, Nancy Berger (by the way, she was my very first girlfriend and, to this day, i remember that first kiss in the Crystal theater one Saturday afternoon. Do you remember your first kiss?), Elsie Eriksen, Carol Little, June Mueller, Gertrude Kaminsky, Elise Geyer. **2nd row:** ???, Ronald O'Shea (knicknamed Herbie) , , Linda Alleman, Betty Starosta, Jackie Skidmore, ???, Barbara Pemberton, ???, ???, Jean Piper, Ghirley Alberger. **3rd row:** ???, ???, ???, Robert Chomko, ???, ???, ???, ???, Donald Barringer, **4th row:** 3rd over is Cliff Wolnick, next is Yancy Grybzak (class treasurer), 5 over is Neil Walter and 10 over is Ann Hruska Others in the class, but not identified in the picture, were Charleen Brekhus, Robert Chomka, Robert Danaher, John Floore, Ronald Foresberg, Ebon Frank, Ronald Gilbertsen, Jerome Grote, Marlen Haugland, Barbara Jablonski, Gertrude Kaminski, Mary Kaminski, William Kanellos (class vice-president), Alan Loveless, Wayne Mroz, Harvey Schuch, Richard Sosnowski, DeWayne Spielman, Ronnie Steffens, Walter Strissel, Nancy Wojnarowski, John Wolff (class president) and Raymond Zalweski. Perhaps YOU can help pick out those kids not identified?

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The Front Porch
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Barbara Chwalisz June '54
In front of the rear bungalow at 1723 N.



Max Albrecht
The coal and iceman
to many of us. He lived
at 1720 N. Washtenaw.



Barbara Monk Jan. '51, Joyce
Watuski & Helen Hoch
June '51



Barbara and Joan Monk ages 5 & 8 in front
of Humboldt Park Optical at the corner of
North Ave. and Humboldt Park Blvd.



A recent photo of the 3 Barton's. Manfred Jan. '53, Brigitte Jan. '51 and Helmut Barton.