

MOOSMATES AND NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE KIDS IN AND AROUND MOOS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FROM THE 30'S THRU THE '60'S

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My Column

The list grows and grows. Over 170 mailing addresses as I write this and new names and families are found every few weeks or so. The newsletter is really filled with your thoughts and memories. I just fill in a few blanks, here and there so thanks for your memories. I am thinking about Nehi and Canfield's Soda's and Hawthorn-Melody Ice Cream at the moment. As always, your pix and thoughts are most welcome for the next edition of the MoosMates.

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The Domkowski's

The Domkowski family goes way back. **Robert Domkowski June '48** tells us about his family. Robert's cousins **Ronald Domkowski (probably 1949) and Sharon Domkowski** went to Moos as did Robert and his brother **Lawrence Domkowski 1949** who passed away on July 11, 2006 at the age of 74.

Robert writes: I graduated in June of 1948. I then went to Lane Tech and after graduation worked for Illinois Institute of Technology in basic research. I met my wife there and we moved to Bolingbrook, Ill. and a new house. We have four girls, the oldest is now 50 years old. I was an aerospace engineer and was hired by American Welding & Manufacturing in Warren, Ohio. We moved to Ohio in 1969, bought a small farm and still live on it. I am a pilot and built a runway on the farm and flew several airplanes. I have about 4000 hour of flight time and occasionally flew into Meigs field on the lake and Midway

Airport. I got my interest from watching planes at Palwauki airport. We went to North Ave Beach using the streetcar. The Chicago Historical Society building was near the end of the line in Lincoln Park. The newsletter brings back many memories.

That fish shack by the North Ave. bridge was a great place.

They had the best shrimp with a spicy coating. A pound bag was \$1.00. The bag was a coffee bag.

I was born at 1636 N. Francisco Ave. Richmond was the next street west of us and My first day of school at Moose was with the help of Andy Krupa. I recently went to my 50th Lane reunion and sat at the next table from Andy. We did not recognize each other. I worked after school at a dental lab on the corners of North Ave. and California. My

brother worked there too. He was two years ahead of me in school and graduated in 1946. He and Allen Taylor were friends and I palled around with Ken Taylor. Sad to tell you that my brother, Lawrence, passed away last week and we buried him on July 15, 2006, His 75th birthday. There was a candy store across from Moose on California. I spent a lot of nickels on Pepsi in there. Loved to put pennies in the gum ball machine to try and get a striped gumball and a free candy bar. During WW2 we used to collect scrap metal for the war effort. I can also remember when someone from the government would bring a wash tub of hard boiled eggs into the class rooms and we would eat them. (surplus food I think) I also remember the YMCA just east of Moos on Fairfield. I used to play basketball there. I also went to summer camp with the Y. To this day I am a Y member and go 6 days a week with my wife. I swim and she walks the gym. I will go through my old stuff and see if I have any pictures of my Moose classes. (I do remember Mrs. Hayes.. She had a huge ruler and used to slap it on her desk to get our attention. Mrs. Tobin was also our principle. I could go on and on but maybe another time.

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Lawrence J. Domkowski formerly from Glen Ellyn, Illinois died on July 11, 2006 in Ludington, Michigan. He was 74 years old.

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Lawrence Domkowski celebrated his 20 year anniversary of sobriety and was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was a United States Veteran from the Korean War serving in the Air Force. The first 20 years of his career he work for Sears Roebuck in management followed by 20 years teaching and selling the Dale Carnegie Course. His passion was his last 20 years participating, serving and encouraging others in Alcoholics Anonymous. The last 6 years of his life with his wife, Theresa, he resided at Twin Points Resort on Hamlin Lake in Ludington, Michigan. He loved sailing, fishing and public speaking. His daughter writes that he LOVED reading our newsletters and, sadly, was unable to read the last edition due to his death four days before his 75th birthday and one day before his 49th anniversary to my Mom Theresa. He loved his last 6th years living in Ludington, MI. He loved sailing in in Chicago and fishing here, in Ludington. He was always proud of his education at Moos and Lane Tech. to Wright Jr. college and on to the U. of I. Thanks to your service in writing the newsletter as it brought him joy.

Sincerely

Joreen (Domkowski) Redeker.



Connie (Medina) Gubler June '49

Connie went on to Tuley and Amundsen after which she was married on July 30th, 1955. After school she left for California and met her husband at the German Consulate in Los Angeles, CA. They have 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl. Also have 6 grandchildren. We lived in California until 2 years ago when we moved to Surprise, Arizona. Connie had a career in real estate until she finally gave up 7 years ago. her husband retired 15 years ago . They love living in a retirement community, lots of activities and the weather is great. Connie got the nicest surprise when she heard from Ken Iverson who also lives in Arizona. he found her on the internet. Also they have found Frank Goodlake, Ronald Dombrowski and they have all been keeping in touch. Connie is hoping to find Lillian (Hansen) Corsello.

Last time Connie saw her was when she made a trip to Chicago to look up old classmates.

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Kathy (Naydenoff) Riveña Jan. '58

sends a wonderful collection of Moos & Tuley pictures. She was able to receive an intimate tour of Moos and has many pictures available at service@costcophotocenter.com

. The pixs are just great!

Another MoosMate has passed away. **George T. Monk June '54**

passed away early this year at the age of 65. George was a U.S. naval veteran. He was retired after 37 years of employment at National Gas pipeline Co. of America. He was an avid golfer and friend to many.

Two More MoosMates

Linda Falkenberg Jan. '58 has requested, and I have added, her brother and sister to the mailing list.

Keith Falkenberg and **Jean (Falkenberg) Desecki** who both live in California. I don't know when or if they graduated Moos but they are both now part of the neighborhood kids and on our mailing list. On a recent visit to Chicago, Linda was greeted by **Sandra Solomon**, her daughter Susan and and her granddaughter Erica for a visit to see Kathy and her Mom. Kathy had mentioned a surprise knowing Linda would assume it was Kathy's older sister, Diane, but it turned out to be the long lost Sandra whom Linda had been trying to contact for some time. What a happy surprise it turned out to be.

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Ken Richmond

Who the heck is he?

Not a MoosMate but someone we all have seen many, many times while at the Crystal or another movie house. Ken was a 6'-5" oil-slicked wrestler who became the gong ringer for J. Arthur Rank Studio in England who, in 1954, opened their movie credits with the Big, 5 foot diameter Golden Gong. Ken passed away in Christchurch, on Englands south coast on August 3rd at the age of 80. He rang the gong for decades, starting in 1954, but never heard it. The Golden Gong was actually made of papier-mache and he was asked to take a delicate swing otherwise you would go right thru it, he often joked. He was paid a one time fee of 100 pounds sterling (about \$280 at that time).



Bill Stephansen June '49

has recently passed away in an auto accident near his home when his car struck a tree. He lost his wife, Barbara, a year ago this past July. How terribly sad for his family who are left to grieve.

Susan (Taylor) Albrecht Jan. '51

has recently enjoyed the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, IL near Woodstock. It's chock full of the vehicles of our past including "Green Hornets on Western Ave." and "Red Rockets" on North and California.

Vivian Wirkus writes

Greetings to the MoosMates and neighborhood Kids. When the school bell rings in September, 2006 I shall be at the school door. It is where I have been since September 1948. I retired in June 2003 but the memories are still there. Some people lose their hearts in San Francisco, I lost mine at Moos School. I recognize many of the names and faces in the pictures. My usual classes came to me in January & June (1B) and back from September January (1A). Most of my classes graduated in January but then they changed ; There were no more January classes. I was in room 107 (17) for 40 years and then I became the Title I teacher in "pullout" program where I went from room to room working with small groups. Teacher, Mrs. Mix, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary a few years ago. She and her husband, Tom Mix, are retired and living in Florida. As for the rest of the faculty you listed- most are deceased. It is so good to hear about "my children", "their children" and then "their childrens children". Thank you for taking the time to keep us all connected. What I read , makes me very proud.

Vivian Wirkus

Vivian also remembers: We all went home for lunch between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm.

Bernie-Hermes clothing store & Woolworths 5 and 10 (between California and Fairfield on North Ave.)L.C. Fish furniture (North and Washtenaw) Leistikows fish store on the opposite corner Rembandts restaurant (North & California) where the teachers went for lunch.

Ms. Vivian Wirkus can be reached at the Moos address which is 1711 N. California Ave. Chicago, IL 60647.

Thanks for the nice letter and also for the postage contribution, Ms Wirkus.

What do you think about an **alumni association of Moos grads?** i don't know of any grade school associations like this but we do have a whole lot of MoosMates in our mailing list. About 168 at last count. What would we do? What kind of goals would we present? Why would we want to link to other years? Just something to think about. If you are interested let me know. I'm thinking a common link to find other grads and neighborhood kids at all ages might be fun...Jim

Harold Justice June '52 used to be a Cue-Ball and hung out with the Tado brothers. Harold says that Ted Tado died of cancer about 7 or 8 years ago. Harold now lives in Corona, California.

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It's Official!

Ida (Hanson) Mullan and Dave Mullan June '50 are GREAT grandparents as of October 7th, 2006. Their daughter (Grandma) was also present in the picture above. She teaches 3-4th grade and is in fantastic shape for a grandma according to great grandma Ida. Evan James weighed 9 lbs., 8.6 oz. at birth. Ida and Dave plan to celebrate their 50th anniversary on Maui this year.

William Skidmore Jan. '56

has been heard from. While browsing Classmates.com, I found a new entree for Moos. It turns out there were 7, count 'em, 7, Skidmores between 1944 and the '50's. There were Wally June '52, Jacqueline June '53, William, Raymond Jan. '57, George, Gordon and Annie. William has already made contact with Pat Carstensen Jan. '56, Carol (Beize) Santaro Jan. '56 and Howard Shipley June '55. William is anxious to join a few others, in 2007, around Apache Junction, Arizona. He's tired of the winters. Here are several names he remembers from his graduation class of January 1956:

next column

Joan Kolber, Vicki Schultz, Bill Bowman, Kenny Skilodowski, Johnny Pepin, John Gillis, Dennis Sobas, George Larsen, Sandra Siebert, Joan Koval, Juanita Robinson, Charles Roth, George Murray, Ron Davis, Dianne Lehmann and others he can't quite remember. He mentions that it's hell getting old and I'm sure we can ALL agree to that. Williams email is: skids88@sbcglobal.net. William, we have already found George Murray and he can be contacted

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Did You Know?

Both Lane Tech and Tuley have alumni newsletters. Lane's is available thru their website at: www.lanealumni.com or send them a letter at Lane Tech Alumni Assoc. 2501 W. Addison Chicago, IL 60618. Tuley's newsletter, called the Tuley Review, can be gotten to by writing Irene Wangrow C/O Tuley Review, 4814 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60641. There are probably several more from our local high schools of which I am unaware.

Dorothy (Schlotthauer) Krass Jan. '55 recently sent me class photo's of Moos Jan. '53, Jan. '55 and June '55 with ALL the names attached. They are now in the archives. Bless you!

Susan (Taylor) Albrecht Jan. '51

has sad news to report. Bill **Stephanson June '49** recently had a fatal accident while driving near his home on August 29th of this year. His car struck a tree and an autopsy has been unable to determine the cause of death. On a lighter note, Susan went to the Illinois Railway museum in Union, IL. The museum is run by volunteers who restore old train cars. They have green Hornets, like on Western Ave. and Red Rockets like on North Ave. She rode on them and they brought back many old memories such as the woven rattan seats that you would carry the pattern on for the rest of the day. They also have C and N cars, which she rode on, which they have done an excellent job of restoration. Union, IL is in the general Woodstock, IL area near the Chicago area.

I have many class photos from Moos between the 40's and '60's and would be glad to share them with you. Just let me know what class you are interested in and some way to get them to you via the internet or by snail mail. I'll try to list them all in the next issue.

A bit of nostalgia.

The music for the Moos song is the Illinois fight song with the words to fit our humble elementary school.

**Enjoy all the following
photos.**

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The main entrance. Still looks the same. Stairs leading down to the basement on either side where we spent recess when the weather was bad and we drank our daily 1/2 pint of milk for 2 cents. I was a milk boy for one semester. What an honor!



The halls seem so narrow! They are spiffy clean and the floors just shine with pride.



Kathy (Naydenoff Jan. '58) Rivetna and her gal pals Sandra Planell and Linda (Naydenoff)Malecki Jan. '58.



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Where are all the neat wooden seats and desks with the ink well holes that WE never used?



One of Tuley's grandest entrances, today.



Class of Jan. '55

First row: Carol Bergalund, **Marlene Wysocki**, Judy Ann Augustine, **Freida Gutwein**, Judy Scheurer, **Helen Wolf**, Iris Blegen. **2nd row:** Roger Artner, **Charles Hitchcock**, Thomas Altengerger, **Leon Page**, Thomas Beatner, **Dennis Sphonholtz**, Stanley Dyokas. **3rd row:** Emily Grubzack, **Geraldine Kosla**, George Freese, **Rose Medling**, Dorothy Schlotthauer, **Erna Rockel**, Herman Angerer, **Sandra Husted**, Carol Forsberg. **Back row:** David Little, **Fred Gicola**, Ronald Spielman, **Joseph Miner**, Charles Wolf, **Edward Sommer**, Michael Matorian, **Michael Citro**, Thomas Ahearn.

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Class of Jan.'58 Graduation Photo

Help us place all these kids. Alphabetically they are: Lynn Boyd, **Patricia Dolas**, Sam Dolas, **Linda Falkenberg**, Robert Gilbert, **Kenneth Hoffman**, Don Kauts, **Carole Kock**, Arlene Marek **Ursula Matuszak**, James Miller, **Thomas Moran**, Kathy Naydenoff, **Bobby Newton**, Jeff Pemberton, **Clyde Rokke**, Casimir Siewierski, **Kathy Stanford**, Danny Steffens, **August Steljes**, Dorothy Wales, **Joyce Wasielewski**, Delores Weiland, **Roselyn Wolf**.



Boy, what ever happened here? This is the front of 1747 N. Rockwell and the sign states "Buck City Lofts Parking Garage".



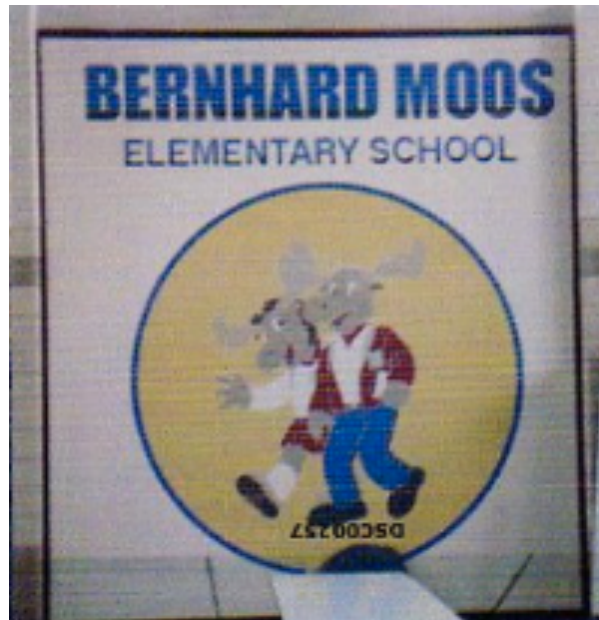
The girls get together. Lots of old friends and classmates including **Donna Badovinac**, **Brigette Barton (guest of honor and host)**, Susan Taylor, **Charlene Southwell**, Tanya Halley.

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Today's Moos Mascots



Before the Superbowl there was the All-Star game played at Soldier Field. The NFL champs played the college all-stars This photo was taken around January 19th, 1940 when men were men and the Green Bay Packers beat the All-Stars 16 to 7. Looks like a lot of construction going on in the background.