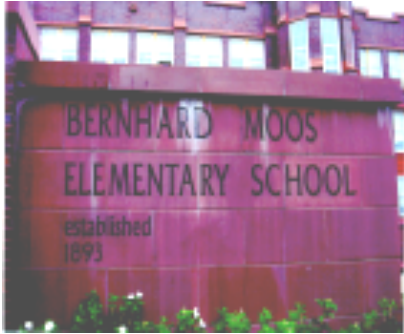


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My Column

The forgotten street games. Sky Blue, 3 feet off, double dutch, kick the can, tops, yo-yo's, paper airplanes, hide and seek and marbles. Kids today don't have a clue but they bring back a flood of memories for most of us "kids", eh?. We also have the very first full fledged Moos reunion and also the first and only known photo of our most well known teacher Alice Hayes.

God bless us everyone!

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Engine Co. 111

It was located on the northeast corner of Washtenaw and Wabansia and was a cornerstone of our neighborhood. In summer it was the place to go to get wet and cool off when the firemen opened the hydrant for us kids. The station shut down in October of 1967 and Captain Hank Flemming was the last to leave in the fall of 1968. All the research about the firehouse has been meticulously done by...

Larry Janowiak Jan. '52.

Thanks for your efforts Larry.

Engine Company 111 was organized and went into service October 31, 1907, at 6:20 P.M. with the following company Roster:

Charles L. Schulze Captain
John A. Sampson Lieutenant
George C. Monk Engineer
Philip F. Ryan Asst. Engr.
Paul Smiskol Pipeman
Albert Jensen Pipeman
Frank C. Hawley Pipeman
John J. Sheehan Pipeman
Gustav L. Jahuke C. Driver
Cornelious Kirberg C. Driver

Maybe you will find a familiar name of a relative or neighbor or old friend of your family. The name MONK stands out as we have several "kids" who went to Moos with that last name. Larry tells about his mothers and her sisters and a couple of their antics at the firehouse such as jumping from bed to bed with dirty shoes when the company was out on a call.

IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

Going to the Crystal for a double feature plus cartoons plus promos for next week plus MovieTone news reels. We were there from 1:00 until 5:00 and probably don't remember any of it. Too busy making out, I suspect. Popcorn popping next door at the ice cream shop. As I recall Wednesday was dish night.



Wayne Straight June '60 has a neat website with all of his class photos. The 8-A photo is on page 8 of this newsletter. His website is: <http://moospics.wetpaint.com/?mail=1124>

I am very sad to report that **George Markiewicz June '52** has recently passed away. His brother **Pete Markiewicz Jan. '53** has also passed away a few years ago. This info from **Kathy (Stanford) Rae**.



It turns out this is actually a picture of **Faye (Samorez) Steward and Pete Samorez**, her brother. Not her husband Larry as previously reported. And while I am at it, **Georgan (Dickenson) Wesolaski June '40 daughter's** married name is Casto, not Castro and her youngest son is named Dan but was not in the photo in the previous MoosMates.

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Recently heard from as "present" are Jerry Juggan June '56 who lives in Streamwood and he tells us about his brother Robert Juggan June '54 who resides in Florida. Jerry writes: I received your newsletter on Friday. I enjoyed reading it and would like all of the newsletters you have. It is a good thing that you are doing.

I have about 10 class pictures, some are mine and some are of my brothers class. I am sorry that I can not remember most of the kids names. I wish that I would have written that on the back of the pictures. I am sure that my mother gave some of my class pictures to my brother but they are in Illinois and he is in Florida. When he gets back home I will try to give him his pictures and get mine. (two of Jerry's pictures are on page 5). Bob and I were born on the south side of Chicago, known as the back of the yards. My mother remarried in 1947 that is when we moved to the Humboldt park area as my step father had a house at 1637 N. Talman Ave. I was 5 years old then. I went to Moos from 1947 to 1956. From there I went to Tuley high. I went to Wright jr college for one semester then to Greer Tech to become a body and fender man. After graduation from Greer I couldn't get a job in that field as every shop wanted 5 to 10 years experience. I held jobs at various places before I got drafted into the army in 1964. After I got out in 1966 I went to work for Illinois Bell Telephone. I worked Humboldt area until June of '78 and then transferred to Elgin as I moved to Hanover Park which is just east of Elgin and Streamwood.

We moved to Streamwood in 1990 (just 3 miles down Irving Park Road to Streamwood). I retired from the phone co. in 2002. I have an ex-wife and 3 children in Wisconsin. I divorced in 1974 and remarried in 1978. I have 1 stepson here and 2 grandsons in Wisconsin.

I now do work around the house, go to health club in winter and bike riding in summer to stay healthy. My wife isn't in the greatest of health so we don't go on to many vacations. I hope that you can use some of this for your newsletter. (Thanks Jerry I used almost all of your message, as you can see).

*If Daisies are
your favorite flower.
Keep pushing up
those miles per hour
BermaShave*



Melody(Swan) Kristofferson and her new hubby John Kristofferson.

Melody attended Moos thru 6th grade but eventually graduated from Yates and went on to Tuley and graduated from there in June '70.

She is still a MoosMate to us. She offered several of the photos in this issue. They live in Palatine and she runs a business called "Melody's Dance Shoes" and the web site is:

www.melodysdanceshoes.com

Her brother, Marty Swan Yates 1964, has also been found, thanks to Melody, and works as GM for a company called Hi-Temp which is located in Northlake, IL. Marty also graduated from Yates but in 1964 (the first class at the new wing) after attending Moos (until 1962) while they lived at 1732 Campbell Ave. They later moved to Artesian when they started going to Yates. Marty went to Lane Tech and graduated from there in 1968.

He now lives in Mundelein, IL.

Lights OUT!

I remember taking used and burnt out light bulbs in a shopping bag to some place, I think it was in the Logan Square area, for trade-in for new bulbs. One old bulb for one new bulb. Eventually we had to only submit a currently paid electric bill to get the free bulbs. This was in the ComEdison area that included all of Chicago which was one of the last areas in the US to do this. Does anyone else remember this? What about: tops, yo-yo's, sky blue, double dutch, paper airplanes, pea shooters, street games? No body does any of this anymore, sad to say.

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Portillo's

And I thought Portillo's was only a Chicago area restaurant. The last time Sandy and I were in Chicago we made sure to go to Portillo's every evening. Pizza, hot dogs, Italian beef, schooners of ice cold draft beer, tamales...what more could a displaced Chicagoan ask for.

Linda (Falkenberg) Malecki Jan. '58 updates me.

Portillo's has opened a brand new restaurant in Moreno Valley, California and she was among the first to visit the grand opening. They are only 15 miles away. Linda ordered beef, gravy and peppers to go. She was approached by a local reporter (Patti Banner) from a local radio station (KOLA 99.9) and was interviewed. Her and her husband, Rich, were soon approached by none other than Dick Portillo. They yakked for a time and compared knee surgery scars. Linda says he is the sweetest and most open hearted and friendly man. By the way: the beef sandwiches were deeeelicious. Linda also added her homemade cole slaw.



Guess who?

Here are a few clues.

Moos grad of Jan. '55

Her sister graduated Jan. '52.

Nickname was Babe.

Close friend of

Sandra (Husted) Curtis from the same Moos class. Very mysterious and serious pose. Both sisters can be found in Classmatse .com

Thee Principal

The present Moos Principal has been at her post for the last 3 years and previously taught at Moos for 20 years. She is truly a Moos Mate. She was shown a MoosMate newsletter at the Cozy Corner Restaurant (near North and Damen) and has asked to be on my mailing list, which she now is. Her name is **Ms. Maria Cruz** and we may get some up-to-date Moos news items from her occasionally.

Recently found is **Mary Ann (Makela) Kornatowski class of Jan. '60.** She graduated Tuley in 1964. Her brother, **Bernard Makela, graduated Moos in June of '57.**



Bernie Makela

Mary Ann can also be found on Classmates.com. She still lives in Chicago and her brother resides in South Carolina. She recently found out about the class of '58 reunion from **Janice (Marek) Sarafini 1960.**

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Following that she heard from **Kathy (Dolas) Opalinski 1960** who will attend the reunion with her sister **Pat (Dolas) Chreanthakes Jan. '58.** Mary Ann's son rides Metra and has met some girls on the train who he now knows for over a year. As it turns out one of the girls is the daughter of the late **Karen Fleischhacker June '54** and she hangs out with the daughter of **Pat (Carstensen) Wilson Jan. '56.** Her favorite teacher, **Mrs. Wirkus** was spotted a few months ago exiting Bakers Square. Mary Ann says she looks the same as ever and was on her way to do some country line dancing!

Moos School Song

WE'RE LOYAL TO YOU DEAR
OLE' MOOS.
WE LOVE YOU, WE DO, DEAR
OLE' MOOS.
WE KNOW YOU'RE THE BEST,
YOU CAN BEAT ALL THE REST
SO WE'LL ALWAYS BE FAITHFUL
TO YOU!
SO COME ON NOW LET'S DO
OUR BEST,
WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU'LL
PASS THE TEST
SO NOW RAISE OUR BANNERS
HIGH
SOON THEY WILL REACH THE
SKY
FORWARD & ONWARD FOR
MOOS!

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**DOROTHY "JOAN" (Vass)
HINCHMAN
Jan. '50.**

Dorothy Joan Hinchman, age 70, of Modesto, California died Saturday, October 14, 2006 at Memorial Medical Center in the company of her family.

Dorothy was a native of Chicago, IL. She volunteered within the Tuolumne Elementary School System as a president of the PTA, and a Librarian. She was a Volunteer Activist for Stanislaus County. Dorothy was a Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troop Leader Bluebird who earned her 40 year Scouting Service Pin. She was a former College of Regent with the Woman of the Moose Organization, and served as a Paralegal for many years. She is survived by her loving husband of 32 years Donald Hinchman of Modesto; three sons: Mark Thornton of Sacramento, Jon Thornton of Gilbert, AZ, Ron Hinchman of Mons, Belgium; four daughters: Jo Anne Thornton of Denver, CO, Kathianne Allen of Roseville, CA, Kate Morales of Reedsport, OR, Bridget Hinchman of continued next column

Allen, TX; one brother Edward Vass of Chicago, IL; one sister Mary Augustyn of Chicago, IL; twelve grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her brother William Vass; a sister Jean Pinkawa; and one grandson Scott Thornton

Join The Band Wagon!

The gals (formally known as the committee of the Moos School 50th Class Reunion for January and June of 1958) who have organized the first ever Moos reunion (which was held on May 31, 2008 at The White Eagle in Niles, IL) have done it again.

Kathy (Naydenoff) Rivetna, Mary Lou (Worobey) Obos, Linda (Falkenberg) Malecki and Ursula (Matuszak) Przybycien (Class of January 1958)

have come up with another great idea. They wondered what to do with any monies left over from their reunion celebration and how they could give back to Moos in a meaningful way.

They discussed this with **Maria Cruz, the Moos current Principal**, who indicated that the kids now have very little in the way of enjoyment and entertainment books and literature. The reunion girls started a "Library Donations" Fund. The reunion donation box saw \$434 donated towards a great project and to the best Elementary school in Chicago. If you would like to give something back to your Alma Mater, you can send donations directly to our principal at Moos Elementary School and the continued next column

address, in case you have forgotten, is **1711 N. California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647** (designating your contribution to be directed to the Library Fund). I can also take donations sent directly mailed to me and I will put them all together and send Maria a single check to make things a little simpler for her. Hopefully we will be able to fill several shelves with our donations. I've already sent in my check and I hope you will too. The monies will go thru the Scholastics Dept. of the school, allowing for discounts to make our donations go even farther. By the way, Maria Cruz has been a teacher at Moos for 20 years before her present position of Principal. Bravo and Congratulations, Maria!!! By the way Maria Cruz hosted a tour of Moos which lasted 3 hours. Boy, I wish I could have been there for that.



Engine Company 111



Coming down the pole

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Moos class of June 1954 during 2A
Bob Juggan is 3rd row 2nd from right. Buddy Lomo is last on right in back row.



Moos class of June 1956 during 1A Jerry Duggan is 3rd row last on right.

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Yates Room 319 5A Graduating Class of January 1968
Taken in October of 1964



Charla (Metz) Schlesinger June '49
and her best friend Donna (Schram)
Miller on graduation day.



Miss Hayes Oct. 23rd 1957 outside the museum of
Science and Industry on a field trip for the class of Jan.
'58. She seems to be shaking her finger at Mary Lou
(Woroby) Obos for capturing her on camera. This is the
only photo of her that has been located.

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L - R **Top row:** Norm Marose June class, **Cynthia (Matusak) Qualkenbush**, Kathy (Nadenoff) Rivetna, **Linda (Falkenberg) Malecki**, Jeff Pemberton.
Middle row: Clayton Perry June class, **Ursula (Matusak) Przybycien**, Nancy (McNulty) Potter, **Judy (McNulty) Adoski 1952 grad**, Robert McNulty 1941 grad.
Front row: Mary Lou (Woroby) Obos, **Ms. Vivian Wirkus**, Kim (Walsh) Boesch.



Some of the Reunion Kids THEN and QUITE RECENTLY



Pat Dolas



Bob Gilbert



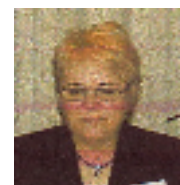
Dan Steffens



Jeff Pemberton



Ken Hoffman



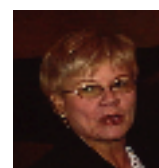
Ursula (Matuszak) Przbycien



Clyde Rokke



Kathy (Naydenoff) Rivetna



Mary Lou (Worobey) Obos

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Class of June 1960

Thanks to Wayne Straight

Is That Nick Page's sister, Norma, I see 3rd from left in the 3rd row?



**Vivian Wirkus (retired Moos teacher) and
Maria Cruz (Moos Principal)**