

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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God bless us everyone

Interesting History from Ron Witt Jan.'51

Jan.'44 Kindergarten teacher was Margaret Wilson, June'44 1B Mrs. Keating, Feb.'45 2B L. Daniel, June'44 2A Gertrude E. Johnson, Jan.'46 3B Florence C. North, June'46 3A Mrs. E. Carlson, Feb.'47 4B Aura Labus, June'47 & Jan.'48 5B & 5A Dolly D. Lee, June'48 6B Mary L. Hickey, Feb.'49 6A Gladys Purinton, June'49 7B Virginia G. Hurley, Jan.'50 7A Alice Hayes, June'50 8B Gladys Purinton, Jan.'51 8A Ellen A. Daley.

Wayne Straight June'60

has found a terrific website called: www.whatwasthere.com and wants to share this with all our MoosMates. On the site, go to the search box and type in Humboldt Park and you will be greeted by dozens of photos of the area in and around Humboldt Park. Some photos are very old and some newer but they are all great for bringing back those memories from our "younger" days.

Thanks Wayne!

Moos Jamboree 2011

It was a year in the planning, several days in the execution and now it's over but, the memories will last a long, long time. The neighborhood tour was led by an extremely knowledgeable man named Jason Lesniewicz. It lasted over 3 hours with a couple of stops in Humboldt Park. Jason took us thru the early years of the Humboldt Park area right up to the present. We learned lots of interesting facts and lore about our old digs. The Moos School tour followed with our Principal, Mrs Maria Cruz and her staff, guiding us within the old and new sections of Moos. We took attendance in one classroom, shot a few hoops in the gym, took photos in the auditorium and were treated to a great lunch. The next day the banquet was attended by 103 including our Principal and her husband, Wilfredo, her Assistant Principal, Janet Ramirez, former teachers **Ms. Wirkus, Diane Frelk and Dorothy Swiatkowski**. Everyone was treated to a candy jar filled with penny candy from days gone by and imprinted with "Bernhard Moos Elementary School" on one side and "Jamboree 2011" on the other. Each kid also got a name tag (most with their class photo), program with names of all in attendance, information to several Moos websites and a paper airplanes pains taking made by yours truly thru many evenings during commercials on TV. The name tags and programs were done by **Linda (Falkenberg) Malecki Jan.'58**.

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The honored guests received maroon and gold corsages courtesy of **Mary Lou (Worobey) Obos Jan.'58**. **Joe "Sunny" Lasota** provided us with oldies music via his DJ equipment and he also acted as the MC for the night. **Susan (Taylor) Albrecht Jan.'51** not only acted as the dropping off post for the jars, candy and miscellaneous nostalgia items shipped in from Florida, she filled the candy jars, allowed us to bring the actual bell from fire dept. Engine Company 111, sorted the name tags and was always there to ask "what else can I do to help?". **Brian Curtis, my son**, who is also a MoosMate, was my right hand man throughout the whole time spent on getting everything accomplished. My wife, **Sandy (Husted) Curtis Jan.'55** also dug right in and helped in so many ways. She had to put up with all of this from the very first time I said "what if.....?" There was also help from **Donna (Badovinac) Tuohy Jan.'51, Bob Husted (my brother-in-law) Moos & Yates'68 and his son, Rob Husted**, who took the time and effort to video tape the entire two days of revelry. **The meal and staff of La Villa Restaurant** did an outstanding job of taking care of all us kids. We had a raffle giving away 18 high end pens & pencils, donated by **Nick Page Jan.'55**, and 10 Moos T shirts & polo shirts. The evening ended sometime after 10:30 pm as most kids had to get home before curfew.

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A Pat on YOUR back & Thank You so much!

To all the MoosMate kids who supported our Moos Jamboree 2011. Due to your overwhelming support we have been able to donate \$450 to the Bernhard Moos School Library Fund. Bernhard would be extremely pleased.

Jamboree 2011 DVD Available

If you would like a memory of the event or if you couldn't make it and want to see what all the fuss was about, this 2 disc set contains 3 hours of our entire event. The neighborhood tour, the Moos school tour, The blow out banquet are all there in living color. A well done piece of work. My nephew, Rob Husted, produced and did a very professional job of it. The DVD set is reasonably priced and available, with credit card, online at http://www.barwars.info/sales/Moos_DVD.htm

or can be purchased, for \$20, by sending him a check made out to

BarWars LLC

and sent to:

Moos Jamboree DVD

BarWars LLC

10791 Paso Fino Drive

Wellington, FL 33449.

Jamboree 2011 Photo's & Memory Book also available.

The photos and memory album professionally done are also available for purchase from:

Lawrence Hood

5555 Grayfield Circle

Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

email:

rap4kids@gmail.com

phone: 708-420-4815.

The photos are \$10 for a 4 x 6, \$20 for an 8 x 10 and \$35 for a memory book containing 74 unforgettable photos of THE KIDS with names identifying who's who.

Alice B. Hayes Moos Test of Time ANSWERS

1. Who owned the grocery store in the middle of the 1600 block of Washtenaw? **Jo as in Jo's Grocery.**
2. What were the two nicknames of Bill Vaughn?
Big Bill & Tiny.
3. How many North and South streets were between California and Western? Name them in order.
West to East...Fairfield, Washtenaw, Talman, Rockwell, Maplewood, Campbell, Artesian.
4. Name the local street that runs diagonally and is only 2 blocks long.
Point Street.
5. What year did Moos stop being a K - 8 Elementary school?
1963
6. How much were the ice cream cones at Mid-City Dairy?
10¢

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7. In penny gum ball machines, describe the winners and what were they worth?
2 ¢ winners were speckled, 5 ¢ winners were striped.
8. What color were the patrol boy/ girl belts?
White
9. What was Chief Don Eagles real name?
Carl Donald Bell.
10. **Wednesday** was dish night at the Crystal.
11. What was the unit name of the fire station on Washtenaw and Wabansia? **Engine Co. 111.**
12. The viaduct ran adjacent to what street? **Bloomington Avenue.**
13. What was Mrs. Hayes's room number? **37/307.**
14. What thoroughfare ran North and South thru the middle of Humboldt Park. **Humboldt Boulevard.**
15. The nickname of the Western Ave. green & yellow streetcars?
The Green Hornets.
16. Where was the first neighborhood White Castle?
Chicago Castle # 28 at Milwaukee & Armitage near Western.
17. Name 2 of the 3 statues that were in Humboldt Park. **Leif Erickson, General Kosciuszko, Von Humboldt.**
18. What did the Queen Theater have that the Crystal didn't?
A center aisle.
19. Describe the sign above the furniture store on North and Washtenaw.
A huge neon fish over L. Fish Furniture Store.
20. On what floor was the library at Moos?
2nd floor.

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21. The school that burned down and was replaced by the Maplewood Playground.

Bancroft School.

22. The Moos colors?

Maroon & Gold.

23. The last person to graduate 8th grade at Moos in our era?

David Willis Aug. 1962.

A Treasure Found

After searching for several months with no success we have been favored with a terrific photo of the Crystal Theater by an old friend and fellow MoosMate Leo Tabert June'51. It had been frustrating to not be able to publish a photo of the major movie house we all visited thru our youth but Leo has come thru.

Thanks loads, Leo!!!



The photo was taken in 1951 and the marquee reads: His Kind of Woman, which starred Robert Mitchum, Jane Russell and also Vincent Price, He Ran All the Way, starring John Garfield and Shelly Winters. There was also a fight film of Sugar Ray Robinson vs Randolph Turpin.

From Ken Iverson June'49

Thank you is never enough when those like you do so much but for now that is all I have.

My mate of 50 years, the mother of my two children and grandmother to three, **Jean Iverson**, left us on APRIL 22nd, 2011. Her years of suffering that she almost always hid from us all came to a very sudden end that day at HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY here in PHOENIX. What a wonderful group of folks they all are.

A memorial hosted and put together by our children and friends at our home Saturday APRIL 30th, 2011 was attended by more than 50 to celebrate her life and remember her as she was in good times.

Should you be so kind as to put this into newsletter form and insert it in the next issue I would be most grateful. Please also include my email address for those that might wish to drop me a line.

THANKS FOR NOW AND ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND TO EACH OTHER. THAT IS THE COMMANDMENT OF THE DAY.

KEN IVERSEN

CLASS OF JUNE 49

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You Go Girl

Charla (Metz) Schlesinger June'49 has married after being widowed for almost 21 years. Charla married James R. Nichols on June 11th, 2011 in Mascoutah, IL.

From now on we will refer to her as Charla (Metz) Nichols.

More Moos Kids Found!

Michael Fleischhacker June'60 has gifted the MoosMates with a very generous contribution to help keep our newsletter going and also given us two more Moos kids, both from his June'60 class. **Terry Laffin** and **Tom Leinbaugh** who both live in Thomson, IL and both graduated Lane Tech in June'64. Thanks much, Michael. Terry lived on the 1600 block of Richmond & Tom lived on the 1600 block of Francisco. **Robert Duchild Jan.'53** now lives in Chesterfield, MO and was found by **Larry Janowiak Jan.'53**. **Richard Rae Jan.'47** and **Donald Rae Jan.'49** live in the Atlanta area and **John Rae** lives in Palatine. Donald's wife is the former **Alice Marie Murdoch Jan.'50**

WANTED

Rosemary (Samar) Mendrella Jan.'49 is searching for **Gwen Mary Glanting** who was her dearest friend when Rosemary's Mother passed away in 1949. Can anyone help? She thanks MoosMates for hooking her up with the **Kanellos twins, Anna & Theodora both of June'49**. Rosemary would love to hear from anyone else. Contact me, Jim Curtis, for her address.

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We've Lost Another MoosMate

Stanley Rejholec June'57 has informed me that **Ken Hoffman Jan.'58** passed away on July 5th, 2011 after a brief illness.

A Little Known Fact

Fred Voltmer's sister, Pat Voltmer June'49, married **Fred Deichmann Aug.'48** in 1953 and they had 3 children, **Becky Sept.'54**, **Frederick July'56** and **Marvin A. June'58**.

All In Good Humor

Good Humor was invented in 1920 by Harry Burt in Youngstown, Ohio. The first Good Humor plant in Chicago was 1929. The Good Humor bar was patented in 1923 and the logo is trademarked. All Good Humor vehicles (push carts, pedal carts, trucks) were done away with in 1976.

Principals of Moos School

There have been 16 Principals at Moos since 1897, 10 women and 6 men. The 1st Principal was **Minna S. Heuerman 1897-1898** and today's Principal is **Maria E. Cruz 2005 - Present**. The Principals during our tender years were:

Roy F. Webster 1927-1940, **Robert E. Lakemacher 1940-1945**, **Marie A. Tobin 1947-1961**, **Helen D. Wilke 1961-1976**.

The position was vacant in 1946, 1976-77 and 1982-83. This information provided by our very good friend and research source at the CPSAlumni.org website Richard R. Seidel.

THANKS, RICH!



Looking Up (to) An Old Friend

One of the stops we made during our neighborhood tour, during Jamboree 2011, was at the Rose Garden in Humboldt Park. The reflecting pool was without water so it wasn't reflecting. We also stopped to stretch our legs at the old boat house, below.



Fire Engine Co. 111 History

Fire Engine Company 111 was put into operation on October 31st, 1907 and ended its service at 10:50 hours on January 22nd, 1968. The building, at 1701 N. Washtenaw Ave. (originally the street number was 902). Engine 111 was taken out of service on October 16th, 1967 and replaced by Snorkel 5, the first time a Chicago Snorkel was the sole occupant of a fire house. The building was razed in the spring of 1963.

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Engine Company's signature on both the telegraph and register was 1-11 (one followed by eleven blows) not 1-1-1. This information was provided by **Susan (Taylor) Albrecht Jan.'51**.



This witch was discovered atop **Alice Hayes** personal coat cabinet in her old room no. 37 coat closet. Coincidence or ?

69 writes: "It was a wonderful event. Lots of planning went into it. Amazing that my first grade teacher, Vivian Wirkus, was there. She revealed to me that my mother complained about a check I received on my report card. After all these years, because my mother died 3 years ago, it meant a lot to find out. I thought "Way to go, Mom.""

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2nd row: Dean Frelk June'46, Diane (Frelk) Rife June '47, Dr. Edwin Aluzas June '46



Leroy Zaehler



Dr. Ed Aluzis



Diane and Dean Frelk

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The 50's KIDS

1st row seated: Sandy (Husted) Curtis Jan.'55, **Frances (La Frana) De Simone June'51**, Paula "Bobbie" Sorce Jan.'52, **Charlene (Southwell) Schwingbeck Jan.'51**, Bert McGriff Jan.'51, **Susan (Taylor) Albrecht Jan.'51**, Elizabeth "Betty" (Grant) Grelyak June'51, **Bertha (Peppas) Argiris June'51**.

2nd row: Kenny Hoffman Jan.'58, **Geraldine (Wolnik) Rempala June'51**, Norman Peterson June'59, **Alice "Honey" (Murray) Wiecek Jan.'53**, Len Mueller Jr. June'50, **James "Jim" Curtis Jan.'51**, Mary Lou (Worobey) Obos Jan.'58, **Jerry Juggan June'56**, Kathy "Cookie" (Murray) Wilsek Jan.'55, **Nancy (Zaehler) Jesse June'59**, Barbara (Marek) Ziemer June'56, **Diane (Zavadil) Dussault Jan.'53**, Carol (Bieze) Martorano Jan.'56.

3rd row: Bernhard Makela June'57, _____, Bertha (Sokolowski) Novaczyk June'57, **Cliff Wolnik June'53**, Ray Sunde Jan.'54, **Tommy Crook Jan.'52**, Bea (McGee) Ball June'54, **Geraldine "Gerri" (McGee) Milbratz Jan.'52**, Fred Voltmer Jan.'51, **Leroy Zaehler Aug.'55**, Caren (Groh) Van Bysum Jan.'57, **Donna (Badovinac) Tuohy Jan.'51**, Marion (Murawski) Gray Jan.'57, **Lee Zavadil Jan.'57**.



Principal Maria Cruz



Vivian Wirkus & Lee Zavadil



Sandy & Brian Curtis

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The 60's KIDS

1st row seated: Joy (Panko) Donovan June '60, Carol L. (Kelly) Harris June '60

Norma (Page) Minnassian June '60, Pamela Lorvig June '66, Janice (Marek) Serafini June '60, Ada (Phelan) Scalise June '60, Helen (Zawlick) Moyot June '60, Kathy Jacobs June '60.

2nd row: Joe "Sunny" Lasota '60 St. Fidelis, Bob Husted '68 Yates, Brian Curtis '72 Meadowdale, MaryAnn (Makela) Kornatowski Jan. '60, Michael Murphy Jan. '60, Diane Murphy June '61, Bob Brekhuis June '60, Kathy (Dolas) Opalinski June '60, Michael Fleischhacker Jan. '61.

Not pictured: James "Jimmy" Fleischhacker June '57.

If I've gotten any names wrong or unidentified, make sure to holler at me and let me know, OK?

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Class of January 1951 at the Jamboree

L to R: Bert McGriff, Charlene (Southwell) Schwingbeck, Donna (Badovinac) Tuohy, Fred Voltmer, Jim Curtis, Susan (Taylor) Albrecht



Susan (Taylor) Albrecht Jan. '51 and James Miller Jan. '51 heading out to Susan's Tuley prom in 1955.