

# 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 Memory is a gift...

It allows us to recall the most pleasant times of our lives and share them with friends, family, loved ones and even casual acquaintances. With memory we can relive past experiences and events that brought us happiness and joy. Enjoy your memories.

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**God bless us everyone**

## Another Satisfied Jamboree 2011 Customer

*"everything was terrific, from the table decorations, to the activities, nostalgia, music and the food. It was a very successful jamboree and one, I'm sure, will linger in the minds of the many Moos Alumni. You are one special person and Moos & all our alumni are lucky to have you at the helm of our ship!"*

*"And you can quote me on that in the Moosmate News!  
YMMFF,"*

**Mary Lou (Worobey) Obos  
Jan.'58**

## Found & In Search Of...

**Reggie Encarnacion June'62** has found **James Malleck** and his younger sister **Linda Malleck Jan.'62**.

**Lee Zavadil Jan.'57** is searching for **Pat Fontechia June'55** who has a sister **Diane Jean Fontechia June'57**.

Any clues at all about their whereabouts will be gratefully appreciated.



## Calvin Frelk June'39 and his wife, Arlene at the Jamboree.

I sadly inform you that Calvin passed away on November 24th, 2011. He, and his wife, enjoyed going back in time to Moos and seeing the neighborhood and old friends. He will be sorely missed by all.

## Don Eckardt Jan.'47 could use some TLC

Don went into the hospital the end of August for some bladder issues and, while being discharged, had a heart attack. They inserted a Cather through his groin and found that he had three blocked arteries. They transferred him to another hospital for triple by-pass surgery. He was on a respirator for two weeks so they had to do a tracheotomy. Don was then transferred to another hospital for  
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care and rehab. He is still in rehab and will probably be there for some time as he has not walked since. He is doing much better now. Don would love to hear from MoosMates. Please send any messages to his home address at **2840 Bryant Court Cumming, GA 30040-5016**.

## Puppy Love by Linda (Falkenberg) Malecki Jan.'58

I think I was 11 or 12 years old, played volleyball day and night at Maplewood Playground -- had a long pony tail and somehow or another **Charles (Chuck) Neidle** and I started "dating". Chuck was the #2 catch at the time with **Don Kauts Jan.'58** being #1. I remember Chuck came to the house and picked me up to go to a birthday party. While he was waiting for me on the front porch, I quickly slipped out the back door and went downstairs to my Grandparents where my Dad was visiting. I asked my Dad for a dollar to give to the boy/girl (can't remember what sex or whom the party was for) and then ran back upstairs and back down to the front of the house. I do recall we played spin the bottle at the party, but don't remember if I got kissed or not. A short time later I, for some reason, decided I didn't want the long hair any longer and had my hair cut. Lo and behold, Chuck didn't like me without it and started seeing **Joyce Wasielewski**. Just goes to show you how fickle puppy love can be. LOL

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## For The Record

The Chicago Public School class and graduation records begin with 1873. At that time the only records were for the "admissions to High & Normal Schools". The names, high school attending and grade averages were recorded. The 1st official record is dated June 27, 1873. The first year that Moos was mentioned was 1902, 5 years after Moos was dedicated and renamed Bernhard Moos Elementary School on April 7, 1897. It was originally called Humboldt Elementary School which was annexed in 1887. There were 16 in that very first 8th grade class. The very first graduate was Rose Bergens. They didn't receive "diplomas" though. They were "admitted to high school upon the recommendation of the principals of the various elementary schools" up until 1920 at which time the words "upon recommendation of the various principals" was dropped. They began receiving actual "certificates of graduation" in 1941. From 1873 until 1909 there were only June graduating classes. The January classes didn't start until 1909 and summer graduates didn't appear in the records until 1938. 1962 was the last time an 8th grader graduated from Moos, as they went to a middle school system that year and the middle school for future 8th grade kids was Richard Yates Upper Grade Center School. The last 8th grader to graduate Moos was David Willis in August of 1962. The largest January class was 1930 with 81 and the largest June class was 1939 with 102 followed by 1940 and 1941 with 98 and 100 respectively. The smallest January class was 1916 with zero and June, 1906 with 11.

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Between 1938 and 1962 there was only one year when there was no summer school kids and that was 1947. During the time between 1873 thru the January 1933 class, vaccination dates of each child were also recorded including if their vaccination was refused by the parents but, in June of 1933, they were replaced by birth dates. And lastly, between 1902 and 1962, Moos School graduated 5,343 "kids" out of 8th grade.

A very BIG THANK YOU to Richard Seidel of the CPSAlumni.org website for his efforts in obtaining all the information needed for this article.

## Of Ink & Ink Wells

**Bernard Dean June'42** used them and says the cheap pens leaked. Ball points were yet to come. **Water Jabczynski June'39** comments: We did have ink wells, and a student to fill them each day. What a mess for me, I did not write very well. The papers I handed in were a mess. We used pencils most of the time. Thank God for the Ball pens. **Allan Taylor June'45** remembers the wells had flaps on them and they used straight quill pens, dipping them in the ink. After the straight pens, some called them stick pens, we moved on to the fountain pens which Allan says you only filled with Parker's Quink Ink (if you were cool.) **Bob Jaworski Jan.'49** remembers the ink wells when he went to grade school. He remembers that they came with the big bottle of ink to fill the ink wells and also teasing the girls with pig tails where they would dunk them in the ink. Others remember using Shaeffer Skrip ink. They stopped using the ink and wells sometime in the late 1940's.

## A Call For Help!

Can anyone recall any of their teachers retiring and when? I'm looking for dates or months or even years. Trying to compile as much information I can about our teachers and when they taught at Moos, or other schools, as well as when they may have retired. Also birth dates and if you might know when they passed away, if so. I already have a fine list but am trying to fill in some blanks.

## For the Love of ART

**Casimir Siewierski Jr. Jan.'58**, who shall herein be known as Casey, is doing what he has always loved doing. Being an artist. From the time he can remember he has always had art in his being. His mother saw this early in his life and nurtured it as did his Moos art teacher who was, possibly, Miss Gladys Purinton. You might remember her classes held in room 29 which, as I recall, was in the Northeast corner of the building. The room was always filled with sunshine and lots of light. His teacher suggested he attend the Chicago Art Institute which he did for a time and learned the basics that were the basis of a lifetime of creativity. Casey spent his working career as a Fireman, mostly in Chicago, and throughout the world but now resides in Cape Coral, Florida, after retiring in 2003, and has a thriving art studio and is a charter member of the Cape Coral Art League. Casey has an excellent website at [www.picturetrail.com/caseysiewierskijr](http://www.picturetrail.com/caseysiewierskijr).

There are hundreds of photos of his creations and they are just gorgeous!

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Being a firefighter he has a very personal affinity to their depiction but he also works in other mediums. You will be well rewarded to visit it and sign his guest book. I'm sure he would welcome hearing from some of "the kids" from Moos and the old neighborhood. More about Casey, his wife, Joanne, and his gallery are on the website. Visitors are always welcome.

**See Casey's art on pg 5.**

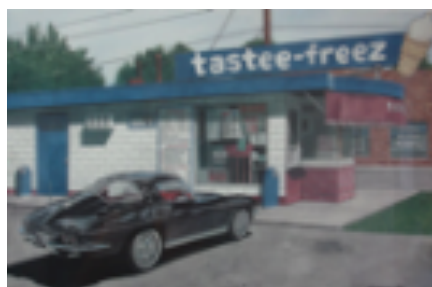
## That First Kiss

Can you remember that far back in time? I'm sure you can. Nobody forgets that first kiss. Where you the kisser or the kisee? Was it expected? Anticipated? Accidental? Come on think back. Was it day time? At recess? After dark? In a gangway? Humboldt Park or the Crystal show? I'm thinking lots of them were at the movies and probably the movie house was the Crystal on a Sunday afternoon. That's when I had mine. It was with my very first girlfriend **Nancy Berger June'53** and her brother Joe had tagged along. It was a sunny Sunday afternoon and I can;t tell you what the heck was playing on the screen. I had my arm around her shoulder and just turned her head and did it. Boy, was I scared but boy, was it exciting. I've never found Nancy. **Adele Lanan Moos, Jefferson '57** remembers her first kiss was with **Tommy Altenburg Jan.'55.** and guess where? The Crystal Theater, those many years ago.

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We have located Tommy thru his sister **Beverly (Altenburg) McCain Moos June'62 & Mozart June'64** but, sad to say, he doesn't recall this important event. Is there anyone out there who would like to share their memory of their first kiss? Let me know, if you dare reveal it to all the MoosMates who read this publication. I'm waiting!!

**Jim Curtis Jan.'51**



## Tastee-Freez

The company was started, in 1950, by an entrepreneur and a marketing man. OUR Tastee Freez, located at 2815 W. Armitage, was one of the first locations and is still going strong today, 60 years later. and what used to be a walk-up location now has seating and outdoor benches and also serves much more than the original soft serve cones, sundaes and shakes. Remember how they would dip the cones in chocolate for a special taste treat and the swirl at the top? My favorite was the Boston Shake. When I would take Sandy there, with just a couple coins in my pocket, I would secretly hope she wouldn't opt for anything expensive, otherwise, I would have to politely decline anything for myself but, if she did, we always had two straws. Ain't love grand?

## Loyalty

Recently learned from **Adele Lanan Moos thru 4th grade then Jefferson Jan.'57** that her big brother **John Lanan Jan.'53** was so loyal to Moos School that, after they moved to Bellwood, IL in 1953, he commuted, by bus and train, to complete his education and graduate from Moos. What a guy!

## You Go Girl!

I recently had a terrific beach side luncheon with a unique person and her hubby of many years, **Diane (Frelk) Rife Jan.'47** and her husband **Marshall**. Diane is unique in the fact that she is the only "kid" that we have found who not only went to Moos as a student but also taught there as a teacher. Diane taught 3rd grade in 1955. However, in browsing thru the Chicago Public Schools OFFICIAL records, I found something very disturbing. She is not who she says she is. Her recorded name is Diane Marie FRELK and, in addition, her real birthday is 12-18-1834. This makes her the oldest pupil to graduate 8th grade at the age of 113 and the oldest teacher at Moos at 121. This coming birthday will be her 177th. By gosh, Diane sure looks great for her age!

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**Reggie Encarnacion June '62 and his bride, Lynn  
Prom Night April 1965 Alvernia HS & Prom Night Westwood HS April 2007 on their 42nd  
anniversary celebration.**



**Tuley Reunion Class of Jan. '61.  
Nancy (Schultz) Nootbar, Marion (Murawski) Gray, Karen (Groh) Van Byssum and Lee Zavadil.  
All Moos Jan. '57 Grads.**

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Two vastly different samples of Casey Siewierski's talented artistry



John(ny) Lanan Jan'53 and his sister Adele Lanan who attended Moos thru the 4th grade.

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Opening the door to knowledge  
**Margaret "Peggy" Scanlan June '57 and Adele Lanan Moos & Jefferson '57**  
on their first day at Moos

Lastly, several "kids" who went to Moos during the 1990's have been asking, thru our Bernhard Moos Elementary School page on Facebook, if there is anyway they can get copies of their class photos. Photos that were lost or destroyed and were very precious. If you can help in any way just let me know. Also, as always, we are forever on the lookout to fill many missing class photos from the 30' thru the 60's.