

# MOOSMATES AND NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS

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**My Column**

18 kids have agreed to accept this newsletter via email in PDF format. Thanks to you I am saving some bucks on the cost of printing and mailing. Anyone else? Just let me know. The images seem much brighter and more vivid on your computer screen. If you would like it both ways, let me know that, too.

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**God bless us everyone**

My cousin, **Diane (Jabczynski) Flood Jan'53**, tells me her girlfriend from Moos lives close by and they see each other often. Her name is **Carol (Little) Hampton June'53**. Carol has two brothers, **David Little Jan.'55** and **Walter Little Aug.'56**. Also **Robert Dale Zmigrodski June '52** checks in from Tinley Park. He has been retired since 2004 from a career as a tool maker at Andrew Corp. His sister, **Francis (Zmigrodski) Jan.'59** is alive and well in Missouri. Robert also says: I enjoy golfing, riding my bike to the fishing ponds near my house and catch and release of the fish I catch. I watch much too much T.V. and also spend too much time on line. My grand kids also take up some of my spare time as all three play baseball. sometimes I'll do a woodworking project out in the garage.

That's about it for now, as My wife Judy is waiting for me to set up a small painting project she wants to do.

## Happy Anniversary KIDS!

It's the MoosMates 10th anniversary issue and look where we have been. We started out with one class, the January class of 1951, and we had found about 30 classmates. Here we are ten years later, 325 strong and our classmates range from 1939 thru the 1960's and no end in sight. We have had a two day Jamboree that was attended by 104 which included our present Moos Principal and three former teachers. We have put together, in one place, 110 class photos which can never be duplicated and in which we have been able to identify many, many faces. We have been able to hook up old friends and even family members and ALL of this is because of YOU and your support through the years. We find more Moos and neighborhood kids almost every month and they are eager to share stories of their lives, since their childhood days, with us. Give yourselves a huge pat on the back for making this possible and...keep those cards and letters a'comin!

## ALIAS

When you were a kid, you had a nickname. At least most of us did. They were cute, funny, ugly, hurtful, contractions, mean, friendly, intimate, fitting but, mostly they stuck. One family in particular seemed to have a nickname for every sibling. The Murray kids were Sue, Honey, Cookie, Mickie, George, Danny, Donnie and Sissy. I had 3, that I can remember. Jungle Jim, Carburetor Curtis and Lard. There very several kids called Cookie, my cousin, Larry, was one of them. There was Candy, Lucky, Big Bill or Tiny. Four eyes was one of the mean ones. Do you remember yours? Do you even want to?



After 20 years of teaching at Moos and becoming it's Principal in 2005, **Mrs. Maria Cruz** has decided to retire. She was instrumental in providing us a big welcome when we invaded Moos, last year, for the Moos Jamboree 2011. She guided us around and fed us a great lunch as well as providing herself and her staff to make our visit very memorable. Marie, her husband, **Assistant Principal, Janette Ramirez, and her Business Manager, Leona Kolovos** also favored us as honored guests at our banquet that next evening. Mrs. Cruz had been so very helpful in planning our event and is always there to answer a question or give a suggestion. **The MoosMates will miss you, Mrs. Cruz!**



**And here is what Mrs. Cruz has to say to all us MoosMates.**

I will like every one to know that my years at Moos have brought me lots of joy. I have served students in a community similar to the one I was raised in by beautiful parents who always told me to give back and I believe I did that. I will be helping my son raise his son, Xavier, who I love very much. I will give him the attention I gave this community which is special but I will be back to Moos at least once or twice a month. I love this community and find myself committed to the kids and parents. Thank you for all the kindness you have sent my way.

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We've heard from our new found kid, **Dennis Spohnholtz Jan. '55**, and here's what he has to say.

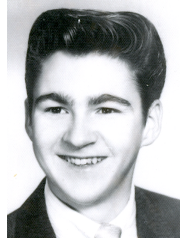
After graduating from Moos I went to Lane Tech for a year and then we moved to Niles and i graduated from Maine East in 1959. I took an apprenticeship as a brick layer downtown. I didn't really learn too much as they had me pushing a wheel barrow and cleaning up for three years and, as a reward, I was laid off. Not being able to find a job, I boosted my name in the draft and was inducted in the army in 1963. I served 18 months in Germany and was eventually discharged in 1965. I went back to my Mom & Dad's home in Niles. My uncle, who lived in Northbrook, told me they were building a house across the street from him and I should go over and ask for a job, which I did. I told the foreman I was a journeyman but didn't really know much about construction. We talked a bit and he offered me a job and to start working the next morning. I ended up working for that company for 43 years! I found out, many years later, that the foreman had served in the army during WWII and received many medals. He took me under his wing and taught me everything. I had met a gal on New Years Eve in 1965. Married her in '67. We have two children. A boy 42 and a girl 39. We also have 3 grandchildren, all boys, ages 7, 4 and 2. The grandkids came over a few months ago and I found an old box that contained all the medals I had won at Maplewood Playground as well as awards for being a patrol boy. If I wasn't at home, I was at Maplewood, Humboldt Park or playing stick ball in the East school yard of Moos. I still do a little hunting & fishing. Not as much as I used to do but, it all started at Humboldt Park lagoon where I caught my first large mouth bass. I, now, take my grandkids fishing every chance I get. Those were some great & happy years. I want to thank you for finding me and for sending all the past newsletters.



Moos June'56 Lane Tech June'60

**Greg Matuszak June '56** tells us about his very first car, a 1955 Dodge. I bought it that year from my father. He wanted a new one so he sold me his for what the dealership offered him for a trade. As soon as I got it I took it to a paint and body shop and had all of the chrome removed, holes plugged with Bondo, put in a bar grill with amber lights behind them and had it painted Imperial Black. Oh, the reason I did this is was because the original color was a two tone Pink And Black. My next cars were a 58 Ford (ex state police car), Pontiac Tempest, in which I got t-boned by a drunk driver who had no insurance or license and totaled it. Then my next treat was after I got back from Nam- a '66 Dodge Charger with a hemi. I figured since I got back in one piece from there that I would treat myself to a ride.

Greg's 6-B report card below  
**Class president AND hall guard, WOW!**



We have lost another old friend. **Ron Gregrow (attended Moos 1942 thru 1949 & graduated from Bridge School in Jan.'50)** passed away on April 28th, 2012. Ron had been living in Ft. Meyers, Florida for the past several years. he lost his wife, Rita, in 2006 from Cancer. He had recently formed a Hospice group to help others suffering from the disease. it started with just two and became a 30 + group that met weekly for lunch. He kept himself

**Betty Lou (Medling) Boles Jan'52** is happy to be found and the first name she said was "Carol Wolf". She would love to find **Carol Ann Wolf Jan.'52. Carol? Are you hearing this?**

### Hey, Cousin!

We recently heard from a cousin of **Sandy (Husted) Curtis Jan.'55. Penny (Franklin) La Born** went to Moos K thru 6th and graduated from Darwin School in 1976. WELCOME ABOARD, COUSIN PENNY!

The left document is a letter on lined paper with the following text: "Your child has stated special appreciation for the Chicago Public School... of Period: *Quarter of class* and Term: *that grade*... of Period: ... of Period: ... I am sure you are always welcome in the Chicago public schools, and your suggestions for better housing and occupational, and the making the school program more vibrant, will be gladly received." The letter is signed by *Maria A. John*.

The right document is a "Chicago Public School" report card for the "Second Semester Ending January" for pupil *George E. Montroy*, School *Moos*, Address *1111 California*, Home *10*, Grade *6B*, and Teacher *J. Duane*. The report card includes an attendance table:

	First Period	Second Period	Third Period	Fourth Period
Days Absent	0	0	0	0
Tenure	0	0	0	0
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At the bottom of the report card, it says "FURNISH GRADE NEXT SEMESTER" with a handwritten number *6A 123*.

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**Emily C. Rose** is now officially designated an **Honorary MoosMate**. Who is Emily C. Rose, you ask? She bills herself as a "distant relative" of Bernhard Moos, the man. She is an accomplished author and more. Her book, *Portraits Of Our Past*, tells us about the life of Bernhard Moos. Her



website is

[emrosebooks.com](http://emrosebooks.com)

On her website is a link to a page which tells all about the man whose name graces our school. Emily has been helpful in connecting Moos kids

## Here's the Scoop

Recently found **Mark Wasielewski Moos & Yates June'63** has two Joyces in his life. His sister, **Joyce (Wasielewski) Miodecki Jan.'58** and his wife, **Joyce Diane (Adamski) Wasielewski June'61**. All present and accounted for and living in the Chicagoland area. The Wasielewski's and, Joyce's Mom's, Mary, family, Zielinski go far back in attending Moos. There were Mary, Wanda, Edward and Anne. The Wasielinski's were her Dad Roy, George, Norbert Audrey M Jan.'41 and Marilyn June'42. We also found a Mary Wasielewski June'36 and an Irene Rose Wasielewski June'37 who both graduated from Moos.

If your peach  
Keeps out  
Of reach  
Better practice  
What we preach  
Burma-Shave



## POP-UP BOOKS

Do you remember them? One series was called the Jolly Jump-Up books. Did you ever have one? They were story books that would open up to 3-D pictures along with the story. Published by McLoughlin Bros. 10 different titles were illustrated by Geraldine Clyne the first one was "The Jolly Jump-Ups in their New Home" published in 1939. One of The last ones was "The Jolly Jump-Ups on the Farm" published in 1948.

**Dennis Spohnholtz Jan.'55**, left, and **Barbara Jaworski June'52** when they were wee tykes with bandana, stetson, chaps and all that makes them COWKIDS. Do you have a pony picture? Send me a copy and see yourself in print.



Our Moos School Historian has come through again. **Ms. Vivian Wirkus** tells the MoosMates that the "C" grade was determined back in the "old" days right out of kindergarten when all the kids took a "readiness test". Those that scored below a certain number were in need of extra help in reading and math. Ms. Wirkus says that it was great to see them blossom and become 1-B's. The readiness program REALLY worked!

Ms. Wirkus also informed us that the desks were set-up in 6 rows of 8 deep for a total of 48 seats per class room. THANKS, Ms. WIRKUS! What would we do without you.



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## I Have Good News and Bad News

**First the bad news.** The [CPSAlumni.org](http://CPSAlumni.org) website is no longer available due to financial reasons. It had been funded by an endowment from the J.P.Sloan Foundation and that funding has run out. At this time, there are no resources to keep it active. It has been a wonderful source of material for the MoosMates newsletter and will be sorely missed. We have found names and dates and school information for many of us kids, these past 30 issues.

**Now the good news.** The MoosMates has downloaded almost every school record available from the beginning, which was 1893, thru 1973, which is the last year of which the records are available to the public, so, for any of you out there, I will share what I have if you are ever so in need of any information therein.

## The Myth Debunked Some of may remember or, have heard of this myth about Lucky Strikes and here's the true story.

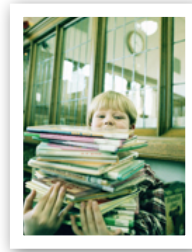
The brand's signature dark green pack was changed to white in 1942. In a famous advertising campaign that used the slogan "Lucky Strike Green has gone to war", the company claimed the change was made because the copper used in the green color was needed for World War II. American Tobacco actually used chromium to produce the green ink, and copper to produce the gold-colored trim. A limited supply of each was available, and substitute materials made the package look drab. However, the truth of the matter was that the white package was introduced to modernize the label and to increase the appeal of the package among female smokers; market studies showed that the green package was not found attractive to women, who had become an important consumer of tobacco products. The war effort became a convenient way to make the product more marketable while appearing patriotic at the same time. Famed industrial designer Raymond Lowey was challenged by company president George Washington Hill to improve the existing green and red package, with a \$50,000 bet at stake. Loewy changed the background from green to white, making it more attractive to women as well as cutting printing costs by eliminating the need for green dye. He also placed the Lucky Strike target logo on both sides of the package, a move that increased both visibility and sales. Hill paid off the bet.



I recently received the following from **Kenneth Haag Moos & Bishop Quarter Academy June '56**

*By the way, Folklore (including stories, games, songs, etc.) and Library Reference were my major studies, and I love searching out obscurities. If you ever want to add an "ask the librarian" column, I'm raising my hand from the back row. So, here it is.*

### ASK THE LIBRARIAN!



**Kenneth Haag's email is [cafehazr@hotmail.com](mailto:cafehazr@hotmail.com)**  
or send your question to me and I will

### And what did you do during recess?

Did you play tag, higher than the ground, Chinese tag? Some just sat in the widow recesses. Sometimes we sailed paper airplanes or we ran just to run. Who was the fastest? Did I leave anything out? Buck, Buck? How about jump rope? That gravel was very unforgiving, as I recall. Let me know what you remember, OK?

### That First Kiss...chapter III

#### Splendor in the Grass

**Kathleen "Pat" (Carstensen) Dickerson Jan. '56** remembers it well. It happened on the grass just outside of the Washtenaw Variety Store on Washtenaw and Wabansia. **Nick Page Jan. '55** planted one on her while several of "his boys" watched. Nick was hooked and so was Pat. "He drove me crazy after that. Always seemed to be right around the corner. Kind of pesty, at times, but I enjoyed the attention and affection. Since that time, so many ages ago, they are still the best of friends. As it happens, Nick Page eventually owned that very store.

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**Barbara (Monk) Mosley June'51** and her Aunt, **Helen**

## SUGAR AND SPICE

**Don Kunz Jan.'46** has a "Happy Cooker" for a wife. Her name is Marilyn and she runs a commercial kitchen called SUGAR AND SPICE in Grand Rivers, KY. She offers cooking classes, on-site dining & catering and also a yummy offering of bakery items. There are all sorts of mouth watering treats as well as take out meals. Marilyn shares her love of the culinary arts with classes, a monthly newsletter and can be reached, by email, at [callme@happycooker101.com](mailto:callme@happycooker101.com) or her website is [www.happycooker101.com](http://www.happycooker101.com)



**Yates Class of January 1951 Grad Photo Taken on:** January 24, 1951

Left to right:

**1<sup>st</sup> row:** Avis Glass, **Barbara Zidoff**, Shirley Sandergaard, **Sheryl Weinstein**, Carol Medin, **Carol Guarisco**, Rochelle Stoper.

**2<sup>nd</sup> row:** Ron Olson, **James Andreakos**, Marshall Dolnick, **Harvey Penn**, Vaughn Fennerty, **Robert Vender Molen**, Marvin Lovelace.

**3<sup>rd</sup> row:** Naomi Shifres, **Paul McGrath**, Carol Deckler, **Aaron Turk**, Gayle Goodwin, **Geraldine Hoff**, Lloyd Leonard, **Thalia Helgeson**, Margaret Brill.

**Not pictured:** Harvey Leff

**Credits to:** Shirley Sandergaard



Bertha Peppas Jan.'51 around the old flag pole which was "higher than the ground" and always had the flag flying on high. The flag pole is no more.

## And yet another happy customer.

Recently we heard from **Bobbie Sorce Jan.'52** that, after the MoosMates linked her up with her dear best friend of many years ago, **Betty (Medling) Boles Jan.'52**, they had a great meeting when Betty and family traveled from Tennessee to the Chicago area and stopped in at Bobbies home. The visit lasted for hours catching up on life's adventures since school days and memories shared of the past. Bobbie personally called and thanked the MoosMates.

Your more than welcome, **BOBBIE!**

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Technically, he's NOT a MoosMate BUT he is definitely a neighborhood kid. **Bob Wachs is a Yates graduated, class of January 1959** who has honored us with a full set of his class photos from Yates. They run from kindergarten right thru 8th grade and the unique thing is that Bob's mother had the foresight to write all his classmates names and positions on the back of each photo. Below is his 8A class combined with the June 8B class of 1959. The MoosMates now has a collection of over 130 of these precious photos.



Left to Right:

**1st row:** David Slocum Jan.'59, Rickie Moskovitz Jan.'59, Robert Wachs Jan.'59, Mel Joseph Vaccaro June'59, Larry Hooker June'59, Laurence G. Kearley June'59.

**2nd row:** Muriel Lavine June'59, Linda Gustafson Jan.'59, Sharon Kay Neva June'59, Roberta Louise Moreland June'59, Edell Lauterbach June'59, Margaret LaVear June'59, Barbara Ann Rybarczyk June'59, Patricia Ann Bergsvik June'59, Carole Vermont Jan.'59, Marsha Bartholomy Jan.'59.

**3rd row:** Mr. Byrnecki, Gerald Idar Iversen June'59, James E. Swartz June'59, Walter Wisch Jan.'59, Roger Hill Jan.'59, Billy Birmingham Jan.'59, James Conrad Jan.'59, Jack Mayfield Jan.'59, Isaac Tschewik Jan.'59, Albert Cina Jan.'59, George Alan Argast Jan.'59, Richard Laufer Jan.'59, Josef Dalezman Jan.'59, Thomas Daniel Botos Jan.'59, Mr. McCann.

**4th row:** Jorge Pinzon June'59, Michael Learnahan Jan.'59, Janie Maxwell June'59, Mary Frances Caruso June'59, Sandra Brumond Jan.'59, Margaret Murata Jan.'59, Susanne Hanus Jan.'59, Rosemary Trudniak June'59, Margaret Yost Jan.'59, Richard Eldon Carlson June'59, Robert Zucker Jan.'59, Thomas Walstead Jan.'59, Michael Trudniak Jan.'59.

**Not shown:** Barbara Sosnowicz Jan.'59, Janet Lamberson Jan.'59.