

# 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

More and more "kids" keep surfacing. See the bio's and photos of the Murray kids. My many thanks to all the "kids" who have contributed to the MoosMates in so many ways and widened our "found" kids to over 120. I always welcome your inputs and comments and photos and stories. Also hope you enjoy the mailing stamps. I tried to use a bunch of different ones as they are all very artistic and beautiful. This mailing goes out to 101 different addresses. Don't hesitate to write or phone or email me with your thoughts and recollections. This is all possible because and about

**YOU!**

## **The Murray Kids**

There were, originally, 7. Alice, George, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Donny, Sue and Danny. Donny died at the age of 2 1/2 due to leukemia. Sue passed away in May of 2000 at the age of 64 and Danny passed away on July 13th, 1999 at the age of 53. They lived at 1643 N. Washtenaw until 1953 at which time they moved to 916 N. Honore St. The Murray kids were BIG on nicknames. Kathy was Cookie, Alice was Honey and is currently known as Mickie, Elizabeth was Sissy and George has recently been dubbed Elvis. Their individuals stories continue from there.



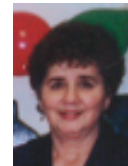
**George Murray**

I attended Moos School until 1953. After 1953 we moved to 916 N. Honore St, I attended Hans Christian Anderson Elementary School and graduated in 1954. I attended Washburne Trade School for 2 years however, I didn't graduate.

I then worked for Montgomery Ward for 6 years until I was drafted into the Army, I was stationed in Mineral Wells, Texas. I also served 6 months in Greenland during the time of the Viet Nam War! I married in 1980 and it ended 2 years later with a divorce! We never had children. I became a Postman and was stationed out of the California & Fullerton (Logan Square Office). I married again in 1989 and was married for 13 years, and we had no children. I retired from the Post Office in 1996 after 31 years of service!

My wife and I recently divorced this past year! I am now living in a nursing home in Elizabeth, Illinois which is about 7 miles from my sister Kathy's house. I have a few health issues but nothing serious! I love to correspond with old friends and school-mates in fact writing is one of my hobbies along with crossword and word search books. I also love to listen to music.

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**Kathleen (Murray) Wilsek**  
**AKA Cookie**

I attended Hans Christian Andersen Elementary School after Moos and graduated in Jan 1955. I attended Wells High School and graduated in Jan 1959! We then moved again to North Ave and Hoyne Ave, I was married in June 1961, I adopted a son, Jeffrey and a daughter Kelly Ann. They were both infants, my son is now 38 and my daughter is 34! I had several jobs, after High School I worked at the 1st Nat'l Bank of Chicago, I was a typist and bookkeeper. Later I worked at Pioneer Paper Stock Co, as a biller/typist, American Standard, I held the position of switchboard/receptionist/typist. At Midwest Indemnity, I was a assistant underwriter. The last job I held before retirement was with The Dontech Company (Yellow-Pages) I was an administrative assistant to the general manager and 8 sales-people. I divorced after 25 years of marriage and married my present husband in Sept of 1987. We will celebrate our 17th anniversary this year! We have 6 grandchildren! We are retired for the last 9 years, however, my husband has his own consulting business which he performs out of our home! I do a lot of volunteer work here in Galena, I am an advocate for a rape crisis center and I am on call twice a month. ( I go to the hospital and counsel the victim!) I also work at the local food pantry once a month, I write an article for our local no kill shelter called

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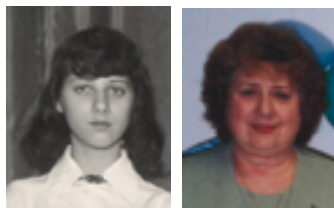
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"Safe Haven", featuring a special animal of two each month! Most recently I have just become a "Big Sister" for a 13 year old girl who lives in the area. We also are kept busy as we have a very active "Home Owners Association". My hobbies include crocheting, needlepoint, knitting, ceramics and learning to quilt. My other interests are water aerobics, walking daily and I am Co-Leader of my weight club! (Tops) I am open to any correspondence between Moosmates and just love Jim Curtis's newsletter!

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**Alice (Honey) Murray**

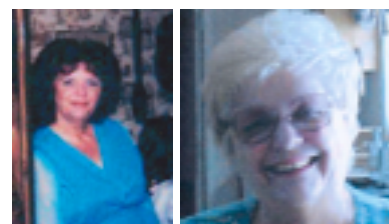
Graduated Moos in Jan. of '53 and moved out of the neighborhood when she was 17. She remembers several of her graduating class and worked with Barbara Jaworski at a dime store downtown. They worked the sandwich counter down stairs. Alice, now calls herself Mickie, keeps in touch with family as well as Beverly Perry and Tommy Crook, Francis LaFrana and Francis' sister Diane Murphy. Alice got a job at Hammond Organ Co. where she met her husband, Jerry. Jerry later went on to work at several printing companies as a printer until he retired in 2001 at the age of 65. They married in

November of '58 at St. Fidelis church and have 3 children Linda (44), Jim (42) and John (40). Linda has 2 boys and 2 girls. Jim has 1 boy and 1 girl as does John. Linda's husband, Fred, has his own business in Arlington Heights and they have been married for 23 years. Jim is presently divorced and lives in Lake of the Hills and is an interior decorator/artist. John is also divorced and lives in Huntley and is a fire fighter/paramedic. Their oldest grandson, Fred, is graduating from U. of Iowa and intends to continue on in dental school to become an orthodontist. Alice's oldest granddaughter is in her 3rd year at U. of Illinois at Chicago and aspires to becoming a teacher. Other grandchildren are Lindsay (17), Joey (12), Katrina (13), Amanda (14), Austin (11) and Nick (9). Her granddaughter, Amanda, has a horse, dog and 4 cats so she may some day own a pet store or become a veterinarian. Alice counts her blessings every day. She has wonderful children and grandkids as well as a pretty great husband of 45 years. After her kids were all teenagers, Alice worked at a "Doll and Teddy Bear" shop for 17 years and eventually retired at age 62 which was 4 years ago.

### Sweets and other things

How many more can you recall? Frozen bananas, pineapple slices and peach halves covered in chocolate. 2 cent and 5 cent winners in the gum ball machines. The 2 cent winners were speckled and the BIG 5 cent winners were striped. I once spent a whole dollars worth of pennies in a gumball machine at the Washtenaw Variety Store.

I probably got 25 or 30 cents worth of winners but felt I was a BIG winner. Nickle-Nips, Bazooka Bubble gum, those dots of candy on a long strip of paper, licorice whips, banana caramels, wax teeth, wax lips, wax whistles, dreamsicles, fudgesicles, frozen ices for 2 cents or was it 5 cents? I rarely even thought of candy bars...too expensive. Penny candy in a brown paper bag was the ultimate treat. I would sneak out beer bottles from my grandfather and collect the 5 cent deposits at the tavern on Washtenaw and Wabansia (it was called Ed and Evelyn's Tap), buy a 6 pack of Pepsi-Cola, drink it down in an afternoon and spend the deposit (2 cents per bottle) on penny candy.



**Beverly (Candy) Perry**

My sister went to Texas with her family when her husband came back from Korea. He did not want me to go with them. So at fifteen I went out on my own. I quit school (by lying) and got a job as a waitress. I stayed a waitress until I was 17 and then went to work at the telephone co. I stayed in switchboard work until I met Bob. I was 23 when I met him. That is when my life really began. We married in "62" and I had my first child when I was 26 1/2 years old. I had 5 children, two boys and three girls. We lived in Chicago, then moved to Lombard, then to

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Bolingbrook. We sold our home and left for Arizona. We stayed there for a few years then went to Nevada. From there we came to Utah. We really love it here. We will spend the rest of what ever is left here. Bob was in construction work and his work took us to all these places. We lived in California for several years but always came home to Utah on any of his off times. In "83" I went back to school and got my GED. I have written a small fairy tale, and had a great time doing it. I also paint with oils. I told Bob that I retired when I married him. Now he has retired and is making me come out of retirement. Now I have to actually do something ha, ha! My oldest son Bob is 6'7 and very heavy so he became a pro wrestler. He has since become disabled. He is married and has 7 children. My oldest daughter Lisa lives in Arizona is married and has one child. She is my shortie she is only 5'8. My daughter Laurie lives here in Vernal Utah. She is divorced and has two children she is my tall girl. She is 6' . My daughter Lynette lives in Las Vegas. She is married and has two children. She is 5'9 1/2" and won a Beauty Pageant in California. My youngest son Jim is living here in Vernal Utah, and is divorced and has three children. So I guess I believed it when they said go forth and multiply. Well I guess you are up to date with me. Take out anything you want from this letter and put it in the newsletter. I am sending a few pictures Of my family. Do whatever you choose.

Kindest regards  
Beverly (Perry) Lee

## CAR STUFF and MORE

When was the last time you had fender skirts on your car? What about curb feelers? Remember the sound they made to warn you that you were very close to scuffing those wide-side whitewalls as you parked your car? How about a vibrasonic attachment to make your AM radio sound like stereo? It gave an echo effect and was a wild sound seldom heard back in the 50's. Allied Radio on Western Ave. was offering this new thing called Hi-Fi radio back then. Spinners attached to steering wheels were very cool back then. Some had pinup gals pictured in the clear plastic knobs and who can forget Bermuda Bells? I had one in my '37 Pontiac and used it often. The Ding- Dong was soooo distinctive.

## The Music

Let's not forget all the music when we were budding adolescents. The beginning of rock and roll. The balladeer's. The girl singers. The sock hops and sloooooow dancing. Names that come to mind: Doris Day, The Platters, The Ames Brothers, Rosemary Clooney, Bobby Vinton, Teresa Brewer, Patti Page, Frankie Laine (still going strong at age 80), boy, I could go on and on and on. I still enjoy the oldies but now they seem to have so much more meaning. Friday nights in the MYF gym after a basketball game when we would slow dance to the Platters and Smoke Gets in Your Eyes. Pretty much everything is now available on CD's and I can't resist getting many of them. recently I have purchased The Andrews Sisters

"Best Of" CD and I am anxiously awaiting Doris Day's Best 16 sellers. Sandys, and my, favorite is "Moments to Remember" by the "Four Lads". So much of our teenage years were intertwined around the music of the day. What do you remember? Who were your favorites? What recordings stands out for you? Did you go to Hollanders Music Store to listen to the 45's in a private booth? They were located between A&P and Leistikows on the North side of North Avenue and later moved to the corner of North and Talman. I remember skipping school (Lane Tech) and seeing Patti Page and Frankie Laine in person at the Chicago Theater. Wow!

## Recently Found and Heard From, or about, MoosMates

**Geraldine(Gerry Giocola)** Jan. '52 and her hubby **George Forster** Jan.'46. They have been happily married for 46 years. **Ron Thornton** Jan. '50, **Connie Medina, Ronald Frelk, Ron Domkowski, Steve Benda, Ken Iverson** all from the June '49 class of Moos. **Frank Goodlake** June '49 is looking for **Joan Angellotti** also June '49. **Norman Peterson** June '59 who remembers Mid-City Dairy, The Crystal Theater, both of which are long gone, and also Jack & Mack's at Armitage and California, Chic's at Milwaukee & California and Sam's at Armitage just east of Western Ave. Joan Vass tells about the Thornton family. and the Randolph family. There were 3 Thornton brothers, Ron, Mel and Jim. Jim passed away 12

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years ago and his wife, Mona, passed away the same year. Mel June '46, and his wife Bernie live in California. The Randolph kids, George, Chuck, Dody, Betty and Mona have all passed away except Jim who lives in Illinois. **Norman Marose June '58** offers the following: Seanna Smith worked for his insurance agent, Pat Lorvig, passed away, Donna Wangrow is related to his wife's cousin, Guy Corry passed away in 1983, Anthony Plichta passed away in 2002 and Diane Bara worked at DelFarm at one time. Dennis Sobala was a salesperson at one time for Montgomery Wards, **Conrad Keller** was a bully at one time and finally **Danny Davis. Fred Deichmann Aug. '48** who lived right next door to me at 1716 N. Washtenaw. Fred went to Lane Tech for 1 year, Parker High and graduated from Roosevelt Military Academy in 1952. He remembers Bob Jaworski, Chief Don Eagle and his Indian motorcycle, the Samars (Rosemary and Nicky) and **Beatrice Benson Jan. '49**. Fred now resides in Florida.

## Moos Teachers Revisited



Miss Daly

**Miss Ellen A. Daly passed away**

on September 5th, 1979. **Carol Janowiak June'57** remembers **Miss Froburgh** (1st grade) who was thin and grandmotherly and always seemed to wear a smock. 2nd grade teacher was **Miss Gambroni**. **Miss Bazil** was the piano teacher and left Moos soon after her husband died around 1955. Also she remembers **Miss Bittner** as the "adjustment" teacher. **Miss Bunzel** was the office secretary. **Olive Holy** was her 4th grade teacher and **Mr. Torres** was 5th grade. She recalls that he was a war veteran and told tales of the military and the war. 6th grade was **Estelle Holzer**. She seemed to be always critical of the classes lack of progress as Carol saw it. It seems Mrs. Holtzers husband was convicted, as a judge, of taking money for bringing in favorable judgements in chancery cases at the Daley Center specifically in the Graylord case. They lived a lavish lifestyle at the Drake Hotel for many years. After prison her husband eventually died of lung cancer.

## Graduation Program June 25th, 1958 as recalled by **Norman Marose June'58**

### Processional

1. Pledge to the Flag-Class
  2. Star Spangled Banner-Class
  3. Invocation-Carol Clark
  4. Welcome-James Evans
  5. Songs Alleluia, Little Brown Church-Class
  6. Choral Reading What I Live For-Class
  7. Words to Live For-Norman Marose...
- Four Things-Patricia Lorvig...  
I Resolve-Seanna Smith...  
Nobility-Jean Wieland...

Today-Miladie Marowski  
8. Song The Serenaders & Drink to me Only With Thine Eyes-Class  
9. Presentation of Class Gift-Marjorie Rush  
10. Acceptance of Gift-Sharon Sobola  
11. Choral Reading My Own America-Class  
12. Song Pledge To Our Country-Class  
13. Presentation of Awards & Diplomas by Miss Marie A. Tobin, Principal  
Recessional program prepared under the direction of Miss Alice Hayes.  
That should bring back some OLD memories, eh?

## STILL LOOKING FOR

**Don Eckardt** remembers the Frelk family, He used to dance with Diane and Muriel in their basement. Last he heard Diane, Muriel and Dean were all teachers in Arlington Hgts. Miss Purinton was Don's home room teacher. He graduated with **Harold Jacobson. Dean Frelk** graduated Moos in June '46 and Ron graduated in June '49. He lost track of the family in 1984-85. Don also wonders about **Eddie Adorjan June '46**, Jerry and Donnie Altman and the **Havorkia twins Donny and Kenny. Carol (Janecki) Martin** wonders what happened to **Louise Poznecki**. We seem to have lost Constance Jerka and Barbara Monk both of June '51, Melody Swan, Ronald Domkowski June '49, Sam Dolas Jan. '58, Norman Amundsen and Judy McNulty Jan. '53.

**God Bless**

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**The 6B class of Jan. '58**

Those identified are: #1 Nancy McNulty, #2 Joyce Wasielewski, #3 Linda Faulkenberg, #4 Kathy Naydenoff, front row: extreme left Charles Niede, 2nd from right Don Kauts, 3rd row: 5th from left Sam Dolas, 6th from left Jeff Faulkenberg, 4th row: 5th from left Arlene Marek.



Alice ( Honey ) Murray & Jerry Wiecek  
on their wedding day



The happy couple today. Honey is now Mickey.  
Go figure!! She is also in the class photo of January 1953



George, Mickie, Cookie, Suzanne and  
(seated) Elsie Murray



Cookie, George, Mom, Suzanne, Mickie, Dan and Elsie



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**The January 1953 class of Moos.**

Front row 5th from left: Marilyn Hall, Second row far left John Lanan, 4th from left: Jack Marecek, 3rd row far left Diane Jabczynski, 3rd from left Diane Zavadil, back row 2nd from left Alice (Honey) Murray, next Larry (Cookie) Janowiak, 5th from left John Franger, next Pete Markiewicz, 2nd from right Gus Fludas.



The above are two of Beverly (Perry) Lee's gorgeous artworks.