

# LHS RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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## From your editor

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. Another year has passed and I hope it has been a good one overall. For me 2017 has been a blessing on several levels. Every year brings changes for which we need to adapt and move forward. My wish for 2018 is for more highs than lows and opportunity to explore that which drives us.

What was your high for this past year, and what are you looking forward to in 2018? How is that bucket list coming?

This past November some of our retiree's gathered at Gelsosomo's for a bite to eat and some continued on to see the LHS Fall play. It was a nice group of 14 with lots of catching up and laughter. So much so we forgot to take a picture, oops. We will try to schedule another time down the road. We invite everyone to join us, a chance to connect, and touch base with each other.

**Please keep those picture submissions and any other news, ideas, etc. coming. Thanks for those who have.**



## 2018 Resolutions/Wishes

- ◆ May 2018 be a year to rate and get rid of hate—Don Mueggenborg
- ◆ Nothing exciting here--just a renewed interest in eating well, staying active, getting my home life organized and spending time with family. It might not be exciting, but it sure works for me! Happy New Year to all! Patte Doornbos
- ◆ Happy New Year from Douglas, Michigan ! Cindy and Bruce Nelson
- ◆ 2018 resolution is to travel more, meet new people and experience different cultures. Good health to all. Sharon Jacobs
- ◆ Happy New Year from SUNNY and WARM Arizona..... My husband and I are snow birds in beautiful Rio Verde where I belong to the Art Guild and use my days painting, drawing, visiting art shows and yes teaching ....this year basics perspective and composition....while my husband golfs. Planning on traveling more...LOVED PARIS...and hope to return. Enjoying grandchildren and my family when back home.....so much to be grateful for! Wishing all of you a healthy , happy New Year! Linda Berck
- ◆ From Traverse City, Michigan, on January 3rd. Temperature 15 . Snow on ground: 22 inches. Trying snowmobiling for the first time. To everyone, have a healthy and great 2018! Ron Cygan
- ◆ Happy New Year to all. Looking forward to a busy 2018. Goal for 2018 is to get my house in Illinois ready to sell and get Michigan house ready for permanent residency. Good bye Illinois! Kathy and Joe Nollinger
- ◆ My personal resolution is to eat healthier. On a worldwide scale, I would love to see people show kindness to one another - if only I could control that! Pam (Duerkoop) Mueller and Reggie

# Sharing the Fun



A Bucket List Adventure  
Way to Go Ron !!!



Cindy and Bruce Winter Wonderland  
from Douglas, Michigan



Hi Everyone,  
Met these guys Trolling  
through Iceland !



New Year's Greetings from Kathy  
and Joe Nollinger preparing to  
move out of the cold and visit  
Marco Island in February.



# Retiree Highlight

## Judy Grossman (Retired 2009)

Judy began teaching in 1965-66. In 2009, 43 years later she officially retired. Emphasis on officially, as Judy has continued to share her love of teaching serving as a short and long term substitute and at times in other departments. Besides teaching English, Humanities, and World History (all of her favorites) Judy has enjoyed being involved in all areas of Lemont H.S. Beyond her subject area assignments as Publication sponsor of the Quarry Magazine, Inkspot, Junior Achievement, and Future Teachers of America she was also actively assisting with the GAA (Girls Athletic Association) program. Here she volunteered her time skiing in Galena, hiking the Keepataw Trail, spending time with overnight gym nights, and helping with the Annual Gym Show that featured student gymnastics and skits.

As most first year teachers can attest to the first year of teaching can be an eye opener as students challenge the new teacher in many ways. Judy's favorite memory was when her Senior students assisted her with the homecoming bonfire by bringing in wood with nails still inserted... a Big Oops and the end of her Homecoming Bonfire experience. Going forward in other areas were pleasant memories of the Greek Plays where students learned to build scenery, make costumes, and memorize lines for their productions.

Reflecting over a span of 40 + years Judy reminisces at the many changes the decades have brought forth. The first 20 years air conditioning was obsolete, lessons were typed up on a typewriter, copies were made from a ditto machine upgraded to the first round of bulky Xerox machines. Grade cards were handed out, and attendance was written on paper and hung outside the classroom door for pick up. Other memories such as when the community library shared the facility, and volunteering for after school activities with little or no extra incentive except it was a part of being a teacher and providing opportunities for kids. As time continued the conveniences of air conditioning, better copying method's, and the world of computers arrived. Attendance, lesson planning, and grading became electronic and online, and continued to change daily. Education is a very different world from 40 years ago.

Family has and is an integral part of Judy's past and present. In the present she has experienced the joy of her nephew who has cerebral palsy getting cured of throat cancer. He has regained his laughter, the ability to communicate, and eat his favorite food "ice cream". He is the love of the family as his story has created an appreciation for the simple joys of life. They have found the goodness of everyday entertainment with the modern assistance of wheelchair accessible places together.

Judy has travelled over the years with her fondness memory being ringing in the New Year of 2000 in the City of Lights Paris, France. She has enjoyed for many years driving the golf cart at Cog Hill, and enjoys the pastime of fishing. Her travel bug is still alive and well should opportunity arise.

Judy has been a mentor for many of us over the years to learn from, and a good colleague and friend to all. Thanks Judy for sharing a bit of your past and present with us.

## *Lemont High School Entertainment Happenings*

- ◆ The LHS Winter play will run nightly at 7 p.m. from February 1 thru February 3, 2018
- ◆ Jazz Band Concert performing April 12, 2018, 7 p.m. in the Performing Art Center
- ◆ The LHS Spring Musical will run nightly at 7 p.m. May 10-12 , 2018

For additional information check the LHS website [www.lhs210.net](http://www.lhs210.net) or call the High School at 630-243-3222



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Thank You to those who provided pictures to share. Haven't shared yet or have more? Please send them as life happens — it's a great way to stay connected and provide smiles. If you have news on someone please contact us so we can share with all of you.

**Have a Great 2018!**

Those staying in the Midwest — bundle up; snowbirds — enjoy the warmth! We'll re-connect in April.

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