

# Lew-Port Class of 69

## Happy Holidays

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Our New Quarterly—December 2011

### Our 61st Birthday Celebration Party



From Cathy Ardan Lee

Happy Holidays to Everyone! Hope this year has been a good one! I've included messages from classmates and hope to hear from many more for the next Newsletter. I'm already looking forward to another get together in July 2012. The plans are being formulated and July 13th is the night at the Gazebo in Lewiston. Details are on display at [www.sum69lewiston.com](http://www.sum69lewiston.com) by Frank.

Let us know that you will be there.

From Holly Dunbar Beaudet  
"Queen Mum"



Holly is planning on reserving "the best" pavilion at the Fort again next year for our class picnic. Anyone planning on

staying at the Youngstown Motel should let Holly know as soon as you can. She would like to make sure the rooms are saved for those who want to stay there. Hopefully we'll reserve all the rooms again in 2012.

[hcbeaudet@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hcbeaudet@nycap.rr.com) or 603-264-6354

### Message from Becky Pepkowitz



We are all so fortunate to have had each other as friends in our past, and are truly blessed to be reconnecting again as we continue on into the future. As my boyfriend from college once said after hearing some of my more enthusiastic high school stories, "You people at LewPort certainly seemed to have had a great deal of "Good Clean Fun!" He intended that comment to be a sarcastic put-down, but I could hear an edge of jealousy and wistfulness in his voice at the same time.

And he was right. Everything was not Perfect in Paradise for us as a group growing up...there was illness and despair, home troubles, money troubles, struggles with grades and some less-than-perfect teachers and staff members at the school...but overall we really lucked out. We had each other.

So nice to receive this Newsletter. Wasn't able to attend the big B-Day party this year due to 3 fractured toes and a subsequent stress fracture down my metatarsal after whip kicking the wall of the pool when practicing to swim 60 laps to celebrate my 60th birthday on July 18! Suffice it

Haul out the holly  
Put up the tree before my spirit  
falls again  
Fill up the stocking  
I may be rushing things, but  
deck the halls again now

For we need a little Christmas  
Right this very minute  
Candles in the window  
Carols at the spinet

Yes, we need a little Christmas  
Right this very minute  
It hasn't snowed a single flurry  
But Santa, dear, we're in a hurry

So climb down the chimney  
Turn on the brightest string of  
light I've ever seen

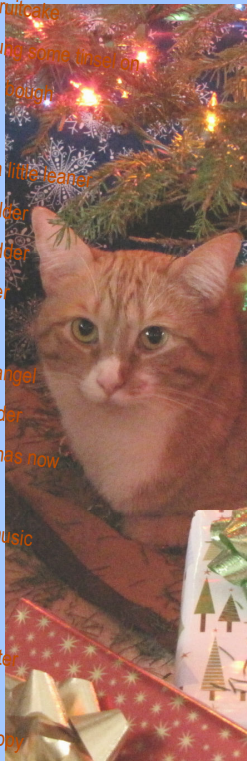
Slice up the fruitcake  
It's time we hung some tinsel on  
that evergreen

For I've grown a little leaner  
Grown a little colder  
Grown a little sadder  
Grown a little older

And I need a little angel  
Sitting on my shoulder  
Need a little Christmas now

For we need a little music  
Need a little laughter  
Need a little singing  
Ringing through the rafters

And we need a little snappy  
"Happy ever after"  
Need a little Christmas now!



### Colleen's Quote:

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. ~Thornton Wilder



to say that this year I swam no birthday laps (I started swimming my birthday on my 40th...and on my 57th did it in 1 hour and 5 minutes, I'll have you know!), didn't make it to the Reunion and didn't even get to paddle Baltimore's Inner Harbor, or the Chesapeake Bay with my beloved Canton Kayak Club.

But never fear, I should be back in good form again in a few months. I'm scheduled for some interesting reconstructive surgery on my left ankle and foot in Norfolk, VA. Dr. Patrick Agnew, a specialist in my collagen condition (Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome) is going to insert a couple of titanium bullets into my ankle and brace up the deteriorating ligaments and tendons in my foot with titanium guy wires and bolts. I expect to emerge from the ordeal stronger, faster, more stable than ever before...and hopefully.... able to leap tall buildings in a single bound!

Best wishes to all from me and my husband Gerry Gilstrop who so enjoyed meeting everyone the last time. I was thrilled because Gerry even got a chance to meet the marvelous Steve Hessney! Gerry still talks about Sue, Siobhan, Vince, Bruce, Steve, Bruce Trowbridge, Bob, Holly, Arnold, Arne, Tom, Tim et. al. as though he'd always been part of our old LewPort gang. After meeting the Class of '69, he often says, "Now I understand why you always say that high school turned out so well for you! You were really lucky because you had really great friends." And he is right.

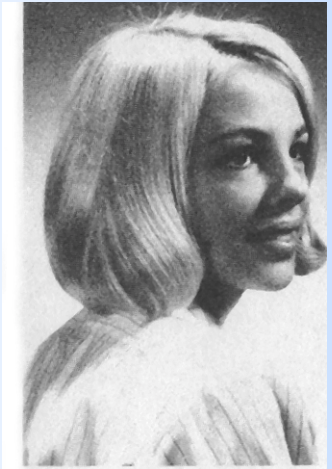
Your old classmate, Yearbook Editor, and well on her way to becoming the "Bionic Woman".

Becky Pepkowitz

Patti Lee (Brown) Cleckley

Lynn Miller has been in touch with Patti Brown and has an update which Patti has approved for the Newsletter.

Patti has been in the hospital since July 2011. She originally tripped over her grandson's toys and fractured her shoulder and had to have surgery. During surgery they found a lump in her breast so they had to go



Patricia Brown

back in and do a mastectomy.

On top of that she cannot walk since something is attacking her walking nerves and they don't know the cause as of yet. She finally left the hospital yesterday (October 29<sup>th</sup>) and is in a rehab facility where she will have intense physical therapy for about a year so she can learn to walk again.

She is in great spirits and Lynn thought it would be nice if class mates could send her get well wishes and just a bright thought would be nice.

She can be reached through her daughter who visits often and lives near by: Lee Jenkins, 2353 28th Avenue East, Palmetto, FL 34221. I know Patti would love to hear from old friends.

She will live at her daughter's once she gets out and will get a *Hoveround* to get around.

We also have an email address for Patti. [patticleckley@hotmail.com](mailto:patticleckley@hotmail.com)

Lynn Miller

Short but sweet note from Tim Jordan

Cathy Ardan. received a note from Tim Jordan with an email address and a link to his professional website so you can see some of the work that he has been doing professionally. He says, "The family is great!! Hi to all!!"

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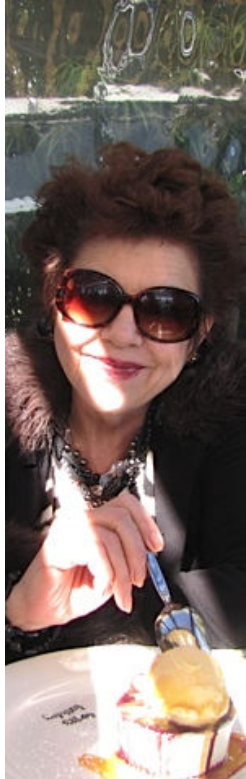


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Lynn's Miller's Birthday picture and message

I had scheduled a trip to California for July 2011 before receiving the news of the Reunion. I had a wonderful time at a place called Sea Ranch right on the coast north of San Francisco.

My friend, Madeleine, rented a beautiful home on the ocean with fireplaces, hot tub, big flat screen TV's and we just had a wonderful time hiking, kayaking, and especially cooking on the gas grill on the deck.



I spent my 60th in LaJolla, CA in February, also on the ocean, and sent this recent picture dining at one of the many ocean front restaurants.

I am in good health and just need to buff up some muscle which I am working on. Might need to shed some unwanted pounds that came from hello.

I am currently working in downtown DC as a Legal Sr. Executive.

*Best to all, Lynn*

News from Sharon Gillick's family:

My daughter, Lyndsay Caleo, is a jewelry designer and her jewelry has been featured in "In Style", "Marie Claire", and on the "red carpet". In Feb, "Lucky Magazine" is doing a feature on her and her home! She is also an interior designer and works with her brother, Billy, for his Brooklyn Home Company!

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

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



Lyndsay and Sharon

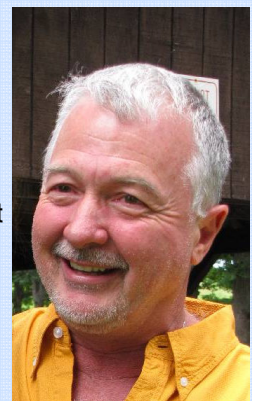
Reflections on visiting "home" from Bruce Lund

It seemed that morning as if it was the quietest place I had ever seen. A small town on the River, not yet awake and moving. Thomas Wolfe's novel title in my head, "You can't go home again", and here I am, back home again. Left at 18, 42 years ago, and never looked back. Only in last couple years have I visited again, and found it to be breathtakingly beautiful. I never knew that. Just wanted to get out long ago.

Here I am again, home on the banks of the mighty Niagara River, down which flow all the waters of the 4 upper Great Lakes, down to Lake Ontario, the last, and through the Saint Lawrence River to the sea.

And I have come home (for a visit) to my home town, and the town that was where my mother and father chose to settle and raise their family and make their lives, Lewiston, NY. Here they raised up my brother and I.

My mother loved to laugh and tell stories. My father "wasn't much of a mixer" in the recent words of one of my moth-



ers dear friends, now a hale and hearty 89. As I drove in from Chicago through Southern Ontario I saw the names of many places known only to me by my mothers referencing them so often. These are almost mystical places to me, where my mother trod, alone, with friends, happy, sad, in love perhaps, they are part of the mythology of my childhood. St Catharines, Hamilton, Duck Pin bowling at Port Colburne, Dufferin Islands where she used the swim along side the upper Niagara, the Glen, Brantford, and on and on.

These were her places. I wish I could remember the stories now. I wish I had asked more questions. Now the stories are lost in time. Here she grew from child to teen, to young woman, serving her country in WWII in the WAC or Womens' Air Corp. Here she met the quiet man who would become her husband, each working as customs officers on opposite ends of the Rainbow Bridge connecting Niagara Falls Canada, with Niagara Falls, NY.

I crossed it just yesterday and longed to tell the mirthless Homeland security officers my personal history with this bridge and the job they were doing, that once my mother and father performed. I came past the older Lower Bridge, and the much newer Lewiston Queenston bridge, both of which my father worked on, as well as the Railroad bridge, and even on occasion the Youngstown to Niagara on the Lake ferry.

I am reminded of the old Lewiston Queenston suspension bridge below the escarpment where the gorge is not nearly so deep. The wide



where it came from, or where it went. Never saw it but from afar.

The holidays are here now, and of course always a time to reflect on the past and the days of our (misguided?) youth. As I sit here now and scroll through the pictures in my mind of Lewiston, I feel lucky to have been born and raised in such an extraordinarily beautiful place - and no man could ask for a better present than that!

And speaking of presents, when you're out strolling the aisles of Toys R Us, Target and Walmart, be sure and check out a few of this Lewiston-born's hot new toys on the market this year, including the Doggie Doo game as featured on Letterman and Leno, the 40th anniversary UNO Roboto, Pictionary Bend A Clue, Little Miss Muffin dolls and More. I've always wondered if there was something in the water all those years ago to make me come up with all these wild and crazy inventions over the last 30 years! Hope you and your family enjoy some of my toys and games during this special time of year!

UNO Roboto is up for Toy of the Year! You can place your vote here: <http://www.toyawards.org/MIS15/toyaward/custom/GameToy.aspx>

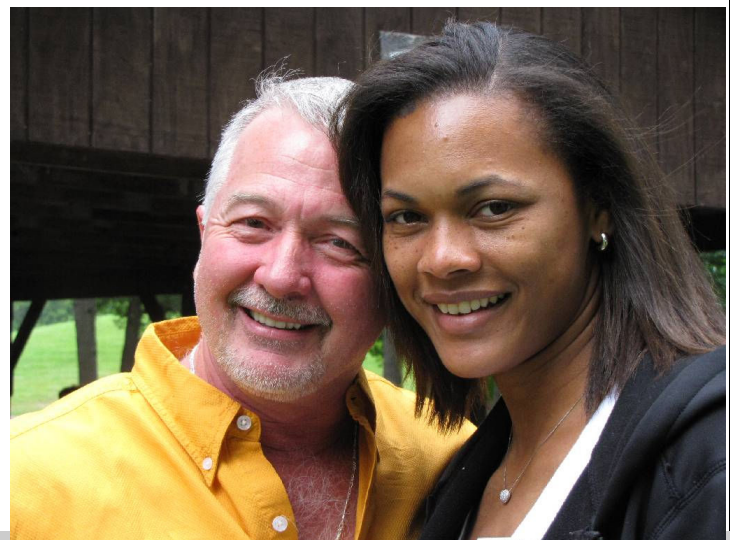
And please check out our blog at: [www.lundandcompany.com](http://www.lundandcompany.com), [www.GlobalToyNews.com](http://www.GlobalToyNews.com) and Facebook.

Merry Christmas Everyone from *Bruce and Tara!*



gapped, weather wooden planking, between which planks one could see the seething, boiling waters a hundred feet below. I was terrified riding my bike on it, I recall, that I would catch a tire in one of those gaps, and be tossed over the edge and into the green cauldron below.

The Escarpment was one of the defining Geological formations of my youth, 'the Hill' it was called. Above was the country club and the doctors, lawyers, the well-to- do, while below the Hill was the working class "rif raff" - us among them. The Hill was forested, and ran a hundred miles in any direction, once long ago defining a lake I suppose. We spend our childhoods up on that hill, hiking, collecting salamanders, don't know what all else, but it was a sanctuary, through which ran on rare occasion the Hojack railroad. I still don't know what it was,



Dennis Boast, cont.

I've been in Phoenix since I retired from the Air Force in '89. While in the AF, I was stationed at Lackland, TX (basic), Chanute III (tech school), Travis AFB Ca, Phan Rang AB Vietnam, Beinh Hoa AB Vietnam, Grand Forks AFB ND, Anderson AFB Guam, Utopia AFB Thailand, Udorn AFB Thailand, Dover AFB De, Torrejon AB Spain, Norton AFB CA, Hickam AFB HI and finished at Travis AFB CA.

In that time I had several short duties in several States and in other countries that include Germany, Italy, Norway, Greece, Taiwan, Philippines and Australia. I never stayed anywhere longer than 3 years in my 20 year career.

Lockheed hired me and I went to Saudi Arabia for 18 months as a trainer for the Saudi Air Force. When I returned, they wanted me back in Saudi and I said, "No thanks".

I went to work for an aircraft overhaul company here at Sky Harbor Airport in Arizona. They soon sold out and a new company picked me up and they bought a facility at the Goodyear Arizona Airport. So I transferred to that facility and stayed there as a program manager until two years ago when I came to Honeywell Aerospace, a really big company in the aerospace industry but a whole lot less stress for me.

My oldest daughter is Cassandra, 31 lives in Utah (2 grandsons & 2 granddaughters) and Melody, 28 lives in Houston (2 granddaughters). We're very close and talk and text all the time.

My wife Elaine of 13 years now, live here in Phoenix. Her 19 year old son Evan lives with us and attends nearby Glendale Community College.

Boy, that was a quick 42 years.

Dennis



We have lost a classmate:

**Sue Fyfe 1951—2011**



[Susan E. Allidi](#)

**[The Niagara Gazette](#) Tue Nov 22, 2011.**

LIVERPOOL — Susan E. Allidi, 60, of Liverpool, passed away, peacefully, Sunday at Crouse Hospital with her family by her side, after a four-year battle with breast cancer.

She was born in Niagara Falls and had lived in Liverpool since 1973. Mrs. Allidi retired from the Liverpool Central School District where she worked for 30 years as a middle school English teacher. Because of her excellence in teaching, she was the recipient of several awards, many of which were initiated by her own students. For many years Susan prepared Chestnut Hill Middle's spelling bee contestants, one of whom was a national semi-finalist.

She was predeceased by her father, John Fyfe. Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Paul; daughters, Gretchen of Orlando, FL and Gabrielle of NYC; her mother, Phyllis Fyfe of Lewiston; sister, Bonnie Fyfe of Lewiston; brother, Daniel Fyfe of Lewiston; and her faithful companions, Tanner and Sharon.

## Reunion Stuff—July, 2012

## The Still Missing Classmates

Paul Bates

Gary Carr

Linda Clark

Marie Colburn

Garnette Crawford

Lorna Facey

Rod Fairbank

Linda Freeman

Bruce Gibson

Laura Green

Helen Hard

John Hughes

Janet Jack

Janice Jordan

William Kenney

Suzanne Kimmel

Ellen Messer

John O'Hear

Donna Price

Joao Provencio

Kathy Redmond

Sarah Robinson

Marcia Rog

Cynthia Smith

Kathy Sperian

Anne Stratton

Linda VerHoerve

Linda Wozniak

### Possible Event Ideas for the Future

(Please make suggestions)

An organized bike trip from Lewiston to Youngstown

contact person is Tim Walton

Lunch or dinner at a special restaurant

Picnic at Fort Niagara

Saturday evening at the Jug

Tubing, Kayaking or boating down the River

Trips to Niagara-On-the-Lake and Lundy's Lane

The 200 Year Anniversary Celebration Events of

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### COMMITTEES SO FAR

**Holly** - Classmate Locator, MP (Master Planner).

**Tim** - Liaison to Sum of 69 Events - Tim will keep us updated as the plans for the Summer of 69 Concert!

**Kathy Guild Goode** – Will maintain and update the Master list contact information so continue the search for missing classmates and let Kathy know those email and snail mail addresses you can find.

**Frank** - Photography and [Summer of 69 Lewiston website](#) – Send any pictures from the 2011 Reunion by attachment to Frank as soon as possible. [FJFB@aol.com](mailto:FJFB@aol.com) If any of you have a website of your own or online photo albums that you would like to share... from the Class of 69 page, you can send that to Frank and copy it to Cathy Ardan. Seems like a good idea.

**Colleen** – Our class website on Facebook.

**Sue and Brian** – Registration – more info to come.

**Cathy Ardan and Frank Broucek**– Newsletter – Please send anything of interest to the class for addition to the Newsletter as we keep in touch and grow even closer over the next years for the probable 45th Year Reunion (in 3 years). Classmate sightings and updates, News Articles, Lewiston News, 2nd home town news, messages to others, funny stories from high school days to present.