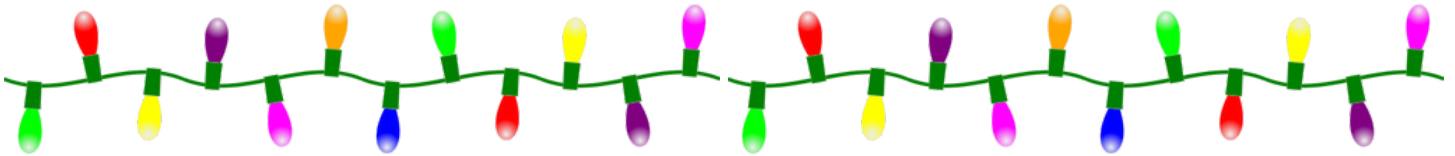


# *Class Notes*

## MAINE WEST NEWS AND EVENTS

### For and of the Great Class of 1968

*Holiday Edition 2019*



### **Merry Christmas from the Editors of *The Class Notes*!!!**

- ★ French: Joyeux Noël
- ★ German: Frohe Weihnachten
- ★ Spanish: Feliz Navidad
- ★ Italian: Buon Natale
- ★ Portuguese: Feliz Natal
- ★ Dutch: Vrolijk kerstfeest
- ★ Romanian: Crăciun fericit
- ★ Polish: Wesołych świąt Bożego Narodzenia
- ★ Swedish: God Jul
- ★ Czech: Veselé Vánoce

No matter what your language of choice - and I am certain I missed at least another dozen or so - it's that time of the year to send season's greetings to classmates, friends and family. The same procedures can be said for those of our friends in the Jewish Community, celebrating the "Festival of Lights," or Chanukah. On behalf of all those behind the scenes when putting these issues together, I want to extend Season's Greetings to all of the great classmates from the Class of 1968.

I want to take a look back at some of the top historical events that happened while were attending Maine West with the focus being on Christmas Past. You will see just what was happening at this time of the year during our Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. I've also included the Top Five Songs that were on the music charts during this same time period. As another year winds down and yet another is about to start, I wish you health, happiness and that you will keep in touch; either send communications directly to myself or to your personal Class Communication Coordinator shown within this Class Notes.

JC

#### **Christmas, 1964 (Freshman Year)**

- 12/3 – "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" first airs on TV
- 12.4 – The Beatles release "Beatles for Sale" Album
- 12/22 – Lockheed SR-71 Spy Plane reaches 2,193 mph (a new record for a jet)
- 12/25 – "Goldfinger" premieres in the US
- 12.26, 27 – Buffalo Bills win AFL Championship; Cleveland Browns with NFL Championship

#### **Top Five Songs on the Silver Dollar Survey (WLS)**

1. I Feel Fine/She's a Woman – The Beatles
2. Mr. Lonely – Bobby Vinton
3. She's Not There – The Zombies

4. I'm Into Something Good – Herman's Hermits
5. Mountain of Love – Johnny Rivers

**Christmas, 1965 (Sophomore Year)**

- 12/4 – Gemini 7 launched (Lovell and Borman)
- 12/9 – “A Charlie Brown Christmas” premieres
- 12/12 – Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears scores 6 Touchdowns, tying a record
- 12/22 – “Dr. Zhivago” premieres
- 12/29 – The Supremes release “My World Is Empty Without You”

**Top Five Songs on the Silver Dollar Survey (WLS)**

1. We Can Work It Out/Daytripper – The Beatles
2. Let's Hang On – The 4 Seasons
3. 5 O'Clock World – The Vogues
4. Over and Over – The Dave Clark Five
5. A Taste of Honey – Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass

**Christmas, 1966 (Junior Year)**

- 12/16 – Jimi Hendrix releases “Hey Joe” in the UK
- 12/18 – “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” airs for the first time
- 12/20 – The NBA awards Seattle Supersonics for the 1967-68 season
- 12/23 – Britain's Rock TV Show, “Ready, Steady, Go!” the last program
- 12/31 – The Monkees' – “I'm a Believer” hits #1

**Top Five Songs on the Silver Dollar Survey (WLS)**

1. Winchester Cathedral – The New Vaudeville Band
2. Kind of a Drag – The Buckingham's
3. (I'm Not Your) Steppin' Stone/I'm a Believer – The Monkees
4. Snoopy Vs. The Red Baron – The Royal Guardsmen
5. Mellow Yellow – Donovan

**Christmas, 1967 (Senior Year)**

- 12/3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Human heart transplant (Dr. Christian Barnard, South Africa)
- 12/7 – Otis Redding releases “Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay”
- 12/20 – “The Graduate” premieres
- 12/25 – Paul McCartney and Jane Asher engaged
- 12/31 – The Green Bay Packers defeat The Dallas Cowboys in -13 degree F temps

**Top Five Songs on the Silver Dollar Survey (WLS)**

1. Judy in Disguise – John Fred and His Playboy Band
2. Daydream Believer – The Monkees
3. Bend Me, Shape Me – The American Breed
4. Woman, Woman – Gary Puckett and the Union Gap
5. Snoopy's Christmas – The Royal Guardsmen

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Susan's Musans



... Thoughts and Memories from Susan Calabrese DeMerit

## 🎵 "It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year!" 🎵

I can't help myself this time of year. I so love everything about it! Although times and places have changed over the years, the sweet memories of childhood are forever etched in my mind.

We grew up in lovely times and it is worth reminiscing. Here are some of the favorite Christmas memories:

- ★ One of the most beloved memories has to be the Manger and altar at St. Stephen's church. Absolutely magical and beautiful!
- ★ The friendly faces and people wishing each other Merry Christmas and blessings.
- ★ Going uptown to see Santa in the little Red House and waiting in the cold. The floor to the little house always had puddles and was so cold, but Santa made it all warm and cozy with his friendly, Ho, Ho, Ho!
- ★ Shopping at Woolworth's for our family, Evening in Paradise, Old Spice, Handkerchiefs, ball bath oil, Cutex nail polish sets, buying a bag of hot cashews to eat on the bus ride home.
- ★ Our dad driving us around in his Chevy to look at Christmas lights. It was the time of flocked trees and people displayed them in their picture windows. We would count how many of each color we would see. The pink were my favorite.
- ★ We would sing 'Jingle Bells' and add our own little spin..."Jingle Bells, jingle Bells, jingle all the way! Oh what fun it is to ride in Daddy's Chevrolet!" It was a family tradition.
- ★ We'd receive TONS of Christmas cards and mom would have us string them together and hang them around the doorway.
- ★ And, Sugar Bowl candy! There was always a box on the table with cookies, a tray of dried fruit, basket of fresh fruit and nuts. A true holiday feast!

Yes, those were great times and so thankful for my family and friends who made the Christmas season so special.

Wishing you and yours, a very blessed and loving Christmas and Happiest New Year!

Cheers!

SusanD