



# SHS '44 Newsletter

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For Alumni of Shorewood High School, Shorewood, Wisconsin

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## Spotlights

**Jim Scheinfeld** reports “The latest news about me is that I had major back surgery in July to fuse 7 vertebrae and am recovering slowly but am forced to wear a turtle shell plastic brace from armpit to hip, front and back whenever I am out of bed for about 9 months. After 3 it is getting "boring".. While SHS is not well represented here in Santa Barbara, there are 1600 UW alumni living in the county. We recently had a reunion with the chancellor from Madison and Pat Richter. 100 Alumni showed for a beer and bratwurst picnic.. Nice!! “

**MaryLou Sernau Higgins** writes that **Ed (Woody) Higgins** “is unable to travel great distances because of his post-polio syndrome but he gets around fine in his red scooter. I work full time as an artist.... We have four great grandchildren and a fourth grandchild expected in spring.” If you'd like to see some examples of her work see [www.marylouhiggins.com](http://www.marylouhiggins.com). Some items gleaned from that site: BS, MS, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; 1965-74 taught art courses at several colleges in WI & PA; exhibited in over 72 national & international juried shows; exhibited in 74 invitationals; exhibited in 27 solo shows; awarded 27 prizes, awards, and honors; listed bi-annually in Who's Who in American Art since 1976.

**Barbara Osthoff Collins** sent a nice note with her suggestions as to the identity of the people in one of the pictures on our web site. She's living in Hartland, Wisconsin.

**James Freeman** sent an email which said in part “I certainly have not given much thought to Shorewood High since graduation, and have lived in other areas, for the bulk of the time since then. It's with a certain shock that I view the young

faces on the picture page and realize that these were once my contemporaries in learning.... Now that I have been steered to this site by the Newsletter, I have included it among my list of ‘favorites’ for future viewing. Believe me your efforts are appreciated.”

He continues “ **Elizabeth Ruth Johnson**, (Two Rivers, WI) and I were married in March of 1951. We have six children, all living, well scattered across the United States from coast to coast. I received a BS in Forest Management from Michigan Tech in Houghton, MI and spent just under 30 years employed as a Forester for the U.S. Forest Service. We spent most of our post college lives in Idaho and Montana, with a brief sojourn into the DC area, and an assignment to the Forest Service Regional Office in Milwaukee. I "retired" from the Forest Service in 1982 and now volunteer almost full time as President of the Bitter Root Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. (RC&D) headquartered in Hamilton, MT.

**Fred Beutler** sent a picture of a portion of our class taken probably when we were in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I posted it on our web site with identifications of as many as Fred could come up with, and invited others to suggest who the ten “unknowns” were. This sparked a minor controversy between Fred and **Sue Vonier Vivian** about who the person 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left in the top row was. As a part of one of the several email exchanges, Sue said “I have much enjoyed the trip down memory lane. It brought back a memory of the first day you were introduced to our science class, Fred. Was the teacher's name Miss Fowler? I remember we sat in small groups in that class, and you were in my section. It was an amazing thing to have a boy all the way from Germany in one's class. It must have been a hard time for you.”

**Duane Ayers** sent in a bio: “After serving in

the Marines in the South Pacific in WW II, I attended Marquette University. Various ventures included industrial coal and oil sales, being a wholly owned subsidiary of a national sporting goods company, bail bondsman, and staff and line authority with both Penney's and Federated in the process of setting up stores in Wisconsin, Georgia and Ohio. Disenchanted with moving my family periodically I decided to settle in Dayton selling cars.

"Now, besides my association with Cox Arboretum, part of the Dayton Metro Parks System, I am on the marketing and enrollment committee for the 'Institute for Learning and Retirement' program at the University of Dayton. I also attend classes there, work two days per week for a friend, and take nap time very seriously. For Cox I am a member of the Adult Education Committee, act as a guide for adult tours and as a guide in the butterfly house, and am a tram driver for weddings and for the disabled."

**Joan Winter Bailey Kulfan** sent some pictures taken at the mini-reunion, and included a note: Her husband Stan is a County Supervisor of Ozaukee County; he is retired from ALCOA where he was a package engineer. "I also retired at the same time - about 5 years ago - from real estate (selling houses). I immediately joined the Visiting Nurse Auxiliary - we do fund raising. I was Vice President for four years; also publicity chairman and historian. Stan and I are both active in our church and have traveled many times to Europe. We are a 'blended' family (both lost our first mates) and have been married 27 years. We are now up to 12 grandchildren."

**Suzanne Ladky Kewley** writes she and her husband Dick enjoy the newsletter and that her daughter lives in Charlottesville, VA. "...on our last visit we had lunch with **Betty and Bob Smith**. Over the last couple of years they both have had by-pass surgery. They both are doing well and look wonderful. Had a lot of fun chatting about old times. Dick and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last December [2000] with our children in Key West, Florida. There were 23 of us and we had a ball."

Received a nice call from **Robert Davis**; he

says he's working part time "only 40 hours a week" in the area of medical physics. He lost his wife Rosemarie to cancer a few years ago, now is married to Regina Brown. He regrets not having been able to schedule his activities to be able to get to the reunions.

**Wedding bells: Bill Jassoy and Joan Rajski** (Lois's sister) were married January 26<sup>th</sup> and were honeymooning in Florida..

Barbara and I visited **Bob and Betty**

**(Schanglies) Smith** in Charlottesville in February on our way south. Bob remains active in real estate, and has been active in two home owner associations. We enjoyed a nice dinner with them at the Wintergreen ski resort.



**Bob and Betty Smith**

The next day on the trip we stopped in for a chat with

**Ed "Woody" and Mary Lou (Sernau) Higgins.**

Mary Lou continues her work in ceramic and other forms of art; her home and garden are replete with examples of her work. Ed does the photographic work necessary in supporting ML's gallery shows and displays.



**Ed Higgins**

**Sue Vonier Vivian** says "I talked to **Ann and Ralph Welton** on Feb. 16. They are getting along well. Ann has some disability from the stroke. It was a major stroke in Dec. 2000. They have been back home in Arkansas since mid September. They expect 2 great grandchildren this year, their first.

**Roy Genskow** reports "We are initiating the task of planning for the 2004 reunion. We would always appreciate suggestions from class members."

## Contributions Needed

We aren't out of money yet, but getting a little low. If you haven't contributed to the newsletter and enjoy reading about your classmates, consider dropping a check (**made out to SHS44 alumni**) in the mail to me to help defray our expenses.:

Richard Cleaveland  
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As usual, if the check is for \$15 or more I'll send you a copy of our address list and a list of deceased persons.

## Tracking Classmates

Have you ever wondered how we manage to keep track of our classmates? Lots of different ways!

First, personal contact has been the mainstay. We frequently hear from classmates about others. But one thing added in recent years has been the use of the "address service requested" notice on the mailings we send out. That prompts the post office to send the mailer a notice of any change of address on file for the addressee - for a small charge, 50 cents.

When we get a returned mailing without a forwarding address, the person goes into the "missing" category. Every so often I check the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) on the internet for all of the classmates listed as missing; that's how we found Tom Manion's death in Las Vegas. I asked the SHS people to check the SSDI information against the SHS student data for confirmation in this case.

Check the list of missing classmates and let us know if you have any idea of where they managed to get off to.

**Gerald Kahn** is a case in point. We heard a rumor that he had remarried after his wife died and moved to Florida - but no one contacted seems to know *where* in Florida.

## Deaths

Thomas William Manion, in Las Vegas, NV, January 13, 2001

Doris De Leon Zier, Cedarburg, WI, in October.

Doris Gnauck White, in Annandale, NJ, on November 19, 2001

Gene Ruby, Fox point, WI on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001.



## Have Pictures?

Having just inherited my grandmother's photo album I am prompted to suggest that you go through your albums and label all pictures with the names of the people and places shown and the dates of the pictures if you recall them.

## Class Web Site

Check our class web site:  
<http://www.rgcle.com/SHS44>

## Missing Persons Report

We still have classmates among the missing:

Jaqueline Dorn Yakovleff  
Wallace Giffen  
Gerald Kahn  
Joanne Missner  
Shirley Pleyte  
Eileen J. Plopper  
Richard W. Schuettler  
Louise Smith Wysocki

**"Old age ain't no place for sissies!"**

*Bette Davis*

## Have you an Email Address?

If you have computer access to the internet, send me a message and I'll put your email address in the class data base and send you a list of others in the class using email. I will NOT post these addresses on the web, however, since that would be inviting spam. Since I have a bit of space to fill for this issue I'll include a listing of those email addresses I have at this point.

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Please drop me a line and let me know what you've been doing. I need items to make these newsletters most interesting.

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