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The answer is YES!

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Spotlights

Doug Mann said last August that “As for me I am still practicing--law--but at a very relaxed pace and one of these days I may throw in the towel although I still enjoy what I do. We do a lot of traveling. Have temporarily given up tennis because of torn rotator cuff but am planning surgery in November and hope to get back on the courts by next summer and maybe even get skiing in March of next year.”

Gloria Auermiller tells me that she has stayed in Shorewood all her life. She attended the Layton Art School, then in 1956 established an interior design business and continues in that work.

Duane Ayers said in early May that he still conducts tours at the Cox Arboretum in Dayton, but that he now uses a tram to reduce the walking. He was planning to take a trip to Europe - his first time on the continent.

Jim Bamberger, who worked for the Ladish company before retiring, recently took a cruise down to the Mexican Riviera and says he’s just “taking it easy.”

Joan Beutell Kuhns says she keeps very busy these days. She works as a volunteer at a hospital, is active in her garden club - she does a lot of gardening - and besides that she still plays the cello with a group that gives four concerts each year. Her five daughters have blessed her with eight grandchildren.
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Walt Bode, happily ensconced in a suburb of

Albuquerque, still enjoys golfing and is a very active member of a stock investment club. He and his wife Beverly plan trips to Las Vegas and Atlanta, and make yearly visits to Wisconsin to visit a daughter and attend a meeting of the Houdini club. I’d forgotten that Walter was an amateur magician, apparently he has continued with that interest for many years.

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Erich Bretschneider left before graduation to enter the Navy; after the war he worked his way up from machinist to management in Telsmith Corporation. Presently living with his wife Shirley in Siren, Wisconsin, and despite being coupled to an oxygen tank, he still enjoys both golf and bowling. (ebbs@sirentel.net)

Dorothy Cayton Nauman has been widowed since 1980, enjoys exercise classes twice a week and goes on day trips sponsored by the local senior center. Back in 2000 she took a trip to Austria and the Czech Republic.
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Lennox Birckhead transferred to the Milwaukee University school from our group and then went into the Marine Corps in 1942 only to be wounded at Iwo Jima and mustered out in 1946. He spent some time at Cornell and then worked in the supply side of the oil business in Odessa, Texas. He then spent some time in the transportation business in California and now he and his wife of 31 years spend their time taking day trips from their home in San Diego and managing the apartments they own.

Patricia Austin Daase is active in the Visiting Nurses Association, and does volunteer work at a local hospital. She plays bridge regularly - but no longer duplicate bridge. Her children are nearby, so she sees them regularly. Travel has been curtailed recently due to her

husband's health.

Clarice Bercy Zucker has been a docent at the art museum for several years, and does watercolors.

Suzanne Carter Meldman is deeply into the history of landscapes, recently emphasizing the Fort Sheridan installation. She attended Radcliff, then - at the age of 60 - obtained a masters degree in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois. Three of her four children live near her - the fourth lives in Israel.

Robert Deahl and his wife of 56 years, Jackie, are pretty much taking it easy in Hales Corners. Bob is into woodworking, makes birdhouses, candle holders and Christmas scenes

Elizabeth Di Frances Bellanti - our class treasurer - keeps very busy with church work.

Betty Fass Claus volunteers her time in support of the Bioethics Department of the Medical College of Wisconsin and helps with a program of wheelchair tennis. She's pretty much curtailed her tennis playing due to knee problems. Mothering a Labrador puppy has limited her travel except for occasional trips to Minneapolis to visit her daughter.

John Faville is active in his church choir, and acts as legal guardian for several mental patients, handling their finances and guiding their decisions. He occasionally travels to the Phoenix area to visit his son and takes trips to Tennessee and Florida. He has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. sjfaville@startrek.net.

Robert Fitzpatrick and Natalie, his wife of 56 years, enjoy full retirement, sharing their time between their places in Colgate and Squaw Lake and winter trips to Florida and Arizona. They have five children. pafitz2@aol.com

Betty Schanglies Smith shared a couple of letters she had received from **Jim Scheinfeld**. Jim reports, about his back surgery to fuse seven vertebrae in 2001, "It was a long recovery. In bed for three months ... up only a half hour a day after that, gradually [increasing] how long I could stay up, and little by little, after lots of exercise and

PT, I am getting back to life as it was with a few limitations."

In regard to how he wound up in Santa Barbara, he wrote "We took several trips to California driving up the coast from San Diego. Every time we got here we fell more in love with Santa Barbara and ultimately, in 1980, bought a house and rented it out a while before occupying it full time in 1984.... Lots of Midwesterners still coming here. A big migration when Delco opened a plant here in the 1970's and transferred hundreds out from Milwaukee."

I found the phone number for **Mannie Hassel** had changed - probably just the area code - so I did a web search to see if I could come up with a better number. Lo and behold, I came up with a site posted some time ago at <http://www.ilovecapetown.com/photos/Photo-Hassle.htm>. It includes several pictures of Mannie and his wife Toots taken while they were on a trip to Africa. When I talked with him later he said that was an absolutely great trip. Every year they take a long trip - last year it was a cruise from Italy to Fort Lauderdale - and for the past 27 years they have spent time during the winter in St. Martens. He still works when home at the company he owns; they deal with material handling equipment such as overhead cranes, hoists and shelving and so forth. To stay in shape both he and Toots work out every day. (formannie@yahoo.com)

Jim Heller's wife Helen passed away a couple of years ago so he lives alone now. He travels to upper Wisconsin some times in the summer. One of his sons is a Milwaukee fireman - and is married to another Milwaukee fire fighter; they have two daughters. Another son also lives in Milwaukee, and a third lives in Pittsburgh. **Oren Roesler**, who is still practicing, is his dentist.

John Hemenway is still practicing law in DC and acts as trustee of a foundation. Much of his law practice involves fighting other lawyers; he likes to cite Luke 11:52 (look it up). He has nine grandchildren, and says he plays boogie-

woogie piano more than ever as a great way to relax. If he manages to attend our 60th reunion he'd be happy to play for us.
(hemeway@starpower.net)

Beverly Hubinger Manschot's husband passed away about 6 years ago; she's now living alone in New Orleans with her dog Fred. She recently enjoyed a trip to Nova Scotia with classmate **Jaqueline Dorn Yakovleff** and one of Jackie's friends. Beverly has recently taken up oil painting - her son thinks she's pretty good at it.

Richard Kewley and wife **Sue Ladky** **Kewley** took a trip this February to Costa Rica for an ecological tour and to engage in their favorite hobby, golf. Their remaining single offspring was recently married, in all they now have 11 grandchildren.
(fwladky@powercom.net)

Shorewood School District to honor alumni, ex-teachers

The Shorewood School District will honor eight alumni and former teachers May 23, the second year of the Tradition of Excellence Awards program celebrating outstanding achievements. *Ed. Note: the above is the lead-in to an article in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel of May 7th; I can't reprint the entire article without violating their copyright.*

One of the honorees, however, was to be "Margaret Johnson, a Shorewood High math teacher and author, from 1925 to 1965." It turns out they meant Miss Joseph!

*And the article didn't include our classmate **Charlotte (Lubotsky) Rae** who was honored.*

The entire article can be seen on-line at <http://www.jsonline.com/news/Metro/may03/138868.asp>. A more correct and complete listing of the honorees can be found at <http://www.shorewoodschoools.org/district%20home/inthenews.htm>.

Deaths

George Schuett, noted architect, on September 28th 2002.

Marriage



Bill and Joan (Rajski) Jassoy at their January 26th, 2003 wedding.



Nostalgia

I feel an obligation to those who have donated to the cost of publishing this newsletter to include - well, *news*. Unfortunately, for this issue I'm not in very good shape for news - contributions have not been pouring in - so I'll take the liberty to indulge in a little nostalgia which, hopefully, will at least amuse if not interest you.

Seems to me that when we are young we think in terms of the future, in mid-life it's the

present, and along about now - at least for me - the past garners more and more of our attention. Maybe because we remember it better ☺. With apologies to the Statler Brothers for some of the items:

The seams on the back of her hose.... The Yankee Doodle.... Pulp fiction at 5 cents each - stories of the Sopwith Camel and the Spad.... Balsa wood and "airplane glue" Did you see

Sinatra and TD when they played the Riverside? Do you remember the dot and check system Miss Joseph used?

While we're at it, how about a moment of reflection? What musical selection makes you think of Shorewood High days - and I mean besides the pep song and so forth? Email me at Dick@rgcle.com and let me know. My choice? You might find it hard to believe - "Blue Flame" by Woody Herman. It's a long story....



The Question:

Will there be a 60th reunion of the class in 2004?

Class members responses to the survey in the last newsletter were pretty sparse, and for a while there it looked like there may not be enough interest in a 60th get-together. However, hope has prevailed and the committee is about to start serious planning for the event .

Some people felt that the survey was a bit premature, being two years before the actual event. We heard people saying things like "at our age, who can plan that far ahead?" On the other hand, consider the problem of the committee members who have to commit resources far in advance. So if you didn't respond to the survey and would still probably attend one in September, let the committee know. Members of the committee are Pat Austin Daase, Beverly Becker Koenen, Bette DiFrances Bellanti, Betty Fass Claus, Helen Eggert Snyder, Roy Genskow, Don Goniou, Bob Mandel, Dave McMahon, Lois Rajski Schobert, Oren Roesler, Marilyn Thornbeny Salmon, Bob Wendorf. If you're into email, write Roy: rgenskow@juno.com.

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