



# SHS '44 Newsletter

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## Spotlights

In an email received in May, **Marilyn Miller Davis** wrote “Dick, In the next issue of the newsletter would you please put my address, telephone number and email address. The address is 5500 Calle Real B129, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111. Phone number is(805) 967-7649 and I was lucky to be able to keep my old email address ofmmdavis@cox.net.It's very beautiful here and the weather is pure early summer. Food is good and I am trying to put in some time in the gym and the pool but have a long way to go before I'll feel fit again. I'll be looking forward to the next newsletter.”

Early last summer **Bob and Betty (Schanglies) Smith** had lunch with Barbara and me at the beach; we hashed over some of the old days, and I reminded them that their commencement speeches are on the class web site:(See “Memories”) <http://www.rgcle.com/SHS44>.



Bob and Betty Smith, Barbara and me, June 8<sup>th</sup>. I have taken many better pictures! Comments about my legs are not welcome.

## Deaths

**Gloria Auermiller, May 18, 2005**

**George Donovan, July 28, 2005**

**Gloria Auermiller** passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. A lifelong Shorewood resident and well known interior decorator for 50 years, Gloria attended the Layton School of Art.

**George Donovan** was a member of the Milwaukee County Park Commission, Milwaukee County Zoo board, was a mason and Shriner, and a Navy veteran.



**Margherita Ferch Getman** wrote from New Haven that “I have a beautiful and healthy life. I still teach piano and practice some each day. I write poetry and gave a reading here last Sunday. Maybe Helen Padway and I could exchange some poetry.”

On June 14<sup>th</sup> **Carolyn Sheets Brokway** wrote “I hate to be writing about bad news but this past year has been a real “bummer” for me. Last July my blood tests were showing that my colon cancer was showing up again (3<sup>rd</sup> time). So I did chemotherapy from August till late November. In that period my husband Dave died in September. He had the beginnings of Alzheimer’s and developed pneumonia which took him. We had just celebrated our 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 31.

“Then in in late December my youngest

daughter who lives here in Tuscon was diagnosed with brain and lung cancer! She has had surgery and good treatment and is doing ok.

“In February I went through 5½ weeks of daily radiation treatments for my cancer then May 31<sup>st</sup> had surgery to eliminate the last shriveled up piece of cancer tissue! My oldest daughter from Muncie came out and stayed with me during that time.

“I am home now and trying to get my strength back and doing quite well. I am hoping to get to Norther Michigan next month for an extended stay at Lake Leelenau. Things are looking up!

In a chatty letter **Marilyn Thornberry Salmon** wrote “**Roy [Genskow], Helen [Genskow]** and I had lunch at a pretty nice restaurant--short order but lengthy menu--and we must have talked for an hour and a half.... I didn't learn much about how Helen was, however, as I don't think she is the kind of person who discusses her problems. Roy comes to Freedom Village every Monday to play Sheepshead.”

“I keep after both of my sons--I am like a shrew--did you have your yearly physical yet?--have you been to the dentist yet? Have you had your psa yet? Etc., etc., etc. Now, my younger son is getting after me. He's scared he's going to lose me.....

[My older son] “has a really nice wife and two lovely daughters.”

**Marguerite Aylward Weaver** writes “Meant to write much sooner, but life keeps getting in the way. Hope you and your charming wife are in the best of health and enjoying life to the utmost. Speaking of enjoying, I'm reading each of your newsletters with increased enjoyment, as the news of many old friends is growing with each issue. Please keep them coming. Perhaps I can contribute some information about me and mine...

“The spring was very busy with a daughter's wedding in April in Scottsdale, with a return home for cataract surgery in both eyes (the world is such a brighter and more colorful place now!), and then a trip back to Phoenix on the death of my brother-in-law. He was a prisoner during the war in Vietnam, spending five years in the Hanoi Hilton. He died the night that the John McCain book "Faith of our Fathers" was aired. A bit of sad irony

that, inasmuch as he was there with McCain and the others.

“I'm not really given to a great deal of traveling, but during the summer I'll be visiting my son John, who is a surgeon practicing in Gaylord, Michigan, and later I'll travel to Tampa, FL to spend some time with my daughter Ann, who has her Ph.D. in Animal Psychobiology, and who teaches, writes books and studies dolphins in and around Tampa Bay. Her latest book is "Good Natured Statistics," which neatly interweaves one of the subjects she teaches with her considerable knowledge of animal behavior. And after that, if earthquakes do not necessitate a change in plans, I'll be visiting my son Paul in California, where he is chief design engineer for a Santa Barbara plant that specializes in making aircraft generators. Between trips, I'll be spending a week in Boulder Junction, WI with daughter Mary, husband Lee and my three grandchildren.

“I'm feeling great, swim three times a week, and thank my lucky stars for a most delightful retirement.”

#### **A Note From Bob Smith:**

“I hope that my memory regarding this reflection is correct...it has been a few years but I think I am right.

“In your last SHS newsletter you mentioned that **Bob Mandel** was still doing some work with his son in the printing business. This brought back a memory about Bob that I have long ago forgotten, but wish to share with our SHS classmates now.

“In our senior year, I had several meetings with Dr. Grant Rahn about subjects to discuss at assembly each week. Midway through the year Dr. Rahn told me that because of the "War Efforts and Problems", the faculty and staff had decided that there would NOT be a Copperdome for the Class of 44. He then added that the owner of the company that printed the Copperdome had called him and said that his son was in our class.

“Mr. Mandel (Bob's dad) told Dr. Rahn he was going to call on his suppliers and employees and that there WOULD be a Copperdome. We should all be very pleased that Bob Mandel's dad took it upon himself to see that our Senior Class

did not miss out on an important element of our senior year, the Copperdome.

“Dick, I hope that you mention this in your next news letter and that our class mates will let Bob know that even though 66 years have passed, that we are all very happy that it did happen in spite of the war problems.

“I feel badly that I didn't acknowledge Mr. Mandel's effort at graduation and for not having thanked him on behalf of our '44 Classmates.”

**Ralph Welton** announced his move with a nice note posted July 11th that reads “The time has come when Ann and I have made the decision, with a lot of help from our children, to move back to the Chicago area. We have sold our home in Rogers Arkansas and will be moving on or about the 15th of August. I can tell you it was not an easy decision to make. Northwest Arkansas has a beauty and charm that is going to be tough to leave after 21 years. We will also be leaving a whole host of friends that we have developed over that period of time and they will be missed. But time moves on and it is now time to make a change and we hope to make some new friends plus the fact that we will be close to most of our family.”

**Lois Rajski Schobert** is slowly gaining her strength back and is about midway thru chemo, according to **Beverly Becker Koenen**. She goes on to say “**Pat Daase** and **Helen Snyder** and I are looking forward to playing cards with her again.”

Remember Beverly's Harley that she won in the St. Roberts Raffle back in 2002? Well, she sold it a while back on eBay to an MD from Bakersfield, California. He went to the trouble of flying in to Milwaukee to check it out before buying it. Beverly managed to get it shipped to him along with a large bunch of Harleys headed that way from the factory.

Her son Chaz bought an older Harley and she enjoys the rides he gives her.

**Richard Scheife** says that he is doing well in his Florida residence, currently brokering world-

wide deals in petroleum products. He retired after 30 years as an architect, first in Milwaukee where he designed churches, schools and private residences, then with Gulf Royal while he lived in Houston. While with them his work involved the design of large office buildings - the main headquarters in Houston and buildings in other locations such as Midland. Some of his work took him to Africa.

**Jaqueline Dorn Yakovleff** takes part in two singing groups - the Silver Country and Silver Tones - which serenade at various senior centers, schools and so forth. She recently returned from a trip to Switzerland where she visited the daughter of an acquaintance she made during her stint in the Peace Corps. She told me about **Beverly Hubinger Manschot** who had a home in new Orleans and was evacuated prior to the Katrina disaster.

**Beverly's** daughter Jill also was evacuated; with Jaqueline's help I caught up with her to get the word on what happened. Beverly had recently had a hip replacement and had been in a rehabilitation hospital for three days before they were evacuated (the day before Katrina hit). They were first taken to a hospital across the river from Baton Rouge, then moved to another hospital for nearly a week, then to a hospital in Alexandria Louisiana, and finally back to the original hospital in New Orleans. Of course all this activity severely interrupted her physical therapy. Note that this was before hurricane Rita hit New Orleans with a second flooding; news of the impact of this on Beverly was unknown at the time this newsletter was printed. See our web site for follow-up information.

We certainly wish Beverly and her family well in recovering from this disaster. Based on our data base Beverly was the only one of our classmates put at risk by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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Yours truly had a serious bout with pneumonia over the Christmas holidays (“mrsi”, they say) but recovered (obviously). Cataract operations in both eyes left me seeing better than ever - I had worn glasses since I was in Lake Bluff, now only need them for reading.



**Curiosa**

In an obituary for Verne Meisner published in the Washington Post this last spring there is the following paragraph:

*“Polka is the go-go music of Wisconsin. It’s the official state dance, it’s a staple of the state fair and lakefront summer festivals and it’s what the band strikes up at weddings. Mr. Meissner, born in Milwaukee, the axis of oompah, grew up with the sound.”*

As some of you know, I am, like some other classmates, a genealogist. As such, I monitor an internet mailing list; this particular mailing list recently had several messages dealing with age, in the sense that older folk tend more towards

genealogy than the younger generations. Here are a couple of quotes which may amuse you:

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*Seniors also go on trips, which they can't remember. Especially if senior is defined as about to graduate.*

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*My other mantra every time I get one of those "aside" glances when I'm off on a genealogy exploration mission, is "I'm old, and I'm entitled"....works every time. They just sigh and let me do my thing.*

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*I may be old, but I refuse to grow up! I'm having too much fun!*

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In an article about “putting his house in order” - which many of us seniors consider now and then, Milton Greenberg said

*“one cannot really put one’s house in order because it has no order.”*