



# SHS '44 Newsletter

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## Spotlights

Shortly after the Spring newsletter was mailed I received an email from **Dawn R. Berres McKay**; following is her message: "Bob and I have made our 36<sup>th</sup> and final? move to Hawaii. We're glad to be back 'home'. We've about completed our condo renovation and now it's time to travel a bit. To Oregon for one high school graduation and then on to Canada for another.

"So far we have four girls and 9 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

"In September we fly to Seattle for a cruise through the Panama Canal, returning in October. I love reading about all our classmates of yore and their lives and activities."

In June I received a letter from **Ralph and Anne (Sloss) Welton**: "Dear Richard, it was great talking with you by phone the other day and as promised, here is an update on both of us.

"Back in the Spring of 2005 my children had a meeting with Anne and my self and it was decided that it was time to consider moving back to the Chicagoland area to be close to three of our children. I could see that it was getting to the point of not keeping up the house like it should be and possibility of losing value in the investment. Ann and I both insisted that if we did make the move it would be to a step care retirement complex. My children went to work and found what they considered a great place and one we could afford.

"In June of 2005 we put our house up for sale and sold it in 8 days. We moved in to Windsor Park Manor in Carol Stream, Illinois on the 15th of Aug. We have a nice 2 bedroom 2 bath apartment. Windsor has a large campus with a

## Deaths

**Richard Scheuttler (a.k.a. Scheller)**

October 13, 2003

**Anthony "Cliff" Kanz**

May 20, 2006

**Mackey Spero**

September 25, 2006

"**Cliff**" **Kanz** was in the army during WWII, then later attended UW and received a degree in civil engineering, later specializing in traffic engineering. He retired in 1982, then served on the corporate board of Atlantic General Hospital and was president of the board for Ocean Pines, a recreational community in Maryland, where he resided during his last years.

population of about 350 residents. I can't believe how much talent we have. We have a choir of about 45 members, which I'm in. A men's chorus, which I'm in, of 25. A bell choir and a women's group of 18. The food is very good and it's like going out to dinner every night. For someone who cooked for 5 years it is something special.

"Ann remains about the same with limited activity on the left side. She is in a power wheelchair full time She does move around the complex with supervision. She is now in an oil painting class which meets every Thursday for three hours. I'm really grateful that she will stay focused for that period of time. She is really enjoying it. I'm impressed with her level of work. Richard I would say, all things considered

at our age, we are both reasonably happy.”

**Carol Sheets Brockaway** wrote “I am still in the same house - 17 years. I am still playing duplicate bridge and have been free of cancer since last September. I travel about with my oldest daughter, Cathy, who lives in Indiana. We went on our yearly cruise in February to the Carribean and we’re planning to fly to Italy in October.” She recently traveled from her home in Tucson to Boulder to attend the marriage of her oldest grandson. This June [2006] I am planning to go to Cathy’s summer house on Lake Leelanau in northern Michigan for three weeks. I usually go there every summer.

“I was so surprised to see that Dorothy Whittet had died. She and I were roommates our first year of college at the U. Of Wisconsin, Madison. I have many pleasant memories of that year!”

When I chatted with Carol in September I found that she had acquired a total of 450 master points in her duplicate bridge playing! Her husband David died a couple of years ago; she lost her youngest daughter to lung cancer this past July.

I had a nice note from **Art Gaulke** enclosing a photo of a sculpture of his which won a Best Of Show award in Wisconsin. The photo was in color and itself beautifully done; I hope that the printing of the newsletter will give some idea of the quality of his work “Jackie in Bronze.” It will show in color if you view this



**Fred Beutler** wrote "we did more traveling

than I would like, especially since summer is a season to enjoy in Michigan, and winter is the best time to go away... First, we flew to the San Francisco area from which we took a trip with our son and his wife to Mendocino and back through the wine country. Then we visited two relatives; although they are about my age, I jokingly say that we should see them before they get too old or die. I also have a cousin who ... spends a lot of time traveling to exotic places, and making sure we all know where she has been. Her second floor walk-up old fashioned apartment is now worth close to a million dollars—in real estate, it’s location, location, location. We had a great time with all three of our relatives, plus with a friend whom I had known back in Ann Arbor in the sixties. We used to visit the San Francisco Bay area regularly when my mother lived in the vicinity but hadn’t been back in years. I thought it was perhaps close to ten years, but it is actually more like twenty. The years seem to compress.

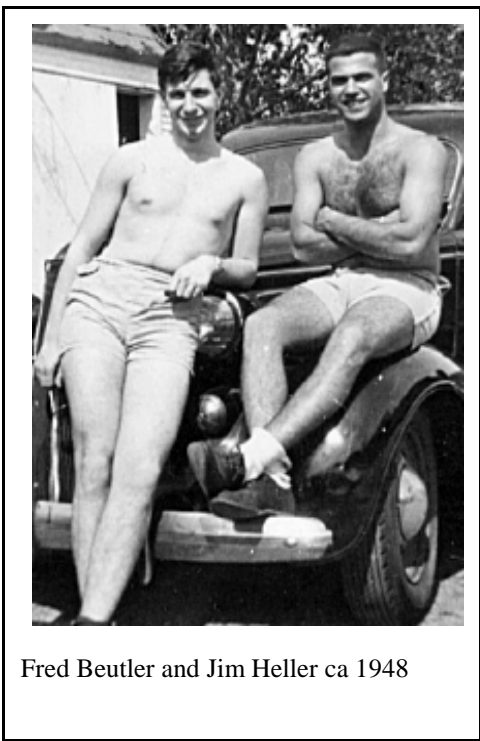
"We were in the Peruvian Amazon for over a week with Sue’s two kids and their wives. What a fascinating place! Then we also flew to Minneapolis, which was the launching point of a short vacation in Bayfield, Wisconsin, near the tip of Lake Superior. We went with the family of my daughter, Kathy—husband Keith and kids Sara (now a college student) and Eric. It has been some years since we had spent quality time with them.

"I was saddened but not totally surprised by the death of Jim Heller. Our friendship dates back to the time we were in fifth grade. We continued that friendship after graduation. During WW II, with both of us in service, I visited him at his station in Philadelphia. We socialized after our return to civilian life while I lived in Milwaukee in 1949 and 1950. Then I moved away, and saw Jim only at SHS reunions and other brief visits to Milwaukee. We also drifted apart in our interests, but Jim continued to be a loyal friend....

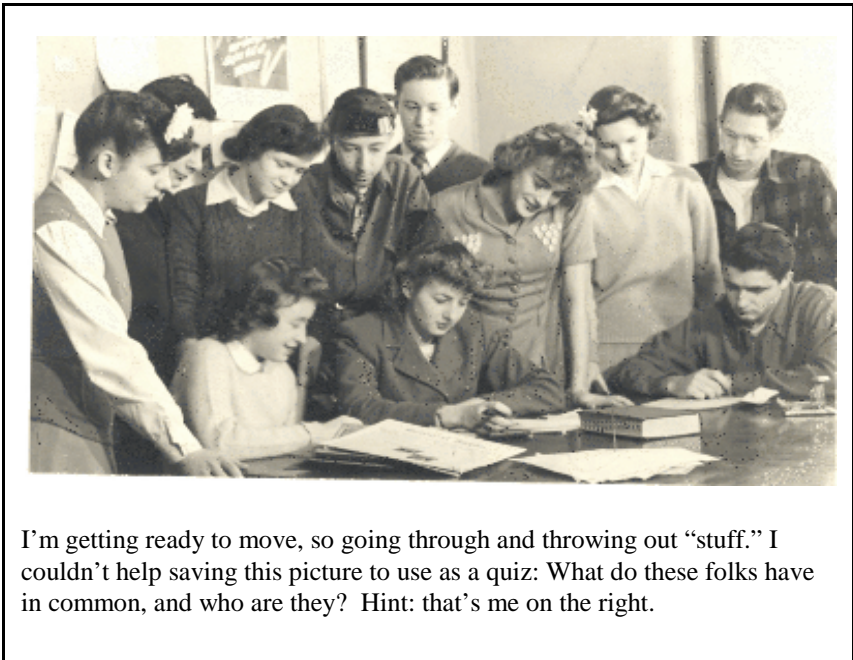
"I continue to play cello and tennis, and to be involved in Adult Ed at church, and photography

at Rotary. My most recent—and most satisfying—project has been to photograph those church members who could not come to the church to have their pictures taken for the upcoming church directory. This has taken me to the area most of the retirement homes in, meeting people who might have been physically diminished, but nevertheless intellectually capable and alive.

Fred sent along a photo of himself and Jim:



Fred Beutler and Jim Heller ca 1948



I'm getting ready to move, so going through and throwing out "stuff." I couldn't help saving this picture to use as a quiz: What do these folks have in common, and who are they? Hint: that's me on the right.

people I call - said that nothing particularly interesting has happened in he life recently. Then as we chatted I find that a while back she won \$50,000 in a \$5 scratch-off, and besides that took a trip to Paris. She and her husband had five children, now she has 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband passed away in 2000, shortly after their 50th wedding anniversary. For a hobby she keeps watch on the stock market. I guess that's where at least part of the \$50,000 went!

Like so many I talk to she wondered what was going to happen about another reunion.



**Mark Williams** is recovering well from a recent hip replacement, working at getting his strength back after being relatively inactive for some time. The *really* good news is that he and his wife had agreed that a \$10 investment in the slots at one of the casinos would be interesting, and as he put the last dollar in it rang up \$15,000. I didn't ask, but I don't think he's willing to share it with the rest of us.

**Rita Shaughnessy Rohde** - like so many

As for myself, Barbara and I have decided to enter a continuing-care retirement place in Lewes, DE; we sold our Arlington home in August. Since the place we're moving to is still under construction, we are temporarily living in our summer home in Dewey Beach, DE. See the return address on this newsletter for the details. Our phone number is 302-227-4892.

SHOREWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
Shorewood, Wisconsin  
June 27, 1941.

Dear Members of the Class of 1944,

Sixteen boys of your class were unable to participate in Commencement activities because they were in the Armed Forces of our country. They were: John Allen, Frank Barclay, Richard Barnes, James Bradley, Harold Cohen, Leonard Conn, Robert Deahl, Wallace Giffen, Fred Hersh, William Kiehnau, James Klann, Don Olson, Richard Platek, Richard Scheife, Allen Shorer, and Don Waligorski.

I am sure they regretted that they could not attend these activities which culminated four years of work and play together in Shorewood High School.

In order that they may get a taste of what did take place on the evening of June 15, I am sending to each copies of the Commencement program, and the talks by Bette Schanglies, Robert Smith, and your principal. It's too bad that I can not convey to them in some manner the impressiveness of the Processional, and the beauty of the solos by Joan Beutell and Margherita Ferch; for these numbers gave much quality to the event,

The service men will be interested to know that one soldier, Julian Hurtubise, was able to attend. As he came across the stage in uniform, to receive his diploma, he got an ovation that was intended also for them to whom diplomas were awarded in absentia.

Although the talks of the evening were mimeographed primarily for the service men, I am sending a copy to each member of the class; for a reading of them may stimulate more reflection than was possible in the rapid succession of numbers on the program,

Sincerely yours,

GR/df

GRANT RAHN, Principal

Al Steinmayer reminded me that we had met briefly in the halls of the Defense Communications Agency back in the 80's while he was working for GE (Manager of Advanced Systems) and visiting one of my compatriots. Excellent memory - I had forgotten entirely! He says he did a great deal of traveling during that time, and it greatly diminished his interest in doing any more.

Al retired early and went into financial management, but he told me that he found his real interest in academia, auditing courses in ancient history, archeology and astronomy. He took many of his courses at Villanova and Bryn Mawr and wrote eight papers in collaboration with one of his professors.



This September Bob and Betty Smith joined Barbara and me for a mini-reunion in Ocean City, MD. Betty was horsing around!

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