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Here's a wish to all of our classmates for a pleasant holiday season.

Spotlights

Fred Beutler sent an email: "It's always nice to receive the SHS '44 Newsletter. All of us should be grateful to you for undertaking this task on our behalf.

"I know that you are looking for news to publish, but all the things I would write you about sound like bragging. Well, I'll go ahead anyway.

"Sue and I are continuing to play our respective musical instruments--she the trumpet, and I the cello. She belongs to two bands and one orchestra, but I only have two orchestras that I play in. And of course, we take lessons, and have our own repertoire. Both of us belong to the church choir, and Sue is serving a term on the church session.

"We have belonged to Rotary for almost four years now. I have been doing their photography, and have recently set up PowerPoint presentations describing our international humanitarian projects. Sue is busy arranging for the visit of eleven Russian small restaurant

owners who will be taught capitalist entrepreneurial skills over a period of a couple of weeks.

"We've done some traveling, too. Over New Year's Eve, we were in Carmel Valley on an Elderhostel; this gave us an opportunity to celebrate the New Year with our son and his wife. Later, we went to La Jolla to visit my brother and his family; from there, we went to Australia to dive the Great Barrier Reef. We have a photo (attached) of us SCUBA diving. We love to send that kind of photo to our kids, to show them we are not quite ready for the rocking chair. Last year we sent them a picture of us on a zip wire over the rain forest canopy, after which we received calls of concern from our kids.

"After Australia we took a long weekend to visit our son's family in Phoenix. We are now great-grandparents there, having a one year old great-granddaughter. The final trip took us to the Golden Isles (barrier islands) of Georgia, where we played tennis.

"We (and our tennis) have hit a bump in the road. I was limping for some weeks, which I now find to be due to a fractured patella. Surgical



repair is scheduled for Tuesday (May 15). Sue just learned this week that she has a torn shoulder tendon, which will also require surgery soon. In spite of that, we are in pretty good shape, with only some minor health problems and the usual cognitive deficits.”



Had a nice note from **Charlotte Rae Lubotsky Strauss** who said she enjoys receiving the newsletter and provides an update on her activities: “I just finished a film with Peter O’Toole and Marsha Gay Harden. It’s called “Christmas Cottage” and it’s to be released in December.

“My CD, “songs I taught My Mother”, can be purchased in Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com. I’m going to be performing at the Plush Room in San Francisco after Thanksgiving

“Other than these activities , I’m just enjoying being alive and enjoying my family and friends.”

Carol Filter Holt’s husband Douglas has published a book about his flight experiences as a 35-mission B19 pilot during the war. “Lucky Dog” was published privately, but it is understood that copies can be had for \$10 plus shipping. Carol and Douglas’s phone number is 1-262-242-1709. In a nice letter from Marilyn Thornberry Salmon she reports that the book is excellent reading for anyone who was in the Air Force at that time; she related how she enjoyed editing the book . At last report Douglas was still flying about his WWII exploits as a 35-mission

Deaths:

James Heller - Dec. 20, 2005

Note: in many cases there are links to the obituaries and death notices of our recently deceased classmates on our web site. See <http://www.rgcle.com/SHS44/>

bomber pilot.

I called **Carol** and she reported that she is getting back to her knitting machine after several bouts with surgery on her wrists. She had broken one recently. Unfortunately one of the surgeries was for carpal tunnel syndrome, and it didn’t “take.” She was using the knitting machine at the time making a dog sweater. She reported that her husband’s book is now in the 18th “batch” and is grateful for Marilyn’s editorial support.

Betty Schanglies Smith was laid up for several weeks following what appears to have been an allergic reaction to a medical test last June. As of this writing she expected to return home in a few days, but will likely have to spend considerable time wheelchair-bound.

Jack Chamberlain says his kids refer to him living in “ground hog days” - in reference to a movie I personally haven’t seen. Jack says he spends a great deal of time playing golf, both at his place in the mountains of Colorado and his winter home in LaQuinta, California. While in Colorado he does a great deal of fly fishing. He has five surviving children and 14 grandchildren; most of the families live in the Milwaukee area.

Al Boerner made a recent trip to Hawaii to attend the wedding of his granddaughter. He lives in the Calgary (Alberta) area mostly because, as a geologist specializing in mining exploration, he had spent time there. He has two daughters and four grandchildren. [I think he told me most live in the Calgary area - I lost my notes.]

Since retiring he spends time doing genealogy research into his and his wife's families. Speaking from personal experience, genealogy research is an interesting line - basically detective work.

Lenore Clark Meyers recently had a hip replacement; recovering nicely but she still uses a cane. After retiring in 1991 from her job as a librarian she got a PhD in history; she previously had received an MS in library science and one in art history. Her husband Mervin died last April and since then she has been at loose ends; she's alone in a big house and hates the idea of leaving; I gather she isn't so hot on the idea of the retirement community that her children are encouraging her to consider but she's open minded about it

I chatted with Henry Reget, **Joyce Kibbe Reget's** husband. Joyce is in a memory clinic in Bloomington, Minnesota. He says she enjoys reading and will welcome her copy of this newsletter. They have been married 20 years; she worked in real estate.

According to what she told me, **Audrienne Weiss Eder** continues to be very active. She's currently a docent at both the Milwaukee Museum of Art and the Bradley Sculpture Garden on Brown Deer Road. She travels a lot, most recently went to Europe with her daughter. In a recent trip to New York she visited the New York Botanical Garden and was greatly impressed by the display of Chihuly blown glass. Besides traveling and being a docent she designs and creates unique silver and gemstone jewelry.

Still living in the home she and her husband built fifty years ago, she is an avid photographer and takes a great deal of delight in photographing her garden. She is - as most of us are - thankful for the advent of digital photographic equipment which results in not having to carry so much heavy "stuff" around.



In late November I had a minor problem computer-wise and lost the notes I had made of an earlier call to **Marilyn Thornberry Salmon**. She really enjoyed my confession since she has steadfastly refused get involved with the machines and considered it a bit of a vindication.

Marilyn currently does a good deal of walking and playing classical piano; she is a member of a book club and spends a lot of time reading. She says she taught a high-level reading class for advanced 7th grade students in Shorewood for 18 years. Deeply involved in the study of current politics, she asked me not to report her party affiliation.

Unfortunately **Barbara Osthoff Collins** is experiencing the onset of macular degeneration although she does get out a bit in the town she loves, Hartland. When I called she was in the midst of unpacking some of the things that remained after her last move eight years ago.

Jim Freeman is still active in the forestry area, first with some of the local fire season cleanup and then working with a local organization which promotes renewable energy. It seems there's a lot of wastewood there in Montana, mostly due to changes the forests are undergoing these days. After the wastewood is collected it is processed into chips and burned in high-pressure boilers to heat the local schools. He says that the reduction in heating costs is significant, and has the added benefit of reducing the need for oil and gas as well as contributing much less pollution.

Bill Jassoy and his wife Joan (Rajski) are well established in Trinity, Florida. When Joan answered the phone and I asked how they were the response was what I often use - "alive and kicking." They had just arrived back from Milwaukee where they spent a week of Christmas with one family; the other family had been treated to their Christmas visit at the end of October. They use the early visits to avoid the travel problems associated with the usual holiday period. Together they have fourteen children, eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. They spend quite a bit of time on the golf course.

Duane Ayers reports that he is still active with the University of Dayton and the Cox Arboretum (see the Spring 2002 edition) and has now made a "grand tour" of Europe, which he enjoyed greatly.

Sue Vonier Vivian moved recently and now lives in a home next door to her son in Punta Gorda, Florida. While some of us are taking steps to avoid having to take care of a yard, Sue says she enjoys it and is pleased that she can. Her son has had eleven children, with the youngest a year and a half old, so she gets in a fair amount of sitting - especially so since the youngest girl in that family is off to college now. Sue has been a widow now for 22 years.



As for myself, **Barbara and I** are fully settled in our new cottage at the continuing care retirement community in Lewes, DE that we moved into last May. As someone else put it, our health is about as good as 80 year old ex-smokers can be expected to be. I'm involved in the maintenance of four web sites besides the one for our class.

We had spent the most of the last year in our

place in Dewey Beach; that's where there is an annual national gathering of owners of rescued greyhounds. It's impressive to see them walking the beach; some people have four or five of the ex-racers. They all must be on leashes, not because of Dewey's rules (which are quite dog-friendly) but because once off a leash they run for a great distance and are very hard to catch. Maybe that's why they were selected as our school mascot!

Our class is doing fairly well; as of now our count is 129 surviving, 111 deceased, and six unaccounted for. Disregarding the missing ones we hit the national average of 55% surviving just about on the nose. Please check out our web site at <http://www.rgcle.com/SHS44/>

I'd like to enter a **plea** for class members to contribute news and photos - from what I've heard newsletter readers love to hear about their classmates and see the few photos I've received and included. So when you pass along news of your doings it would be nice if you included a photo or two. Feel free to email me:

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