



SHS '44 Newsletter

Late Summer 2009 For Alumni of Shorewood High School, Shorewood, Wisconsin Vol.10 No. 1

Spotlights

1/20/09: **Mort Newald** sends "I have been keeping reasonably busy playing a little golf and bridge and swimming in the lap pool at Homestead High School about four mornings a week before school begins. It is a program for adults, not the swimming team.

"My wife, Carolyn, and I have been going to Naples, FL for the months of February and March. We rent a condo and spend quite a bit of time with her sister and brother-in-law who have a home there. We see **Mannie Hassel** while we are there and here in town too. We are in contact here with **Bob Mandel**, **Liz Levy Joseph**, and occasionally **Jim Bamberger**."

1/20/09: **Carolyn Sheets Brockway** reports "I took a 6 week vacation trip to Indiana to visit my daughter. I was there for Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Thanksgiving her son David, who lives in Colorado, came back to Indiana with his family (wife and one-year-old boy Ben). It was so much fun having a one-year-old around. He has learned how to walk and gets around quite well.

"Last summer I spent three months with my daughter at their summer home in Lake Leelanau, Michigan. It is a beautiful spot right on the lake. While there they pressured me to think about moving closer to them. Tucson to Indiana is quite a trip, so I found a condo on Sutton's Bay, MI, which is right on the bay and has activity all around. The village of Suttons Bay is beautiful. So I plan on moving up there in April and stay through October. I haven't got a real plan for after that unless it would be to stay at their place in Indiana. My big job now is to clear out my house here of clutter and get it sold! I really love Tucson

as my home but I'm not getting any younger and they want me to live closer to them.

"I'm on a break now with my cancer treatments - haven't had any since October."

3/16/2009: **From Patricia Oberembt Cleary**: "I spent the Christmas holidays with my son and delightful fun family. I returned to Scottsdale and my brother Jerry (class of '43) and wife came the next day. They come every year for a week at New Year. I love it! We all keep busy, a little slower. My son Mike was here from Milwaukee to thaw out. Daughter Anne comes for spring break. I play lots of bridge, hope to get back to golf this summer."

7/24/09: **Sue Vonier Vivian** says "As you know I live next door to my youngest son, Stewart. He and his wife have 12 children, nine of them living at home. ...the youngest [is] my namesake. Suzie is eight months old.

"Except for three grown daughters, the rest are boys. So most days I'm visited by two to four boys. They don't come unless I invite them but most days one or another of them calls me and usually I invite them. We go to the library and do some reading and a lot of game playing"

8/26/09: Chatted with **Ed Higgins**, he's living in Pittsboro, NC with his wife **Mary Lou (Sernau)**. Although Ed has been in a wheelchair for many years now (polio) he still gets around using a ramp in his converted van. He's pretty much given up his photography, but Mary Lou is still showing her sculpture in the Chapel Hill area.

8/26/09: **Dorothy Cayton Nauman** is still in her home in South Milwaukee; she's been a widow for 30 years now. She spends a lot more time reading and less gardening and traveling than

she used to.

7/9/2009: **Fred Beutler** emailed: "I was sorry to hear that another one of our class members passed away. Betty [Shanglies Smith] was such an alive vital person that it is difficult to think of her existing no more.

"As for Sue and myself, we continue to stay a step ahead of the grim reaper. In fact, I have a new avocation (business?). You recall that you, **Oren Roesler** and I were all involved in photography at Shorewood. I even remember the old 4x5 Graphic we used, and how the first time I developed a batch of sheet film I threw them all into the developer at the same time, which made them all stick together.

"I've come a ways since then. I've started pursuing photography seriously--all digital now. Some years ago I won a Nikon photo contest, and this year I won two prizes at our local camera club. So now I'm turning pro. This summer my wife Sue and I are sharing a booth at two nearby art fairs--she with her oil painting and I with my photography. I don't know yet how many, if any, I will sell, but you can look at my photography on the web. The web address is <http://gallery.me.com/fbeutler>.

"As to our other activities, life goes on much as in the past. We managed to get away from the freezing Winter briefly with trips to Florida and Jamaica, and a longer trip to Jordan and Israel. We plan to enjoy Summer at home, except for a few days here and there. This weekend we will be in Cincinnati where Sue has organized her 60th high school reunion, and is hanging an exhibition of her paintings at her old high school."

7/8/09: **Audrey Wuesthoff Uber** emailed "I am finally reading e-mail from some time ago. Sorry about Betty - didn't realize her "love" affair started way back in grade school. Interesting. And, Fred Beutler ended up doing what I pretty much expected him to do. Is he still living in Michigan? Lately I have become aware of a number of people moving back to Wis.

Deaths:

Ardyce **Jensen** Vinson, August 11, 2008

Carl R. **Balistreri**, November 11, 2002

Bill **Kissinger** , July 30, 2003

June **Sellman** Rose , April 21, 2006

Betty **Shanglies** Smith, April 12, 2009

Walter **Bode**, April 22, 2009

Martha **Schreiber** Bjordstrup, November 7, 2008

Louis Rahr, February 22, 2000

Corene **Wilcox** Thorsen August 13, 2009

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/>.

"Have been doing "book work" this morning - have to catch up on things. That's how I took time to check my e-mail. E-mail requires so much patience .

"Best to you and all others as you see or hear from them,. Have a good summer - occasionally we get a warm few days at a time this year - quite different."

9/1/09: **Joan Winter Bailey Kulfan** has lived in a large house in Mequon for many years and done volunteer work for the Visiting Nurses Association and her church. She does a little flower gardening and enjoys the frequent family get-togethers. One of her sons drops in frequently to help her. Her husband Stan died in 2006.

8/27/09: **Richard Kewley** and his wife **Suzanne Ladky Kewley** are doing fine, he says, each of them playing golf about once a week. He had some stents put in recently to help his heart along. They have 13 grandkids - two more than when I last talked to him six years ago.

Like many of us these days, they don't travel

much any more, although they did a lot of recreational travel in earlier years.

8/22/09: **Joan Spence Moriarty** says she is peaceful and happy even though she has had several weeks of radiation recently.

9/1/09: The last time I talked with **Erich Bretschneider** was back in May of 2003; at that time he was still playing golf even though he had to carry an oxygen bottle along. I was pleasantly surprised to find that he was still quite active, socializing with his friends and visiting the nearby casinos (he says he lives in the Las Vegas of Wisconsin). He hasn't played much golf recently due to a sore shoulder, but he expects it to get better so he can go back onto the links.

9/1/09: **Clarice Bercey Zucker** is still active as a docent at the Milwaukee Art Museum and continues painting. She still travels some, having gone to Denver where she went camping and water rafting. Her husband Bob passed away last year.

9/2/09: **Marion Mehigan Masek** has done a lot of traveling: Russia, Egypt, France and Australia and is enjoying playing bridge and gardening in San Juan Capistrano

9/1/09: I chatted with **Joan Beutell Kuhns** and although I interrupted her watching of the US Open (tennis) we chatted for some time. She and her husband Bill are sports enthusiasts; they have a box for the Open they were going to use in a day or so. Although they don't do much traveling any more - like many of us - their health is good.

She reported an interesting coincidence; when on a tour of France a few years back she discovered a fellow tourist was our **Don Goniui!**

She still plays the cello in an orchestra and enjoys the family reunions they have in The Poconos.

9/1/09: Unfortunately **Glorianne Legler Harkins** has lost her sight in one eye due to macular degeneration, but she continues doing church work and gardening. She told an

interesting story about the house she and her husband Robert have lived in for 56 years. Not long after they had married she met **Charles Coffey's** mother and she told her about a nice house that had just come up for sale. She felt that they wouldn't be able to finance the purchase because they had just bought a pharmacy, but since the owner had just been transferred it was at a pretty low price and they managed to get it.

As I sometimes do I looked up her address in Google Streets, which gives street views of a great number of places. Although it does cover her street I couldn't see her home, the street borders have so many trees that all one can see is mailboxes and driveways. Looking at the area in a satellite view shows it to be heavily wooded.

Lost his address a while back, but an internet search found him in the Glenview nursing home in Naples, FL: **Melvin Bernstein** says he's in good shape except for the little things here and there.

Just before I put this newsletter to bed I discovered a new address for **Corene Wilcox Thorsen**; I called and her husband Duane reported that she had died of pancreatic cancer a couple of weeks earlier.

Every now and then I do a review of the classmates in my database; here are some results of the latest:

A **June Rose** is listed in the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) as having died in Waukesha 4/21/06 and born 10/8/1927 with the social security card issued in Wisconsin beginning with the number 387 (same as mine) suggesting a Milwaukee area application. An attempt to find an obituary or death notice on-line was not successful. Presumably this is **June Sellman Rose** who we lost contact with in 2001, at which time she was living in St. Petersburg, Florida. Perhaps she moved to Waukesha to be near relatives.

I've had to move **Grace Gral (Hilboldt)** to the missing list; phone disconnected, not listed anywhere else, co-resident Scott and Mary not

located but not (yet, at least) on the SSDI.

Bill Kissinger has been out of contact for some time. A little research: the SSDI identifies a William E. Kissinger having died in Phoenix, AZ on July 30, 2003 with a date of birth of 1925; had a social security number issued in Wisconsin; I presume it is our classmate

Another result of my review: I haven't heard from **Louis (Louie) Rahr** since he attended our 55th reunion in 1999. An SSDI search shows a Louis Rahr, with an SSN issued in Wisconsin and having died in Torrence, CA where my last address shows him, born in 1927, having died 24 February 2000; this must be him.

Gathering News Items:

The toughest part of putting this newsletter together is gathering information about our classmates. I have an email list of 19 of our classmates; I sent out a request for some "reporters" willing to help in the gathering of info; it was met with outstanding apathy; not a single response of people willing to call around to check on other classmates. If anyone out there is interested in helping, please let me know - I'll provide the needed data. My email address is cleave@rgcle.com and my snail-mail address can be found on the mailing face of this newsletter.

Richard Cleaveland
35010 Cadbury Circle West
Lewes, DE 19958

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals.

Shorewood High School Class of 1944 Newsletter

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

Financial Report

Our newsletter account has \$245.52. One issue, including copying and postage, has run around \$90, so we have enough in the pot for two more. The account is in the M&T Bank, Bob Wendorf and I each have access to it.

Statistics

Presently we have 108 of our 246 classmates probably surviving. I say probably because these have been in contact at least once since I started the newsletter and do not appear in the SSDI. However, the SSDI is prone to omissions because it only records those for whom death benefits have been applied for. Here are the ten I currently have on the missing list:

Jane **Drengenberg** Richards
Eugenia **Frahm** Sweeney
Wallace **Giffen**
Grace **Gral** Hilboldt
Joanne **Missner** Van Velsir
Joan **Pike** Widmer
Shirley **Pleyte** Smiff
Eileen J. **Plopper** Patt
Louise **Smith** Wysocki
Anne **Webb** Krieger

FIRST CLASS MAIL