



# SHS '44 Newsletter

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## Spotlights:

7/22/10: **Dawn R. Berres McKay** emailed: "... Guess we all remember "Cookie" Offson, but I didn't remember a Hobo Day either. Talk about losing something to a flood, I lost all my Copperdomes in one in a rec rom in San Diego many years ago. I am now 84 but still feel 32. My health is great and I stay active in Fairway Village, an over 55 community in Vancouver, Washington. Bob and I moved back last year from Honolulu to be closer to our mainland family that are also spread out from Florida to Oregon to Washington to Canada. Fred Beutler and I are Face book friends so I can view his site and bring up his lovely photographs. Hope you are well and will keep up this endeavor for some time to come. A warm Aloha, Dawn"

8/6/10: **Alfred E. Boerner**: An extract from his obituary published in the Journal-Sentinel August 2<sup>nd</sup>: "...Al was the eldest son of Alfred L. Boerner for whom the Boerner Botanical Gardens are named. He graduated from Shorewood High School and the University of Wisconsin- Madison and served in the United States Army in Italy during WW II. Al will be remembered for his passion for observing, understanding and explaining the natural world which allowed him to be a consummate professional in his work as a geologist. He will be remembered by his professional colleagues in the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (C.I.M.M.), and the Geological Society of America (G.S.A.) We will also remember him for his intellectual engagement with the social and political issues of the day, and of course, his very bad puns. We are grateful that he shared these qualities with us and we will be reminded of him in the whistling of the wind and the beautiful bird songs of a summer day...."

### Deaths:

Walter Bode, April 22, 2009  
Grace Gral Hilboldt, December 26, 2009  
Al Boerner, July 28, 2010  
Bill Jassoy, August 28, 2010  
Don Kiehna February 22, 2011  
Bob Deahl, February 10, 2011  
Jim Bamburger March 1, 2011

8/2/10: **Ralph Welton** wrote "It is always a real pleasure to receive your class of 1944 news



letter and learn about what my class mates are doing. I thought it was about time to give you an update on what's been going on in my life. It's changed a lot since the passing of Ann and I just don't do the traveling that we did together. However, I find lots of things to do

locally in the Chicago area and I'm so lucky to be so near to Wheaton College which has an international reputation for it's musical department and I get to attend some wonderful concerts. As I think I mentioned before, Ann and I had moved from Arkansas to a retirement community called Windsor Park located in Carol Stream Illinois. Wheaton College is about a half mile from us. We have a large group of retired people living at Windsor who were students and or teachers from the college. So there is a close connection, which provide great opportunities. I also get a chance to see a lot of the sport activities year round.

I also have been very active here at Windsor Park. I am presently in my fourth and final year of serving on the Resident Council the governing board of the community and I serve as chairman of the Dining Service Committee which controls

dining here at Windsor. I'm a member of our Mixed Chorus and Men's Chorus and serve on a number of other committees. I do keep busy. I also try and get in a couple of 9 holes of golf a month. So God has been very good to me health wise.

“The family has pretty much stayed the same number wise. We have added one new grand daughter-in-law. The last two grandchildren are in Master's programs in Law and CPA. And soon to be gainfully employed. So we stand at 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. All in the Chicago-land area, except my oldest son Jim who lives in Miami, Fl and one granddaughter's family who live in Ogden Utah.

“I still keep in touch with Marilyn Salmon and Sue Vivian and that reminds me that I owe both an Email or note.

“I'm also enclosing a check which I'm sure you can use with cost of these mailings.”

8/12/10: **Marjorie Noeske Nixon** wrote to let us know that it was Eileen Noeske Cook who was #2 in the hobo day pictures in the last issue.

8/13/10: **Hal Cohen** writes “Class of 1944, so many have responded in the July mailing that I felt like a ‘slacker’ so here goes!”

He reports that he retired after 33 years with Milwaukee Public Schools - after 33 *difficult* years. He was a reading specialist in the elementary grades. He says his position was to “attempt” to improve word recognition and paragraph comprehension with reading skills.

He traveled widely but said he was tired of being overcharged as a single - and traveling single is “a bit hollow at times.”

He has had one hip implant from the many running miles that destroyed a hip cartilage but still works out three times a week, has been taking ballroom dancing for a few years and entered competitions with his instructor. However, after many hard-core years. he found

he had to give up snow skiing and bicycling

“I live in a condo in the eastern part of downtown Milwaukee ... and attend festivals, the state fair and a few Milwaukee Symphony programs.”

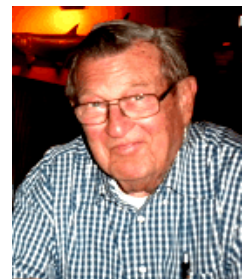
Along the way he earned Bachelor's and Masters degrees, earned two Certifications and has a PhD-equivalency.

“The flyer update is unique. Thanks for the small memory of our past ...my thoughts are with everyone still enjoying life with health.”

When **Roy Genskow** heard about our loss of Bill Jassoy he emailed me “In addition to being classmates we endured basic training together at Camp Joseph T. Robinson near Little Rock, Arkansas in 44/45. He was true to his sweetheart instead of exploring southern hospitality.”

In September 2010, when we had thought **Bob Wendorf** was “missing” I put out a message to those of you who have given me their email addresses, asking if anyone knew of his whereabouts. **Roy** commented in return “I have no present contacts with Bob. I do, however, remember plenty of contacts while practicing football with him. He did not live in Shorewood, but commuted in from Butler or some place north of Shorewood. My recollections of him are all positive, even the football bruises.”

9/22/10: Barbara and I went to dinner **with Bob Smith** and his daughter Lolly Hallman. It was nice to see him again; they had come to Ocean City, MD, for a couple of weeks and took the trip up to Dewey Beach for the occasion. Interesting that the combination of names made Bob a Lolly-pop.



Very proud of her father, Lolly sent me the following: “In the late 1990s he started Community Services Housing, Inc. when Region

Ten needed clean, safe affordable housing for some of their mental health consumers. He wanted to serve as a landlord who was friendly to the idea of providing good affordable housing for persons with mental health disabilities who could not afford to live the community otherwise. Due to his drive and determination CSH has over 26 properties, including 143 bedrooms in which he purchased and in many cases renovated these properties.”

9/12/10: **Marilyn Thornberry Salmon** wrote that she’s “hanging in there - still walking (only a mile) and as the weather permits. Last December a woman ran a stop light and broadsided the passenger side, fortunately, and totaled my beloved Honda. I only had an ankle fracture so I’m fine now.

“Am going to my granddaughter’s wedding on October 2<sup>nd</sup> - a first in our family Am looking forward to it. Haven’t been to a wedding in years!

“I see **Carol Filter Holt** now and then.... [She and her husband] are such an interesting and nice couple!”

9/30/10: Had a brief chat with **Don Kiehnau**, he wanted me to pass along greeting to the rest of his classmates.

12/10/10: **Fred Beutler** emailed me “I’m still working at my photography, and have even sold a decent number of photos this year at a couple of art shows and private sales.

“My latest venture has been an exhibition at the Ann Arbor District Library. As you can see from the link below, this exhibition was reviewed in the local paper. The review appears not only in the web version but also the hard copy version of the local newspaper.

<http://www.annarbor.com/entertainment/beutler-photography/>

“I have committed to an even larger exhibition

for May and June in a nearby city.

“With all the photography I’ve done I still remember vividly our work for Ripples and the Copperdome, using their old Crown Graphic. Or maybe (I forget whether it had the focal plane shutter) it was a Speed Graphic. In any event, it had 4x5 sheet film. I still remember the first time I put the film sheets in the developer, I just dumped all of them in together. They stuck together, to Oren Roesler’s annoyance and my chagrin.

“We just had a big snow storm here, which reminds me of our classmates in warmer climes. Nevertheless, Sue and I are hanging in there in Ann Arbor. Come May, we will enjoy a wonderful Spring, while the Arizonans and Floridians can look forward to a miserably hot Summer.”

**Dawn R. Berres McKay** emailed to report Don Kiehnau’s passing, and included that “Bob and I are glad to be back on the mainland. Closer to most of the family. In good health and active in drama and comedy shows, singing in the church choir and still cruising. “

2/14/11: **Marilyn Thornberry Salmon** sent a note along with a copy of Bob Deahl’s death notice from the Journal Sentinel. “I see Carol Filter now and then, we’re both trying to help our brains ‘going,’ that is, fighting memory loss. I do a lot of reading - politics interest me - and I feel sorry for my children and grandchildren and the future they are going to cope with. Despite WWII, I firmly believe our generation saw ‘the last of the best Americans.’ Ah, well - forgive my depressing thoughts.

“Lots of snow here today. We no sooner get rid of it and it returns ‘big time.’

“I certainly hope you and your family are fine. I can’t believe much of our remaining class members are 85 years old or close to it!! Wow!! Hang in there!!”

Then in March she wrote "I've been doing some early spring cleaning and came across pictures of some of our



class members that I thought they might like. So here's one of you two and Oren and Madelyn Roessler (I have another pix of them to send to them.) I wish we could go back a few years and attend these reunions all over again."

Well, so do I Marilyn, but everything I hear is that there's not enough interest among the locals out there to stimulate activity in that direction. But I know many of us would enjoy a visit from classmates if they happen to be traveling in our area. That's the reason I send out address lists.

I'm way too late in getting this issue out, and I haven't received any more news from our group, so I'll finish this off with a little about my activities in the past few months.

As most of you probably know I'm deeply into computers and ancillary stuff. Currently I'm

the webmaster for the Town of Dewey Beach (Delaware) where things are similar to many other towns in the country - struggling to get by with income decreasing and expenses increasing. I developed and operate the system used to stream live video of town meetings to the town web site. I'm quite pleased to report that I was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" for this work and for establishing and operating the beach camera feature for the web site.

Last week I was visiting in Florida for a nephew's wedding and did the video work using a remote computer connection; that was an interesting distraction from the norm.

The wedding was the ultimate - country club, wedding on the lawn with the ocean in view, open bar, dinner and so forth. The only unusual aspect was that the bride and groom were both lawyers and the person officiating was a woman - a divorce lawyer!

Please write and let me know what you're up to so I can fill space and get this missive out more frequently. I could use a volunteer researcher! And by the way don't worry - we have money for several more issues.

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