



SHS '44 Newsletter

Winter For Alumni of Shorewood High School, Shorewood, Wisconsin 2016/7

My apologies – and that of my editor – for not noticing the last newsletter was dated in 2105 instead of 2016.

8/6/2016: **Alvin Steinmayer** sent a nice donation along with a note: “Personally I’m still working out at a health club 3 days per week and playing competitive bridge. Retired from GE about 30 years ago....”



8/14/2016: Along with a contribution **Dave McMahon** wrote that at his next birthday he will be 91 and “I think I’ll make it but who knows.” It’s a big club, Dave!

8/4/2016: **Beverly Becker Koenen** sent in a nice donation and included a note which included “...I’ve moved to the Milwaukee Catholic Home in February! Great place - especially if you’re in shape, fairly healthy and have an inquisitive mind. The food is great – entertainment ditto – still have my 2000 VW.



“I had a great long chat with **Sue Muelheisen Coffey**. She is as independent as ever – out there on Mercer Island. I miss chatting and laughing with **Rita Shaughnessy!**”

8/21/2016: Along with a donation

Deaths:

Ruth Thornberry Salmon
Harold Cohen, October 24th, 2016
Margaret Walsh Lewin January 24, 2015

Sue Vonier Vivian sent along a nice note. “Thank you for the enjoyable newsletter. It seems 56 survivors out of 246 at ages 89 and 90 is not bad. /7



“My 90th birthday was celebrated in April with 36 descendants and their spouses. I only had four children but one of them was prolific.

“I still drive a little; use a cane or even a walker a lot – sore hip.

“Life is good – fun to have grandchildren next door, youngest 7. There are younger ones – great-grands – who visit. I remember visiting three different great grandmothers as a child. I was aware that they were someone special, but like me today they weren’t good for much – just sat in chairs.

“It’s different with the ones next door. They have home school so they’re available. I teach three catechism classes a week in the school year and some phonics and cursive.

“I’m sorry about your loss, Dick. May God help you bear it. She was surely your very best friend - what a blessing to have had her for so long.

“I’ve ordered Charlotte’s book after reading your nice comments. Charlotte passed my house on her way to school so I often had the pleasure of her company. She was very nice and fun to be with.

“What a special and important time high school was.”

8/10/2016: **Bob Wendorff** sent some money taken from the reunion fund and wrote “we are fine and enjoying life in an independent living apartment.



8/17/2016: **Dorothy Cayton Nauman** wrote “I am in an



assisted living facility in Oak Creek. I came here a few days before Christmas 2015 My husband passed away in 1980 and after maintaining a home for about 36 years myself and a lengthy stay in the hospital in December it was decided that this was the place for me. It's

very nice - lots of activities and entertainment if you want to participate

“I'm very proud to be a graduate of S.H.S. When I was interviewed for employment some years ago they asked me where I went to high school. They always seemed to be impressed by the answer “Shorewood.” I must admit the first couple of weeks in my freshman year were very confusing. I must have been stopped by every hall monitor there for trying to go up the wrong stairs to get to a classroom! Oh well, I made it. “Just a few memories.”

9/15/2016: **Marguerite Aylward Weaver** noted “I was so sorry to read again of so many of our members who have departed. Wish I had been informed about Rita's passing; I would have gone up to the funeral but I suppose my informants are passing away too.



“The children's father and I drove down to St. Petersburg Florida to visit our daughter and her husband. John Heidemann. Nice visit with trip on the waters to see the dolphins. Annie studies when she isn't writing books.

“The family all showed up to give me a very nice 90th birthday! Who'd a thought!” Marguerite included a nice donation with her letter.

9/3/2016: **Bob Mandel** donated, promising an update on his activities. OK, where is it, Bob?



12/22/2016: **Max (Buzz)**

Fritschel and wife Arlyne have moved to Rosemount, MN and live in a senior living apartment. Rosemount is



located just outside the Twin Cities and not far from Arlyne's childhood home in Minneapolis. Their son (Jamie) lives with his wife and 3 sons very close and visits often. They enjoy visits with Jamie's dog "Cooper", a small labradoodle.

Note: I have a place in Dewey Beach, DE, and each year there's a “convention” of sorts featuring labradoodles. Other varieties of doodles are welcome there too. – Dick

12/26/2016: Karen Finerman, daughter of **Suzanne Carter Meldman**, emailed that she was taking her mother to help celebrate the 90th birthday party of **Lenore Meyers Clark**.



Suzanne Meldman, her assistant Maria and Lenore Meyers

1/5/2017 After my nudging **Fred Beutler** came through with a description of his recent trips. I knew he had some extensive one given his occasional postings on Facebook.

“We recently returned from a Road Scholar trip to California, at which a handsome lady recognized me as a SHS ’44 classmate. It was Clarice (Bercey) Zucker; her husband died nine years ago, and she is continuing to pursue a career as a painter. Speak of coincidences! One of the three presenters, Marc Gelman, a distinguished Rabbi, also turned out to be a SHS graduate, but of the class of ’65.



“We stayed in Ann Arbor for my ninetieth birthday, but not quietly. Sue arranged a magnificent party for 87 people. There was a big band (of the time of our youth), a dinner, birthday cake, and encomia speeches. My youngest son came from Paris with his family, and there were also friends and family from as far away as California.

“We—our classmates and I—are now all ninety years old. I imagine we all have some chronic diseases. Those of us who have not moved to warmer climes must be feeling—as I do—more effects of the cold weather. Sue and I resolved to spend one week of each of the Winter months in a warm place.

“We almost seem to be commuting to California, where I lived eight years of my life. Earlier in 2016, we went to Sue’s grandson’s graduation and met her latest great-grandson. In June we attended the wedding of one of my granddaughters in La Jolla. We came out again at Thanksgiving, visiting my son, his wife, my granddaughter, and great-granddaughter.

“In addition to those trips, we celebrated the 2016

New Year in Atlanta (another Road Scholar program), and went on a Caribbean cruise in April. We were in France in August, reliving our time in Burgundy, but this time more sedately on a river cruise. We combined that trip with a visit to Paris, where my younger son works, and where I met the latest addition to the family, my recently born grandson.

“I almost forgot the photographic workshop we attended in Death Valley in February 2016. I first saw Death Valley in 1955, and this was my first chance to return. Because of my limited mobility I didn’t get to all the places I really wanted to, but still managed to get some excellent photos to add to my portfolio.

“So far, I haven’t exhibited any of the Death Valley photographs, but I hope to have them in some local juried shows in 2017. I’m also reviewing the 4000 old slides, which represent photos I’ve taken over many years, and which I’m having digitized. As for new images, I confess I’ve slowed down and done very little since the Death Valley trip. Of the images in my portfolio, I have been putting them on Facebook about once a week over the past couple years.

“Aside from these diversions, life goes on quietly. We’re moving more slowly, with less energy, but our spectrum of activities is pretty much the same. Music is a large part of our lives; I am still taking cello lessons, although I play less well. I retired from playing in a symphony orchestra several years ago, and now only play in the less demanding church orchestra. As for Sue, she plays trumpet in two concert bands. And both of us sing in a good choir.

“We attend concerts and plays. We go out to dinner with or without friends. We go to Rotary faithfully, where I do the photography. I continue on the Board of the University of Michigan Retirees. Sue continues with her post-retirement career as an oil painter, with considerable success. And so our lives continue without much change.”

Note: I stole Fred's recent picture from his Facebook page.

1/10/2017 **Clarice Bercy Zucker** called to tell me about the extreme coincidence of meeting Fred Beutler as he mentions above. When I asked her how it happened that they recognized each other she



said “well, we had to stand up and tell a little about yourself and he said he was from Milwaukee, and so naturally I was curious” and he said “where do you live” and then the conversation narrowed down to their discovering they were from the same class.

Clarice went on to tell me how she keeps busy - paints, and continues to take classes; the most recent was on political philosophy.

Note: That was quite a coincidence; reminds me of recognizing one of our classmates while he was standing next to me in the men's room of a club in Charleston when we were both in the Navy during the war.

Jack Chamberlain sent a note “Thanks for what you are doing for all of us.” and included a donation.



8/14/2016: **Judson Ihrig** was reported by his son Neil to be “still going strong in a nursing home in Honolulu, HI. In 11/16 he'll reach 91 years of age.”

1/2/2017: Chatted by phone with **Joan Beutel Kuhns**. She said she is happy and doing well. Her husband, a member of the class of 1940, unfortunately has Alzheimer's and is in a home nearby.



Her family had lots of fun when she took them to Denver last July for ten days.8/20/2016:

As for myself, I've been adapting to the business of living alone, as I'm sure many of you have had to. I'm still delivering batches of Barbara's clothes to the local thrift shop, learning how to fry eggs over easy and that sort of thing. Living in a continuous care retirement community has its advantages, of course - handy dining room, activities and so forth. Working on my bucket list, as I guess many of us are; getting a commercial concern to take on the database and web site I run for the residents here since I have no backup in that work.

We had an excellent response from the request for donations; there shouldn't be a need any more funds for quite some time.

And of course - you guessed it - now's the time for my regular request for news of our classmates. I had no idea Shorewood, in our days, would be training so many reserved and shy members of society.

If you prefer not to report on your own activities, how about those of the classmates you might still be in contact with? So many of you say you enjoy our little newsletter, but remember - without news I can't produce one!

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