

SHS '44 Newsletter

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For Alumni of Shorewood High School, Shorewood, Wisconsin

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Reunion Committee Activity

Wrap-up Meeting Held on February 15, 2000:

In attendance were **Roy Genskow, Helen Eggert Snyder, Betty Fass Claus, Pat Austin Daase, Bette DiFrances Bellanti, Lois Rajski Schobert, Bob Wendorf**, and **Marilyn Thornberry Salmon**.

Bob Wendorf, who has been our accountant, distributed copies of the 1999 Reunion Fund Recap. He also noted that an additional \$83 has been set aside for the first newsletter. This money was graciously donated by alums at the Saturday Evening Banquet. Mention was made that all alums should notify **Dick Cleaveland** or **Marilyn Thornberry Salmon** of address and phone number changes, current marital status, and interesting news about yourself or other alums. This is very important to us. Dick's home and e-mail addresses are on this newsletter, and Marilyn's is 7009 W. Sandpiper Ct., Milwaukee, WI 53223.

We also discussed having a One-Event Luncheon Reunion in approximately two years time, possibly in 2002 or summer of 2003. All of us favored this suggestion and wonder how you feel about it. Please let us know.

Some letters from members were read, excerpts of which follow:

Fred Beutler wrote: "Who would have thought that, after 55 years, a group having taken such diverse paths in life would constitute such a convivial gathering."

Marilyn Miller Davis wrote: "Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed seeing you and all the old pals from Lake Bluff and Shorewood

High School. It was a lovely time of the year to be in Milwaukee."

Harold Cohen wrote: "The two reunion evenings were very well-organized and enjoyable."

Carol Filter Holt wrote: "This year's reunion parties were the nicest yet. The committee did a splendid job! The food was good, the settings were lovely, and the entertainment was delightfully minimal (can't believe Sully's restraint). Low-key **Roy Genskow** was funny and informative as emcee. **Dick Cleaveland** is a real sport to put out this newsletter. It's more important now than ever before for you to keep in touch and let him or any of the committee members know about other classmates."

Sallie Collins Rapp who couldn't attend with Bill wrote: "You all deserve a big thank you from everyone in the class of '44 for all the work and effort. Bill certainly enjoyed it. When Bill got home we spent a long time talking about his time and the people that were there."



Pictured at the reunion (L to R): Russ McGarvie, Helen Eggerst Snyder, Bob Wendorf, Jack and Susan Lichtenberger.

Our 55th Reunion Now History

For those of you who were unable to attend our 55th, we think you missed one of our best. It was a smaller crowd, which we expected; time, of course, is our enemy and each year we lose more members. Also, it had been only five years since our last reunion. However, the fact that it was a smaller group was in our favor. It was a warm, friendly reunion at which we all had time to catch up on each other's news without feeling we were going to miss someone with whom we also wanted to share memories. We did not have dancing, so there was no background music to make it difficult to hear. Then, too, there was the great feeling that, "Hey! I don't have to worry that I won't be recognized--it's only been five years!"

Interested in statistics? Our Friday night fish fry was attended by 40 alums and 21 guests. Saturday's banquet did slightly better with 48 alums and 25 guests. When you realize that out of a class of 231 we have lost at least 82 members, and have never located about 10 more, that's a pretty good record. Add to that the fact that this reunion was separated by only five years from the 50th, and the numbers sound even better. We're doing just great, kids, right? On Friday, we had our fish fry at the same restaurant as we did for the 50th--the Alpine Village--and Saturday's banquet was held at the Wisconsin Club which is truly a magnificently refurbished building.

Alum Alert

Did you know that Lake Bluff School is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this fall? Many of us received a questionnaire from their committee chairman requesting our memories of the days we attended Lake Bluff. At this time, we do not know exactly what the celebration will consist of, but if you are interested in more information, or would like a questionnaire if they are still available, please write **Bette DiFrances Bellanti** at 4730 N. Sheffield Ave., Whitefish Bay, WI 53211 and she will pass along your request to their chairman.

Did you know that **Oren Roesler** is still practicing dentistry? He says he is semi-retired. **Bob Mandel**, too, still stops in at his office now and then. How about the rest of you?

We regret to report the death of **Jeanne Painter Szatkowski** on March 10, 2000 and **Thomas J. Schultz** on April 4th 2000. If any of you would like a list of the deceased or missing class members please notify Dick Cleaveland.

A group of Shorewood alumni called the Silver Greyhounds and which is led by **Robert Landry**, class of '40 and a retired judge, is proposing a Wall of Fame . It will be composed of plaques representing distinguished Shorewood alumni. It will be displayed in the lobby of Shorewood High School. The committee members are looking for nominations. Please send your suggestions to Judge Robert Landry, 2245 W. Greenwood, Glendale, WI 53209.

And Finally . . .

We, the 55th Reunion Committee members, would like to thank all of you who were gracious enough to respond to our inquiries at the time we worked on the reunion. We have been richly rewarded with the friendship and camaraderie of fellow alums who go back so many years. Some of us were in kindergarten at either Lake Bluff or Atwater in 1930! Some of our friendships go back that many years, too. Just thinking about it is awesome. So, here's to the next year and the next and the next and to reaching out to all of you to let you know that we value your help in any way possible and wish you the very best of luck. Please, may we hear from you?

In friendship and with good memories, we are your...*Shorewood High School 55th Class Reunion Committee*

Pat Austin Daase, Beverly Becker Koenen, Dick Cleaveland, Bette DiFrances Bellanti, Betty Fass Claus, Helen Eggert Snyder, Roy Genskow, Don Goniu, Bob Mandel, Lois Rajski Schobert, Oren Roesler, Gene Ruby, Marilyn Thornberry Salmon, and Bob Wendorf.



From the Editor...now what?

The idea of having a periodical newsletter for surviving members of the class surfaced at the reunion last fall; several people donated to the cause and I promised to produce it. The impetus was to help us all keep in touch with each other. This issue is being sent to all known members of the class, regardless of the donations made, with the assumption that many who could not attend the reunion would like to participate. Then too, the mailing process can be expected to help us keep track of those who have moved.

We have three problems planning for the future issues,

however. How often they should be published, how to pay for them, and how to get material of interest to include.

As far as the publishing frequency is concerned, assuming cost and editorial material are not problems, we feel that every year would be about right. That's because of the Post Office rules on forwarding - the orders expire after a year. Having lived through the hassle of getting current addresses in preparation for the reunion I feel this is important.

I'm sure there are many class members who couldn't care less about their ex classmates, and who wouldn't pay for the newsletter if we went on a subscription basis. On the other hand, these people may change their minds, and we would lose track of them (and they of us) if they didn't get included. So we are instituting a donation scheme. Donate what you want to: if only a third of our classmates contribute ten dollars to the cause in response to this newsletter we could send issues to all for a couple of years before we have another donation request. If you send \$15 or more I'll send you a current list of all addresses and a list of deceased and missing classmates. Make your checks out to "Class of 44".

Perhaps the toughest part is the matter of editorial content. If you like to read about others, please realize the rest of us would like to hear about you. Please consider updating the information included in the 1994 reunion booklet with your more recent activities. Don't be shy! To put my keyboard where my mouth is I've included an item on myself in this issue - longer than normal because my material was missing from the 1994 booklet. Also, if you know of the activities of others in our class, feel free to contribute items on them. Some people are just too modest! (You'll get a byline, too!)

You'll note that I've asked for both financial and editorial contributions to be sent to me - that's to save you the bother of multiple mailings. I'll log and forward checks to the class treasurer to be put into the newsletter account.

Please be assured that if we have a miserable response, either financially or editorially, and have to cancel the newsletter idea, the contributed money will find a good home with class reunion committee.

Send your donations to
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Spotlights:

(Bio updates and snippets)

Dick Cleaveland:

After graduation and a stint in the Navy as a Radio Technician I attended Northwestern Tech Institute, graduating with a BSEE. I then spent a few years working for Philco Corporation, first on Navy ships teaching Navy personnel how to maintain their electronics equipment, then at Bell Telephone Laboratories evaluating the initial stages of the SAGE air defense system. Later I went to the Computer Division as manager of programming systems, then took a contract assignment with the Navy Bureau of Ships.

In 1963 I became a civil servant working for the Defense Communications Agency on the data processing and display aspects of the National level World-Wide Command and Control systems - the Pentagon war room and so forth. The project transferred to the Air Force in 1994, from which I retired as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Since retirement I have been active in doing my family genealogy (<http://users.erols.com/cleav/>, email cleav@erols.com), serving in various positions with a nation-wide genealogy software user group, guiding the installation of a computer center for use of the residents of a low-income retirement home and designing data bases for various non-profit agencies in the Arlington, VA area.

I married while in college, had two sons Jerome and Thomas who are now in the northern Illinois area, and then divorced and remarried in 1965 to Barbara, who is originally from the PA and NJ areas and whose career involved nursing and teaching. Barbara and I spend part of our summers in our place at Dewey Beach, DE.

George Schuett:

From the CNI (Shorewood Herald), reporter Eileen Gosman

George Schuett received the Golden Award, the highest honor that ATA Wisconsin, the state society of The American Institute of Architects, bestows on member architects. 'There are 3,000 architects in the state', George says, 'and only 13 have ever won.' George has four children and five grandchildren.

George was a partner in a firm that merged with Plunkett Rayisch Architects. He is still active as a

principal in that firm. They have been involved with the construction of Whitefish Bay's Dominican High School and Methodist Church, as well as the Klotsche Center at UWM.

In his spare time George has taken up water color painting and has had several one man shows. So accomplished is he that the Milwaukee Yacht Club commissioned him to render a special painting to commemorate their 125th anniversary. You may remember it as the site of the Hoodo Hop. In addition to that, he crews on sail boats and has been involved in "bare foot sailing" in the Caribbean.

His wife, Jeanne, who is Louis Rahr's sister, and their children are all accomplished church organists who perform in churches designed by George.

Thomas J. Schultz:

Tom, who died recently, was a 1951 graduate of Marquette University. He served his country in the US Navy in the South West Pacific during WWII. He was a past commander of the North Shore American Legion Post #331. He was also a past president of the Employers Association and retired as a vice president of the Nitrogen Company. He was married to Joan Laake of the SHS class of 1946.

Charlotte Lubotsky:

It was nice to see Charlotte Lubotsky Strauss on TV again - she had a major part in a *Diagnosis Murder* episode screened April 6th.



At the reunion: Henry Reindl (Husband of Ruth Livingston), Bob Wendorf, George Schuett, Jack Lichtenberger and Roy Genskow.

**Snowbirds
Note:**

The data base we have accommodates two addresses for each person if needed. If you are a "snowbird" and head south or west each winter, please let me know each address and the dates of the moves.

The reunion committee is considering another reunion in the fall of 2001 or 2002.

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Shorewood Web Site!

Those of us who settled far from Shorewood and who have internet connections might be interested in reminiscing a bit about the place. Check <http://www.execpc.com/~shorewood/> for some history including pictures from times around our birth dates.