



SHS '44 Newsletter

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Spotlights

Marilyn Salmon sent me a clipping that reports that **Bill Kissinger's** daughter Meg recently won the award for best personality profile in the Inland Press competition; the association includes more than 870 newspapers throughout the US and Canada. Her series "Unsteady Steps: A Family's Journey" was published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in June of 2004.

Our condolences to **Lois Rajski**, who lost her husband last fall. Lois and Richard had five children and ten grandchildren.

Suzanne Ladky Kewley writes "We were sorry we missed our reunion but our daughter from Charlottesville, Virginia was visiting that weekend. Dick & I are in pretty good health - would you believe we are expecting out `13th grandchild next week? No great-grandchildren yet."

Jean Hawtrey Birnie sent a nice note: "I enjoy [the newsletter] so much. What's more, my husband, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, Virginia, reads it also.... I was sorry not to be able to attend the reunion in September so this newsletter was especially appreciated. Well, maybe in three years at our 63rd reunion!"

Careful readers will note that we have, up to now, listed **Frank Barclay** as deceased in both our mailed address lists and on our web site. This was because he had been missing so long that by the spring of 2000 the committee had decided he had deceased. We just heard from **Marilyn Salmon** that Frank did indeed pass away, but only recently.

Joan Bailey Winter Kulfan, who lives in Mequon, notes that her son Phillip Bailey is a golf

course superintendent in Smithfield, Virginia; she visited him and his wife Terese recently.

Dawn Berres McKay writes that she is glad we "found" her alive and well (she had, by default, been listed as deceased since before 1999). "Will definitely be wherever for the next reunion" she says.

Deaths

Frank Barclay, November 15, 2004

Gerald Kahn has been among the missing for some time. I ran across a death report on the Social Security Death Index that shows a Gerald Kahn born in 1925 having died in Waukegan in 1988, and I was all ready to "bury" him. However, through the great auspices of Mannie Hassel we now know that - as Manny put it - Gerald is "very much alive and reasonably well." He's living in Mulberry, Florida.

Marilyn Davis reports that "Dick, On April 26th I will be moving to Santa Barbara and into a retirement home which I am really looking forward to! No more cooking or lonely meals and lots of opportunity for exercising with several gyms and a gorgeous pool. My daughter lives there and years ago I also lived there and raised my children in that wonderful community. It will be nice to be near Wendy, who is recuperating from Leukemia, having received a bone marrow transplant from her brother who was a perfect match! That was 5 years ago and she is doing well but has to be very careful! I enjoy the news letter so much but hate to see how the list of deceased friends is lengthening! ...Do keep in

touch.'

Roy Genskow wrote and let us know about the arson fire in the Shorewood Auditorium just one week after our 60th reunion. He said the smoke damage was horrendous. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel archives the fire was discovered after 10 p.m. and was in a basement room where theater costumes dating back to the 1920s were stored. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for information regarding the blaze, estimated to have cost \$600,000 in damages.

Incidentally, here's a picture of Roy and Helen taken at the reunion:



Helen Padway is very active; especially in writing - poetry and stories. She has won or placed in writing contests, notably one sponsored by the Wisconsin Public Library and another sponsored by the St. Francis Public Library. She has been honing her skills by attending related classes (writing, creative art, etc.) at UWM. Helen is Vice President of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets. Do a search of the internet using her name and you'll find interesting items. Last year Helen traveled to Australia and New Zealand.

Virginia Irgens Morse sent a nice note about enjoying the newsletters and decriing the fact that she can't attend our reunions.

Noting that it's a small world, **Alvin Steinmeyer Jr.** recalls that he met me where I worked at the Defense Communications Agency about 20 years ago. Mostly, he says, he spends his time managing his stock portfolio and lifting weights at the local health club.

Here are pictures of some people who attended the reunion last fall; special thanks to **Fred Beutler, Bob Wendorf and Helen Genskow** for contributing the pictures:



Curt and Betty Foss Clause



Barbara
Osthoff Collins



Figure 5
Koan Winter
Kulfan



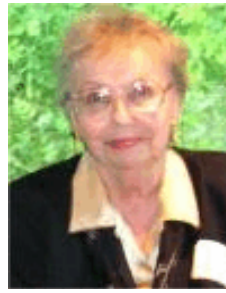
Harold
Stanfield



Nancy and Bob Mandel



Fred Beutler



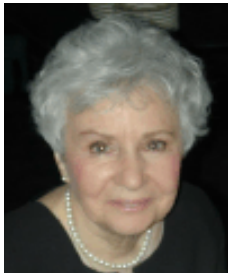
Marilyn
Thornberry
Salmon



Lois Rajski
Schobert



Harold Cohen



Patrica Austin
Daase



Carol Filter



Jack Chamberlin



Marilyn Miller
Davis



Dick and Barbara Cleaveland



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More Spotlights

Oren Roesler is still working a couple of days a week at his dental practice; probably the only one in our graduating class that still is, according to Madelyn. From what I've gathered this is not really correct; we have several class mates who put in part time at their favorite occupation. One of these is **Bob Mandel**, for instance, who regularly helps his son out at their printing business.

Glorianne Legler Harkins reports that she and her husband Bob worked until they were seventy-two; they had a pharmacy in the Brown Deer Medical Building. They've made two trips to Europe and two to Israel, but she says their traveling years are pretty much over since health problems tend to prohibit it. They have four children and one grandchild.

Carol Mason Rittbeg's husband passed away

about seven years ago; she is now rehired from her job as an accountant's assistant at what is now Cardinal Stritch University. She has two sons, five grandchildren and one great grandchild (with one more on the way). Health problems now have her using a walker which inhibits travel, but earlier she and her husband traveled quite a bit.

Curiosa

I'm sure you've all heard that a woman's life span, on average, is significantly longer than a man's. That got me to thinking - I wonder what our class statistics are like? It turns out that while girls made up 53% of our graduating class, 57% of those surviving are women, of course the converse is true; while boys made up 47% of our class, only 42% of the survivors are men. I wonder how these numbers will look a few years from now.