



SHS '44 New sletter

Spring, 2006

For Alumni of Shorewood High School, Shorewood, Wisconsin

Vol.7 No. 1

Spotlights

When I chatted with **Maribeth Anderson Wetzel** and husband Lew this past October, Lew asked if I remembered "Hi Ho Trailus Bootwhip" - and indeed I did. Do you?

Got an email from **Udo Hilbert**: "Being a tuition student from the town of Milwaukee, now city of Glendale, I had minimal contact with resident classmates but I enjoy reading about what they have done or are still doing. I am still working 3 hours a day designing gauges and test equipment. We would have celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary had my wife not died a month before. Being the shortest in our class it took 3 times before I met the minimum height requirement and ended up a radio sonde operator in the 9th army air corps stationed in Berlin. I still live in the house I built myself and will continue as long as I can do the work. My goal is to make it to 80 which happens in April 06. And thanks to the miracle of medicine, a great cardiologist who has cared for me for 26 years, 2 major bypass operations, and 8 implanted stents, I think I'll make it. I'll let you know..."

I had a nice letter from **Betty Schanglies Smith** last fall. A story she told is a little complex, but worth reading. It seems that one of her bridesmaids from West Milwaukee moved to New York some time ago. She came to Washington and to Ford's Theater to see her daughter's boyfriend in a play. After the play there was a backstage gathering and she struck up a conversation with a woman and discovered they were both from Shorewood! And when she asked the woman if she knew Bob Smith, she said "yes, and he married Betty Schanglies." The woman? **Charlotte Rae Lubotski!**

Fred Beutler sent in a note that "Sue and I

Deaths

Jim Heller

December 20, 2005

Dorothy Whittet Grimstead

January 15, 2006

Jim Heller's obituary in the Journal-Sentinel reads "Jim passed away peacefully on December 20, 2005, at the age of 79. Survived by his three sons...[and] his eight grandchildren... Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Helen (nee Washburn). He was incredibly proud of both his family and ties to the Shorewood community. After serving in the Navy and Marines during WWII, he returned to Shorewood where he remained throughout his life. In addition to his family, Jim's greatest joy came from the countless hours "working" on his northern retreat. All that knew Jim will miss his stories and humor."

are continuing to be busy and happy. I had a total knee replacement in late October, and just recently cast my cane aside to return to my normal existence – even to the extent of the next week in Jamaica."

Would you like an almost-daily supply of email jokes? Just send an email to **Beverly Becker Koenen**, I'm sure she'll put you on her mailing list! - bevkoenen@hotmail.com.

Harold Stanfield has been doing a lot of traveling the last few years. He says that, after many years of driving German cars he bought a

Mini Cooper and since then he has put 168,000 miles on it driving mostly around Wisconsin, with one journey to the East coast. He's active in two churches and handles payroll and billing for one of them. As an electrical engineer he worked for Square D for 43 years - until he was 70.

Talked to **Betty Zien Croen** recently. She's been married to Phillip for 56 years now; he retired six years ago. While they have a home right on a golf course there in Mequon they spend their winters in Sun City, California. Although she doesn't golf much, she does actively work out at the fitness center. She plays (social) bridge frequently and does volunteer work for the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. One daughter is a cantor while another daughter works in DC. One son is an attorney in Milwaukee (Croen & Barr) while another retired as President and CEO of Nuance Communications in California at 49.

Betty worked for some time at Gimbel's and then spent six years as a real estate broker. She and Phillip share the email address pwcroen@umw.edu and attend occasional seminars at UW in Madison. Phillip frequently audits courses at UWM.

We've lost touch with **Jane Drengenberg Richards**; last known at 6041 Wade Street, Leesburg, FL 34748-9640. A recent letter was returned "Unknown reason - Unable to forward." Attempts to reach her by phone result in no answer.

After **Eileen Noeske Cook** lost her husband in 2003 she moved into a condominium there in Racine. She told me she had done a good deal of traveling in recent years; several years ago she took her then thirteen year old grandson on a cruise down the Rhine river, starting in Austria and ending up in Amsterdam. She feels that was the best trip she's had so far, beating out others she's taken including cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean and a recent tour to Branson. Eileen is active in her Lutheran church; when I talked with her she had just returned from a bake sale, and in the past has been the president of the Women's Church Council.

Elmer Jaeger has worked for 62 years in

real estate, and is still working at it. As he puts it, it's about 85% fun and the rest a pain.... He recently augmented an Alaska cruise with some land travel, including a trip through Denali and a helicopter flight around the mountain (known by some as Mount McKinley).

Elmer says that, as a relative outsider (having joined our class about a year and a half before graduation) he was impressed with the way classmates accepted him; as he puts it he still has a soft part of his heart for Shorewood because of this. His email address is sjaeger@starkhomes.com

June Miotke Joy still manages to keep up with some of her crafts - painting and sewing - although she hasn't done much gardening recently. She pointed out that the reason she went to Shorewood (being from out of the area) was that it had a swimming pool, and that was very important to her at the time.

When I talked to **Margaret Walsh Lewin** she had just gotten out of the hospital after having major surgery. Her daughter, who lives with her, has a place up near Wisconsin Rapids, and they vacation up there from time to time. Mostly she was a stay-at-home mom, raising five children. Her hobbies were knitting and crocheting, but she says she hasn't done much of that recently.

In the last newsletter we reported that **Beverly Hubinger Manschot** had been evacuated from a rehabilitation center in New Orleans and had a series of relocations as a result. Recently I talked to her daughter Jill who reported that Beverly is now in an assisted living home in Kenner, making friends and having outings with them.

From what he says, **Donald Hodgins** visits the various casinos around the area and comes out a little ahead. He worked for a time in sales for NCR, then the Research Institute, and then was a part owner in Creative Marketing, developing phone book covers. He lives in a condo now; like so many of us he found stairways a bit difficult to cope with.

Taking advantage of living on Lake

Sherwood (not a misspelling) **Clarence Slais** does a fair amount of fishing when he takes a break from working in the wood shop he built next to his garage. While his daughter had a craft shop he helped keep her supplied with some of his work. A victim of macular degeneration, he has found it necessary to give up the oil painting he enjoyed doing until recently.

Margaret Walsh Lewin spends part of her time at her daughter's cabin near Adams, Wisconsin. Once a month she meets with her card club, they've been meeting for 50 years!

Bob Wendorf, backup treasurer for this newsletter, says he plays tennis twice a week. Since he has a daughter in San Diego and another in Portland he gets in a fair amount of traveling. On a recent trip he helped man one of those laser guns during the Buick open at the Torrey Pines golf course in La Jolla; he was at hole number seven. The lasers are used to measure distances on the course. Bob is treasurer of the University of Wisconsin Madison Alumni Club of Milwaukee..

Mary Ann Teweles Bernstein moved to Sarasota and is now wintering in a retirement community; she spends summers in Connecticut. She plays bridge, attends the theater and goes to jazz concerts.

Unknown to me, **Steve Tillotson** had just returned from the hospital after major surgery when I left a message to have him call me for an update. His wife Joyce called the next day to let me know how he was and to fill me in on what was going on in their lives. They live on a 140 acre farm in Tennessee, and raise Scotch cattle, known for their long hair and "fearsome horns." Steve was the Chief Assistant States attorney in Broward county and then, retiring at age 53, moved to Tennessee. He spent some time as a Judicial Commissioner in Cannon County. Having received his master's degree in art (before getting his law degree) ,he currently spends some time drawing.

From this corner, **Barbara and I** have decided to move to a continuing care place in Lewes, Delaware; the cottage we have chosen

Missing?

In order to find out what's new with our classmates I often place calls to chat with them. Fairly frequently these days I find the number I have on record for them no longer works, or repeated calls have not had a response. I imagine that many of these cases is where they have moved, perhaps to a retirement community or to be nearer their family members. Following is a list of class members I've lost track of; if anyone knows where they are please let me know:

Rita Shaughnessy Rohde, last in Brookfield, WI.

Anne Webb Krieger, last in Montgomery, AL

Bill Kissinger last in Wilmette, IL

Carol Holzman Liberman, last in Lincolnshire, IL

Jane Drengenberg Richards, last in Leesburg, FL

Carolyn Sheets Brockway, last in Tucson, AZ. Her husband David died in 2004.

To these we add those who have been missing for some time:

Wallace Giffen

Joanne Missner

Eileen J. Plopper

Richard W. Schuettler

June Sellman Rose

Louise Smith Wysocki

should be ready next spring. As many of you know, having gone through the same agony, downsizing will be very painful. Hopefully some younger relatives will help with a huge yard sale and also cart away some things for themselves.

Betty Ann Opsahl Peterson says she spends much of her time reading and visiting her two daughters, since they live in the area. She's lived in the same house in Shorewood since the '50's.

I had a nice long chat with **Corene Wilcox Thorsen**. It started out like so many calls I make: "Oh, I'm busy doing nothing..." but after a

while I find out many interesting things. Corene is quite active in her church - Zion Episcopal Church of Oconomowoc. She's working on the process of getting the church building put on the Registry of Historical Buildings (at least, I think that's what it's called) and oversees the contractors who work on the church gardens. She pointed out that our mutual alma mater is putting on a controversial play: "Rent." Shorewood is the first high school to do the musical! There was a nice article in the Journal-Sentinel on May 18th on the subject; those readers with internet access can find it by searching the JS web site using "Shorewood" as the search key.

Will there be another REUNION?

I exchanged emails with Bob Wendorf the other day and he said some of the committee members were beginning to talk about another reunion, but nothing even like a consensus has been achieved. Let's face it, it's getting tougher for us old geezer's (does that cover the feminine side?) to travel these days. Is there enough interest (rhetorical question)? I for one would find it interesting to travel back to the Milwaukee area (from the east coast) but part of the reason is that I could visit my northern Illinois offspring as part of the trip.

Richard Cleaveland
2373 N. Fillmore St.
Arlington, VA 22207-4953

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

As an aside, thanks to the many who have donated in the past, the newsletter fund is adequate for a couple of more issues. When we get short, I'll issue a plea.

Growing old ain't for sissies!



In chatting with one of our classmates recently, I discovered that she didn't know that **William Rehnquist** attended Shorewood High; he graduated in the class of 1942. Perhaps some of you knew him. He

worked on the Ripples, and was a member of the student council. Here's his Copperdome picture.

**Shorewood High School Class
of 1944 Newsletter**

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

FIRST CLASS MAIL