



# SHS '44 Newsletter

Fall

For Alumni of Shorewood High School, Shorewood, Wisconsin

2015

I apologize – as I have in the past – for the great length of time between issues. I always swear to myself that I won't let it slide, but then it happens. It would really help if some of you would drop me a line and let me know what you're up to, and about the other of our classmates.



8/23/14: **Harold Cohen** thanked me for the newsletter and reported: "...Working out twice a week. Still being aware of weight (145) and health. Sorry I cannot assist you on missing classmates.... My condo is on the Eastern side of downtown Milwaukee. I have been taking ballroom dance lessons for a few years now. Extremely few friends remaining and loneliness is tough to cope with.



8/23/14: **Lois Grabin Hurwitz** Also thanked me for the newsletter and said : "As for myself, I am doing well in good health and enjoying my children, grandchildren and four great grandchildren, also playing bridge a few days a week. I still live in Milwaukee (Fox Point) and pass SHS often. I have fond memories of my years at SH."

8/28/14: I received an email from the son of our classmate **Richard Scheife** reporting his dad's passing. He was kind enough to prepare a brief

## Deaths:

**Glorianne Legler Harkins August 18, 2014**

**Richard Scheife February 10, 2014**

**Oren Roessler November 12, 2014**

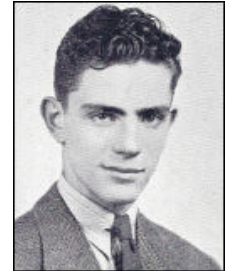
**Suzanne Missner Murad October 14, 2013**

**Louise Rove Ver Hey June 28, 2010**

**Jack Lichtenberger, April 15, 2015**

bio which will be of interest to his former classmates:

"Dad certainly had a truly charmed life. I do not recall him ever being in the hospital or, for that matter, ever being sick!



"He was a World War II combat veteran, serving as a nose gunner in a B-24 bomber in the Pacific theater. He flew quite a few combat missions, including a bombing mission over Nagasaki the day after the second A-Bomb was dropped on that city.

"He was trained as an architect and had the good fortune to be mentored by some of the top architects in the world (e.g., Frank Lloyd Wright). He went on to establish his own architectural firm, which prospered for several decades.

"In his mid 40s, he was offered and accepted the position of Chief International Architectural Engineer for Gulf Oil in the 1970s and 1980s. This allowed him to travel extensively to Africa and Europe, which appealed to his adventurous spirit.

“He and his wife of 65 years, Jeanne, retired (although he never really retired, as he always had several irons in the fire) to Palm Beach Gardens in the 1990s, where he loved to play golf and charm the ladies with his quick wit and his fancy Mustang fastback sports car. The attached photo is one of his favorites, when he won a golf tournament at the PGA National Golf Course and got to play a round of golf with Jack Nicklaus.

“In his mid-80s, macular degeneration slowly compromised his eyesight and threatened his driver’s license. He feared the loss of his license (and his trusty Mustang) more than anything else.

“At age 88, on February 10, 2014, in his apartment after returning from retrieving the mail, he had, out of the blue, a fatal cardiac arrest.

“In that pile of unopened mail was the notification from the DMV that his driver’s license was to be revoked in 30 days. Included in the message was a picture of Richard with Nicklaus”



8/28/14: On a card sent to me by **Beverly Koenen** including the obituary of **Glorianne Harkins** she included "I regularly gab with Sue Muelheisen Coffey and Rita Shaughnessy Rohde"



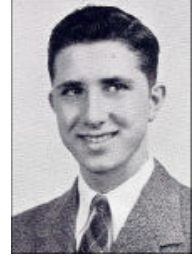
11/15/2014: **Fred Beutler** responded to my email about **Oren Roessler’s** death with some comments and a picture.

“I was saddened to learn of Oren's passing. Oren, Jim Heller and I were buddies who palled around together, and managed to meet occasionally even after

we returned from military service. At our SHS reunions, we used to socialize in addition to the formal reunion activities.



“Today I dug around some old photos and found a number of us three... All three of us, who were Eagle Scouts, went to Eagle Scout Camp together. I think this one is from that era, although there was also a later occasion when we went camping and canoeing together.



Oren Fred Jim

12/5/14: Received a note from Madilyn Roessler informing me of Oren’s death. “He died of Esophageal cancer On November 12<sup>th</sup>... About three months previously we took a trip to Shorewood. What fun! He showed me where Fred Beutler and other friends lived. Afterwards we had lunch at Jack Pandls on Henry Clay.

“Thank you for the newsletters. Oren probably has them stacked in a drawer, and I do mean all of them.”

12/5/2014: Received a nice card from **Suzanne Ladky Kewley**: “We are both [she and **Richard**] as good as can be at 88. Still play golf in the summer.



We have 6 children – 3 boys and 3 girls, thirteen grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.”



**Harold Stanfield** sent along information from Glorianne Legler Harkins Funeral including photo of Glorianne. She and her husband Robert established



and operated Harkins Brown Deer Pharmacy for 40 years

1/6/2015 A nice note from **Audrey Wuesthoff Uber** in La Crosse. She reported that as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> they had only 3 inches of snow and says "... it's been an easy travel year." Receiving that note was a gentle reminder of my days back in Shorewood – Here in Delaware we had our first snow the other day – just enough to see on the lawns and bushes.



Audrey goes on to thank me for keeping track of our classmates, and writes that she plans on visiting her family a few times in the next few months and will be planning her garden for the coming year with their advice.



8/15/2015: A search for previously missing **Suzanne Missner** turned up information that she had remarried to a Murad and subsequently died in Texas October 14, 2013.

8/30/2015: I haven't talked to or heard from **Rachel Pinko Mislove** since 2001 and was pleased to have a nice chat with her. Unfortunately her husband Lee has passed away; she's now living in the Laural Oaks retirement home in Glendale, WI.



She said that she plays cards a good part of the time, both Bridge and mahjong. She's pleased

with the view of the courtyard from her apartment where she can watch the dogs being exercised.

8/31/2015: I left a message with **Suzanne Meldman Carter's** daughter Karen and she called back saying that her mother is fine, enjoying visits from her and her sister. Another daughter is planning to come from overseas and bring her grandchildren for a visit. She hopes to travel some later this year.

8/31/2015: Chatted with **Mark Williams** today. He sounded well but like most of us has a bunch of bothersome ailments that have caused him to have to give up some of his prior activities. He deplores the deaths of several of his friends; it has cut down on his boating and card playing. He says he drives around the state quite a bit disregarding the distracting GPS instructions, and takes walks frequently. He had a hip replacement a while back and 30 operations on his eyes - but still can watch TV.



8/31/2015: **Eileen Noeske Cook** returned my call; she lives in Racine now. She pointed out to me that an earlier newsletter had Marjorie Noeski's picture instead of her own (corrected this time!). She says she does crossword puzzles and plays bridge a lot "I'm still alive, and that's what counts, isn't it?" She said she had dinner at a Perkins on highway 100 the night before. Her husband had passed away 12 years ago, but "the worst thing for me is that my son passed away five years ago."



9/24/2015: When I called **Dave McMahon** today I was reminded that I must be having a "senior moment" since he said we had talked about a month earlier. As we

talked I recalled, but found no record of the earlier call.

Anyway, Dave told me that he was living in a retirement community in Mequon that had a nice pool and that he enjoyed playing bridge. I looked the place up on the internet and it looks very nice – a notch above the place Barbara and I are in. I envy the wooded area; here in Southern Delaware they are scarce, and trees were entirely missing when we moved in a few years back.

9/25/2015: **Jim Shellow** returned my call and suggested that nothing much was new in his life but that I could check his web site <http://www.shellowandshellow.com>. I found it quite interesting to read He gave me his email address (it's on the site too) so I'm adding him to my SHS mailing list. His wife died in 2005.



Jim became a criminal defense lawyer and with his wife Gilda formed the firm Shellow & Shellow. The final line in the firm history on the web site reads *"The competence and reputation of these criminal defense lawyers is the legacy of Shellow & Shellow and the legacy of which James Shellow is most proud and will never forget."*

Like all of us these days he has some medical issues which he tends to shrug off.

I'll never forget that one day in late '44 or '45 we happened to meet at petty officer's club in Charleston SC – or maybe it was Norfolk VA. I walked up to the you-know-what and found him standing next to me. Talk about coincidences!

9/25/2015: Chatted with **Rita Shaughnessy Rhode**; when I asked what she does to keep herself busy she said with a laugh that she plays the lottery. Adding to that she reported that she

had won **\$50,000 on a \$5 scratch-off!** On the matter of health her cardiologist told her that *she's a candidate to live to 100.* She lives in the "same old house" that she has for many years – her husband Dick died back in 2000.



She says she talks to **Beverly Koenen** now and then; I forgot to mention that Beverly is one of my "friends" on Facebook. Rita gave me her email address and I plan to add her to my SHS44 mailing list.

In closing she said be sure to say "hi" for her to whatever classmates I may talk to. The picture shown was extracted from a group photo of our 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion in 2004.



Come to think of it, if any of you have active email addresses that are not already on my email list please let me know. I rarely put out anything on it, but now and then I do send something out that I feel might be of interest to our classmates.

Understandably I'm having trouble getting in touch with many of our classmates. Many of us have moved into retirement communities and some I haven't found probably did so without leaving an address I could find.

Here's wishing the best fortune and health to all of the class of '44.



Dick Cleaveland

PS: So many of you live in the area of Milwaukee/Mequon – Why no reunion?

**PS:**



9/27/2015: Just hours after I put the finished newsletter into the printer's hands I got a return call from Caroline Goniou. She said her husband **Don Goniou** was doing fine, except that he's showing signs of dementia. Last I had heard about Don was in 2004 when Caroline said he was still working in his wholesale bicycle parts business.

I figured I'd put this in as sort of an addendum to the current newsletter rather than wait until the next one.