



# SHS '44 Newsletter

Summer For Alumni of Shorewood High School, Shorewood, Wisconsin 2015

10/7/2015: A nice note from **John Faville**: “Hi Richard. Special thanks for putting your photo as a youth in your newsletter. Now I remember who you are.

“I’m OK at age 89 in a week and a half; I have many of the things that plague old people but I am just overjoyed to be still alive. I have not had contact with Judson Ihrig although I know his wife died and he is being taken care of by his son. As usual I have macular degeneration which makes it hard to write and harder to read!



“My first wife Jeanne and the mother of my kids died in 1984 of a brain tumor. I got lucky and found Sharon who is 16 years my junior. We have six grand kids and 4 great grands. Jeanne and I had 3 kids.

10/25/2015: Letter from **Jack Chamberlain**: “Just a note to let you know I’m still alive – well, 100% until 2 years ago - since which time I’ve undergone three procedures on my right hip. Still in therapy but improving slowly. Father time has something to do with that.



“Fortunately the Packers keep winning which helps keep the spirits up.

“Sure appreciate your involvement with the updates. I also like the idea of another reunion.”

**Deaths:**  
**Udo Hilbert 2014**  
**Elmer Jaeger Jan. 13, 2016**  
**Gerald Kahn Oct. 20, 2014**  
**Carol Filter Holt Nov. 18, 2015**  
**Don Goni April 20, 2016**  
**Duane Ayers April 5, 2015**  
**Margaret Noeske Cook March 27, 2016**  
**Rachel Pinko Mishlove July 7, 2016**  
**Rita Shaughnessy Rohde July 4, 2016**

11/2/2015: Thanks to **Lois Grabin Horowitz** for calling my attention to an article that appeared in the Journal-Sentinel about a book written by **Charlotte Rae Lubotski**. It’s her memoir “*The Facts of My Life*.”

*Open letter to Charlotte Rae Lubotsky:*

Charlotte, I bought a copy of your book and found it excellent reading. It was nice being reminded about Ms. Miller at Lake Bluff, and seeing your references to Gwendolyn and David, as well as a couple of teachers at SHS who I didn’t happen to know. You were well ahead of me at Northwestern because of my military involvement, but I especially liked your telling readers of the real meaning of Wa-Mu which I had heard of but never understood. Your detail about the experience with your Jewish background I found especially interesting. Thank you for publishing it.

*Dick Cleaveland*

In a note **Margaret Aylward Weaver** said that she travels just a bit to see her two sons in California and one of her daughters in Florida. She has another daughter living nearby in Elk Grove Village, IL.



She reports that she has an agreeable social life and that she's looking forward to celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this coming year.

She concluded by thanking me for publishing this newsletter, to which I might add that it is an especially enjoyable effort when I receive notes like hers.



I received a very nice letter from Neil **Ihrig** regarding his father, our classmate **Judson**. Neil races homing pigeons, in Hawaii, from the outer islands, has a nurse-aid certificate & practical training in beds, baths, & doctor visits. He's been taking care of Judson since Judson's wife died six years ago. I'll quote some of his letter:

"Jud's remembered for surviving the Great Depression & serving in the U.S. Army, but most of all becoming a tenured professor @ University of Hawaii-Manoa. He worked there for 41 years! He led the Dept. in research papers published in scientific journals & was the dept. chairman for about 15 years. Jud's still going strong although he resides in a nursing home due to his advanced age. Jud suffers from dementia according to the doctors; however, I think this is more a legal constraint than a valid or legitimate diagnosis. Jud lost his eyesight several years ago & remains in bed

"Judson enjoyed restoring antique automobiles all his life. The family is trying to sell a 1912 EMF, a 1920 Studebaker, & a 1936 Phaeton Packard. All these relics are legitimate collector items; the EMF & Studebaker's asking price is around \$5,000 & a figure of \$3,000 would probably sell each car. Considerable restoration work is required on each.

Judson's daughter is married with no children & is a practicing clinical psychologist in the Pacific-Northwest. Judson has an assortment of grandchildren, nieces & nephews"

2/1/2016: Received a letter from **John Hemenway**: "My wife died two years ago and I have not yet become used to living alone. I have decided to work on reviewing portions of my education that gradually are slipping away, beginning with my two foreign languages: German-from extensive service with the foreign service in Western Germany during the fifties; and, Russian from my two years in Moscow during the height of the cold war (1960-62). My wife and I had five children, two of whom have passed away from illness and gunfire.

I hope you are well; my own health is fairly good. I take daily walks to keep in shape and, with difficulty, attempt to keep my eating to an optimum-I have a housekeeper who is determined to make me live forever. However, at 89, I can honestly say that I am in good shape."

2/12/2016: **Elmer "Stretch" Jaeger's** wife sent along a copy of the very nice memorial card on his death this past January. I've extracted several items from it:



"He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and went on to graduate from Shorewood High School where he and the golf team made a name for themselves. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Army Air Corp and they one look at his 6 foot 4 inch frame and dubbed him Stretch, a name that stayed with him for over 70 years. The GI bill paved the way for a brief stint at Michigan State and his degree from the University of Wisconsin. Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree he accepted a job with Oscar Mayer in the Human Resources Division and at age 24, in his usual style,



he won the annual company golf tournament. Another highlight that year was his marriage to Judy (Shelstad) and they proceeded to raise 3 children, play duplicate bridge, and a lot of golf...

“He spent the next 56 years in business as a record-breaking real estate broker mostly with the Stark Company. Over the years he served on numerous committees for The Greater Madison Board of Realtors.”

Incidentally, in the letter that his wife sent she included a cutout of the golfer’s picture that was in a prior SHS newsletter and identified the one on the right as Stretch and the one on the left as Tom Larkin. She later sent a contribution to the newsletter fund – thank you, Joni.

6/15/2016: In a brief note **Bob Wendorf** reported that he and Dolores had just celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Please have many more, Bob!



We have just enough \$ in the bank for another newsletter. It only takes about \$50 to produce and mail one. Contributions will be appreciated: Mail a check to either Richard Cleaveland, 35010 Cadbury Circle West, Lewes, DE 19958 or Robert Wendorf, N109 W17075 Ava Circle Apt 308, Germantown, WI 53022. Or, if you use PayPal, send funds to [cleave@rgcle.com](mailto:cleave@rgcle.com).

In the past there have been cases where I haven’t been informed of changes of address, phone number or email, and I’d like to encourage you to let me know if you’ve moved or had your email address changed. You can either write me (see the return address on this newsletter) or email me at [cleave@rgcle.com](mailto:cleave@rgcle.com).

Those of you who have gone through the experience know what it’s like when a spouse dies. It’s not only the heavy grieving, which is relatively temporary, but all the other “stuff” – changes in financial arrangements, figuring out what to do with clothing

and jewelry (and actually doing it) and so forth. Adapting to his/her filing systems – cookware, ingredient storage, documents, paid bills. Since my beloved wife of 51 years died in May I still feel a bit overwhelmed with these things, especially since she was the family treasurer and a jewelry packrat.

All of which is intended to explain to you while the classmate-related content of this issue is a fairly low percentage compared to what I’ve put out previously I feel the need to put out *something* soon in order to take advantage of the postal rules about forwarding and return service.

So I’ll fill out the last space with sundry items. Please accept my apology; if you keep me informed about things you think your classmates would like to hear it will certainly help me in my next issue.



Shorewood High is ranked #1194 in the National Rankings and earned a silver medal. Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

#1194 in National Rankings  
#28 in Wisconsin High Schools  
Total Enrollment 652  
Total Minority Enrollment (% of total) 32%  
Total Economically Disadvantaged (% of total) 20%  
Full-Time Teachers 45  
College readiness index 39.4%  
Graduation Rate 97%.



### ***And Then It Is Winter***

*(Posted by a friend on Facebook, although there are various versions on the internet. This may be good advice to pass on to your descendants)*

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems

just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is ... my friends are retired and getting gray ... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me ... but, I see the great change.... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant ... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target fo the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore it's mandatory! Because if I don't on my own free will I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so ... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth .. it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done ... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life

please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you are on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life.... So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!! "Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! Enjoy today! Do something fun! Be happy!. Remember "It is health and not pieces of gold and silver." LIVE HAPPY IN 2016!

There is an alumni association web site at <http://www.shorewoodalumni.com/>

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There is a school facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ShorewoodSchools/>

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The school was founded in 1924



Stats

Surviving.....56

Deceased.....185

Missing ..... 5

Class total.....246

(As known at publication)



I don't know how many of you are on Facebook, but I find it quite interesting. Among my "friends" are Fred Beutler, Beverly Koenen and Sue Vonier Vivian. Fred posts some beautiful pictures he has taken, and he has a web site at

**<http://frederickbeutler.com>** which displays many of them.