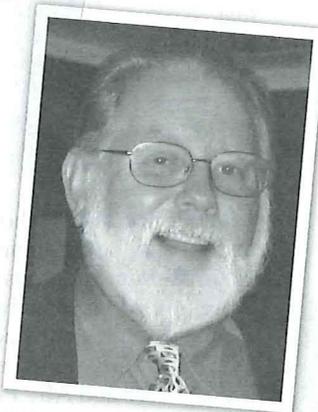


## 2003 HALL OF FAME WINNERS

**Jim Eisenhardt-1967**, Director of Theatre Arts at SHS and Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, served as M.C. for the induction of the 2003 Hall of Fame winners at Champion Club on June 10, 2003.

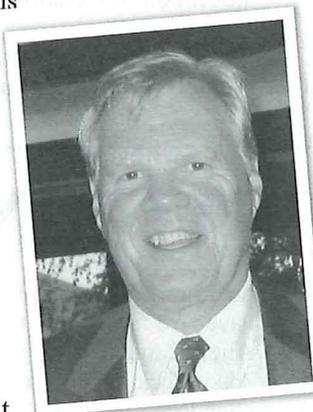


Since 1984, The Hall of Fame committee has honored SHS alumni for their contributions to the communities in which they live, to their professions and to SHS.

Honorees have been nominated by family, friends and colleagues. The names of past honorees are listed in the SHSAA Website ([www.omahasouthhighalumni.com](http://www.omahasouthhighalumni.com)).

The 2003 winners are **David Van Metre – Community Hall of Fame Award; David Cisar-1978; Mellanee Kvasnicka-1975; Nancy Kratky-1954; Mark Martinez-1977; and Doreen A. Moritz-1964.**

**David Van Metre** is retired from serving as manager of the municipal bond department at Smith Barney and its successor companies, and owner and director of Travel & Transport, one of America's premier travel agencies. In his retirement, he has become an advocate for Omaha's children, especially those east of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mr. Van Metre has personally provided weight room equipment for more than 10 Omaha public high schools and middle schools. He has written that it



is his wish "to give children the opportunity to feel better about themselves, to be healthier and thus, to be confident and well rounded." By raising funds through grants and donations to improve park and athletic fields (specifically Collin Field, Brown Park and Lynch Park), Mr. Van Metre hopes to "...level the playing fields for all children with diverse economic and social backgrounds and...to establish parks which they can utilize safely for the sports of their choosing."

**David Cisar-1978** worked his way through UNO and Texas A&M University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He returned to Omaha in the mid-1980s where he founded Shamrock Computer Resources, a contract software development company. After selling the company to Renaissance Worldwide, he founded a property management and development company, and a computer check collection firm.



Mr. Cisar is the Founder and President of the "First and Goal Foundation," which manages and funds the Screaming Eagles, serving 400 at-risk kids in South Omaha through a sports, academic accountability and mentoring program. Students in the program are challenged to become better athletes, better students and better citizens. One of his nominators calls him a "moral compass" for the kids with whom he works—always ready to do the right thing in the face of adversity. His passion is truly helping kids. Mr. Cisar also serves as a member of the SHSAA Board of Directors.

**Mellanee Devall Kvasnicka-1965** was SHS's first Buffett award winning teacher. She recently represented SHS at a symposium on Women Writers of the West sponsored by First Lady Laura Bush at the White House.

Selected to be one of the Masters at the UNL Masters' Week, honoring outstanding alumni in 2001, Dr. Kvasnicka is the author of more than two dozen publications and



is recognized nationally as one of the country's experts on the writings of Willa Cather.

Over her 33-year career as an English and Creative Writing teacher at SHS, Dr. Kvasnicka's students have been recognized for their writing as well, being published in many state and national periodicals.

**Nancy Kratky-1954** retired from teaching about 10 years ago after more than 33 years in the classroom. She decided that her work was

not yet complete and she threw her energy into becoming an elected member of the OPS Board of Education. She has continued her work for the students of Omaha and



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# ATTENTION MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS

Are you interested in joining other alumni motorcyclists for a good time of riding, food and fun? I'm telling you, what could be better than riding your motorcycle on a gorgeous autumn day with other alumni, sounds nice doesn't it?

So let's get together and organize a South High Alumni poker run. Of course all proceeds will go to the South High Alumni Association to help with student scholarships and the cost of our **TOOTER**.



If you're interested and/or know of others who would be also, just give me a call at 402-896-1631 or call the Alumni Office at 402-738-9493. If you're into email send it to [RonCerone@aol.com](mailto:RonCerone@aol.com) or visit our Alumni webpage at [www.omahasouthhighalumni.com](http://www.omahasouthhighalumni.com)

Ron is a SHSAA Board Member:



Thanks for the great idea, Ron!

## Mark your calendar



March 20, 2004

It's the date for next year's spaghetti dinner. Serving from 4 to 7:30 p.m. More details in the upcoming Spring **TOOTER**.

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greater Nebraska as a two-term president of the Metro Area Boards of Education, the Nebraska Department of Education Safe School Steering Committee and the High Ability Learner Education Committee. In her third term as a member of the Board of Education, she serves as chair and co-chair of the Student and Community Services Committee and the Curriculum, Americanism, Research and Evaluation Committee.

In addition to her work with the school board, Mrs. Kratky also works with the Assistance League of Omaha, the Salvation Army Women's Auxilliary Board of Directors, and the Nebraska Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council. She says that her education at SHS served her well and prepared her for her next educational endeavors.

**Mark Martinez-1977** as a Lieutenant and 19-year veteran of the Omaha Police Department has spent his career, as well as his spare time, dedicated to the betterment of his community. He is a member of the Chicano Awareness Center Board of Directors, President of the Latino Peace Officer's Association, member of the St. Stanislaus School Board, and a recently elected member of the OPS Board of Education.



Lieutenant Martinez holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from UNO and is a trainer of police recruits in the area of Domestic Violence, serving as an adjunct instructor at UNO. He has received the "Award of Sacrifice" for giving of time, self

or well being in law enforcement by the Metropolitan Chiefs of Police Association and the National Latino Police Officers' Association "Award for Community Service."

**Doreen A. Moritz-1964** had a reputation for helping "at-risk" students and advocating for diversity as a high school counselor. She earned that reputation because she was never afraid to "push the envelope" with her peers, her school district and the community. She won the National Education Association Virginia Uribe Award for Creative Leadership in Human Rights, and is now the new Assistant Director of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Programs and Services at UNL.



She won the 2000 Nebraska Counselors' Association "Professional Dedication Award" and has built her career working for justice and compassion, and for racial and ethnic harmony for the disadvantaged and under-represented students of Nebraska. She has made dozens of presentations around the country covering such topics as bullying, creating safe schools, and prejudice elimination. Because of her work on behalf of gay and lesbian students, D was awarded the *OW-H's* "Outstanding Teacher Award." Ms. Moritz also works with Habitat for Humanity, and serves on the GLSEN Board of Directors and the National Education Association Diversity Cadre.

*Congratulations to the 2003 Hall of Fame winners for their outstanding achievements!*

# 2003 SPAGHETTI DINNER

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success. Sincere thank yous to HyVee – 36<sup>th</sup> and L, McDonald's – 42<sup>nd</sup> and F, The Swanson Corporation, Sons of Italy and especially Orsi Bakery. Orsi has donated the

bread for all of our dinners so far. They have five family members who are SHS Alumni and they strongly support SHS. Also special thanks to all of the workers and attendees.

## SPOTLIGHT ON BOARD MEMBERS



**Lori Roberts Hunter-1966.** In 1968 she married her high school sweetheart, **Buddy Hunter-1965** and they have three grown children, two in-law kids and two granddaughters.

Lori was a "baseball wife" when Buddy played for the Boston Red Sox for 13 years.

She received her RN diploma in 1985 after the kids went to school, and her BSN degree in 1989. After working for 12 years in an OB-GYN office, Lori purchased a CURVES franchise (30 minute fitness and weight loss center for women) in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Six months later she bought another CURVES location on 83<sup>rd</sup> and Spring Streets in Omaha with her daughter, Carrie Gray, managing that facility. This franchise has been a fun way for Lori to further her interest in women's health.

Lori currently serves as secretary to the Omaha Schools Foundation Executive Board, has worked on her high school reunion committee for all six class reunions and has been involved with the SHSAA Entertainment Committee for seven years. She has been a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Sarpy County for 38 years, and currently serves as a member of the SHSAA Board of Directors. *Thanks for all you do, Lori!*

# BOARD REPORT

by **Judi Limas**  
*Secretary*



Your Board of Directors enjoyed celebrating our tenth year since your Alumni Association was started! During the two Board meetings since our last report, we were pleased at the success of the Bowling Tournament and Spaghetti Dinner last March, the fun Swing Dance in May, and the fantastic Golf Tournament in July. We are forming the following formal committees and are seeking volunteers if you have some time to help: Membership, Fundraising, Political Action, Calling and Advertising. We are also seeking a Reunion Coordinator volunteer to work with reunion committees. Board nominations are also welcome. We designed new clothing items, organized a 2003 lottery, selected Packer Greats Sports honorees (banquet October 1, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Anthony's Restaurant), and sold more cookbooks. We scheduled the Night of the Packers Homecoming football game on Thursday, October 2, 2003. We awarded over \$12,000 in scholarships at the Scholarship Award Ceremony in May to graduating seniors.

For the future, we set the dates for the 2004 Bowling Tournament and Spaghetti Dinner (March 20). We will mail approximately 19,000 copies of this **TOOTER** edition. We continue to sell cookbooks, and ads for our

**TOOTER** and would appreciate your help. Your Board continues to struggle to raise funds through memberships, ads and postage donations to cover the cost of producing the **TOOTER**. Discussions focus on printing and mailing only to those who financially support the Alumni Association as costs continue to escalate. Any ideas you may have to avoid this will be greatly appreciated.

Again, you can check for Alumni news and view the **TOOTER** at the Alumni Association website: [www.omahasouthhighalumni.com](http://www.omahasouthhighalumni.com), (more than 200 hits per day) or keep up with school events at the SHS website: [www.ops.org/south](http://www.ops.org/south).

We can always use volunteers for current projects. If you find yourself with some free time, please call the office to see if we can use your help. We need your input, support, encouragement and financial assistance. We look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead and hope that you will let us know how we can serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Limas, Secretary

# 2003 PACKER SPORTS GREATS

A banquet will be held at Anthony's Restaurant on October 1, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. to honor the following Packer Sports Greats:

**Don Claussen 1941 to 1945.** He was a basketball and baseball player at Omaha University, and received a Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben scholarship. He was inducted into the Omaha University Hall of Fame and the Greater Omaha Sports Committee honored him with the "Service to Sports Award." He tried out for the NBA with Milwaukee and was an AAU National Tournament player. Don was an assistant coach for baseball and basketball at Omaha University, coached Mainelli Midget football teams, and was a Legion Baseball coach for Phillips and Coca Cola. He also was a basketball referee for high school and college. He played baseball

in the Pioneer Night League and Platte Valley League and coached many baseball teams in the Omaha area.

**John Stella 1949 to 1953.** John was a basketball and baseball player during his four years at SHS. He played baseball at Omaha University for four years, and then played in the San Francisco Giants Minor League program. He was a volunteer baseball coach at SHS (1985-2001), and an American Legion coach for SHS players (1982-2003). He was honored by the Nebraska Baseball Coaches Association as "Man of the Year" in 1992 and 1994. He was the National High School Baseball Coaches Association District 5 "Assistant Coach of the Year" in 1996 and was honored by the Nebraska-Iowa Oldtimers Baseball

Association for "Achievement and Dedication to Baseball." John received many other honors and is a member of the Minor League Baseball Alumni Association.

**Oudious Lee 1972-1976.** He lettered in football, wrestling and track from 1972 to 1975. He was selected "All Metro" for football in 1973 and 1974, "All State" for football in 1974, "All State" for wrestling in 1975. Oudious lettered in football from 1977 to 1979 at the University of Nebraska, and played professional football from 1980 to 1984 with the Philadelphia Eagles, St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Bengals and the Boston Breakers.

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# Bloodlines

## A POWERFUL COLLABORATION

by Jim Eisenhardt

The world premier of *Bloodlines* on May 2, 2003, was the latest milestone in an extraordinary partnership. Opera Omaha and SHS have worked together to benefit the youth of SHS for many years, creating unique and powerful arts education opportunities that are of lasting value to the students and their community.

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**Jan Philby 1950-1954.** Jan played football, basketball and baseball, lettering for three years. He was nominated for "Nebraska Athlete of the Year" in 1954.

At Dana College he received 9 letters from 1954-1958 in football, basketball and baseball. He was "All CCCC Conference" for football and baseball, was Dana College "Athlete of the Year" in 1955 and 1956, and was inducted into the Dana College "Athletic Hall of Fame." He was a Red Oak, Iowa high school football coach and was inducted in the "Hall of Fame."

**Jerry Vodicka 1953-1956.** He played football, basketball and baseball and won 10 letters. He received "All Intercity" in basketball and won "All Intercity" in baseball for three years. Jerry played semi-pro baseball for 2 years in Valentine, Nebraska, and played basketball and baseball for Mississippi Southern for 2 years, and played baseball for Omaha University for 2 years. He played for the New York Yankees for 2 years, for the U.S. Army baseball team for 2 years. Darrell Mudra "Hall of Fame Coach for NCAA Football" labels Jerry Vodicka "the finest athlete he ever coached."

Honored Teams:

**1949 Metz Legion Champions** (City, State, Regional Champions).

**1963 State Champion Wrestling Team** (SHS Invitational Champions, Bellevue Invitational Champions).

*All Alumni and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this Sports Banquet. Call the Alumni Office for ticket information - 738-9493.*

Five years ago, SHS Social Studies teacher Gary Kastrick and his students began interviewing community residents to create a narrative about South Omaha's immigrant history. Mr. Kastrick and Speech and Theater teacher Jim Eisenhardt dreamed of taking this research further. By coincidence, composer Deborah Fischer Teason came to Nebraska to work with the community of David City to create a work celebrating the waves of European immigration that shaped the town in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Opera Omaha saw the potential of bringing together Ms. Teason and teachers and students at SHS, and this collaboration became *Bloodlines*.

In Spring 2001 Ms. Teason worked with the students of SHS for the first time. Pulling together the entire school for an assembly, students had their first glimpse of the process involved in creating an opera. Opera Omaha staff, Teason, and SHS teachers and administrators began a project that covered everything from character creating to staging. Students were given the opportunity to become involved at all steps of the project.

The next fall, in smaller classroom

groups, Teason covered everything from the formal arc of a story to free-play with words about food, homesickness and other topics that relate to the relocation of people from one country and culture to a new one. For the *Bloodlines* storyline, students discussed and determined everything from names of characters to the actual plot while learning about the many different cultures that comprise the South Omaha community. The original plot involved the early stockyards, union activism, Cinco de Mayo, the Council Bluffs casinos, a comedy act, assimilation, boxing, exotic Asian poisons and more. Main characters were Irish, Bohemian and German, as well as Mexican and Sudanese. Students especially embraced the operatic tradition of killing off characters.

Because the original story would have had a Wagnerian running time of approximately 72 hours requiring 10 different sets, the first major rewrite was pure simplification. Teason was faced with the challenge of preserving the themes that had become so

important during discussions: how history repeats itself, cultural assimilation, understanding, forgiveness and "because this is opera," love and revenge. The students provided images that would carry the plot and the music: two arms of the cross, a shoe lying in the road after an accident, the "smell" of homesickness. The names of family members or hometowns in Mexico all became details of the piece.

Onstage you could see the culmination of this work. Literally hundreds of SHS students drawn from music, theater and voice, as well as English, Women's Studies, Social Studies, Art, Math, and English as a Second Language classes, helped to create *Bloodlines*. Some participants joined after that first assembly, others volunteered after Ms. Teason did a workshop in one of their classes. Still others were recommended by their teachers or joined friends who were already involved.

Students worked in classrooms, on the SHS stage, in a dark little room beneath the stage, even off-site at the Bemis Center for

Contemporary Arts. They worked in large groups or with one or two other people.

...one of the top ten  
cultural events in Omaha...

Omaha World-Herald

Collaboration was key. Discussions were occasionally very silly, but more often very serious, and students shared family history as well as personal history and how this story connects to their own lives. One repeated theme was the challenge of defining oneself within a large culture and finding a way to hold onto one's own culture, all the while accepting new ways.

None of this could have happened without the financial help of the Greater Omaha Community and especially a group of SHS Alumni spearheaded by **Cheryl Wild**. Alumni contributors included: **Robert and Merna Allen, Lorraine Giles, Ike Pane, Rudy Tesar, Mary DeWitt West, Steve Diamantis, Pauline Negomir Harding, Marlene Bailey Jamrog, Fern Watanabe, Bob Fitzsimmons, Shari Zagor Hofschire and Jim Fitl.**

At the end of June 2003, SHS's production of *Bloodlines* was named one of the top ten cultural events in Omaha during the 2002-2003 season by the *Omaha World-Herald*.

# Bumping Elbows II

Congratulations to the following individuals who were inducted into the 2003 South High Hall of Fame: **David Cisar, Mellanee Kvasnicka, Nancy Kratky, Mark Martinez, Doreen Moritz and Community Hall of Fame Inductee, David Van Metre.** What an honor! Special thanks to **Mr. James Eisenhardt**, SHS Director of Theatre Arts and Chairman of the Hall of Fame and to **Mrs. Nancy Faber**, Principal for their many hours in making the evening such a success. It was a proud feeling witnessing such an event.

The South High Spaghetti Dinner and the Spring Dance were both great successes and special thanks are in order to the chairmen **Vic and Beverly Forman Riha and to Scott and Sandie Poppen Knudsen** and to all of the many hard workers involved.

It was so nice to see so many South High Alumni participating in these events: **Larry and Carmella Hembertt Brooks, Dean and Evelyn Woodard Winther, Vince and JoEllen Hlavacek Riha, Jackie Mengler Dower, Jackie Schultz Casper, John and Beverly Moravec Krayneski, Bob Frank, Ann Covrig Churchich, Alice Kruntorad Kubovy, Mary Alice Kubovy, Terry and Pattie Piksa Randone, Paul and Sharon Kracher, Jim and Ellen Connor Leonard, Dean and Candi Fahey Rezac, Don and Kathy Coco Wieczorek, Ed and Julie Riha Diehm, Ted and Dick Gulizia, Julian and Barb Bouska Van Haute, Harold and Charlotte Covich Young, Frank Newell, Mary Kramolisch Jaksich, Paul and Rayjean Bogatz Jaksich, Buddy and Lori Roberts Hunter, Ron Cerone, Steve Andersen, Rodger Dixon, Jason Calek, Bill and Delores Merwald, Joe and Mary Ann Straley Weinert, Sandi Krajicek Lim, Mary Ann Palma, Tony Palma, George Dasovic, Jim Hardick, Janet Crofford Katz, Judi Clark Limas, Joe and Rachel Cabellero Barreintos, and Ron and Rita Stillmock O'Conner** just to name a few.

The **Packer Greats Night** is scheduled for October 1. If you haven't attended, I strongly urge you to do so. It's like going to an all-year reunion at SHS except this event is to honor our SHS Athletes. Gee, it would be great to see our SHS Cheerleaders attend this fabulous event, and the Homecoming Kings and Queens! It would be like going back in time for one evening.

That's it folks for this newsletter.

**Susie South**



# SCHOLARSHIPS

We would like to especially recognize the following individuals who gave scholarships through the Alumni Association this year:

- Dave Powell - 1953**
- Fern Miyeno Watanabe - 1941**
- Terry Watanabe (In honor of Fern Watanabe)**
- Phyllis Troudt Sandstedt - 1955**
- Riha Family Farms**
- Paul Limas Memorial - 1960**
- Sheila Little Cain Memorial**

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Alumni Association Scholarships this year:

**Samantha Ann Matthews -**  
University of Nebraska  
at Lincoln  
**Sheila Little Cain Memorial**  
\$1,000



**Skylar Johnson -**  
Peru State College  
**Paul Limas Memorial** \$1,000



**Audrey Renee Klein -**  
University of Nebraska  
at Omaha  
**Dave Powell** \$1,000



**Dustin Lawrence McQuigg -**  
Southwest Community College  
**Riha Family Farms Vocational** \$1,000

**Christopher Edward Curtis -**  
Metropolitan Community  
College  
**Fern Watanabe - Business**  
\$1,000



**Katie Ann Krimmel - Iowa**  
Western Community College  
**Fern Watanabe - Fine Arts**  
\$1,000



**Nicole Gaspard -**  
Clarkson College  
**Terry Watanabe in honor of**  
**Fern Watanabe** \$1,000



**Dominique Clark**  
**Terry Watanabe in honor of**  
**Fern Watanabe** \$1,000

**Vincent Velasquez -**  
University of Nebraska  
at Lincoln  
**Terry Watanabe in honor of**  
**Aguilera Family** \$1,000



**Jordan Curtis -**  
Iowa State  
**SHSAA** \$1,000

**Kristin Lemons -**  
Dana College  
**SHSAA** \$1,000



**Cassie Foral - Colorado State**  
(Cassie also won a Gates  
Scholarship worth more than  
\$18,500 a year at Colorado  
State University in Fort  
Collins)  
**SHSAA** \$1,000

**Lucas Corbett - University of Nebraska**  
at Omaha  
**Membership** \$500

**Jacqueline McKinney - University of**  
Nebraska at Lincoln  
**Joyce Christensen Fund** \$500



**Elisha Sallenback -**  
Nebraska Methodist College  
**Phyllis Troudt Sandstedt** \$500



**Scott - 1965 and**  
**Sandie - 1964**  
**Knudsen**  
presented  
scholarships on  
behalf of the  
South High  
School Alumni  
Association.



## GOLF OUTING DRAWS RECORD CROWD

The 2003 golf outing drew a record 161 golfers. **Steve Andersen, Jr.-1989** and **Jason Calek-1989** again did a fantastic job of organizing the day. The winners were: **First Place/First Flight** – Andy Webb, Jerry Kowal, Chuck Walker and Bob Oleander; **First Place/Second Flight** – Joe McGonigal, Tim Gallagher, Bill Swanda and Ken Meier; **First Place/Third Flight** – Steve Andersen, Jr., Jeff Jensen, Greg Clark and Rob Pechar; **First Place/Ladies Flight** – Mary Lou VanCaster, Mary Lou Krajcicek, Pat Kielty and Joan Stein. *Congratulations!*

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who made this tournament so successful: **Flag Prizes** – Linda Bursick's Bursick's Corner, Ray Kuta's Kuta's Korner, Anthony Fucinaro's Anthony's Restaurant, Lawless Distributing (Steve Godfroy), Prairie Systems (Ron Calek), Al Miller, John Krayneski (AAA Building, Overhead Door and Quality Door), Tregaron Golf Course (Bob, course pro and staff; Staff; Andy Webb donated putter) and John Sefick. **Workers** – Steve Cavlovic, Joe Citta, Leo Sova, Sue Smith, Dean Winther, Julie Riha Diehm, Tony Palma, Dixie Andersen, Jana Andersen, Bethany Klone, Dean Rezac, Candy Rezac, Gary Kastrick and Kathy McCormac. **Hole Sponsors** – John Krayneski (AAA Building, Overhead Door and Quality Door), Prairie Systems, Ron and Shirley Calek, Paul Kracher, Bursick's Corner, Wells Fargo Bank, Scott Knudsen Mortgage Express, Ed & Julie Diehm's E & J Drywall, Donohue's Bar, Bill Swanda's Swanda Business Forms, Colleen Moore & Dee Povich of Games People Play, and Rob & Mary Ann Patton's Patton Equipment. **Special thanks for food to** – Emminger's Bakery, Orsi's Italian Bakery, Joe & Connie (Cavlovic) Monastero's Joe Bananas.

Please send us name, address and telephone number changes, as well as names and addresses of friends, family and classmates, who are not currently receiving the Alumni **TOOTER**. Be sure to include class year and maiden name where applicable. We need this information to keep our database updated. Also, please send **ALL** information, changes, clothing orders, membership monies, scholarship donations, archival contributions, inquiries and any other correspondence to:

**Dr. Richard Gulizia - SHS Alumni Association Office - 6613 Sunshine Dr - Omaha, NE 68107 Or Call 402-738-9493**

## ALUMNotes

**1938-Catherine Wehner Morris** of Tucson, AZ remembers there were around 300 graduates in her class and it was a very great honor to be one of the speakers at graduation. She was very impressed by the changes at SHS on her last visit. Even though her eyesight is not the best, she went on a tour of Germany in May 2003.

**1938-Josephine Zeleny Schmidt** and husband, Howard of Omaha celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Omaha 5-30-03. Howard came home on leave from the Air



Force in 1943 and they were married. A short time later, he was sent to the South Pacific until WWII ended. "Many thanks for the **TOOTER** and always look forward to it," she wrote. *Congratulations to both of you!*

**1939-Walter Honcik** of Bellevue, NE said he was in the Air Force in World War II and drove 30 missions as a Top Turret Gunner and Flight Engineer and was credited for five German fighters. Upon his return, he became a carpenter. He had his own construction business from 1955-1965 and continued working as a carpenter until 1982. *Thanks for your service to the United States!*

**1939-Ella Kocanda Rondla** of Grants Pass, OR wrote that even though she likes Oregon, she very much misses seeing her many friends and classmates in the Omaha area. She wishes she could be here to attend the many alumni functions and she certainly

enjoys the **TOOTER**. She says, thankfully, her brain is still functioning even though her legs are not too good.

**1940-Janet Frish Franks** of Omaha recently donated five **TOOTER** Yearbooks covering the periods January 1923 and June 1923; June 1924; January and June 1925; January, June and August 1926. Some of you will remember that there used to be four graduations per year, and that's why several books were issued each year. *What a great addition to our archives and thank you very much!*

**1940-Steve Urosevich** of Omaha owned Todd's Drive-In at 77<sup>th</sup> and Dodge from 1958-1969. Todd's, featured in a recent *OW-H* article, was once called "ground zero for Omaha" by *Esquire Magazine*. Todd's was a living piece of Americana—a real world scene from the movie "American Graffiti." Steve got the idea for a drive-in while living briefly in Southern California. He brought the idea to Omaha and created Todd's with only three outdoor stalls to start. Later he had indoor seating for 70 and outdoor stalls for 84 cars, which frequently had to wait in long lines on Dodge Street for an open place to park. *What a great story and it was a fun place to go!*



**1941-Robert Krakowski** of Minneapolis, MN recently received a Purple Heart for his service during World War II. Robert was wounded in battle during his service in the U.S. Armed Forces and was captured in Germany during "The Battle of the Bulge." He is also slated to receive up to two more Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star now 55 years after his wartime service. *Congratulations, Robert. What a great honor! Thanks for your service to our country.*



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**1941-Nancy Fucinaro Remboldt** of Kingman, AZ wrote that she was disappointed there was no 1941 reunion in 2001, but is hoping for a 65<sup>th</sup> in 2006. She also wrote that she loves the "newsy" **TOOTER** and has a file with all the issues. *Thanks for the support, Nancy!*

**1943 Class Reunion** article printed elsewhere in this issue.

**1943-Clayton Cowan** of Chino Hills, CA came into town for his 60-year class reunion. He visited family a few days and stopped by the Alumni Office to say hello. He was a teacher for 35 years. *Thanks for stopping by, Clayton. We always enjoy visiting with alumni and friends of SHS.*

**1944-Virginia Nepodal Shudinis** of Glendale, AZ wrote that although she is miles away, she left part of her heart in Omaha and loves receiving the **TOOTER** as a way to keep up-to-date with all her friends in Omaha.

**1946-John and Kathryn Stanek Groth-1946** of Kankekee, IL celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 7, 2003. John served four years in the Navy. He is retired from Swift and Bunge Co. *Congratulations!*



**1946-Ed Micek** of Omaha was inducted into the greater Omaha Bowling Hall of Fame on Saturday 4-19-03. Ed has a high game of 289 and a high series of 777. He also has over twenty 700 series and at least 10 games of 275 or higher. Ed was 1946 Class Vice-president; 1945-46 Sports Editor and 1946 Editor-in-Chief of the **SHS TOOTER**. *Congratulations!*



**1946-Robert Redfield** of Hamilton, TX retired from the Marine Corps as a Captain in November 1973 after 27 years of service. He has lived in Texas since 1974 and is very happy there.

**1949-Ralph Engardt and wife, Edith Paskach Engardt-1951** were married 50 years on June 15, 2003. Their children and families had a celebration for them on June 14<sup>th</sup>. She asks, "Where did all the years go?" They also greatly enjoyed the Class of 1951's 50-Year Reunion in 2001. *Congratulations!*

**1952-Walter Welch and Patricia Ricks Welch-1954** of Omaha wrote expressing praise and gratitude to **Joe and Mary Ann Straley Weinert-1953** for the outstanding job they did in chairing the 1953 Reunion Committee. The 50-year 1953 Reunion was definitely a cut above all others. (See article elsewhere in this **TOOTER**.) *Special thanks to Mary Ann and Joe and their committee as well as the other reunion committees who work so hard to have fun and-successful reunions each and every year. Thanks again to all of you.*

**1953-Class Reunion** article elsewhere in this **TOOTER**.

**1957-Theresa Pistillo Medeiros** of Omaha was featured in the *Omaha World-Herald* July 2003 celebrating the **Sam Pistillo Family's** 5<sup>th</sup> generation. Theresa and her husband, Dave, are now great-grandparents.

**1956-Ken and Barb Brunell Ackerman 1956** of Sioux City, IA receive a "Tip of the Hat" for their extraordinary financial gift to the Alumni Association along with their life time memberships. *Thanks, again for your gift - it is truly appreciated!*

**1958-Pat Ryan Durbin** of Port Townsend, WA donated nearly four years worth of **SHS TOOTER Newspapers** to the Alumni Association for the Archives. Pat had been a reporter on the **TOOTER** Staff and kept nearly every issue from her four years at SHS. *Thank you so much, Pat. They are, indeed, a great addition to our archives. We apologize for not getting this into the last issue.*

**1959 - Gary Dean** sent this picture of a SHS Packer Football Doll that they have had in the family for at least 45 years. Does anyone know the origin of this mascot? Was it a fundraiser or made to commemorate a special event? Please call Gary any day after noon at 253-2124 if you can shed any light on this mystery.



**1960 - Rudy and Judy Jensen Tesar-1961** were both "stars" in the movie About Schmidt. Check out the good-looking couple to the left of Jack Nicholson at his retirement party at Johnny's Café in this movie! *Congratulations and can we have your autographs?*

**1961 - Janet Crofford Katz and Margaret Sova Kreitner** returned safely from their African adventure. Watch the next **TOOTER** for pictures and a story.

**1961 - Terry Moore** was recently re-elected to his 10<sup>th</sup> three-year term as president of the Omaha Federation of Labor. He was first elected to this position in 1976 and has held this post longer than any other person. The Federation represents about 50 area unions with a combined membership of 40,000 members in Washington, Burt, Sarpy, Douglas and Cass Counties. *Congratulations, Terry!*

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**1963-Carmella Hembrett Brooks** of Omaha enjoyed working on the 40<sup>th</sup> Class reunion held 7/18 & 19/03. She was in charge of meeting notes; up-dates and established the Access Data Base for all classmates. She worked for Enron for 20 years until retiring three years ago. Carmella is an avid runner, running four days a week an average of six miles per day. Last year, she ran 930 miles. She also enjoys reading, counted cross-stitch and yard work. She has been married to **Larry Brooks** for 38 years. *Carmella and Larry volunteered at the Spaghetti Dinner March 2003 and we greatly appreciated their many hours of service that day. Thanks again.*

**1963-Lilly Kartanas Estes** of Omaha has a new business venture. She opened Lilly's California Bar at 33rd and California Streets on 7-2-02. She was looking for a job at that time and realized that "nobody wants to hire anyone our age." Lilly decided to buy herself a job. Born in Germany to Lithuanian parents, Lilly has been to many places. She began school in Medellin, Columbia spending nine years there. She came to the United States in 1960 knowing only Lithuanian and Spanish and no English. She became friends with classmate, **Susan Lueschen** (now of Milton Freewater, Oregon), who was a great asset in helping Lilly adapt to the English language and customs.

**1963-Dean Rezac** of Omaha supervised the renovation of South High School a few years ago. Many classmates saw the changes while on their class tour during

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# ALUMNotes

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their reunion 7/18 & 19/03. Dean works for Ronco Construction and has helped with renovations and building many new schools in both Omaha and Bellevue School Districts. Dean was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame in 1994 and serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Dean helps at most Alumni events especially the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. He has done a great deal of volunteer work at the H.P. Smith Sports Complex. *Dean is a tremendous asset to the Alumni Board and his hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.*

**1967-Diane Galloway Battiato** wrote that she would have loved to play in the golf outing, but she just had a total knee replacement surgery in spring 2003 and wasn't quite up to it yet, but next year for sure. *Thank you for the note, Diane. Hope you are doing much better.*

**1970-Duncan Murphy** of Omaha was featured in a recent **Midlands Business Journal** article. Duncan received his BS at Princeton University. He is president of Riekes Equipment Co., which distributes materials handling equipment (forklifts, conveyors, hoists and rack shelving). Riekes was named Yale Dealer of Excellence six out of nine years. He is currently president of the Yale Dealers Board. Duncan likes golf and other sports, outdoor cooking and reading. *Congratulations!*

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**1971-Ken Stoysich** of Omaha is owner of Stoysich House of Sausage at 2532 South 24<sup>th</sup> and 2502 South 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. He has been involved at the stores for 42 years. Ken has a wonderful wife, Michelle, and two fantastic kids, Matthew and Alley. *We thank Ken for selling Alumni cookbooks at his stores. They have sold around 30 so far. We would also like to thank him for the great job he and his committee did in finding "lost" classmates at the time of their last reunion. Thanks again Ken!*

**1972-Mary Kay Fried Blanchard** of Louisville, NE was married to Paul Blanchard 2/22/03. Paul is the Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Louisville. Mary Kay works at the University of Nebraska Foundation as an Executive Assistant. *Congratulations to both of you.*

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**1975-Carol Ann Jones Cleaver** of Omaha was Student Commencement Speaker at her graduation from the University of NE Omaha in August 2002. Carol, who entered college as a freshman in August 2000, distinguished herself as both an excellent student and a dreamer at UNO. She graduated Summa Cum Laude honors extra Muros and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in only two years. She received her Master of Arts Degree in August 2003. She is the recipient of the Frances M. Ryan Scholarship to study law at Creighton University and began study for her Juris Doctorate Degree in August 2003. Carol won many honors while at UNO including ENRON Scholar, Regent's Scholar, Dean's List, Chancellor's List, National Dean's List, etc., and graduated in the top 1% of her class. *Way to go, Carol! Congratulations for all of your achievements!*

**1975-Joe Hoffman** of Ft. Myers, FL wrote "Thank you for your hard work on the **TOOTER**. It's nice to receive it and be able to hear from my 'old school' back home." He also responded to a note in the last **TOOTER** about F.F.A. members. He said "myself being one (F.F.A. member) it brought back great memories. The best were field trips, state conventions and selling fruit (to this day, I don't want to see a case of oranges)...great times, great memories, great friends." Joe and his wife have started a Nebraska football watch group in Ft. Myers. They have as many as 50-100 or even more watching Nebraska games with them. Some are even SHS graduates. He says if anyone is in Ft. Myers on game day, look them up. "It's great to watch the games with people from Nebraska even when we're 1,800 miles from home." Joe would also like to praise his in-laws, **Joe-1953 and Mary Ann Straley Weinert-1953** for the loyalty and dedication they give to putting on their 1953 class reunions. *Thanks, Joe, for a great letter! We also appreciate all the Weinerts do for their reunions.*

**1978-Charles "Chuck" Risinger** of Omaha has been in the Middle East building runways for incoming planes since September 2002. He is unable to tell his family his exact location.

**1980-Sue Lorentzen** of Omaha wrote "I am glad to be able to support my high school. I hope someone will be able to continue his or her education. I am sending a \$30 check. Thank you for mailing a letter to remind me to renew my membership. I am proud to help someone with their education." *Thank you, Susan for the letter and the message it sends.*

**1994-Cheryl Leutzinger Buda** of Omaha graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center as a physician and had her first child, Vincent Louis Buda on the same day in May 2003. She will complete her residency in psychiatry in Omaha. *Double congratulations, Cheryl and good luck with your residency.*

  
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**1997-Jane Noseworthy** of Bellevue was crowned Miss Nebraska recently in North Platte. This fall, she will represent Nebraska in the Miss America pageant. Jane is a graduate of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. She majored in music and theater. *Congratulations, Jane. You make us all very proud. Good luck in Atlantic City and we will be cheering for you.*

**2001-Becky Day** of Omaha called to say "Hi" and tell us she's doing well. She loves her job babysitting with her nephew, Austin Taylor.

**2001-Andrea Hotchkiss Hoden** of Council Bluffs, IA was married April 5, 2003 and has moved to a different home in Council Bluffs. *Congratulations!*

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**See information on page 13.**

## Memorial Donations Received

Financial contributions were received in honor and memory of:

**Larry Lacina** of Omaha, who died 12-02 of a heart attack, from **David-1957** and **Sally Mertlik Norman-1957**.

**Gerald Bogatz-1947** of Council Bluffs, IA, who died 12/21/2002, from wife **Sarah L. Bogatz**.

**Gerald Haas** who died 2/16/99 from wife **Diane Griger Haas-1957**.

**Warrenata Lewis-1943** who died 12/9/02 from friend **Lena Shinkle Hartford-1941**.

**Dr. Leo Ambrose, D.D.S.** from **Ed-1965** and **Julie Riha Diehm-1966**.

**Luther Goding-1939** who died 12/25/02 from sister **Marietta Goding-1932**.

**Victoria Kay Fundaun Kempnick-1977** who died 1/16/03 from mom **Donna Rae Taylor Fundaun-1954**.

**Doris Nelson Knudsen Kavanagh** from **Vic-1961** and **Bev Forman Riha-1964**.

**Clair Cross-1936** who died 6/15/02 from sister **June Cross Kuwitzky-1947**.

**Paul Limas-1960** who died 10/04/02 from **John and Judy Sebron Yacio-1960**; also from **Duane "Max" and Janet Crofford Katz-1961**; and from **Steve and Cheryl Sparano Wild-1968**.

**Bennard W. Preis, Sr.-1952** who died 9/11/02 from brother-in-law **Robert Stawniak-1953**.

**Teacher Warren Witham** from **Judith Henggeler Spohr-1959**.

**Rachel Amidon Sodomek-1938** who died 9/20/02 from sister **Myra Amidon Mills-1941 (Nov.)**.

**Doris Stockwell Burgess-1949** who died 3/3/03 from sister **Mildred Stockwell Habeeb-1946**.

**Frank Stilmock, Jr.-1943** who died 11/30/02 from wife **Helen Koley Stilmock**.

**Frank Volenec** from sister **Vera Volenec Phillips-1942**.

**Walter Volenec-1950** from sister **Vera Volenec Phillips-1942**.

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When I come at last to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room

Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long

And not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we have shared

Miss me - but let me go

For this is a journey we all must take

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A step on the road to home

When you are lonely and sick at heart

Go to the ocean we know

And bury your sorrow among the waves

Miss me - but let me go.



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**1921-Gladys Gregg Chambers** of Omaha died 5/23/03. She was one of the oldest known living graduates of SHS and would have been 100 years old in August 2003. She was the widow of SHS graduate, **Everett Chambers**, original secretary/treasurer of Guarantee Mutual Life Insurance Company. Until very recently, she enjoyed working in her many flower gardens and baking cookies for her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members, many of whom also graduated from SHS.

**1924-Charles Dunne** of Omaha died 2/20/03 of renal failure at the age of 94. Charles was a very devoted baseball player, who never took a job that would interfere with his time playing ball. He was active for years with Nebraska-Western Iowa Oldtimers Baseball Association. He once played in an exhibition game with Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth. (Info from *OW-H.*)

**1926-Marie Baust Connelly** of Omaha died 6/7/03.

**1928-Ray Kopke** of Phoenix, AZ died 4/13/03. He celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday in February 2003. Ray graduated from SHS in January 1928, one month before his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and worked for Missouri Pacific Railroad for 46 years. He started in Omaha as a yard messenger after graduation. He was promoted to sales and moved to Phoenix in 1948. He retired in 1974 as Assistant Freight Representative *The*

*Alumni Association Office will miss notes sent frequently by Ray.*

**1929-Muries (Sis) Christie Shonfelt** of Tucson, AZ died 2/18/00.

**1930-Janice Miller Freeburg** of Pinellas, FL.

**1931-Joseph Panek** of Omaha.

**1931-Isabelle Larson Pease** of Omaha died 1/5/03.

**1931-Victor Whisehand** of Galt, CA died 2/13/03. He enjoyed each issue of the Alumni TOOTER very much. He was very proud of being a SHS Packer.

**1932-Grace Kunselman Baumann** of Fallston, MN died January 2003.

**1932-Antis Uzdawinis Sanderson** of Albuquerque, NM died 8/14/02.

**1933-Vincent E. Christie** of Casper, WY died January 2003. He was class president of the SHS June 1933 class and was a banker in Powell, WY for many years.

**1934-Clara Sand Windels Bluvus** of Lexington, KY died 12/28/02.

**1934-Frank Kompore** of Bellevue, NE died 5/7/03. He retired from Wilson Packing Co. after 35 years of service.

**1934-William R. Skarda, Jr.**, of Omaha died 6/24/03. He was a firefighter after graduation. He went to work for a trucking company in the mid-1950s and then ran for office to represent truckers and other hard

working people. He was elected as a Nebraska State Senator in 1958 and served until 1976. He worked hard on behalf of education and was honored by OPS and University of Nebraska for his efforts.

**1935-Dorothy Mulligan Barrow** of Omaha died 5/4/03.

**1935-Robert Iske** of Springfield, NE died 11/20/02.

**1935-Elna Margaret Petersen Reerslev** of Junction City, OR.

**1936-Clair C. Cross** of Tucson, AZ died 6/15/02. He was active in drama at South High. He reached the rank of Master Sergeant with the 452d Bomb Group in World War II. Clair was a sports enthusiast, played softball and was a Nebraska Champion Table Tennis player. Although disabled by rheumatoid arthritis, he organized shuffleboard activities and was captain of the State Champion Shuffleboard Team. He was inducted into the Southwest Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

**1936-Edward Hornig** of Omaha died Spring 2003.

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**1936-John Julis** of Omaha.  
**1936-Mary Ann Chickinell Kolell** of Ralston, NE.  
**1936-Sister Michaela McGuire** of Omaha.  
**1937-Cecil Cunningham** of Stockton, CA.  
**1937-Russell Hetrick** of Dodge Center, MN.  
**1937-Anne Voboril Maly** of Kingwood, TX.  
**1937-Mildred McIntrye Mechenich** of Lees Summit, MO.  
**1938-Rose Gulizia Dornacker** of Bennington, NE.  
**1938-Maxine Lebeda Kosmicki** of Denver, CO.  
**1938-Leo Labeledz** of Omaha died April 2003 of lung cancer. He was a longtime Omaha optician and World War II veteran. He was known for caring for customers all hours of the day and night. He worked with his son at the business until 1999.  
**1938-John Podkovich** of Bellevue, NE.

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**1938-Rachel Amidon Sodomek** of Mesa, AZ died 9/20/02.  
**1938-Wilma Nelson Tate** of Omaha died mid-January 2003.  
**1939-Alfred Boicourt** of Alamo, TX died 5/10/03 of congestive heart failure. (Photo taken 3/22/03 at home in the Rio Grande Valley, celebrating his 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.)  
**1939-Lewis Elsasser** of Omaha.



**1939-Luther Goding, Jr.** of rural Glenvil, NE died 12/25/02 following open-heart surgery on December 6<sup>th</sup>. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp. He worked at Production Credit Association in Hastings, Fairfield and Minden from 1959 to 1981.

**1939-Betty F. Junge Frank** of Omaha died 07/14/03. Betty worked at the Martin Bomber Plant during World War II. She loved simplicity, and enjoyed traveling. She was very proud of her family whom she loved dearly.  
**1939-Joseph Ostronic** of Fairfield Bay, AZ died 1/6/03.  
**1939-Erwin Rehder** of Ralston, NE

**1940-John Louis Botos** of Omaha.  
**1940-Matt Bursick** of Largo, FL died 5/21/03.

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**1940-Thelma Jorgensen Welch Corcilius** of Omaha. She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II where she taught men how to shoot guns from a ship.  
**1940-Lucille Kalinski Daskiewicz** of Scribner, NE.  
**1940-Raymond Jack** of Omaha.  
**1940-Joseph Kantor** of Omaha.  
**1940-Elaine Steele Vanderhaven** of Camarillo, CA died 12/12/02 of lung cancer. She served many years as a docent at the Greater Los Angeles Zoo and also as a wildlife cinematographer and lecturer for such groups as Audubon Society and the Sierra Club.  
**1940-Inga Stoffel Witzig** of Omaha.  
**1941-Blasé Cupich** of Omaha died 7/11/03 at a local hospital. Blasé battled Parkinson's disease for 32 years. He served three terms as Sarpy County Commissioner. His interest in age-related issues led to a position on the Governing Board of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. He was the sixth of 13 children. He joined the Navy in 1941 and was a Russian interpreter on his ship. He was also a mail carrier but his disease forced him to retire in 1972. In February 1946, he married Mary Mayhan and they had nine children.  
**1941-Catherine B. "Katie" Mytkos Lynch** of Las Vegas, NV died 8/18/02.  
**1942-Lad Kuzela** of Los Angeles, CA died 2/8/02.  
**1942-Carl LaPuzza** of Omaha died 5/20/03 of a heart attack. Carl was a World War II Army veteran, who served in England. Carl worked for the Union Pacific Railroad before starting Carl's Delivery Service, delivering everything from flowers to pianos.  
**1942-Milton Joseph Stephan** of Lake Quivira, KS died 5/26/03. He was a quartermaster in the U.S. Navy in World War II, a TV advertising pioneer, a charter member of the Academy of Radio and Television Arts and Sciences.  
**1943-Mary Pallas Albin** of Omaha.  
**1943-Edward Belitz** of Omaha.  
**1943-Emil Buglewicz, Jr.**, of Omaha.  
**1943-Norman Brey** of Midland City, AL.  
**1943-Melvin Jespersen** of Minnetonka, MN.  
**1943-Ernest O. Lang** of Bellevue, NE died

10/28/02 after years battling cancer. He served in the Marine Corps and was on Iwo Jima during World War II.  
**1943-Warrenata Lewis** of Omaha died 12/9/02.  
**1943-Donald McCoid** of Omaha.  
**1943-Gloria Birkner McNutt** of Omaha died 1/7/03 of cancer. She returned to college at age 55 to become a registered nurse and then worked at Bergan Mercy Hospital for eight years.  
**1943-Carl O. Nelsen** of Bellevue, NE.  
**1943-John Nigrin** of Omaha.  
**1943-Gus Pallas** of Omaha.  
**1943-Betty Lorraine Sallach** of Omaha.  
**1943-Frank Stilmock, Jr.**, of Omaha died 11/30/02.  
**1943-Edward Veylupek** of Omaha died of stomach cancer. He served in World War II and was a Navy veteran. Ed worked briefly at a heating and air conditioning firm before turning to the construction trades. He was a good carpenter and cement finisher and started his own construction company in 1954 called Veylupek Construction.  
**1943-Lucille Panuska Warren** of Papillion, NE died Spring 2002.  
**1945-Dwight Bancroft** of Lakeland, FL died 4/25/03. He always enjoyed hearing news of classmates and friends in the **TOOTER**.  
**1945-Jeanette Furmanski Georges** of Bellevue, NE died late in February 2003.  
**1945-Dorothy Ann Chvala Goetzinger** of Omaha.

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**1945-Dolores Astleford Soukup** of Omaha died 3/13/03.  
**1945-Thelma "Luddy" Olsen Stubben** of Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA died 2/19/03.  
**1946-Mildred David Dahlman** of Chatsworth, CA died 11/1/02.  
**1946-Audre Johnson Dworak** of Omaha died 10/27/02.  
**1946-Hugh J. Healey** of Omaha died Spring 2003 of pulmonary fibrosis. He had been the head golf-pro at both the Kearney Country Club and the Highland Country Club of Omaha and retired from Swigart Golf Course in Omaha in 1994. He also served in the Korean War.  
**1946-Jerald "Cork" Volcek** of Beaver Lake, NE died spring 2003 after a long illness. He served in the Army Air Corp in occupied Japan for two years. He joined the Omaha Police force in the mid-1950s

and retired in 1986.

**1947-Gerald F. Bogatz** of Council Bluffs, IA died 12/21/02.

**1947-Jerome Kucirek** of Omaha died 1/26/03.

**1947-Dean Meares** of Omaha.

**1947-Anthony Shimkus** of Omaha.

**1948-Henry Giles** of Johnsonville, NY died 9/25/02.

**1948-Thomas Freed** of Omaha died in 2002.

**1948-Donna Hanley** of Omaha.

**1948-Margaret Quinn Kurtzuba** of LaVista, NE died 11/8/02.

**1948-Rosemarie Rowe Redding** of Cape Coral, FL died January 2003.

**1948-Florence Puglisi Towey** of Omaha died 6/24/03. She was invited to audition for a Chicago opera company at age 16 and worked in the music library at WOW radio while Johnny Carson was there. She had a long career as a vocalist, pianist and organist for masses, weddings and funerals. She sang with the Sweet Adelines Chorus.

**1949-Doris Jean Stockwell Burgess** of Colorado Springs, CO died 3/03/03 of complications from serious injuries received in a car accident plus pneumonia. She served her country in the U.S. Air Force and helped her husband run a business for many years.

**1949-Don Zeski** of Silver City, IA died May 2002.

**1950-Robert Boldra** of Omaha died 6/19/03 of Muscular Dystrophy related problems. He actively helped his wife, **Velta Stolze Boldra-1950** with class reunions and keeping everything up-to-date.

**1950-Anna Rose Andrik-Doyle** of Omaha died May 2003.

**1950-Raymond Fitzpatrick** of Omaha died late May 2003.

**1951-Patricia Butler Hrabik** of Ralston, NE.

**1951-Jim Seybold** of West Covina, CA died 3/9/03 from pulmonary fibrosis. He worked for Occidental/Transamerica in Los Angeles, retiring in 1997 as a Systems Analyst. At the age of 69, Jim was still going ice-skating once a week.

**1952-James Johnson** of Crete, NE died 4/15/03. He owned a winery near Crete with his wife.

**1952-Bennard Preis** of Ralston, NE died 9/11/02.

**1952-Joseph Quintero** of Fayetteville, NC.

**1952-Margaret Talmon Reed** of Omaha died mid-June 2003.

**1953-Jess Case** of Omaha.

**1953-Donald Klein** of Omaha.

**1953-Mariann Simoens Oberdin** of Bellevue, NE died 6/21/03.

**1953-Jane Erxleben Spracklin** of Omaha died 12/23/02.

**1954-Mary Ann Heldt Linhart** of Bellevue, NE died 4/10/03.

**1956-Donna Halac Hageman** of Ceresco, NE.

service, he drove trucks for a living and very much enjoyed the freedom of the job. **1962-Jerry Newville** of Omaha died 3/26/03 of a heart attack. Jerry was an Air Force veteran who worked construction until he became a teacher. He taught at North High School for 11 years as a coach and special education teacher. He then obtained a master's degree in counseling from the University of Nebraska and was a counselor at Morton Middle School for the past two years. He won the 95-pound title at the

1960 State Wrestling Tournament.

**1963-Connie Smith Comstock** of Omaha.

**1963-Emil Mixan** of Bellevue, NE.

**1963-Katherine Barger Pitha** of Omaha died October 2002.

**1964-Maureen Nelson Hutchison** of Fremont, Nebraska died 7/16/03.

Maureen was a very kind loving person who was very proud of her family and grandchildren.

**1965-Roger VanScoy** of Omaha was retired from Qwest.

**1967-Robert Keefer, Jr.**, of Salem, OR.

**1971-Tom McCarthy** of Omaha died 3-8-03 in a traffic accident. Tom was Prom King in 1971 at SHS as well as a friend to many. His unforgettable laugh and mischievous fun nature throughout his life will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

**1972-Robin Hunt Lutes** of Decatur, IL.

**1974-Sandy Harvey Duncan** died in London, England 6/27/01 of cancer.

**1975-Reinaldo Joseph Cruz** of LaVista, NE died 11/29/02 of cancer.

**1977-Victoria Kay Fundaun-Kempnich** of Omaha died suddenly 1/16/03. She was a records analyst in Medical Records at NHS for 26 years.

**1984-Keith Shipley** of Omaha.

**1991-Renee Novy** of Omaha died 1/20/03 in a traffic accident while holding her seven-month old daughter, Jamesin, in her arms.

**Class Year unknown-Hans Jorgensen** of Edmonds, WA died mid-March 2003.

**Frank Palma** of Omaha died 2/7/03. Frank was a great help at SHS Alumni functions. He did a great deal of work at the H.P. Smith Sport's Complex while it was being built. He also was a big help with the



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**1956-Donald L. Prusha, Sr.**, of Painted Post, NY died 3/26/03 very unexpectedly during six weeks of treatment for acute leukemia. He worked for Corning Incorporated for 33 years. He held four patents for an optical fiber scanning consolidation furnace and was recognized as one of Corning's technical experts in fusion draw technology. He retired in one of Corning's highest engineering positions.

**1956-Jeanette Urkevich** of Omaha died Summer 2002.  
**1961-Daniel Circo** of Carter Lake, IA died of lung cancer. He joined the Navy at the height of the Vietnam conflict. He was a firefighter on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Constellation. After he returned from the

# IN MEMORIAM

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annual alumni bowling shootout at Leopard Lanes. Frank donated many hours of help to the Alumni Association. He will be greatly missed by all.

**James P. Lane** of Omaha former teacher at South High School.

**Warren Witham** long time teacher at South High passed away in Fort Collins, CO on March 22, 2003. He was a career educator, who served as Superintendent of Schools in Stamford, NE, Agra, KS and Arapahoe, NE. He was a counselor and teacher at SHS for 25 years. After retirement, he was a volunteer at Bergan Mercy Hospital.

Sincere sympathy to SHS teacher **Barb Sorensen Moshier** (early 1960s) and her husband, Fred on the loss of Fred's father, Frederick D. Moshier, Sr. on 3/25/03.



# REUNIONS PLANNED 2004

Someone from each of the following classes has contacted us about having reunions in 2004. Note: **The Spring 2004 TOOTER will have further details about these reunions.**

- 1944** 60-year reunion plans are underway and classmates will be notified by mail.
- 1949** 55-year reunion is being planned and classmates will be notified by mail.
- 1954** 50-year reunion will be held and classmates will be notified by mail. Contact **Jim Robertson** 391-8592.
- 1959** No 45-year reunion is being planned.
- 1964** 40-year reunion will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2004. Contact **Betty Parish Stern** 331-3532.
- 1969** 35-year reunion plans are underway and classmates will be notified by

mail. Contact **Bettie Velasquez Foral** at 734-0858 or [bettndan4L@qwest.net](mailto:bettndan4L@qwest.net).

- 1974** 30-year reunion will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2004. Contact **Dottie Olbertz Krimmel** at 731-2010.
- 1979** No information available at time of print.
- 1984** 20-year reunion is being planned. Contact **Kelly Urkevich Sanko** 932-9325 or [omahasouth1984@cox.net](mailto:omahasouth1984@cox.net).
- 1989** 15-year reunion is being planned and classmates will be notified by mail.
- 1994** 10-year reunion is being planned. Contact **Christina Janda Lopez** 558-0047 or **Genevive Grant** 572-0440.

Please update your class list with current names and addresses with the Alumni Association office. By keeping the office informed of all name and address changes, it makes it much easier when the next reunion year arrives. Thank you!

## CLASS OF 1943 REUNION

The 60-year reunion for the SHS Class of 1943 was held on June 14, 2003 at Johnny's Restaurant. 46 graduates and spouses wined, dined and recalled the famous 40s.

After dinner **Wally Hopkins** and the group talked about the fun days – everything from the 20 cent tickets at the Roseland, the hole, the Arctic, the noon dances, Phillips, the Stockyards, the packing plants, the smell of money and loads of subjects too numerous to mention.

Everyone had something to say as **Bob McNutt** roamed the room for interviews. **Bob Driml** and **Shirley Wilson** handled the door prizes.

Celebrating the 60-year reunion were **Joe & Mararet Sullivan Gulizia Amato; Bill & Patricia Anderson - Barnes, WI; Tom & Joan Burns; Don & Bernice Ripley Canaday - Cambridge, OH; George Madelen and Jean Nicolai - Kansas City, MO; Val & Mary Chickenelli; Clayton Cowen - Chino Hills, CA; Jack & Trix Cormaci; Bob and Betty Driml; Harold and Dorothy Horton Hallgrimson; Wallace & Marie Hopkins; Tom & Frances Bovick Janson - Medford, OR;**

**Fred & Ruth Kudym; Margorie Kopecky Lempke; Tony & Josephine Marcuccio; Dale & Maxine Hines Marcum; Ralph & Ester Marrs - San Jose, CA; Bob McNutt; Elanore Dejoy Morinelli; Harold & Evelyn Myers Platt - Brookings, SD; Ernest and Gloria Reys Plaza; Kathryn Swetela Rodis; Mary Connelly Rushing; Betty Drapolick Salistean; Dean and Irene Kosiut; and Shirley Jean Rush Wilson.**

**Ethel Norton Marr Cooke** made a reservation but was unable to attend because of an illness in the family.

**Hope Burgoin Hord**—Medford, OR; **Lois Milner Sherman; Eleanor Dimitroff Thompson**—Castro, CA, and **Rudy and Rita Stoysich** all sent donations.

## THE "UNIQUE" CLASS OF 1953 BY JOE WEINERT & MARY ANN STRALEY WEINERT

The SHS Class of 1953 held its 50-year reunion on June 20, 21 and 22, 2003.

When Dick Gulizia called and wanted us to write an article about why our class was so unique, he had us stumped. What makes us unique? And then it dawned on us – that it was NOTHING. We probably aren't any different from any other class which has graduated from SHS.

We have worked on every reunion, starting with our 10<sup>th</sup>. Back then our committee was probably twice as big as it is now – not because they don't want to work now, but we have downsized because of computers. Now there are 7 of us from the original group and everyone has input. We all listen and then decide what we will do. As far as these "old" minds can remember, we have never had a dispute. We all work well together and we think this is a direct reflection on our whole class as to how we got along and have remained close to this day.

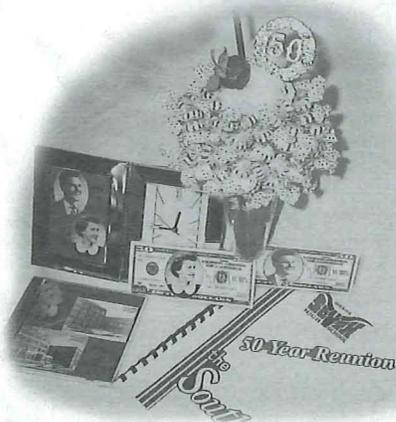
When we were working on our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, a young man asked us if we had a lot of "racial" tension then, and if we blocked the doors to the black students so they could not attend SHS. We were a little shocked that he would think that. We have a black classmate on our committee who got married and had 3 children. Ten years after graduation, she went to college, got her Bachelor's Degree in teaching and then 10 years later got her Master's Degree. We are very happy to say that we get more than 90% of our black classmates back for our reunions. Does this make us unique?

NOPE, it just shows that we all got along. We guess this was before we were told that we weren't supposed to like one another.

We all have good memories of our high school days, so when we plan our reunions we try to add to those good memories by coming up with ideas that we think have not been done by other classes. For example, for our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, attendees had a tee shirt with their graduation picture on it. We also gave everyone copies of the **SHS TOOTER** from our senior year starting with September 1952 through May 1953.

Another example was our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion this June. One of our events was held in the Swanson Room of the Durham Western Heritage Museum where we had a catered sit down meal. We reserved the entire building for the evening with some surprises awaiting everyone. It takes a lot of time and work, but in the end it is very rewarding when you receive all the nice thank you notes from classmates.

Our class consisted of doctors, construction and packing house workers, dentists, lawyers, nurses, teachers, university professors, chemists, stockbrokers, plumbers, electricians and even a cook on a fishing schooner. The one most important job we failed to mention was the "homemaker" who held it all together. We have many who owned their own businesses in industries such as packing house, restaurant supply, paper, trucking, heavy equipment, refrigeration, insurance, musical instruments, pest control, restaurant, landscaper and cattle buyers. We also had a few hiccups along the way. One classmate is on death row; we have a couple of bookies, and to top it all off we had a classmate who underwent a complete sex change and ended up a women. That might be the one unique thing about our class! No matter how you cut it, they all will remain part of the "Class of 1953!"



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Please direct all Alumni Association correspondence to the Alumni Office as directed below.

The Alumni Association office at 6613 Sunshine Drive is generally open Monday through Friday from 10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., but it is always best to call first to assure that someone is available. The phone number is 402/738-9493, with an answering machine. When contacting us PLEASE identify yourself with graduating year, first name, maiden name if applicable, please spell your last name, ID # from previous Alumni mail if available and your phone number. With graduates all over the world, we frequently have more than one person with the same name, so we appreciate all the information you can provide to help us make sure we have the correct person. If you would rather fax than mail the information, we also have a 24-hour fax machine at 402/738-5145. Please include all the same information whether you write, fax or phone. Thank you in advance for your help.

Any correspondence dealing with the **TOOTER** should be addressed to the Editor or **TOOTER**, at the Alumni office at the address above so that it can be filed correctly until time for the next issue. This includes: AlumNotes, Deaths, **TOOTER** Advertising, or any other information relative specifically to the **TOOTER**. If possible when sending death notices, we would really appreciate the notice from the paper or a funeral home card.

We ask that any and all other Alumni correspondence also be directed to the **Alumni office at 6613 Sunshine Dr.- Omaha, NE 68107**. This includes: letters to the President; letters to the Executive Director; letters to the Board of Directors; letters to the secretary; reunion information; donations of any kind: memberships, postage, gifts, memorials, archival donations, foundation monies, etc.; changes of name and or address; clothing and cookbook orders with appropriate payment; lottery tickets; bowling shootout registrations and fees; spaghetti dinner ticket requests with money; golf fees and registrations; dance ticket orders and money and any other Alumni news or requests.

Since we are a volunteer organization, please allow adequate time for us to respond to your orders, inquiries and other requests.

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# Swing Dance Memories

May 9, 2003





## 1961 Reunion Committee members enjoying a night out.

From left Janice Ishii Palmer, Janet Crofford Katz, Judy Jensen Tesar, Judi Clark Limas, Lois Groves Ernce, Teacher Joanne Placek Sokalsky and Jackie Schultz Casper.

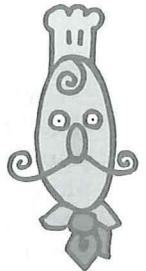
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on the Spaghetti dinner and Bowling shoot-out, see the Spring TOOTER.) If you wish to stop at the office and pick up your copy, please call first to make sure someone is there and copies are available at that time. SHSAA Office is at 6613 Sunshine Drive. Phone number: 402/738-9493.

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## 3rd ANNUAL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LOTTERY

Fellow Alumni,

Take a moment to consider how fortunate we are to have an Alumni Association at South High School. In 2003 the SHSAA gave \$14,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. We mail out 20,000 alumni TOOTERS twice each year at the total cost of \$16,150. We do this to keep our graduates and friends informed and to share news about SHS, your classmates and friends. Your Alumni sponsors several events each year for your enjoyment. It provided money for the H.P. Smith Sports Training Facility to help improve physical education programs. All of these activities cost money, and that is why we are asking for your support with this lottery. **Without this money for operating expenses we will be unable to continue our current level of support to SHS, its students and alumni.**

**This years lottery will have SIX cash prizes !!**

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We hope that you will support your Alumni Association by either buying a book of tickets or selling them to family, friends and coworkers. Please complete name, address and phone number, and send only the portion which has your name, address and phone number along with your money to the alumni office at the address below. Last year many of you used address labels along with your phone number, this really worked GREAT! Please keep the portion of the tickets that are printed with the prizes and dates for your records.

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**John Krayneski**  
**South High School Alumni Association President**

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- 10-1-03** Packer Sports Greats Dinner at Anthony's – Everyone welcome - See details in this **TOOTER**.
- 10-2-03** Annual Alumni Football Game – SHS Homecoming – Free Ticket in this **TOOTER**.
- 10-11-03** Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 A.M. – O'Connor Bldg. – 13327 "F" St. All Alumni are welcome.
- 1-17-04** Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 A.M. – Henry Doorly Zoo – All Alumni are welcome, but call AA office at 738-9493 for admittance information.
- 3-20-04** 9th Annual Bowling Shoot-out at Leopard Lanes, Bellevue – see details in Spring **TOOTER**.  
E-mail Veronica @RFUE@msn.com with questions or suggestions.
- 3-20-04** 9th Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Sokol Hall South Omaha – see details in Spring **TOOTER**.
- 4-17-04** Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 A.M. – Henry Doorly Zoo – All Alumni are welcome, but call AA office at 738-9493 for admittance information.
- 7-11-04\*** SHS Alumni Annual Golf Outing at Tregarron – \*tentative date – See details and entry form in Spring **TOOTER**.
- 7-17-04** Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 A.M. – Henry Doorly Zoo – All Alumni are welcome, but call AA office at 738-9493 for admittance information.