

IN MEMORIAM:

1943 – **Doris Severe Duggan** died recently at her home in Elizabethtown, New York after a short but courageous battle with cancer. After high school, Doris attended Adelphi University where she studied nursing and received her BS and RN. She is survived by her husband, 2 sons and 1 grandson.

1944 – **Bruce Meinken** died January 5, 2009 in Fort Lauderdale, FL after a long battle with leukemia. Bruce and his wife lived in Fort Lauderdale for many years and took many trips abroad. A very popular person while attending South Side, he attempted to join the Marines immediately after Pearl Harbor, but this flag waver was rejected since he was underage. When of age, he left South Side to serve in the Navy on an LST. After being wounded, he was discharged. He then worked for the Equitable Life Insurance Co. in Garden City, becoming an office manager. After moving to Fort Lauderdale, he became a male model for prominent national companies as Coca Cola, Kodak, cigarette companies and beer companies and could be seen on billboards and on television. This was his claim to fame. Later in life he became very friendly with Colby Gunther, who lived near him in Florida. When Colby became immobile, Bruce visited him weekly also bringing along visiting South Side Alumni to cheer up the ailing basketball star. Bruce was also a lifetime golfing partner of his life-long friend, Ray McMackin. Bruce is survived by his wife, Linda, 2 sons, and 2 grandchildren.

1953 – **Carol Scandiffio Russell** died on March 9, 2009 at her home in Fort Pierce, Florida after a battle with leukemia. Carol was married to “Jake” Russell, a member of the class of 1952. She and her husband raised five children – all graduates of South Side High School. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

1962 – **Peter Blumberg** of Richmond VA., passed away on January 5, 2009. He had lived with leukemia since 1991. Peter was president of College House, a national sportswear company. He loved his family and friends, his work, travel, music and fine wine. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and their four children, Anne, Matthew, Heather, and Emily.

1967 – **Donald Heiberg** died in Denver, Colorado on November 19, 2008 after a lengthy illness. Donald received a degree in Business Administration from Adelphi University in 1972 and became a CPA. He was very active in the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is survived by his mother, a brother and 3 sisters.

1980 – **Lisa Grandazza Burton** died suddenly on February 28, 2008 after a valiant fight with multiple sclerosis. Lisa and her family lived all over the world because of her husband, Nate’s, career in the U.S. Navy. After his retirement, they settled in Lawrenceville, GA where Lisa became very active in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTAs and church work. She is survived by her husband, Nate, a daughter, Nicole, 18, and a son

Tyler, 11. Her parents, Anthony and Virginia Grandazza, a brother, Peter, and her sister Kathleen also survive and still live in Rockville Centre.

NEWS:

1936 – **Mildred LaViolette Harison** sent us a nice note saying, “At almost 89, I am enjoying excellent health, still bowling three times a week, fishing with my son, Stanley out of Bodega Bay, Monterey Bay, etc. in a 22 ft. C-Dory. We purchased a 20ft. Class B RV last January. It pulls the boat with ease, even over 9,000 ft. Senora Pass, CA. I flew to Annapolis, MD last June to visit my twin brother, Bill LaViolette (’38) and my sister Evelyn who is in a nursing home there. Bill lives in Bay Woods of Annapolis, a retirement home overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and the Naval Academy. He gets confused at times, but generally is in good health. I reread Doris Kearns Goodwin’s book *Wait ‘Til Next Year* and got so homesick for RVC. Doris really captures our early years to a “T”. Having heard her voice so often on TV, it was like she was reading to me right off the page! Delightful! Her *Team of Rivals* is brilliant and I plan to read it again, also.” Mildred keeps up with the WAVES National and she is treasurer for her local Sacramento WAVES, writing newsletters, printing menus, etc. She believes she was the first woman from RVC to join the Navy in September, 1942. She was in the service 3 years, nine months and eight days and really enjoyed it. She sends her thanks to all who keep the Alumni Association active and the Newsletter coming.

1943 – **Ron Goerler** conducted an overall Alumni afternoon get together at the Jamesport Vineyard last October. Another get together is planned this year in late June or early September. Any alumni interested contact Martin Fleisher @ POB 305, Copiague, New York 11726.

1945 – **Lola Fisher** keeps in touch with her sister, Marilyn, who lives in Rockville Centre, and her brother, Ed Fisher who lives in Stuart, Florida by e-mail.

1947 – **Janet Waeldin Oliver** has sent word that her husband, Townsend K. Oliver died in Palm Coast Florida on December 26, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Janet, 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

1948 – **Laura Maurer Roth** is retired as a physics professor at the University at Albany and is now helping to direct a Tibetan Buddhist Center in Albany, New York.

1951 – 1953 – **Joe Scarantino** and his wife **Carole Langman Scarantino** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 6, 2009. They went on a cruise through the Panama Canal on February 20th with Carole’s brother **Ron Langman**, class of 1956, and his wife and close friends. A party with family and friends, hosted by their daughters, was held in early March, 2009 to coincide with the visit of **Dorothy Bracken Ferrante**, 1953.

1952 – **Doris (Dodie) Feder Walsh** spent two weeks in Italy this past September. She went with Barbara Karasik Kravitz (1953). They had a fabulous time – saw and did a lot. They hope to travel again together soon.

1953 – **Dorothy Bracken Ferrante** and her husband, John, spent 2 weeks in Florida this past winter. They spent one week on Ana Maria Island and one week with **Carole Langman and Joe Scarantino**. Carole and Joe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a beautiful, big party given by their daughters in their honor. Dorothy and Carole have been best friends since they were 13 years old.

1953 – While attending a Super Bowl party on Hutchinson Island, Florida, **Dom Repetto** was pleasantly surprised to see classmate **Don Belfi** in attendance as well! A mutual friend was hosting the party so their meeting was a complete surprise. They sat next to each other for most of the game and chatted endlessly about old times going as far back as Sunday School in Rockville Centre. Don's wife, Sally, and Dom's wife, **Carol Schroeder Repetto**, '54, were also there enjoying the great social event.

1953 – **Carol Dickey Kelly** packed up and moved from Rockville Centre to a great condo in Kings Park, New York in January 2008. She really enjoys the beauty of Long Island's North Shore and the more country-like setting of Suffolk County. The best of all is that she is closer to her daughter, son and sister, all of whom live in Suffolk County. Family gatherings are a lot more frequent now.

1953-54 – **John and Nancy Potter Stewart** really enjoyed the Class of 1953 reunion last October. They both say many thanks to Dom Repetto and all who attended. They loved seeing everyone.

1961 – **Jon Sale** lives in Miami, Florida where he practices law with his wife, Jane Weintraub. Jane is a legal analyst appearing frequently on prime time national cable news television shows. Jon is the Chair of the White-Collar Practice Group of the national law firm, Epstein, Becker, and Green. Two of Jon's sons, David and Scott, are lawyers practicing in Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton. Jon also has a son, Michael who is a high school senior. Michael was accepted "early decision" at the University of Pennsylvania. Jon's fourth son, Jordan, is in fourth grade. Jon also has a 6 year old granddaughter, Amanda – so Jon's youngest son was an uncle when he was 3 years old. Jon said he is very busy with his National laws practice and keeping up with the activities of his young children. His e-mail is jsale@saleweintraub.com if anyone would like to contact him.

1962 – **Jerry Shagam** who now lives in Florida, was recently profiled in the *New York State Real Estate Journal* with an article for Commercial Real Estate "rookies" with several "hints/admonitions/& caveats". Jerry gives some very important, sincere advice to anyone going into the Commercial Real Estate market as a career. The article appears in *The New York State Real Estate Journal* of Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

1962 – **Andrew Weber** has owned a baseball team in Lowell, MA, called the Lowell Spinners, for 12 years. It is in the Boston Red Sox System and has been a lot of fun for him and his family. Andrew would really enjoy seeing old friends from South Side if they happen to be in the Boston area during the summer.

1962 - **Julie Dickey** is now living on the East End of Long Island. She has worked and been going to school for many years in New York City and finally made the big move. She is now working part time at the local newspaper. Her daughter is in her junior year at Swarthmore College and Julie is enjoying spending more time on artwork and other interests.

1963 – **John (Jack) Leuallen** tells us that, “As a result of their reunion in September, 2008, he has been boating and biking with Cody Keller and Marge Waldman Keller in Florida and has been in regular contact with Bob Miller in Hawaii.”

1965 – **Ingrid Anderson** has just welcomed her first grandchild, Robin Marie Weissman, into her family. The baby was born on March 11, 2009.

1965 – Our sincere sympathy to **Andrew Krouss**, President of the South Side High School Alumni Association since its inception, on the loss of his mother. She had been in a health related facility for some time and succumbed to a heart attack on February 12, 2009.

1966 – Attention members of the Class of 1966 from South Side High School. **Paula Groothuis** sent this message to all of you: “After our successful 40th high school reunion in 2006, **Stu Brody** invited us all to use his farm as our base and come upstate to be together once again the following summer, in 2007. Twenty-three alumni and about ten of their spouses took him up on it and had a fabulous time. There was hiking, boating, golf, sight-seeing, swimming, eating, music, a bonfire, etc. Stu has invited us all for this upcoming summer to join him again. We will be meeting in Essex, New York, on the weekend of August 15, 2009. Anyone from the South Side Class of 1966 who is interested in joining us, please e-mail me at pgroo@optonline.net or call me at 516-741-4436. We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you again this summer. Signed Paula Groothuis and Stu Brody”.

1967 – **Ron Pette** and his wife, Lorraine became proud grandparents for the 2nd time 11/25/08. They now have 2 beautiful little granddaughters, Sydney 2 ½ and Savannah 2 months old. He says he is sorry they will not be playing baseball. Their youngest son, Lawrence got married 9/27/08 to **Regina McQuillan** a 1999 graduate of South Side High School.

1969 – **David Ganz** was reelected to a 3rd 3-year term as Bergen County Freeholder in March, 2008. He and his wife Kathy visited their 7th continent (Australia) and their 75th Foreign Country.

1969 – **Jeanne Warnke King** is married and lives in Rockville Centre. She has one son, Ryan, age 15, who is attending South Side High School. Jeanne would love to hear from anyone as she is working on her 40th reunion to be held in 2009.

1974 – **Beth Cassell Collins** tells us, “I live in beautiful south Florida with my husband and two girls. I am retired from the Broward school district. My eldest daughter will graduate med school in May and will begin her 5 year surgical residency in Michigan. My youngest daughter will graduate as an Esthetician in June. I've been here for 25 years and love it! My husband sold his business a year ago and now we are figuring out the next phase of our lives. By the way, about 6 years ago my husband and I sang and played in the Grand Ballroom at the Mirage in Vegas. It was really cool.”

1976 – **Nancy Barnes Haas** was certified as a counselor last January after 7 years of intensive classes. She spent 4 months last spring in Florence, Italy with her small dog, writing a book and studying Italian. She is currently working as a realtor on “The Main Line” in Pennsylvania. Both of her children are in college: one in Sarah Lawrence and one in Bennington.

1977 – **Sue Rosalbo Manning, Clare Pucciarelli Cassara, Beth Martin, Mary Renda, Nancy Deutsch Kowal** and **Susan Mann Whitten** had a raucous dinner party at Susan Whitten's house in October. Susan noted that it is amazing how quickly we can regress! Susan Whitten also had great visits with **Michael Luvin** and his family and **David Fabian** and his son, David. Susan said that time goes by quickly, but good friendships last forever.

1976 – From **Caron Cassell Lerner**: "I live in South Hempstead, but I prefer the term extreme North Rockville Centre. My husband Mark and I own Rockville Camera. I am also a Massage Therapist. Our son, Jeffrey, will be a senior at UNC Charlotte in the Fall, majoring in Finance, (someone has to save our economy)! My leisure time is spent with our new Boxer puppy, Codie and playing golf. We are eventually looking forward to retiring to Cave Creek Arizona when the real estate market deems it possible."

1993 – **Jason (Jay) Clark** and his wife, Jen, are the proud parents of a baby boy, born February 5, 2009. Brody Nolan Clark weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

1993 – **Douglas Shagam** and his wife Elizabeth welcomed a little girl into their family recently. Doug and Elizabeth live in the Jacksonville area of Florida.

1996 – **Matthew Picchioni** and his wife Michelle welcomed a new member of their family on December 12, 2008. A daughter Anneliese Inez was born at Mercy Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

2003 – We welcomed **Lisa Kliegman** back to South Side in January. Lisa is interning in the Guidance Department here after graduating from Hofstra and while she is taking graduate courses at C.W. Post.

2007 – **Samantha Hicks** has been a competitive member of the Columbia University Sailing Team for the past 3 semesters. She will be studying economic and social development in India for Spring 2009. While abroad she will also be conducting interviews in both Hindi and English for an academic paper on Religion and Global Conflict.