

Skyline News Note



April 2022



The mailbox has been woefully empty.

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Zoom Recap of March 14, 2022



As masking and group event regulations are relaxed, fewer participants seem to need seeing the unmasked on Zoom and have begun to travel again. However, each Zoom brings a surprise, the special ones at the March zoom, being guest star appearances by **Jim Tompkins** and **Will Newman**.

In response to the standard questions, “What have you been doing for the last 50 years?” brought captivating and intriguing stories, full lifetimes.

For 20 years, Will and his wife have run a 20 acre organic farm. Now they are teaching small scale farming by providing a place where the “farmer-in-training” has a place to run while learning.

Contact Will at will@naturalharvest.us

Hale and hearty, Will sports a beard that easily makes him the class Santa Claus.

Jim also has been involved in Farm to Table efforts from a 600 acre farming adventure through extensive activity in energy and water development, from water rights to hydro business, solar and electricity plants and discourse about “shady people” that have flitted across this platform.

When **John Close** appeared to serenade with a box guitar, he was met with the same love of music by Jim and the promise of a duet performance on the next zoom. (Or maybe just dueling banjos!)

Initial chit-chat scattered throughout our chattering included more retrospects on the Aurora Borealis, covid updates (congrats to our recoveries), reunion thoughts* (see a different story) and old cars/guitars... 1935 Martin D28, 1972 Volvo ES, and the Roessler’s 66 corvette, a three color Sunburst, and a Jaguar. (If you haven’t taken Deb’s tour of the Black Hawk Museum, you’re missing out!). (And Shayne wants to know if she wins, still driving a ’71 Beetle.)

On the subject of failing/replacement body parts, **Donna Woody** out-humored **Mary Wood** with her tales of broken vertebrae, hip bone, cadaver bone literally screwed

into her mouth (the only sex in decades), pelvic girdles welded to backbones and other adventures of a retired nurse.

Carol reported that **Tom Mortensen, Jess Gibbs, Gay Parker and Jean Kurz Quirk** had all called in greetings but had other commitments.

Nick (George) Blackshere, Marlen Edlemann, Renee Cameto, Nancy Brick Robinson, Mary Wood, Gene Dangel and Marsha Standish also participated. Names that were dropped: **Ron Goodwin, Bob Whitesides**, Alpha Falalpha, Tom Cherry.



Come for the Fun
Stay for the Friendship
Save the date, April 11, 2022
1:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time



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The Sarvers
are back in Italy, the duffers are
aching and creaky, and we all seem
to be muddling along!

***I stopped by Kasper's to get a
cholesterol injection and was told
how much they miss us and hope
to be open for seating in
April. sdc***

Kudos to **Jennifer Foreman De
Grassi Williams** for a great article
in the latest AARP Magazine
(Feb/March 2022) "The Roving Art
Teacher" about her wonderful
contributions "bringing creativity to
isolated children in the rural
Northwest" in her Project Van Go,
the mobile art school which she has
run for 45 years! She's helped so
many kids to have a much better
life...THANK YOU Jennifer!!!

 **Maggie Margaret Rait Muat
Jones**



Gay Parker:

Don't know if anyone interested in
clothing representing Skyline
High: [Click on T-Shirt](#)

How many lives may have crossed
the weekend of March 27-28 at the
SF Boat races where
among several "only in San
Francisco" moments, a whale
invaded the racecourse causing a
45-minute delay (much more
entertaining than what happened at
the Academy Awards)!

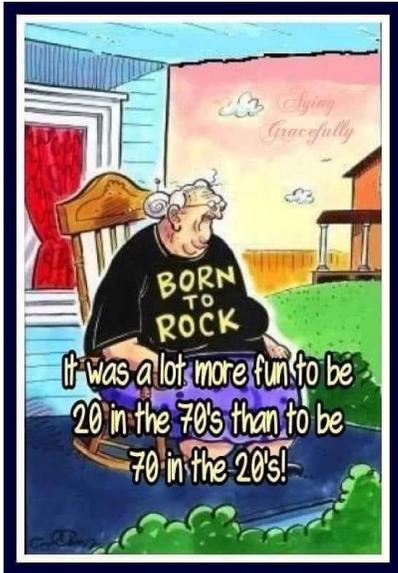


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Outside my condo is a tree with flowers around it and a big rock. Rossmoor, the senior community where I live, is big on big rocks. There were daffodils, but they died last week. A friend of mine who also lives in Rossmoor has been saying for a couple of weeks...."it's time for the iris, it's time for the iris." This week they bloomed.

I am very grateful Rossmoor residents have been dragging their feet about starting drought planting, because I am a plant killer, so I enjoy other people's gardens. The only thing I can manage is cactus and bromeliad. This year I brought a paper white narcissus to grow inside, and it never bloomed. My friend and helper Cici brought me a hibiscus, or "an" hibiscus, and it bloomed the next day. Don't ask me about "a" and "an". I was an English literature major, but that doesn't mean I know grammar.

I love flowering trees, and since we are in California, there is one kind that blooms in January. I look forward to seeing that first flowering tree. I appreciated it more when I understood that most of the rest of the country had snow in the winter. I learned it when I came back from a four-month detail in Washington, D.C. in 1974. It was my first trip away from the West Coast. The view on the flight across country in September was beautiful. I was looking forward to enjoying the same view on the way back in December, and made sure I got a window seat. But surprise, surprise! Everything was white with little black things sticking uptelephone poles.

Still, I didn't quite "get" how different California was until my husband's aunt and uncle came out from Ohio in December on their way to Hawaii. My husband and I put on our rubber chicken noses (not my idea) and went to meet them for coffee. As we walked into the restaurant, his aunt stopped to touch a flower on a bush outside the restaurant and say with awe: "Flowers!"

When I was 20, I created a spring ritual of standing under that first flowering tree and reciting a poem by A. E. Housman. But this year I didn't get to it until last week. I saw a lecture on Zoom recently about how Covid has traumatized people, and I think it has for me. I think I am afraid to go to group meetings, because I manage to wake up with a migraine when I'm scheduled to go to one. And because I am obese, I know I am at a greater risk for serious Covid and that the vaccine may be less effective. Based on my parents and grandparents I was planning to be around until 85 and maybe to 99.

It is not just Covid: I get SAD (winter depression) and have a total shoulder replacement upcoming. And I am getting wrinkles, and I am trying to clear up clutter, and I don't have a boyfriend...yada, yada.

Here is the poem:

LOVELIEST OF TREES

by A. E. Housman

Loveliest of trees the cherry now,
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland
ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.



Now of my three score years and ten,
Twenty will not come again.
And take from seventy years a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom,
Fifty years are little room
About the woodland, I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

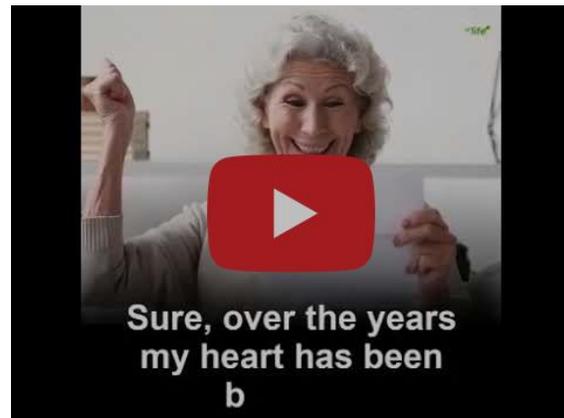
Actually, I recite this twice; once as written so it will scan. The second time with the actual age. So, at 31 it was "Now of my three score years and 10, 31 will not come again. And take from 70 years a score, that only leaves me 49 more." Of course, since I turned 70 it has been a problem. Do I say, "I'm in overtime?" Before Covid, I was thinking "four score."

If it happens, the first is tree is not a cherry tree or has pink petals instead of

white....well, the ritual is not really about cherry trees but about getting through the winter blues and about how much pleasure blooming trees and flowers bring to my life.

Mary Wood

Submitted by **Tom Mortensen**

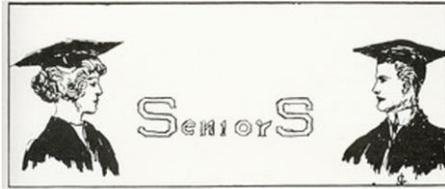


Skyline High Class of 1964 60th Class Reunion

It is almost two years away from the anniversary of our high school graduation sixty years ago and there have been indications that some are up for more partying.

Some have mentioned that they now prefer daytime celebrations (sdc still likes to dress up and go out at night) in easily accessible venues with adequate parking.

So! Give us some feedback. Please click on the "SeniorS Picture and take a brief survey.



Click on the Image
to take our Survey

Author's Corner

We have many authors in our class.
Let us know if you are one and we will be happy to add you.

[Carol Kay Attia](#)

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[Clyde D. Batavia](#)

[Keith R Brehmer](#)

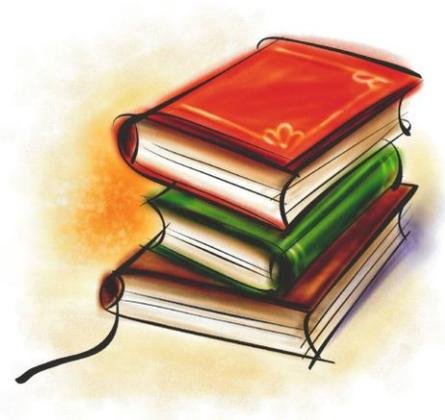
[Renee Cameto](#)

[Dhyanis \(Diane\) Carniglia](#)

[Shayne Del Cohen](#) and also OURSTORYINC.COM

[Merilyn Copland](#)

[Janet Streb Greenwood](#)



[Ann Hitchcock](#)

[Mark Kamena](#)

[Tom La Marre](#)

[Bruce Quan](#)

[Nataile Reid](#)

[Dave Siegle](#)

[Kent Willis](#) and his [second book](#)

[Jennifer Foreman de Grassi](#)

[Williams](#)

Those that have holes in their hearts.....may they mend with warm memories
and the collective care from Skyline64.



— HaPpY
BiRtHdAY



April

- 01 Barbara Uhlig Harbidge
- 03 Kathy Costa Rocco
- 05 John Briggs
- 06 Diane Breen Helman
Bob Bevier
- 08 Linda Barkas
- 09 Don Sarver
- 10 Gail Gershanov Eiselman
- 13 Cindy Gibbs Parker
- 16 Gerhard Brostrom
- 18 Judy Long Lofing
- 19 Sharon McWalters
- 20 Melissa Silverman Willaby
- 23 Dave Siegle
- 24 Gary Montgomery
Sherri Gribben Hester
Tom Simpson
- 25 David Niemand
- 27 Gary Caso
- 29 Mark Kamena

May

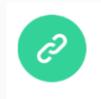
- 06 Bruce Goddard
- 07 John Close
- 12 Laynee Melmet Goodstein
- 19 Ken Hood
- 25 Marti Heath



July of '45 or '46 must have been extremely warm. Unfortunately, no data available for that time:

Meanwhile, with April, all the 47'ers now join the 3/4 Century Ranks with some of the 46'ers leading the charge into 76! May we all enjoy a safe and enjoyable trip around the sun!

Have you looked at our Skyline 64 Reunion website recently? Wouldn't it be great if everyone updated their information and added a fresh biography? Need help doing that? Contact me; I am happy to help! The link to the website is the green button below. carol@george-carol.com



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