



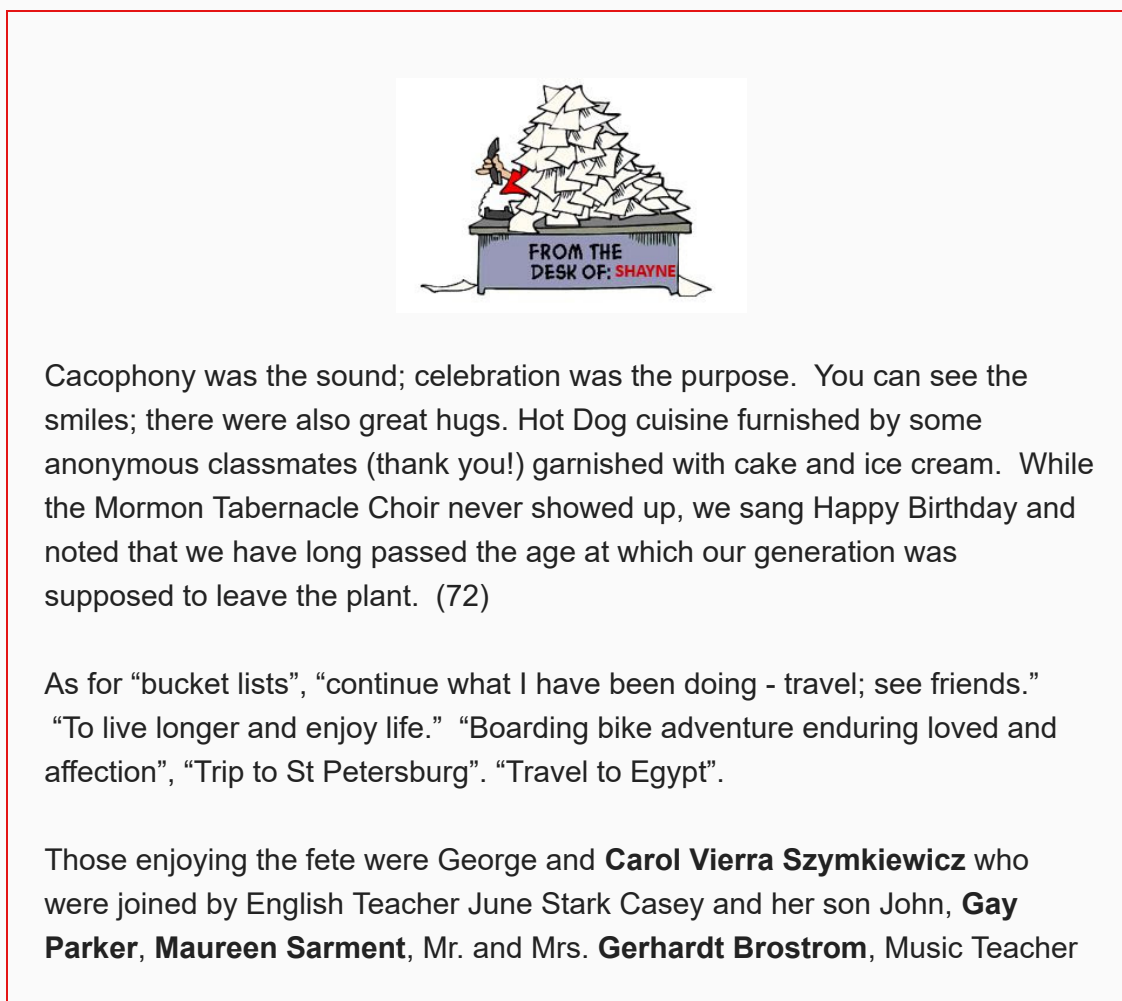
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Richard Adams and his wife, Pat, **Bruce Quan, Mildred Caldwell Swafford, Nancy Brick Robinson** (who won the distance award, coming from Modesto), **Debbie Agee Roessler, Cynthia Young Harelson, Bob Falaschi, Sue (Girton) & Dorian Glanville, Barb Uhlig Harbidge, Sharon Mc Walters, Howard Allen, Richard Clarke** and grandson Joaquin, **Dan Wightman, Gary Sommer** and **Marsha Standish** and of course our hostess, **Shayne Del Cohen!**

We missed those that planned to come but out of caution for the Covid resurge, did not.

We'll have to wait until it dies down and out of caution will not schedule an August Kaspers.



We love to hear from you!
Please send Shayne an email at shayne@sprintmail.com



Shayne Del Cohen and Gary Sommer



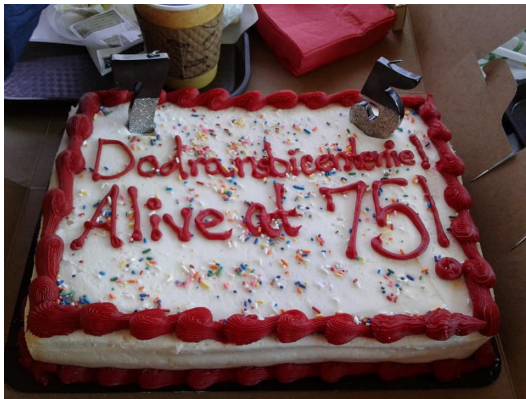
June and her son, John Casey



June Stark Casey,
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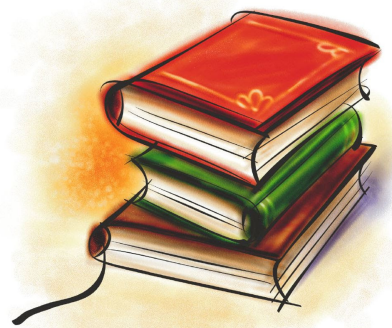
CANCELLED IN AUGUST



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.**

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Evacuation order was lifted earlier this week. And I'm back home at the river.

Everyone's structures saved, thanks to the NFS's determination and guts—from fixed and rotary winged aircraft, to drone igniters and dozers, firefighters who rappelled from copters into the canyon or trudged up canyon through catsclaw and rattlers, and, finally, to clearing the pinyons and junipers and installing sprinklers around our places, "value assets" in their lingo. It was complicated because the main containment line, to protect Sedona and Cottonwood, was five miles to our rear in more accessible desert, leaving us between the fire and the line. Two fires and one flood in Guerneville; one fire in Sedona: Four evacuations in three years. I'm going for the record.

Michael J Marcum



Hugs. What we've missed during our Covid crisis is touch.

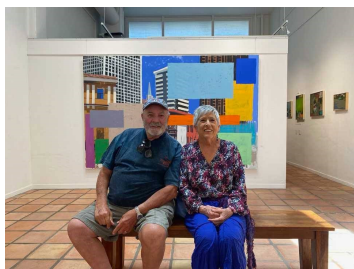
I'm writing this month some thoughts about the last 16 months. And hoping we never have to shelter again.

How unpredictable life is! Covid and 9/11 have taught us that. When I read science fiction in the 60's and the 70's, I read stories about space battles, men on Mars, and world-wide plague; and the first two were more believable. What the plague stories anticipated was a few people separated by large distances, or small communities. They didn't mention many people isolated in their homes and missing hugs.

No hugs for those of us who are single and went "full shelter." Couples were better off, but at our age range, most of us have been separated from our children and grandchildren. I'm sure most of the travel in the last few months has been reunions. Saddest though

Carolyn (Gordon) Gilder posted a note on CM of her grandson, Josh: He won the contest in Florida at the American Idol experience , that gave him the gold ticket for American Idol in 2011, Ya!

Claude Sanders checked in....not impacted by fires as of yet; **Bob Blesse** in evacuation area and with a few more stories about various adventures.



Deeana McLemore and Hubby

Thought you might get a kick seeing I finished the book. Just had a meeting with our publisher. Printed books will be done in about 3 weeks. Been very educational going through the process in getting a book published. They will be setting up pod cast, and talks. Also will be on Amazon, Barnes and Nobel, LeRue Press, etc. Personally I don't think it will go anywhere, but been fun seeing it through. They say they have put it out to school districts with favorable reviews. Who knows?

Clyde Batavia

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was that people in hospitals or nursing homes couldn't have family and friends visit. I had two friends who died that way. And communication with one was limited, because she couldn't talk or read.

Other thoughts about Covid:

Development of the vaccines have restored some of my faith in American "can do". On the other hand, my faith in Americans has declined. I fear "death by the dumb." I hate to use the word dumb, but because it sounds intellectually arrogant; but when people won't get the vaccine, that is not ignorance, it is just plain dumb.

I was very angry at government and media because we weren't informed in February that the virus could be airborne; that is, we were told it was spread by droplets, such as from sneezes, and that droplets fell. But a friend posted on Facebook in February that the Chinese had a small study that showed the virus was airborne as well. Chris Cuomo, Andrew Cuomo's brother, didn't know. He has a radio show, and in March I heard him trying to puzzle out how his wife got Covid from him. He didn't sneeze on her; he quarantined in the basement; they sanitized everything and still she got sick. Chris didn't know that it could have been circulating in the air in the house. But Trump already knew: he was told in February. But many scientists didn't believe it. Finally in July 236 scientists wrote WHO, and both WHO and CDC posted articles on their website.

Clyde's book and others in our new column Author's Corner.

Won't be there on the 19th, but I know everyone will have a good time!

Here I am with my new acquisition...so much fun!



Had been thinking of getting a Tricycle, since some balance issues and osteoporosis are problems, when, Voila!, my neighbor pulled one out of the garage to sell.

Snapped it up! Didn't have to put it in a vehicle, YAY!

It's perfect for where I live, because.... flat ground and four private street courts, connected to each other. Yippee! —Lissa.

Melissa Silverman Willaby

My biggest realization these last 16 months was that I could live alone and be OK. When I lived alone in my late 20's and 30's, I was frequently depressed. After my husband died, I moved in with my sister and her husband temporarily, but it turned into 6 years. I needed to sell my condo; I got cancer; I had two replacement surgeries, and I bought another condo in Rossmoor. When sheltering started I had just moved to Rossmoor for its social activities....and they all stopped.

One of the ways to deal with grief is to keep busy, and I had been keeping busy for 6 years. I had taken many trips, studied piano and singing, etc. Sheltering was restful.

It was like being on a non-spiritual retreat where I could do exactly what I wanted other than seeing friends: binge-watch Netflix, read, avoid housework, and stay up as late as I wanted. Zoom was my lifesaver. Virtual conferencing was something I had read about in Arthur C. Clarke's 1956 book, "The City and the Stars." And here it was. Facebook also gave me much pleasure.

And I recovered a joy in living. After my husband died, I wasn't very enthusiastic about life. My family is long-lived, and I dreaded being alone for 20 years, yet I dreaded meeting someone and losing another partner. Life seemed like something to endure. But the very real possibility I could get sick and die made me realize I wanted to live. I feel like a nerd admitting to you the reason that popped into my



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thing I have in common is the word
"retired".

Amazing that they were able to fix it.

Best,

Neal Evans

mind: "I have so many more things
to learn!" So, I have much enjoyed
learning more about music and
writing, and a smattering of other
subjects this last year. I admit to
mostly listening to lectures and not
studying very hard!

I've learned these last 16 months
that I have changed since I was
young and depressed, and that I
can still change. But the
announcement today that we should
mask inside has me screaming
inside. I have a strong desire to
break and throw things. I've
learned a lot these last 16 months,
but I don't want to shelter again.



Randy Silver

Keep fighting the good fight!

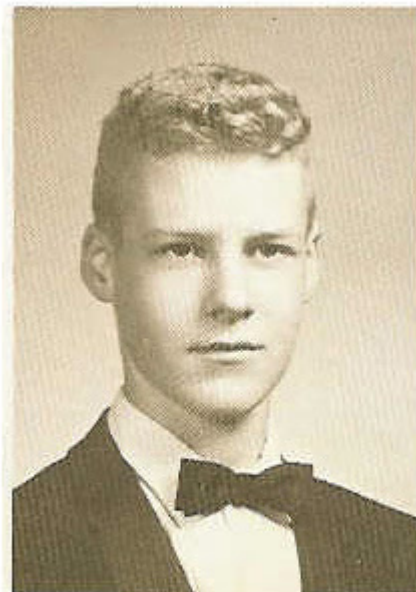
Did you know?

(William) Bill Sturm was in charge of the
Oakland History Room for many years and
helped grow it and focus it on local history. He
retired in 2001.

Sturm was born in Oakland, and grew up in the
Laurel District, attending Laurel Elementary,
Bret Harte Jr. High, and Skyline High School.
He started with the Oakland Public Library
while in college at San Francisco State in
1965, working at the Glenview Branch.

Numerous authors of local history have been
helped by Sturm's research, including:

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William Sturm

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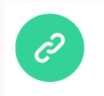
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