

Skyline News Note



August 2022

July Zoom Recap



From the Desk of SDC

Although lightly attended, the zoom was another few hours of conviviality and a time to learn something new.

Carol, rested from her trip to South Carolina, kept the chatter going, despite **Ken McCracken** getting frozen on screen and seemingly was without audio.

(A note from Shayne to Ken:

Shayne del Cohen

Nice to see you; would have been great to hear you!

Ken McCracken

Shayne del Cohen it is said that I tend to talk too much Anyway!)

John Close pleaded stage fright as the reason he did not serenade the crowd, but promised another appearance in August.

Tom Mortensen started the weather conversation, reporting in at 114 in So Cal; **Martha Gooby Micks** talking about humidity plus 80 degrees in Minneapolis. She

also had some vignettes about her latest foster puppy which launched **Donna Woody Russell** into a soliloquy about Sunshine, her rescue kitty. Donna did not lose her sense of humor when her kidney stones were extracted, but she did lose 25 pounds from three weeks of not eating.

Ginny Huber Howery (Arizona mountains at 99 degrees) reported that her Iditarod-racing-son has recovered from that endeavor and is now car racing. Her younger son just accepted a position in Sacramento where he will be teaching philosophy in a few area junior colleges after obtaining his PhD in Western Ontario.

Nancy Brick Robinson stated her garden still needs weeding but grew more effusive in discussing her impending presidency of the Modesto Garden club, particularly the club's therapeutic programs for homeless and schools. She is also having a set of new adventures through her daughter (chef at the country club) whose side gig is creating jewelry and selling at pop up events, etc.

Marsha Standish reviewed her trip to Sweden, Italy and Norway, experiencing Covid mid trip. **Gay Parker** has continued to travel and **Sharon McWalters** (just back from the dentist) was regretting her inability to attend the annual birthday party because "we are so short-staffed at work". No one has yet caught the Northern Lights!

Short staffing and dental mentions brought comments from **Marlen Edlemann** who says "she's trying to retire but they're short-staffed". The Toothcoach has said she'll take the hard cases to let younger (newer) staff learn the ropes. "Take care of your teeth" admonished **Carol** whose George has been having "issues".

Nick (George) Blackshere reviewed his career as a science teacher in the OUSD, emphasizing his time at the Chabot Science Center with Dr. Wightman (Dan's Dad) as principal.

Shayne apologized to those that received a robo scam plea from her. She said that she would never ask for anything like that and that the prize went to **Cynthia Young**

Harelson who said she know it wasn't from sdc: "The grammar was all wrong."

The next zoom is August 8th - details in article below.



Work on the Montclair Plaza is finished and we have **Gay Parker** to thank for the shout-out to our wonderful teachers at Skyline. Thank you, **Gay!!**



**Have something to share with us? Please drop
Shayne a note at the address below.**

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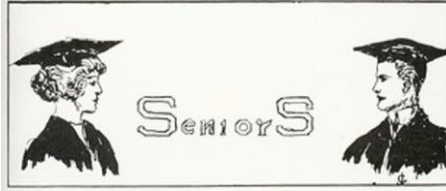
August 8, 2022 Zoom Party 1:00 PM Pacific Daylight
Time (Link Below)

August 15, 2022 Kasper's 1:00 pm
2551 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602

Skyline High Class of 1964 60th Class Reunion

Thank you to the 43 classmates who have responded!

Last Chance to Participate in this Survey



Click on the Image
to take our Survey



This lovely, portable coffee table was made by our very own **John Close**. He says it is for sale, but I am not sure if he will willingly part with it!

Zoom Meeting Information

August 8, 2022

1:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time



You can't know the fun and companionship that goes on here unless you participate. We welcome all of you to come and say "hello" to a classmate you haven't seen for a while!

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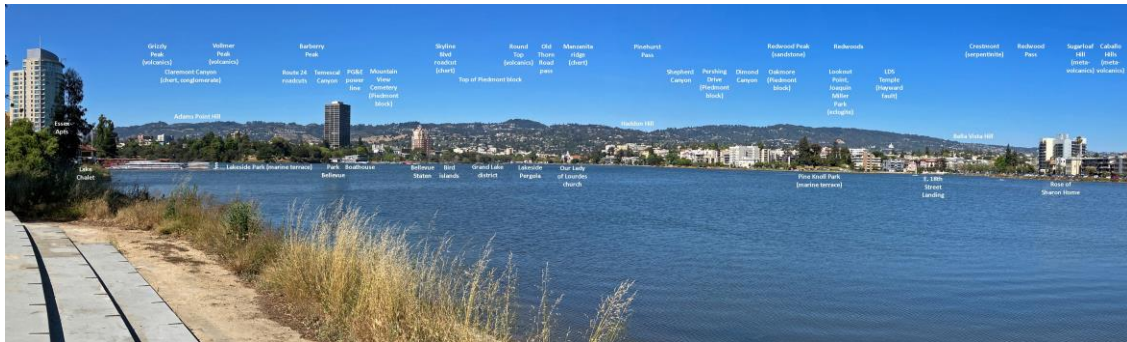
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I loved the note from Olav Gronlie. Having been a friend of Arch Horst and living around the corner in Piedmont Pines from him, I also became friends with Olav through our high school year(s). I read these reports each month and appreciate receiving them. But, I

Face Book Exchange on the [Skyline High Class of 1964 Page](#)

Bob Blesse asks:

Does anyone remember Mr. Barata (sp?) who taught typing, among other things, at Skyline? I have him to thank for making me such a typing whiz, even at my advanced age! It was a grueling class, but built a foundation I will always be grateful for. I cringe when I watch most people type today.

I've enjoyed the '64 interactive posts today and the groundswell of caring

especially enjoyed reading about Olav's post-Skyline HS life in the States and now back "home" in Norway. Quite a guy! I understand the "blood is thicker than water" aspect to life, and I am quite lucky to have my two children and their families in nearby communities.

My best to you, Shayne. Also, to Olav and the rest of my Skyline '64 classmates.

Cheers/Skol(skål),
Bill Moon

Talked to **Ben Leet** who is safe and sound....as he explained to me, Mariposa is a big area and he about 20 miles away from the fire. He sends greetings to all.

And had a few words to say about Mr. Adams:

Mr. Adams, music teacher. Later he went on to become principal of Montera Jr. High School, I think. I took his music class, I was a senior, last hour of the day, 1964. He allowed me to play a Bach fugue in class, a demonstration of the fugue.

and support for our dear friend,
Tom LaMarre. Proud to be a Titan!

Melanie Baltezare responded:

I remember Mr. Barata! However, as I recall, mostly boys took autoshop, and mostly girls took typing. **Deeana McLemore** and I took both.

Any High School boys who took typing are probably now way ahead of the game in typing on computers. Those of us who took autoshop learned valuable things about working on cars-- mostly obsolete now! Who knew the future ? !

Dennis Osanna replied to **Melanie Baltezare**

yep that was me auto shop and stuck with it retired from automotive industries as Director of service and parts at dealerships

Gay Parker wants to know:

Do people type today!!!???

Maureen Sarment replied

Gay Parker on computers and iPhones gay but for me it one peck at a time

Gay Parker replied

While playing piano today I still think of him, occasionally, not too often. I think he's listening while I play. This is a high compliment of someone who made a lasting good impression on me. Hello Mr. Adams, I hope you read this and my memory serves me accurately. My piano skills are amazing to me, mediocre to most listeners, still love it.

Ben Leet

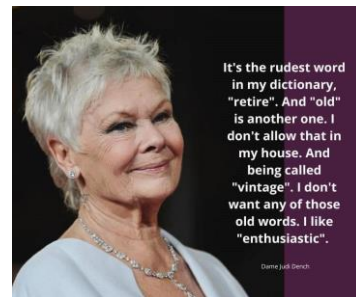


**Van Walbridge, Steve Kirchner,
Michelle Reynolds and Rod
Bengston**

Maureen Sarment right it's like one finger or what I'm doing now one thumb.

Maureen Sarment replied
Gay Parker exactly

Marlen Edelmann added
PS one of the best decisions I ever made ad a high-school was taking typing class in 10th grade. It has served me well my whole life.





New Tunnel Top Park in Presidio, San Francisco
Click on Image for the Story

Annual Birthday Party at Kasper's July 11, 2022





"Still Getting Our Kicks at 76!"

Gary Sommer's blowing out the candles

Barbara Uhlig Harbidge and Maureen Sarment

Marsha Standish and her husband Ralph Merolla

**Barbara Uhlig Harbridge, Cynthia Young Harelson, Maureen Sarment, Tom
LaMarre**





Mr. Adams and **Shayne**
George and **Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz**
Gay Parker and Maureen Sarment

A message from **Stanton Lore**



A JOINT MESSAGE FROM
DAV and the DAV Auxiliary

Dear Stanton,

On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court held in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution requires a state to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-state.

Accordingly, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) now recognizes all same-sex marriages without regard to a veteran's state of residence. However, 38 U.S.C. 101(3) and § 101(31) define "surviving spouse" and "spouse" as persons "of the opposite sex." These definitions were not specifically addressed in the Supreme Court's decision or by a subsequent statute.

The Veterans Marriage Recognition Act would amend the existing statutes and define a spouse as "who was lawfully married to a veteran, including a marriage between two persons of the same sex." This bill would also remove the requirement "of the opposite sex."

DAV supports S. 4308—the Veterans Marriage Recognition Act of 2022, which would codify the VA's current practice of recognizing same-sex marriages into law. This would provide protection of same-sex marriages within the VA and not allow a change based on policy.

Please contact your Senators and urge their support for this important protection. Thank you for your support of America's disabled veterans and their families.



My technological problems are proliferating again. One issue is my Samsung Galaxy Buds Live (that is, earbuds), which I purchased February 8, 2021, for \$129.99 (before tax) from Amazon along with 3 lbs. of Anna and Sarah's Dried Pitted Prunes (\$17.99.) The Pitted Prunes are long gone. The earbuds have been used once.

This is all Carol Symkiewicz's fault, by the way. On one of our Class of 64 Zoom calls, she exulted over them and practically forced me into buying them, swearing that I would love them. When they arrived, I called her to ask what to do with them, and soon I was swearing. After two hours trying to explain pairing to me, Carol deserted me. Pairing is introducing your earbuds to the phone or computer and vice versa. So last week, after a year and a half praying for the courage to try again, I asked my helper to figure them out.

My helper, Cecelia, is a woman I hired when I dislocated my hip last year and then for the knee surgery two months later, and somehow she is still here. She is, I hope, the last of a long chain of helpers since my husband died who are aiding me in the Incredible Shrinking Junkyard. The goal has been to reduce 1336 sq. ft of stuff from condo & garage & storage cabinet (a mere closet) into a smaller condo of 842 sq. ft. plus storage cabinet. After 3 years working on the chain gang it still looks like 950 sq. ft of stuff, but we are getting to my books, papers & memorabilia. I have a feeling none of this stuff is not going away, but will at least get sorted. And we are mining the Mother Lode: unused tech gadgets such as the ear buds, Fitbit, and computer peripherals for my laptop.

Additionally, Cecelia is my "fashionista", because she organizes my clothes into "outfits," is trying to help me with makeup, and is my personal trainers, supervising my rehabilitation from the dislocation and knee replacement. She also helps me with tech.

Carol, it turns out that I have a problem with left and right, and up and down, at least in relation to earbuds. I'm also get very distracted by the beauty of the Mystic Bronze

charging case, but more by the fact the earbuds look like unshelled peanuts. I start salivating.

The first day Cecelia helped me, I ended up convinced that the R (for right) and L (for left) in the pretty little charging were mislabeled. They weren't. First, I put in the earbuds in the wrong ears, and then I put them in upside down. Cecelia figured this out.

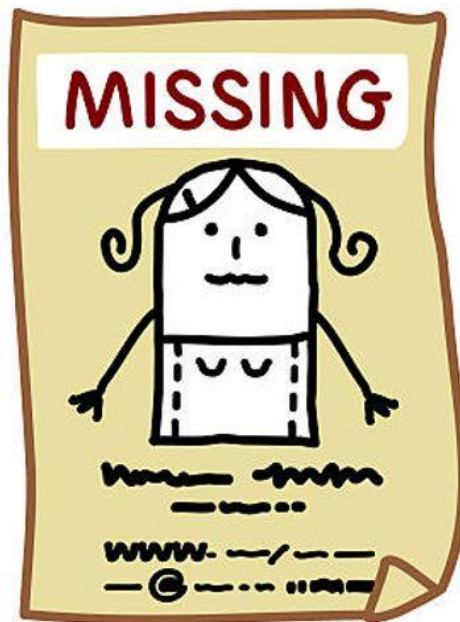
A major problem is that the left one keeps falling out of my ear. This is inconvenient because I am not supposed to reach down to the ground to pick things up, as that is the way I dislocated my hip. However, I can do fine with one earbud, as I have good hearing. At least I think so, but the AARP hearing test says I'm losing some of my hearing in one ear. As I have lived in apartments and condos with shared walls for the last 51 years, I am not upset at losing some hearing. Anyway, hearing is one thing and understanding is another. I can only understand American English. Since I like to watch British mysteries, I use CC...Closed Captioning. If they are British, they can be in British English, Scottish, Irish, all of which have different accents, or from Yorkshire, Shetland, Cornwall, Northumberland, Australia, or New Zealand. In other words, I can't understand half of it.

The next task is getting the earbuds paired to the computer, and then perhaps segueing to my Fitbit. Watch this space!

Mary Wood



Dan Wightman



Looking for **Ken Gembrin** and **Joyce Curran**

Any word on these two Titans?

Reminder! If you are looking for someone from our class, let Shayne or Carol know. We are happy to help look!!



August

- 03 Dick Johns
Rene Dokos Rores
Richard Ott
- 04 David Schendel
- 07 Bruce Quan
- 12 Bob Main
- 14 John Rochios
- 15 Doug Wood
- 17 Shayne Del Cohen
Frank Vendetti
- 18 Marilyn Hope
Susan Louise
- 20 Cathy Freel Bellinghausen
Mike Marcum
- 21 Maureen Sarment
- 23 Ken McCracken
Gary Hills
- 25 Bob Falaschi
Geri Sanford Saunders
- 26 Janet Streb Greenwood
- 27 Donna Jenkins
- 28 DeeAna McLemore
- 29 Katheen Hender Catanho
- 30 Roxanne Vallis



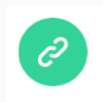
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- 01 Margaret Rait Muat Jones
Virginia Keller
Larry Day
Bill Dye
Marsha Haner Johnson
- 04 Michael B. Myers
- 06 Steven Daniel
- 07 Sharyn Carroll
- 08 James Morgan
- 09 Tom Cherry
- 13 Phil Rocco
- 14 Tom Lamarre
- 17 Richelle Lieberman
Willard Newman II
Neal John Evans
- 20 Dennis Osanna
- 21 Terrence Robert Monohan
- 22 Barbara Lauck Johns
Terry Sanzo
Larry Woods
- 24 John Herrera
Bob Barklow
- 26 Roger Sexton

31 Bob Blesse
Lynne Beitelspacher Head

27 Jessamine Gibbs Gadsby
28 John Ballinger
Sue Telford Smith
28 Donald Schnarr

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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