

# *Skyline News Note*



**December 2021**



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oster Girl for the Month:  
Virginia (**Ginny Braun**) LeFever

Question: what is the Skyline Senior Center. Do our Alumni help out there? Hope all is well with you. I am doing well just getting older (aren't we all!). Continue to volunteer at our Fire Dept. and help a couple of elderly women with whatever they need. Also continue to take care of my two acres and what with the rain we have had it is a daily job of



I t's so nice to hear from you! I don't get on Facebook very much so it was great to see what everyone's up to love how you put all the posts up ♡.

I'm still living in Pleasanton. Georgie and I have been married 56 years: 6 grandkids, 5 great grandchildren kids.

**Lynda (Corrolla) Hendrix**

Re: Skyline Class of 1964 Monthly News!!

Another great information packed issue. Thank you so much. Sorry to hear about Steve Rheingold and Donna. Time flies by and we continue to lose our classmates. I treasure these newsletters and wish I were closer. Hope to be at the Dec skype meeting. Hugs and thanks...**Marlen (Edelmann)**

trimming, pulling out, cutting tree limbs and anything else I can think of.

Take care and my best to all.

**Sue (Jones) Conner**

\* To answer Sue's question, that is what

**Don Schnarr** called an impromptu luncheon that included himself, **Millie (Caldwell) Swafford, Barb (Uhlig) Harbidge, Howard Allen, Maureen Sarment, Gay Parker, Cynthia (Young)** and Doug Harelson, **Shayne Del Cohen** and **Marylaird Wood**.

I'm still in Lampe, Missouri (Ozarks) close to Branson, Mo, and Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Just retired from The Engineering Dept. Of the Hilton Hotel in Branson. Maybe now I'll be able to finally connect with everyone. I have 7 acres in Missouri and my own woodshop, still building cabinets and doing odd jobs in the community. Don't know if they have any record from 1964, but I was the woodworker of the year 3 years in a row and would love to print that document for my wall in the woodshop. I spent 33 years in the Navy

**Jacobs** PS I really have to get going with the books, my classmates are putting me to shame. MJ

Thanks for the heads-up re my forthcoming 99th.

I always enjoy the news items you send us - they're intelligently prepared, fun to get, keep us current, and bring up the memories.

You might tell your husband that at one time I could say the Lord's Prayer in Polish (Oicha nash, tourest yest nebya, svencha imyot foya baunch volla . . . . . plus a number of Polish expressions such as chervoni nos, yeden klasse. I doubt if a Polish person could figure these out today. I got them in the Navy in WWII in the South Pacific where I met many Gruszkas, Zepkos etc.

Best wishes - **John Hills**

SEABEES retired 1998. Worked at Omaha Home for Boys for 3 years with my wife, Starr, who is from Upstate New York. We've been married 44 years. I was supervisor of maintenance at a resort in Branson for 7 years and then with Hilton for 15. Hi to everyone, I lived close by **Claude Sanders, Linda Wood, and Diane McLemore.** (Hope I spelled their names right).

### **Ron Wofford**

On Vets' day. I found myself in line at Corral Burgers, a popular place in Mt Vernon, with big model choos running all along the ceiling. In front of me were a couple seedy Old Bums, in old jeans and flannel shirts, and of my generation – you know – Old Vietnam Era Guys. We sized each other up, and knew immediately that we had served back then. Same profanity, same friendly insults, same jaundiced outlook. One had been a medic who

### **More on the grandparent scene:**

#### **Cathy (Freel) Bellinghausen:**

children: 1 boy/1 girl; 4 grandchildren, 3 girls/1 boy

**Clinton Boomer** had 2 boys and 1 girl, generating 5 grandchildren (2 boys, 3 girls)

But the grand grandparents of all are **Sue (Nicholson) and Doug Wood** with their 12, edging out

**Phil Rocco** whose seven boys and two girls give him and **Kathy (Costa)** nine boys and eight girls to grandparent.

*For those of us who are childless, there are innumerable nieces, nephews and godchildren to enjoy. Needless to say, succeeding generations are on their way!*

What would I do without watching Phyllis and her spatula flip endless latkes as the kitchen air hangs so heavy with grease that my lungs shut down. Oh, and the endless

served with The Marines, the other a Tin Can Sailor, and, even though I can only call myself a Vietnam ERA vet, we connected immediately. We sat down together, ~~cussing and~~ speaking the language of the young guys we used to be.

Though none of us were affluent or famous, we had lived decent, patriotic lives. We had rewarded ourselves ourselves, though, with nice Rides!. They with tricked-out Ford Pickups, me with my ancient Austin-Healey. We kicked tires for a while, as our conversation dwindled. Time to go.

Best dam Vets' Day I ever had.

**John Close**

arguments about  
preparation: shredding or  
blending.....

**Mike Marcum**

[The website is all about Oakland, and mostly Montclair from beginning to present.](#) (Click on this link)

Easy to register and get the articles to which one can add comments (WordPress). Truly brings back the feelings from when we were kids, or very much younger anyway.

**Stan Lore**



### Top Ten Senior Pickup Lines

10. Come here often? If so, could you tell me where I am?
9. Do you have an oxygen tank?  
Because you took my breath away.
8. Like to come by and see my medicine cabinet?
7. Make like a compression sock and give me a squeeze!
6. Ever had a lap dance in a wheel chair before?
5. Do you play bingo, because I swear I've seen you B4.
4. Hey, baby. Wanna help me test my new hip replacement?
3. That pretty smile of yours would sure look good in a glass on my nightstand!
2. You're not dead yet either? We have so much in common!
1. Your heating pad or mine?



Bobby made me an Honorary Mousekateer (how many can still sing the song?!) on stage in Sacramento. We did a reenactment in the lobby after so my mom could take a pic.

### Gay Parker



### LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- \* Memory was something that you lost with age
- \* An application was for employment
- \* A program was a TV show
- \* A cursor used profanity
  - \* A keyboard was a piano
  - \* A web was a spider's home
  - \* A virus was the flu
  - \* A CD was a bank account
- \* A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- \* A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- \* And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy  
....you just hoped nobody found out





I, along with LTC Ted Pusey, USA (Ret.) were among many honored yesterday to be able to place flowers at the tomb. The process continues today. This all in remembrance of its establishment 100 years ago with the unknown from WWI...this is the first time this honor was made available to the general public.

Quite a process and a moving moment!



Warmest regards,

**Dick Johns**

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I don't need Harry Potter's Cloak of Invisibility: I have discovered how to turn invisible: it is called "old age." It happened when the Physical Therapist visited me at Rossmoor following my knee replacement surgery. He, my brother and his girlfriend and I were all together in a room. It suddenly occurred to me that everyone was off in the corner talking about me, and I might not as well have been there. I have also become "One with Humanity" which all seekers of enlightenment hope to achieve. That is because if people do remember to address me it is "we." I am glad we are united in this wonderful bond. Together we will take pills, follow exercise routines, and have BM's.

Before I continue kvetching, I'll tell you the great news which is the leg is straight and I had 100 degrees of rotation the day after surgery. The latter is partly because I have hyperflexible joints. And I will tell you how truly blessed I feel that my brother and his girlfriend came out from Arizona to help me. And I didn't have to ask. Enough gratitude. Oh, one more "grateful": since it is the left knee I can drive as soon as I get off the oxycodone.

Returning to invisibility: I was prepared for the experience because our fellow graduate Nick Blackshere had shared a similar story last summer. Nick, his daughter, and his caregiver were at the initial appointment with the doctor who would be supervising his cancer radiation therapy. The doctor began explaining to the daughter and the caregiver how radiation therapy was like a seatbelt. Nick is blind, but it was perfectly clear from the conversation that he might as well of not been there. Somewhat later in the appointment, Nick's daughter said "My father used to be a science teacher." The doctor turned to Nick and said "Why did you let me go on and on about seatbelts?" By the way, none of us have been able to figure out how

radiation therapy, which kills cells, compares to seatbelts, which are restraints.

Another “by the way”: Nick’s doctor is a woman, so there is a flaw in assuming that Nick’s story and mine are the same: his might just be women ganging up on a guy or guys. It happens; I’ve seen it. Particularly when the subject of blonde jokes, sex, etc. comes up. Their faces freeze and Alexa has to turn the heat up in the room. I say “their faces”, because I usually laugh.

I didn’t really think I’d need help after surgery, just people to see if I was safe. But my brain is a bit fuzzy with oxycodone so figuring out the medicine is an important job for the caregivers. With 17 meds of which oxycodone is every 4 hours and Tylenol is every 6, that can be 8 times a day. Here are instructions we screwed up: Remember the Tylenol every 6 hours? That is 8 Tylenol per day. But there was also an instruction to take no more than 6. It took a while before “we” (my brother and girlfriend) noticed the conflict. “We” decided it meant “take it 3 times during the day and don’t wake the patient up at night.

In addition to this month’s new slogans “The Invisible Elder” and “One with Humanity: I have another slogan . “Prematurely 80”.

The 80 refers to something I decided years ago. I used to have friends who were maybe 30 years older. I had decided that I would not start discussing my bowels until I was 80. It is a humiliation of old age that what interests people below your waist is “Have you had your BM yet”? (It was 7 days) The physical therapist who comes to the home gets stuck answering that question along with taking my temperature and blood pressure. My caregivers also had conversations with nurses and physician’s assistants. Everyone of them of course favored different products and frequencies and order. We gradually acquired-- in addition to the Metamucil I take anyway---- Docusate Sodium, Miralax, Ducolax, Senokot, and a Fleet enema. If all else fails you go to the hospital.

Next on the list: Shoulder replacement in February. And somewhere there is the cataracts.

**Mary Wood**

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More pictures of new items on our website [SomethingToSellAbout.com](http://SomethingToSellAbout.com) and our Facebook page. In an effort to keep everyone safe, face masks are required f10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day 380 - 4th Street, Oakland We are a half a block off Broadway, between Franklin & Webster Streets in the historic Jack London Square/Warehouse district of Oakland.

**Richelle Lieberman**

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**Janice Johnson McIntyre**



**Diane (Olney) Klepatz**



**Randy Silver**



**Diane (Squaglia) Fly**



**John Briggs**





Lake Merritt from Adams Point, Oakland, California, 2021

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### 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](#) \*New

[Joan Freiburghouse Bannan](#)

[Clyde D. Batavia](#)



[Keith R Brehmer](#)

[Renee Cameto](#)

[Dhyanis \(Diane\) Carniglia](#) \*Just won a prize for her book!!

[Shayne Del Cohen](#)

[Merilyn Copland](#)

[Janet Streb Greenwood](#) \*New

[Ann Hitchcock](#)

[Mark Kamena](#)

[Tom La Marre](#)

[Bruce Quan](#)

[Nataile Reid](#)

[Dave Siegle](#)

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

[Jennifer Foreman de Grassi Williams](#)



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To all of you who are experiencing health challenges or taking care of others who are.....  
a hug....or two or three, depending on what you need.  
Just remember you are not alone and you will get through this time.





## December

- 02 Peggy Tisdal Cross
- 03 John Lyman
- 04 Dennis Bushnell
- 07 Dennis Cooney  
Judy Tonini Rezendes
- 09 Susan Buikema
- 12 Marsha Standish
- 12 Margaret Pachner
- 17 Joe Peak  
Jan Descombes Bassett
- John Hills (99)**  
**We wish the best on your**  
**99th!!**
- 18 Jon Rawitzer
- 25 Pete Ramos  
Valerie Ranche
- 26 Linda Conradi  
Joan Frieburghouse Bannon
- 27 Phil Bateman  
Shirley Donaldson Whipple
- 29 Rodney Burge
- 30 Sharon Lawrence Tuttle  
Marylaid Wood



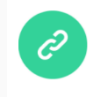
## January

- 01 Bob Alton  
Arno Krippene  
Debbie Goldfarb Denos  
Scott Noble
- 03 Cathy Wight Brown
- 04 Linda Roesch
- 06 Francesca Kahn Tillman
- 08 Michele Ayers  
Lisa Wallace
- 15 Cheryl Merrick Hultgren
- 17 Debbie Agee Roessler
- 18 Karen Juul Mihok  
Richard Street
- 22 Jim Wright
- 25 Wayne Loomer  
Janet Johnson McIntyre
- 30 Marlen Edelmann Smart  
Dale Matsui Satake
- 31 Bob Barklow



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