
Happy November! It's almost 2021!!!

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Skyline News Note



November 2020



Zoom Party Summary
October 12, 2020

John Lyman and **Bob Sabatini** sent messages since they could not attend.



From the Desk of SDC

The newest attendee was **Neal John Evans**, checking in from Seattle (being grandpa), succinct in describing his amazing astronomical career as "lots of research and international travel". When queried on whether Pluto is a planet or not, John/Neal disavowed being at the meeting that decided "no" but enhanced our learning with the introduction of dwarf planets.

Homeless discussion covered different efforts in several communities.

Covid classics included the phrase "abundance of caution" from **Dick and Barbara Johns** who quarantine (from each other) after celebrity golf tournaments. And from **Rodney Burge** who checked in without video because he "should be sent to Lambs Wool, Inc. or to the George Shearing School."

Nostalgia conversation centered around the old cars of **John Close** (who treated us with a new look), **Neal Evans** and **Tom Stallard**.

Carol's sharing of an actuarial event led to the conversation "what would you tell your 20 year old self?"

Carol: "It's not about money; it's about integrity. Need to be able to look in mirror and say I did the best I could."

Dick Johns: "Character and Integrity"

John Close: (quoting Jack Ellis) "Mistakes are only horses in disguise; no use riding them over because we couldn't ride them over if we tried."

Tom Mortensen: "Don't worry and be happy"

Debbie Agee Roessler: "Take advantage of every opportunity and take the

opportunity to travelers such as possible because that's the best education." (Deb, always relating amusing stories, related a trip to Cuba and left the story of her 70th birthday for the future) (This led to **Shayne's** recommendation of the easy read, "Next Year in Havana".)

Marsha Standish: "There will be bad times, but most will be good. Life's your vacation. I have no regrets."

Neal John Evans: "Raise more hell."

Mary Wood: "Never learn not to be a crazy romantic. Always wanted to be serene, calm and centered....never happened."

Melissa Silverman Willaby: "To make good plans. Be prepared to have plans not go the way you planned. Don't be upset. Go with the flow; be flexible (which is against my nature)."

Nick Blackshere: "I was 20 once. It lasted a whole year."

Tom Stallard: "One day at a time; be grateful for every day". (Best wishes for election, Tom)

Shayne Del Cohen: "Show me where it says no"

The closing demonstration act by **Dick Johns** was an after-dinner ditty flummoxed many and amused all. It is available at 58:40 and apparently done easier with substantial amounts of wine but on Zoom, with lots of humor and digitation. We were all corked by the end!!

Rodney Burge sent us off with a rendition of "Autumn Leaves"

Next Zoom Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020
1:00 pm



Zoom Party October 12, 2020
Complete Party Can Be Viewed Here

Note: The link to this meeting is set to "unlisted" in YouTube. You can only see this video here. It is not in the publicly available library.



Do you have something to add to our conversation or know someone in our class that needs a virtual hug?

Please send Shayne an email at shayne@sprintmail.com

Yosemite Adventure

A little too much adventure while backpacking in Yosemite Wilderness. My daughter Hillary, son Matt and I started a 5-day backpacking trip on Friday, Oct 9th planning to hike cross country from Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite, to Nelson Lake. A 2,565' elevation gain. Cross country means there is no trail leading to the lake we were attempting to find.



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To get to our destination, we started at 8,668' Tuolumne Meadows and climbed over a steep pass at 10,197' and down to a meadow and then up to the lake. We started late, so it took two days to get there. Before we started the trip, I reminded my kids that it is especially important that we stay within eyesight of each other since we are in wilderness and there are no trails. We arrived at the lake without any problems. However, on the day we were leaving, things changed. Before we left, I reminded them about not getting out of eyesight. Within 10 minutes of our hike out, Matt



somehow got out of sight. No problem, we had our walkie talkies and I told him if we got apart, to go to the meadow and meet up. Hillary and I arrived at the meadow but could not see Matt. We got a hold of him on the radio, but his voice kept getting



fainter and fainter and pretty soon we lost contact. We waited for two hours in the meadow and had lost all contact and did not know where he was. It gets dark at 6:30 and the temperature this time of year at night gets to 23 degrees. He had his tent, sleeping bag, some nuts and water filter but I had the stove so he could not heat up his freeze dried food.

My daughter and I had food but no water so could not stay where we were as it was getting dark and to get out, we needed to climb a steep 700' to get over a pass and then down 700' on the other side. Not something to do in the dark with no trail. So, we headed up the pass before dark and went to Lake Elizabeth which is on the way out of the wilderness. We knew if he came out that night, he would pass Elizabeth Lake where we were camped.

So here we are at a Lake Elizabeth, with no one around, in a wilderness that



encompasses 1,187 square miles and I don't know where my son is located and it is getting freezing. I did not know whether I should walk out tomorrow and get the rangers for an all-out search or go back over the pass and see if I could find him. Because it was dark and cold, at about 8, we went to bed. At 9:30pm, I woke up to hear what I

thought was a yell. I turned on my light and out of the darkness, here came Matt. He was so tired, he just put up his tent and went to sleep without telling us what happened.

It turns out, he arrived at a meadow below ours but thought it was the correct meadow and got turned around. That is why we lost radio contact. Our radios only go for two miles. He was more than three miles away and in another canyon. To get out of the canyon, he ended up climbing up the side of a cliff with his 45-pound pack and down the other side. While doing this it got dark and his head lamp went out, so he ended up using his phone light. (No reception up there).



It was pretty scary but ended well with no one hurt. I have backpacked every year for 51 years straight, but this will always be one that stands out from the rest.

Glad to be home and in a soft bed again.

John Briggs

Finally for all of you who for 23 years have asked me about the Mountain Home murals, I have a YouTube video for you to watch. I am hoping most of the murals are included in one form or another, but know there might be many missing. The video is about 43 minutes long, and some of the newscasts are old and compromised. To all of my former students, and those I wish I had in class, I still ache about what happened. Surely the murals should have still been standing to this day. I will never forget them.. or my time with you. Below is one of the Lloyd Schiller murals that got painted over.

Many blessings and be safe, healthy, happy and loved.

Jennifer De Grassi Williams



Kasper Dates

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They really miss seeing us monthly. If you live near or travel through Oakland, stop by, have a hot dog and say hello!

Skyline Zoom Party #7

November 9, 2020

1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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I belong to a group on Facebook called Oakland History. On October

Thank you. To me that post sounded sorry for myself except for the humorous comment about hair

17, 2020 I asked the following question:

I wish I still had the school savings account from elementary school. Mine was with Bank of America. Did you have one? Do you still have it? We are talking ~1956. What did you learn from this activity?

Some of the answers were amazing!! I share some of them here:

My grandfather began the school savings accounts program for AP Giannini at the Bank of Italy in the early 1900s in San Francisco. The Bank of Italy became the Bank of America. We all had our tiny books in those tiny bags, each with a shining dime each week. It was so special! **Bobbi Feyerabend**

Wow, what a great story!!! I had no idea! **Carol Szymkiewicz**

Wow how neat. If you had Miss Giannini first day she would tell class she wasn't related to AP. Giannini so no loans.

I got one in 4th grade I think and it was BofA. That's all I remember. MY mom was a big one for saving. Every month cash would go into



curlers. I went to a counselor...started with a B...

crying, and she said the boys may just have been trying to get my attention. As I did not consider myself devastatingly attractive and desirable, although my current experience indicate some men think otherwise, which is extremely ironic as obesity is a death sentence with Covid. But of course I would never argue with a man. To continue in this wildly humorous vein: As later in life at least 3 men I worked with pointed out, I seemed to be oblivious when I was around them; I'm inclined to believe the boys thought me snobby. I like the counselor's interpretation better. I am still waiting for one of those guys to come up at a reunion and say they were secretly in love with me. Except I didn't know who they were!

Mary Wood

and another reflection from Mary:

Just watched an insane combination of videos on Facebook. A Fast Times at Ridgemont High reading on Jennifer Aniston's and a delightfully sentimental parody of She's Always a Woman To Me on the Holderness Family. The latter

each envelope for budgeted items. **Gay Parker**

Yes! B of A. **Linda Woods Briggs** and **Merilyn Copland** and I did our 2 1/2 month \$5 a Day Europe trip on savings. It was a grand adventure mostly by VW bug and staying in youth hostels.

Hoo boy! You are going back! Fun fact! A school banking program was invented by Rex Stout in 1916 and adopted by 400 banks. Stout wrote the Nero Wolfe mysteries. I was enamored of Archie Goodwin, the wisecracking sidekick, but I am afraid I am more like Nero Wolfe. How strange it is to remember obscure facts like Stout inventing a school banking system and not how to turn on the oven. **Mary Wood**

I miss Oakland, but not the stairs that are not shown in the house. Would have had to move, anyway.

Will try to zoom a reunion when I can. Miss you all!

Tom Cherry

FYI - I just talked with Judy Belcher and I had bad info on our zoom. She is going for her Masters in Political Science at

has shots of the wife and children (when they were younger) with lines like "she handles their snot" and "she's the only one who knows how to do taxes." As for Fast Times at Ridgemont High it is amazingly raunchy. There is nothing more raunchy (as opposed to gross or decadent) than a high school movie directed by a woman. I swear I didn't know some of these things they were discussing in the movie when I was 16. I was off at the Presbyterian youth group playing "what's the word." The word on my back was "raunchy" which was a word I didn't know.

By the way **Bob Blesse**:

I have a complaint about one of your posts about hanging out with Rick Steen et al complaining about not having dates. I have discussed that post with a number of female friends and what I have to say is clueless, clueless, clueless. One thing I learned from Fast Times as Ridgemont High was nice guys are wusses that don't ask the girls out, you have to chase them. As I learned later in life, if the guys mainly want one thing you don't have to chase them. It is still true by the way, except some of them are

San Francisco State.

Marsha Standish

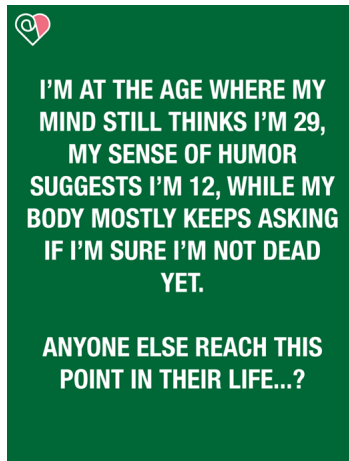


I've just posted another blog.

If interested, find it on

alkyteslifetakeaways.blog

Al Kyte



Submitted by **Ken McCracken**

scammers looking for widows on online dating site. To return to that eternal nemesis of mine, high school: Based on what my late husband told me, many high school guys were still clueless. He was asked to Sadie Hawkins Day every year and still never asked a girl out. He wasn't interested! Geez! And he looked like Brad Pitt or Phoenix Rivers or River Phoenix when he was young. Those poor girls. Take it back, I think I did ask one guy to Sadie Hawkins. He said no. If my husband had still looked like Brad Pitt at 42 I probably would have been totally speechless, but he was balding and 40 pounds overweight (but 6' 2" and he had broad shoulders!) and wore Ben Davis shirts. Sigh. I looked like Melissa McCarthy. Oh to look at old yearbooks and then go to the reunions now. These were the guys that had me speechless at 17? Now people can't imagine me speechless. Excuse me but I have to go rent the original Fast Times. P. S. I have to say that the down side of high school movies including Pitch Perfect is that they are aimed at teenage boys as well as girls and have jokes about vomiting and excrement. Of course most men never grow out of those jokes. Get a



group of guys together and they descend back into their teens.

Mary Wood



There was a virtual celebration October 23, and the documentary is on YouTube. The naturalist I remember, Paul Covell's son Jim is in it, and they talk about Paul. I thought of him as a park ranger who took our brownie troop on hikes along Leona Creek, where I learned about miners' lettuce :) Enjoy!

 **Margaret Muat**

Editor's Note: We used to meet Paul at Oakland Feather River Camp in Quincy during the summer's of 1975 through 1979. We would spend our vacations at the Camp and he was the naturalist there too! Wonderful memory!



June Stark Casey's 90th Birthday!!

Like many, **Gay Parker** has been "going through things" and she shared this little gem.

This was in our Class of 64 monthly newsletter. Interesting I thought from **Roy Langridge**

The Year is 1918

This will boggle your mind!

The year is 1918 "One hundred years ago."

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1918:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1918 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.

A dentist earned \$2,500 per year.

A veterinarian earned between \$1,500 and 4,000 per year.

And, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, And, used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any

reason

The Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
- 4 Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars .

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write

And, only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.

Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the

mind,
regulates the stomach, bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health!"
(Shocking?)

18 % of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.

I am now going to forward this to someone else without typing it myself.

From there, it will be sent to others all over the WORLD all in a matter of seconds!

It is impossible to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

We've come a long way....Joaquin Miller

This month we have a huge hug to
Martha Gooby Micks and Jess Gibbs

We are sorry to hear about the loss of your long time friends.



Happy
Birthday

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November

- 01 Barbara Bowles Holt
- 03 Clint Rylee
Karen Dodge Wetherbee
- 04 Steve Whitgob
- 05 Sheila Oxley
- 06 Barbara Renouf
- 08 Sidney Cummings
Joel Kuechle
- 10 Barbara Smith Stott
Jennifer Foreman Williams
- 11 Joetta Christopher
Tom Smith
- 12 Marlene Siegel Anthony
- 13 Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz
- 14 Kent Willis
- 15 Carlee Wells King
Joann Torbutt
- 17 Cathi Trebotich Beaubien
- 19 Gayle Smith
- 20 Ron Wofford
- 21 Nancy Klinkner Mulligan
- 26 Christopher Perry
- 27 Diane Breen Helman
Rick Steen
- 28 Diane Squaglia Fly
- 29 Jeff Prevost
- 30 Calvin Brugge

December

- 02 Peggy Tisdell 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 (98)**
We wish the best on your 98th!!
- 18 Jon Rawitzer
- 25 Pete Ramos
Valerie Ranche
- 26 Linda Conradi
Joan Frieburghouse Bannon
- 27 Phil Bateman
Diane Breen Helman
Shirley Donaldson Whipple
- 29 Rodney Burge
- 30 Sharon Lawrence Tuttle
Marylaird Wood

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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