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The illustration shows a brown desk with a computer monitor, a keyboard, a mouse, and a yellow cup of coffee with steam rising from it. A blue pen holder with pens is also on the desk. The background is a light green glow behind the computer.

**Zoom Party Summary
June 21, 2021**

We were delighted to be joined by **Virginia Huber Hawley and Jeff Jagoda** who gave their 50 year updates:

Ginny (Virginia) graduated Chico and became a teacher, married to a Navy guy so life has taken her to SoCal, Placerville and now Payson, Arizona. She raised two sons, one who is with FAA in Alaska and the other finishing a PhD in Illinois.

Jeff checked in from his home (about a mile from the Skyline campus). He graduated from SF State and did his Viet Nam era Army Reserve service at Letterman, followed by 30 years in wholesale and general merchandise. Retired at 64, has spent his time (admirably) volunteering for Meals on Wheels and St. Vincent's.

Jeff led a few nostalgia moments recalling 10cent cones at Loard's Ice Cream (resulting in one of my rolls) and \$7 frozen bananas. *(Never cared for bananas after **Martin Primrose's** monkey bit me)*

*(Let's hope Jeff leads off the attendees at July 19's Annual Birthday Party at Kasper's. This also means that **Rodney Burge** must also get a haircut and join us.....or show off what a great head of hair looks like after a year of no mowing.).*

Debbie Agee Roessler's conversation about scams led to a discussion about the opioid crisis and **Bob Main's** recommendation of "Empire of Pain" about the Sackler family. Hip replacement veterans weighed in on the impact of drugs on their recoveries. One person remarked they had thought of divorcing their spouse as they "were not the man I married" when on an opioid.

Sharon McWalters checked in from Texas where it was starting to rain *(what's that?!)* **Gerhard Brostom** breezed in at 100 mph with several subjects, most notably stories and thoughts about biking. He was particularly enthusiastic about his son in Alaska and the 350 Invitational (Iditarod-like). Somewhere in his high speed appearance, Gerhard reminisced about surfing with **Tom Brennan**, and philosophized about consumers, society and boomers.

Tom Mortensen, still smiling about retirement, is off in September to Dubai, on his bucket list to see the world's tallest buildings. **Mary Wood**, provocatively attired, nominated the Jei Maw Tower in Shanghai. *(Personally a trip to the World's Tallest Tree in the Giant Forest of Sequoia National Park at 387 feet at 800+ years should be followed by a trip to the General Sherman Tree, the "World's Largest" at 36 feet diameter and 275 feet at 2300-2700 years old.) (Also good to know that I have at least 2225 years before becoming 36 feet wide).*

This portion of conversation ended with the recommendation of catching the Smithsonian's "How they Make Things. Also contributing the conviviality were **Marsha Standish, Carson Haines and Gene Dangel.**

Please remember that Carol and I consider these newSnotes as a personal "HI" to each and everyone. But since there will be a full, live event on July 19 you can get an in-person greeting. Since everyone is scattering to catch up with "opening" there will be no Zoom until September and they will be quarterly thereafter as we all adjust to "normal" (which also means full dress rather than a zoom T-shirt!) (On the other hand, a "come as you are party might add to expectations!)



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

Zoom Party June 21, 2021

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.



Kasper Dates

JULY 19, 2021

1:00 pm

Our annual Birthday Party is on!
We are excited to see people in person -
hope you can make it!

P.S. Please drop a line to Shayne if you are planning to come so she knows how much Ice Cream to purchase!!

I stand corrected:

"An optimist will say a glass is half full; an optimist will say a glass is half empty. An engineer will say you have the wrong sized glass!

Might better be "An optimist will say the glass is half full. A pessimist will say it's half empty. An engineer will say the glass is oversized. An alcoholic will say I hope it's gin."



Shayne suggested another article (actually, a book) on online dating. I think first, though I need to discuss Men. Lately I have been explaining to my sister how a lot of her husband's behavior is "That's Just the Way Men Are," and she has found it incredibly helpful. I feel like Dear Abby. I obtained my wisdom not from marriage, but from "Men are

Will Newman II

Natural Harvest Farm

I believe it is a pessimist that says glass 1/2 empty. I'm sure that was just to test who reads snotes!!

Gay Parker

My beautiful wife, Cheryl, and I are celebrating our 53rd wedding anniversary today.

Love you forever, Sweetheart.

Here is another new one - inspired by Majida of San Luis Obispo. All of the cards can be ordered via [email: goddess@dhyanis.com](mailto:goddess@dhyanis.com) and paid for via PayPal. \$20 for 4 or \$6 for one. :



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(Dianne Carnilgia)

Susan Bingham Pate: Perhaps highlighting this new Oakland journalistic start up in the newSnotes? Some really good reporting for those interested in keeping up with Oaktown.

From Mars, Women are from Venus.," which I read in 2016. Many people criticize the book, but I wish I had read it before my husband died instead of after; it would have saved a lot of arguments. Particularly about driving. Gray's advice was never argue with your husband about driving directions, just let him get lost. Note the presumption that he WILL get lost. About the 23rd year in our marriage, at a time when I had totally given up driving, we got in an argument about directions in the Oakland Hills. He said "If you are so sure you are right, you drive", and I did. It was really arrogant of me, as I am known for getting lost. Fortunately, I accidentally found the place. (I did start driving again shortly before my husband died.)

I got into online dating after my husband died to encourage my younger brother to try it and for dating practice. Before marrying at 42 I had had a few relationships, but not much dating. I was very shy and afraid of being hurt. Being married increased my confidence and going on Prozac reduced my shyness. What I like about online dating is that it isn't really a blind date; I already know something about the guy and have emailed or talked on the phone with him. If he agrees to meet, I already know he is interested. It is a lot different than approaching a guy at a party and fearing rejection.

The big surprise was to discover that most guys describe themselves as Hopeless Romantics, and they really are. (I

<https://oaklandside.org/>



Ben Leet - looking great!!!



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mortenson!



Jane Cornwall-Darling



How I spent my summer vacation!

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describe myself as a Free Thinker.)

I shouldn't have been surprised when so men have written and sung songs about love, painted pictures, and written stories. I have met who have very deep feelings, and can be very wounded by failed relationships or death.

But men are very contradictory. Recently I read about Pattie Boyd and her marriages to George Harrison and Eric Clapton. Both were crazy about her. Harrison wrote "If I Needed Someone," "Something", and "For You Blue" about her. Clapton wrote "Layla", "Bell Bottom Blues," and "Wonderful Tonight." What could be more romantic than that? Both guys were also unfaithful. Apparently, there are some contradictions in life I am not going to be able to resolve.

We went with our grandsons to the Coliseum on our



second to last day. It was nearly empty. We came home on June 4 traveling thru JFK. We had no problems with either passport or customs. Terry and I got our J&J vaccinations the next morning. Apparently Italy just started giving vaccinations to foreigners. It will take a while to adjust but it is nice to be home.

Ciao, **Don Sarver**

Maureen Sarment!!



Happy you are out of the hospital!!



July

- 6 Georgina Mew Chew
- 10 Jayne Ross Pike
Arch Horst
- 13 Susan Nicholson Wood
Carol Hansen Hartman
Shari Bates MacGregor
- 16 Jay Goodrich
- 17 Gary Sommer
Wolfgang Werner
- 18 Judy Israel Hoeshler
Ron Cleary
- 20 Cathy Karsh Cobel
Elaine Lorentzen Nielson
- 23 Laura Beach
- 27 Robert Kelley
- 29 Janice Johnson McIntyre
George Pappagiannis
- 30 Richard Clarke
Carol Gorden Gilder
Denis Powers
- 31 Nick Blackshere

Note from Shayne: If you have moved, changed internet or phone providers, or lost 100 pounds in the last three months, please remember to let us know. And since the birthday list keeps goin MIA, do let us know what it is!

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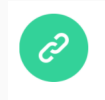


August

- 03 Dick Johns
Rene Dokos Rores
Richard Ott
- 04 David Schende
- 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
- 31 Bob Blesse
Lynne Beitelspacher Head

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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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