

## *Skyline News Note*



**June 2022**



### **Zoom Recap of May 9, 2022**

In response to Carol's reminder, "Stop by and say Hello!", **Polly Franklin** checked in from England, **Marsha Standish** checked in from Chianti, Italy (after Stockholm and before Norway), and from Washington (**Marlen Edlemann Smart**) to Texas (**Neal John Evans** reporting 100 degrees in Austin) the two hour "drop in" included **Tom Mortensen, Mary Wood, Ken McCracken, Susan Bingham Pate, Gay Parker, Sharon McWalters,** and **Nick Blackshere.**

Travel was the first major topic, with Susan planning a trip to Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Jordan (her daughter is involved with Teachers on the Move - a longterm subbing group). "Oh the places you'll go" was a prognostication that Skyline 64 has explored the globe (and John the heavens). Travel agencies and airlines were rated, safety issues raised, various modes of interconnection described. So if one needs travel advice.....

Polly gave detailed descriptions of her home in Norfolk, England, "a bump in the road" across the water from Amsterdam. (Norfolk to Amsterdam is equivalent to San Francisco to Seattle). Famous Sandringham, on the shores of what was once called

the German Ocean) is not far away and Polly's pastoral setting is becoming a favorite of the "London set" as it is only a 2.5-3 hour train ride from London. (And one mile further to Polly's home). A "cliff fall" nearby revealed footprints of two adults and two children from 800,000 years ago. These persons were not Homo sapiens but Neanderthals; I know there is Neanderthal DNA that has shown up in many family groups, so you may want to consider a visit. Polly was effusive in inviting all to come visit. Polly shared that many things in Norfolk seem familiar; just as many are unfamiliar. In particular, she cited accents, many of them rendering the language not understandable. She shared that a lot of "old" expressions are still in use, and it took her awhile to learn that the phrase "my woman" was a very respectful reference to a married woman. The impact of Brexit was illuminating, from the possibilities generated to the difference of EU governance being much more removed and governors not being elected and thus having no power. EU legal bases differs from that of UK in that one is considered guilty until proven innocent. And the consideration that the North Countries are well managed in a democratic socialist value system that includes free education and good medical care.

Conversation turned to Amsterdam "God made the world but the Dutch made Holland" and the attitude there (regarding immigration) that "People have to live somewhere".

In the body parts department, Ken reported that he no longer rides his 31 yr-old horse. (Which one has the worst hip problem?)

Nick, heard taking his cane for a walk (he doesn't want it to just hang in a room), gave up the blonde joke of the day.

Marlen discussed the impact of Covid on the dental hygienist profession. While students could finish their book work, the access to clinical hours required for graduation and/or licensing has been compromised, to say nothing from the presence and elopement with mentors who "teach you what you don't know you don't know." She also talked about the impact of technology on the profession, charts to chartless,

the in-front-of-your-face X-rays and offices fitted with generators for electricity. One may have more than one dentist as they specialize from cleaning to oral surgery. In discussing dental insurance, “where the patient gets the short end of the stick”, she summarized that “we have a donut hole larger than the donut”. She talked of being a cheerleader for patients and the integrity of those who choose to become dentists.

Susan told a glowing story about a cap recycle and also that for about six weeks, she has been driving for Meal on Wheels and has 12 clients.

Polly chimed in with memories of working with seniors who told of wagon trains, participating in land runs and becoming share croppers in Oklahoma, to the Native Americans not allowed to go to school or go into the Ukiah ice cream shop to the placement of Indians on the Hopland Rancheria.

Do remember the adage “ If you’re not here we can talk about you”. Thus names that flitted through the conversation included **Stan Lore, Tom Muir, Karen Boswell, Olaf Gronlie,** and **Jan Descombes**. And **Bob Blesse** has returned to the US.

You'll never know what was said because the computer faeries ate the recording. So see you next time!

**THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM IN JUNE (just swoon, hopefully not for the Dubs)  
BUT DO PUT JULY 18 ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY  
AT KASPER’S, if no Covid surge.**

**Late breaking news!!!**

**Meet Tom LaMarre at Fentons's on the 14th of June at 2:00 pm.**



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

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**June 6th Kasper's**

**June 14th Fenton's 2:00 pm**

**July 11, 2022 Zoom Party**

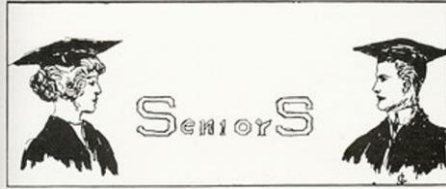
**July 18, 2022 Birthday Party at Kasper's 2551 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602**



## **Skyline High Class of 1964 60th Class Reunion**

**We have had only 32 responses - we need to hear from you!!**

Please take our brief survey and let us know your thoughts on the next reunion.





**John Close:** My Boy Jake and me on my Bday - Cee-gars, Rye Whiskey, smoked ribs - the Best!

We seem to be a little light in the mail bag; perhaps many are out making up for the last two years and not reporting on "cleaning out" projects anymore.

There was a sighting of **Rene Dokos Rores** at the service for Cheryl LaMarre. Also joining to share **Tom's** sorrow: **Cynthia Young Harelson, Peggy Tisdell Cross, Milly Caldwell Swafford, Barb Uhlig Harbidge, Gay Parker, Maureen Sarment,**

Update on **Ginny Howery's** son at the Iderod: James finished the race in 4 days 2 hours and 25 minutes.

**Dale Matsui Satake:** Busy here and will get busier. Come July 1st, I'll be board president of Side by Side Youth Services and AAUW national board member. Happy to be able to continue to help provide services to underserved traumatized youth and children at Side by Side and push for gender equity at AAUW.

Otherwise, in my 8th month of allergy shots and still working on repair work to damage from last October's bomb cyclone.

**Gary Sommer, Dan and Sandy Wightman, Rick and Cathy Steen.** Many more there in thought.

More on the adventures of **John**



**Close!**

Mayday! Mayday! Cockpit fire!!

During the rebuild of my Healey, we put in an alternator, requiring that we reverse the polarity of everything.

Oopstie - forgot the ciggie lighter, as you can see! Electricity is mischievous little demons that live in a wire. The goal is to keep them there. Their goal is to escape, and if you let them, they bring their pals - smoke and fire - with them. You don't want that.

Thank God Healeys have a shut-off switch in the trunk. Minimal damage, all good now.



**Dale Matsui and Susan Bingham** have always been on a mission of service!

The documentary "Plague at the Golden Gate" about the Chinese community blamed for the outbreak of the bubonic plague in SF in 1900 was shown on local PBS television station May 24 as part of the American Experience series and as part of Asian Pacific Heritage month.



**Gay Parker** becoming a  
Mouseketeer!

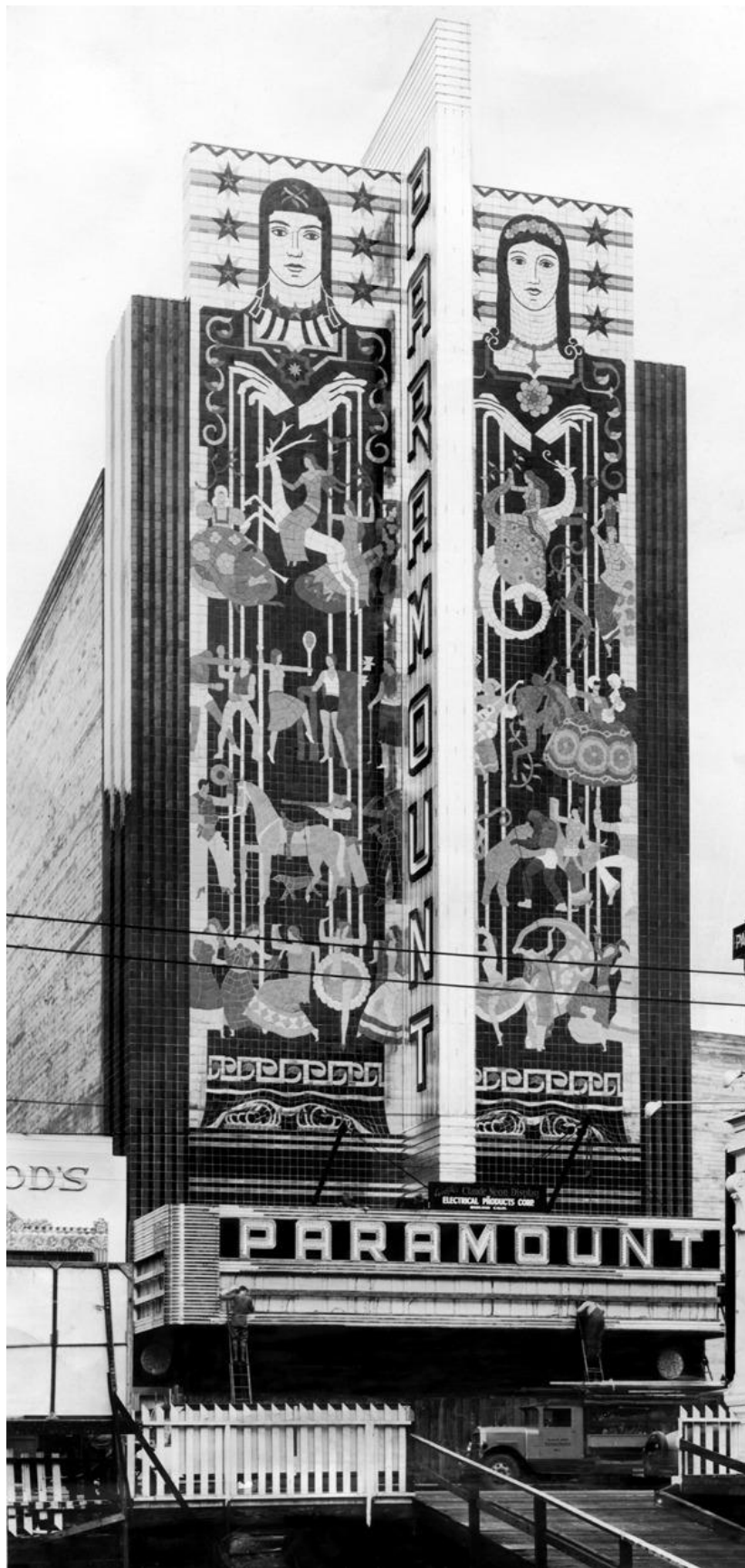
Several of the interviews in the documentary were filmed in my home along with artifacts which you might recognize like picture of Lew Hing along with his Certificate of residence under the Geary Act and a photo of our grandfather Quan Yeen with his brothers and sister along with Grandma Quan's wedding dress and some jewelry.

**Bruce Quan**



**Cynthia Young Harelson** enjoying  
a great  
meal!!





Click on the Image for other things to do in Oakland.



### For Memorial Day

Vietnam still haunts our generation. I became “awakened” to vets and their experiences and problems after Carol Szymkiewicz presented a tribute for vets from our class at the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. And I decided to re-think everything I had thought about soldiers and those who went to Vietnam.

Sometimes I think about what coming home from Vietnam to the liberal, mostly anti-war Bay Area was like for vets. Shad Meshad, who served in Vietnam as a psychiatric social worker and later founded the National Veterans Foundation, describes coming home as follows: “Those were dark times, shadowed by what we’d seen and done in the war. Some vets brought all that horror home, re-living it, episode by episode, riding that long escalator down into despair and chronic homelessness.”

A friend of mine told me when he came back from Vietnam and looked into the mirror, he saw a difference in his eyes. They were the eyes of someone indoctrinated in basic training to kill on command. And when he was out in the jungle, it was killed or be killed. An innocence was gone that he would never be able to get back. I will not forget his story about the soldiers who cut off enemy soldiers’ ears for souvenirs. To understand basic training, he recommends the movie “Full Metal Jacket.”

There are several major problems still experienced by Vietnam vets. Some are among the more than 6,000 veterans per year who commit suicide. Of those, 70% never asked for help from the Veterans Administration.

Homelessness of vets is a second problem troubling our country. A major factor is probably PTSD: 30% of Vietnam vets have Post Traumatic Stress

Disorder. According to Meshad, another problem linked with homelessness is long term effects of traumatic brain injury.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans reports HUD estimates that 13% of the homeless population are veterans, approximately 40,000 on a given night. Over a course of the year, however, approximately twice that many are homeless. Another source states that nearly half of the homeless vets served in Vietnam.

I was surprised to learn that many of the homeless vets are women. Women now represent 10% of all veterans. Jaspen Boothe, a woman vet, founded Final Salute Inc. to help homeless women vets.

My concern is that many vets have emotional wounds that are unhealed. And some with physical injuries as well. Many were drafted who didn't want to go, and came home to be vilified for going. They felt alienated from their former life, different from others their own age who had gotten a job or gone to college. Or had dropped out or taken a year to travel. After shooting at people and being shot at and living with the possibility of dying, the vets returned to be around people who didn't understand where they had been or what they had gone through. They came back with bodies still wired to be alert for danger, perhaps even an inability to adjust to the pace of daily life. And fresh in their minds were horrors and experiences that never could be totally forgotten.

**Mary Wood**



Why are scientists studying this cookie?

Our Country!





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



### June

- 01 Elaine Hendrikson
- 11 Phil Saunders
- 19 Bob Nordgren
- 22 Bill Giacometti
- 26 Craig LaBarbera
- Russ Union
- 29 Sue Gracie Lanphear



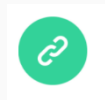
### July

- 06 Georgina Mew Chew
- 10 Jayne Ross Pike
- 13 Susan Nicholson Wood
- Carol Hansen Hartman
- Shari Bates MacGregor
- 16 Jay Goodrich
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**Birthdays are good  
for yor health.  
Studies show that  
people who have  
more birthdays  
live longer.**

Wolfgang Werner  
18 Judy Israel Hoeshler  
20 Cathy Karsh Cobel  
27 Robert Kelley  
29 Janice Johnson McIntyre  
George Pappagiannis  
30 Richard Clarke  
Carol Gorden Gilder  
Denis Powers  
31 Nick Blackshere

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](mailto:carol@george-carol.com)



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