

Skyline News Note



March 2022

Zoom Recap of February 14, 2022

As usual, the Skyline64 Zoom cacophony meandered through many subjects and around the world, revealing little tidbits about participants. And there are always a few surprises, the best one of the day being joined by **Olive “Polly” Franklin**, who shared a lot about her life in England. She married at Brit and they live on Norfolk farm that she refers to as a “wildlife park”, loving the pace of life and also complimenting those assembled how nice they look, complete with an invitation to visit. Side conversation about **Margaret Morrison** who is also in England. **Renee Cameto** reminisced about living for a while in Carlisle.



Throughout, **Carol** shared glimpses of her latest trip to Iceland where they did not get so see the aurora borealis (which **Mary Wood** obligingly put up on her face screen). When queried about having seen much of the geology, she quipped, “middle of winter, not so much.”

Travel talk dotted the entire hours. To join the world tour, check out. (The video can be seen below.) You'll also get movie and book tidbits.

Gerhard Brostrom joined from his porch (where reception wasn't great) en route to his 40th year of ecological restoration at Albany Hill. He was quite proficient in sign language. (Gerhard's note to the group: In my note to **Fred Runo** on his birthday, I mentioned my nearly decade-long Berkeley reading group (now on Zoom) that for the past year has had us reading the Last Parade by Ford Mattox Ford, The Yellow Notebook by Doris Lessing, the Epic of Gilgamesh, then the Bhagavad Gita, and now What the Buddha Taught. Each book (and our hours of discussions among us happy seekers of biblio-pleasure) seems to supply new insights that allow me to feel I grow and perhaps mellow. Anyway, any Bay Area folks or Zoomers looking for a book group, let me know. brost@earthlink.net Thanks for your collegueship and comradely friendliness. See you soon. I'm going on to Albany Hill for our 2:00 rendezvous with six or seven others)

When asked about the fact that it is two years out to the next Reunion, first there was a discussion of how many were in the class (count varies from 680-698). **Carol** invited everyone to the website (skyline64reunion.com) to bring their page up-to-date and review the missing and memorial pages. **Marsha Standish** relayed that we have thought about a luncheon as many do not like to drive in the dark and the venue must have easy access.

Martha Gooby Micks' remark about the beauty of the Bay (and the day was quite gorgeous) brought weather reports from across the country. **Sharon McWalters** reported Texas visiting grandchildren @ 69; **Jess Gibbs** resplendent in San Diego sunshine. To those of you in other climes.....Later on, **Rodney Burge**, concerned about the budding and germination going on so early later reminded us that we live in a miracle phenomena of the axis of the earth, giving us seasons.

Commentary on the series VERA morphed into a conversation about locks.....the nautical variety, from those in Polly's world to those of Pt Townsend (**Marsha**

Standish), from the Panama Canal (**Marlen Edelmann**) to an extensive narration by **Gene Dangel** about Canal du Midi, dug by the Romans. He and Susie rented a 25 ton barge and did 81 locks in 2 weeks.....with instructions in French. He also talked about his membership in an antique boat club and his boat.

From boats to cars to biking. **Ginny Huber Howry** brought us up to date on her son's pending Iditarod 350 mile bike ride. This race starts February 27, 2022 and here is the link to minute by minute standings: <https://itiaslaska.com/tracking>

John Close ("zombie with parts falling off") checked in old car memories, including editorial comments of being young and innocent and something about 5 or 6 derelict cars and Devil's Punch Bowl, **Niles Powell and Mark Buechley. Nick Blackshere** was there with his witty, insightful humor. As always, **Bob Main** sat by with his '64 yearbook to clarify points of conversation and remind participants of juxtaposition to one another.

Tom Mortensen was fairly quiet throughout. **Gay Parker** remembered to join us, in all another convivial gathering.....a joyful break amidst the other realities of the world.

And I (**Shayne**) got caught in the middle of conflicting engagements....(opening a new museum on 2.26, trying to premier a film project that keeps getting covid cancelled and **GS** had arranged to take his grandnephew to lunch).....a wonderful UCB sophomore who had spent his freshman year in his bedroom at home.

In another covid impact related event, I was presented with a beautiful plaque orchestrated by **Barbara Uhlig Harbidge** and **Howard Allen** thanking me for "keeping us together". Touched.

I couldn't/can't do any of this without y'all.....and as the Zoom reflects, Carol is the mainstay and the tech wizard and Reunion committee folk contribute in many unseen ways.

Let me pedantically reiterate that Skyline64 is a class of people with a unique experience (and class); each one of you has amazing stories/experiences, from the ridiculous to the sublime. Life's journey contains many challenges, sorrows and joys. No one should ever feel alone or that whatever they are experiencing has only happened to them.

We are an extended family.....with all that implies. ❤️ sdc



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Please send Shayne an email at

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**Back by Popular Demand
Zoom Party!**

**Save the date - March 14, 2022
1:00 pm Pacific Standard Time**



Join Our Class Zoom Meeting

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"So I have to laugh. As I was thinking of all the students, former teaching peers, family and friends who have been on this journey with me.... My 'Van Go' Project... (for nearly 5 decades)... I was thinking that because AARP Magazine has done a wonderful story on it, that nobody except us oldies would read it. I laughed when I realized that I taught for so long that many of my beloved former students are now on Medicare and Social Security and probably get the magazine. In any event, AARP Magazine has done a beautiful story this month and it will go out to about 23 million people. I



When I moved to Rossmoor I purchased an inflatable mattress to sleep on, because it was cheap, and I had just paid for remodeling. Unfortunately, the mattress developed a fast leak, which meant I slid off when I tried to get out of bed. So, illogically, I went to the other extreme financially and decided to buy an adjustable bed. My excuse was that I was going to have a total knee replacement someday, but really it was because I love to read in bed.

I knew that car and bed salesmen (gender choice deliberate) are high pressure, and that this would be an exhausting experience, so I took Uber to the store. It was maybe the

am just so thrilled that such a beloved program can be shared with so many people. Special thanks to all the little schools, and big ones too, that 'Van Go' has visited to inspire creativity in kids, and my former students who helped to bring ART to so many disenfranchised communities. Shout out to my family who have all supported/helped me, especially Bobbi, Leah, Lisa, Sarah, Annemarie, Kellie, Michael P., National Teachers Hall of Fame and so many others. I am especially fond of my Little School House on the Prairie!"

Jennifer Foreman de Grassi
Williams

[Read the AARP article here \(Click for the article\)](#)

third time I'd used Uber. Unfortunately, I don't speak Croatian, and the driver seemed to be asking me where I wanted to go. I thought the app had already told her. However, somehow I had managed to change the destination to Las Trampas Ridge (which is a nature area) rather than Airport Appliance.

The salesman was, in fact, high pressure, but he told me he would give me a great deal on a floor model. It was such a good deal, he didn't dare do it without his manager's approval. Even I know that trick. So I figure I probably paid about what it was worth. I got a soft mattress. It was delightful to sleep on, or should I say "in", as I sank in the middle. It took contortions to get off of it. Neither bothered my back, by the way. However, when I had the knee replacement surgery I got a firmer one--- appropriately from "Mattress Firm"-- because of the contortions. That salesman, by the way, was not high pressure. Old prejudices die slowly. Like almost everything else in my



(Click on Picture for Link to Local Wiki)

The remarkable life of Lew Hing, who once owned the largest business in Oakland.

(Editor's note: in posting this, I found a podcast on the local history of Oakland that some may find interesting. [Here is the link](#) to [Long Lost Oakland](#))

From **Bruce Quan**

condo, the bed works by remote. I hate remotes. I drop them; I misplace them temporarily; I misplace them for months.

For example, I misplaced the remote for the ceiling fan. I discovered the loss when the air conditioning broke down. There is no chain hanging from the fan. The fan only operates on remote. Well, strictly speaking there are two wall switches, which both seem to do the same thing; turn the light off and on, but only turn the fan off....not on. Anyone who tries to figure them out ends up taping one switch so it won't operate, and I'm not sure why.

Anyway, I lost the remote for the fan. The handyman went up a ladder to find the model number and informed me it was a brand from China. I didn't get an answer to my email asking about a replacement remote. I was advised to give up and get a new fan. Fortunately, the remote turned up in a chest in the front entry hall, and no, I don't know what it was doing there. I have a friend whom I'll call Sherry who swears



John Close and Granddaughter



Maureen Sarment visits with **Kathy Cotton Parker** in Hawaii

there is someone living in her condo whom she calls "The Other Sherry", who moves things around when Sherry isn't looking. It must have been "The Other Mary" who put the remote in the front hall. My friend lives nearby, so maybe it was The Other Sherry.

I have had to spend a lot of time in bed elevating my feet above the heart, recovering from hip and knee problems. I tend to strew items over the duvet like flower girls strewing petals at a wedding.... eyeglasses, magazines, articles, mail, night guards for my teeth, floss, cell phone.....and remotes. I spend a lot of time searching for things. If I am lying on my back, a convenient place to put the remote is on my chest (torso, not night table). But then I forget, and when I sit up it goes flying across the room. It comes apart in flight and the batteries roll away. Last time it flew apart, some crucial little bit of metal disappeared and one of the batteries wouldn't fit. When I tell this story to a guy, he immediately informs me it was one of the male-female end pieces for the batteries



Thinking back to when “a new hip joint” meant someplace I wanted to go on Friday night.

We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.



You'll like this one! It's made from an anti-diuretic hybrid grape and reduces the number of trips people your age go to the toilet during the night. It's called PINO MORE!

(aka “thingies”) that disappeared, but it wasn’t. They are still there; it was some other thingy.

Then several amazing and good things happened. I’m still in shock. First, I found the manual for the adjustable bed online; and it had the name of the company that made the hardware; and it wasn’t in China. Secondly, the company, Ergomotion, registered my warranty even though it was two years after purchase. Lastly, their price was cheaper than the knockoffs online. The bed and the remote have to be “paired”, and the remote appropriately arrived Valentine’s Day. And it was shockingly simple to pair, unlike dating. It did require two people: one to reach under the bed and press the power box button twice; one to press one button on the remote twice.

Although I am determined to be more careful where I put the remote, I have also wrapped it in duct tape now so at least it won’t come apart when I fly it.



Mary Wood



Mystery Pyramid in the Oakland Hill's
(Click on Picture for the story)



"What is Oakland" By Jeopardy winner Amy Schneider
(Click on Picture for the Story)

Author's Corner

We have many authors in our class.

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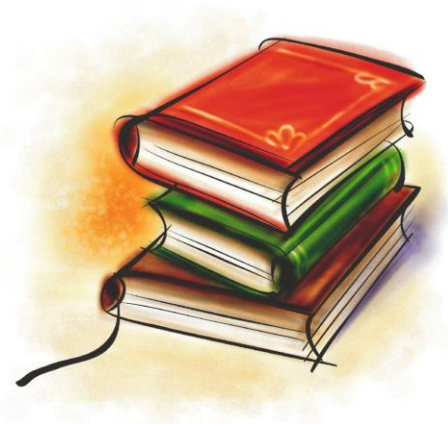
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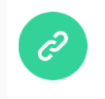
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