

Skyline News Note



May 2021



Zoom Party Summary

April 12, 2021

Whether it was the weather or that most participants are vaccinated and feeling frisky, the April zoom had lots of laughter and entertainment and announcements.

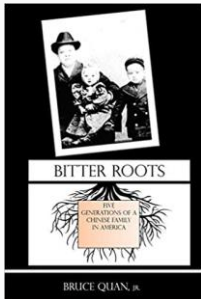
Avoiding any copyright or royalty issues, **John Close** started us off with "An Ode to Skyline" that he had written; he would like others to suggest more verses. I've

already sent him the dirt he requested.

Don Sarver checked in relaying that he and Terri have now been in Italy for six months due to covid complications. The upside has been family, of course, but practically tourist free visits to the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican (only Terri, he and five guards), the Pantheon, etc. a bonus.

Tom Mortensen announced he has (finally) fully retired. (Big smile on his face). He also had been hacked...no smile.

Debbie Agee Roessler mentioned how much she is enjoying **Bruce Quan's** book



(Bitter Roots: Five Generations of a Chinese Family in America) and then shared several stories that should be her book, "Murder at the White Elephant". White Elephant Sale will begin online May 2.

On the 'book tour' circuit Bruce also was recently part of a zoomed Watergate retrospect given his service as staff on the Watergate Committee. (click image for lecture). Editor's Note: This is a MUST

WATCH!!!

Apologies to **Dhyanis** for incorrectly entitling her book in the last newSnotes. See below.

Gerhard Brostrom got the "what have you been doing for the last 50 years?" question to which we were treated discourse and intriguing description about writing reports for the GAO (Government Accounting Office) from which he has been retired for 20 years (but did not relay all the volunteer activities he has).

His discourse generated another Maryism (**Mary Wood**) "Government good at hiring people with little qualifications".....she had an English Lit background when hired.

Beanie (**Diane Breen Helmen**), also a government employee, had a commentary including many amusing insights as a rural route mail carrier run by "pencil pushers that never do direct mail".

This thread of conversation led to a discussion of [E. Clampus Vitus](#). (Link to the Wikipedia page) Anyone that follows Gold Rush or Nevada history knows this rich litany.

Going down teacher memory lane, various comments were generated about Mrs. (Robert) Lewis, Chrystal Murphy, Ernest Kalm, Mrs. Baldwin, and Mr. Fry who told one of us "If you keep your head down, I'll give you a "C"; if you try, I'll fail you." Who says teachers don't have a lasting impact?!

Talking about Mr. Besse engendered memories of the day President Kennedy was shot....so many stories.

Bob Main relayed he flunked Home Room and everyone was trying to remember who it was that said "Oh, shit" (racey for the day) when they got a paper cut.

Rodney Burge (who still hasn't had a hair cut) had attended the first grade with **Gerhard** reminisced about the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

This brought up Ms. Jorgensen's Christmas Pageant and **Debbie Roessler** divulged a fact one must watch the video to find out. She also urged all to visit the BlackHawk Museum as beyond the car collection they have an exhibit "Spirit of the Old West" as well one on China and another on Animals in the Nature Section.

The thread off this topic was to name the horses for Roy Rogers, the Lone Ranger, Dale Evans and Topper.....told you it was an eclectic hour!

And **John Close** told the story of Roy Rogers, wearing some awesome cowboy boots when riding home encountered a mountain lion who tried to eat them. Roy shot him, causing Dale to query,

"Pardon me, Roy, Is that the cat that chewed your new boots?" (You had to be there.)

Dick Johns then embarked on Paraprosdokians leaving us with **Barb's** favorite: "A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore" and **Gerhard** contributed (**Dick** concurring) "If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong".

Others contributing to the celebratory mood were **Jess Gibbs, Ken McCracken, Gay Parker, Ginny Braun, Marsha Standish** and **Sharon McWalters**. During discussions **Fred Runo, Bill Giacometti, Barbara Lauck Johns, Jeanie Toothman,** and **Dorothy Blum** were mentioned.

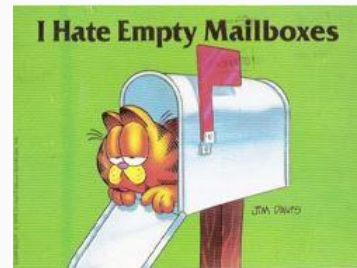
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**Next Zoom Meeting: Monday, May 10, 2021 1:00 pm**



The mail bag is very empty!!!

Please send Shayne an email at  
[shayne@sprintmail.com](mailto:shayne@sprintmail.com)



Another song to reminisce about

"the good ole days!"

### Zoom Party April 12, 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.





Welcome to our new column - **John's Song**. Otherwise known as "give me the dirt on someone from high school and I will turn it into a song."

You have to watch this month's YouTube to completely understand.

If you have some "dirt" you would like to share with John Close please email him here: [f9cougar@yahoo.com](mailto:f9cougar@yahoo.com)



*monthly. Still open for take out and doing a brisk meet there again in July or August???*

*rough Oakland, stop by, have a hot dog and say hello!*

## **Skyline Zoom Party #12**

**We have been doing these meetings for a whole year. If you haven't joined us please try. Who knows how long we will keep having them?**

**May 10, 2021**

**1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time**

Carol Szymkiewicz is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Wanted to let you know that  
**Kathleen Lofing Crawford** had  
died in November. Her son called  
me in January to let me know.

Thanks, **Cathi Beaubien**  
**(Trebotich)**



What's on my  
mind this time  
is starting

dating again; life and death and the  
meaning of life; and whether I want  
to write a book.

Let's start with the book: I am awed



Kathy Lofing



COVID has not been a boring time for

us. Plenty to do at home. We did a total front and back landscape re-do that is starting to grow nicely. Sue just finished another stained glass panel for next to the front door that necessitated that the front door needed a make over too. I do need to get back on my 1934 Chevy hot rod project. We have made a few short motor home trips to the coast that have been nice get-a-ways and easy to be socially distanced. Also

praise for Dhyanis Carniglia who wrote Dancing with Life and Bruce Quan who wrote Bitter Roots. Jennifer Williams De Grassi has been publishing books all along. I'm envious. The answer to the question is I enjoy writing and have been taking writing classes for maybe 15 years. Will I write a book? I am very lazy. I haven't yet decided on the meaning of my life and whether that includes a book.

As for meaning of life, up until Covid 19 I wasn't all that thrilled about living. The meaning of my life was being a good sister and friend. Which is noble. Really though I had been mired in grief at losing my husband in 2014 and dreading living without him until 96 like my mom or 99 like my grandmother. However, being a good sister led to online dating, as my brother who was 57 had moved to Williams AZ and met the 5 single women in his age group. I had never done much dating and I decided I would meet as many guys as possible for coffee, just as practice. I heard some good stories and ended up in a couple of relationships which



a few trips to our place at Clear Lake for a change of scenery.....and there is always a project. Headed back this coming weekend to finish up a bathroom re-model.....and to pick up some good lake County wines!

Thanks for the monthly entertainment!!

**Gene Dangel**

Still no flight plans. I should be getting the paperwork tomorrow that hopefully will lead to a family Visa that will give us more freedom to be in and out of Italy and to get vaccinated. If not, we will return in May and in a note on 4.9.2021:  
Thank you. Hope you are well. We are still waiting to get vaccinated. If it doesn't happen here in the next several weeks we will consider coming home.

Ciao, **Don Sarver**

***For update, see zoom.***

brought some joy, pain, fun, and lots of high drama provided by me. I am sorted of limited now in meeting new guys because most don't want drama.

When Covid 19 came along though it was a problem because eventually the conversations came down to meeting, which I didn't want to do. According to The Times (of London) 2020 was the year of phone sex, but I only had one offer of that. OK, two.

I've been learning a lot a few things about jazz from fellow classmates Nick Blackshere and Rodney Burge, taking drum lessons (for rhythm), singing in virtual choirs where the conductor analyzes pieces, demand lots of classes in early music (1500-1700) in European and Turkish.

Where death is on my mind these days is in the worry of losing loved ones. And that ties back to the online dating. The guys write about how fit they are hiking 2 hours a day and how they love fine dining and wine, and their families. That's good information for dating,

One of the reasons Classmates is so annoying.



wolfgang werner

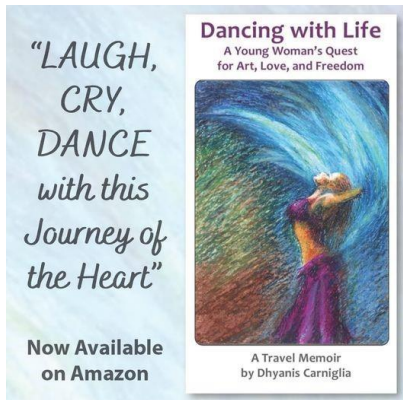


**Lynn Beitelspacher Head**

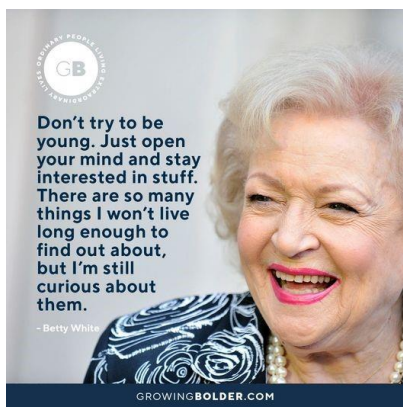
especially as I need a knee replacement and am not available for hiking. But I may be looking for a partner relationship. And the reality of that is death and maybe sickness.

How do I identify the guys who realize life is a serious matter? I prefer widowers. I also like guys who've been through and learned from AA or the other. The reality is that a long term relationship is going to end in death of one or the other and maybe sickness.

I say "may" be interested, because as I said before, I'm lazy. I regard the necessities of life as showering and exercise and talking on the phone, but beyond that I am a "sitting on the balcony/patio with a drink" type of person. All these hikers and bikers are rather off putting; the fine dining and wining sounds good, but I seem to attract guys like me....hamburger and beer, and I can't drink anyway, I get a migraine. And I seem to remember living together as being very convenient for companionship, sex, and not having to go out, but



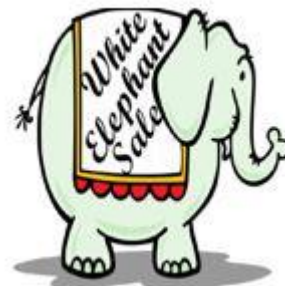
Today is the official launch of my new book, a year in the making! Travel back in time with me through many adventures, including dancing professionally abroad for 5 years. Choose paperback or Kindle version. And please let me hear your feedback!



also discussions about who takes out the garbage and such.

It is amazing how life imitates TV, I never thought all those years I was single and living alone that I would get a relationship where discussing the garbage was an issue.

**Mary Wood**



Don't forget the Oakland Museum White Elephant Sale. Click on the elephant for more information.



**If you could re-live  
your high school  
years, would you?**

**Maureen Sarment**

No I like to keep moving forward

**Karen Juul Mihok**

No, hated high school.

**Maureen Sarment**

karen I don't remember much, people I do but not classes or teachers

**Karen Juul Mihok**

I hated the cliques, the lunch schedule..the food fights. The rain and fog, the buses. Just everything...my moments of happiness were in yearbook.

**Elaine Walker**

Parts were great and parts were not. It's all part of growing up and laying the foundation of adulthood. I can't say I loved it but I made some lifelong friends. I was always sorry I missed the food fights.

**Maureen Sarment**

you are right on it's all apart of growing and our own perceptions

**Carol Szymkiewicz**

Where would we be without Skyline High Class of 1964???

**Maureen Sarment**

we will never know but I'm glad I went there

**Gay Parker**

they sure come in handy now.

**Mary Ann Anderson**

Didn't hate it but wouldn't want to do it again.

**Maureen Sarment**

I agree

**Martha Micks**

I loved Bret Harte, but Skyline overwhelmed me. At least Skyline prepared me for the

anonymity of Berkeley!! I have enjoyed all the Skyline alum I met at reunions. Teen years are hard!!

**Mary Wood**

Nothing prepared me for Berkeley. I felt invisible. I got depressed...other things too and flunked out.

**Martha Micks**

I went on probation my first semester at UCRiverside then came back humbled and went to Merritt College where I was required to take a study skills class because of my D average. I learned that you need to study 2 hours for every hour in class. I was on the deans list every year after that.

**Maureen Sarment**

So true

**Mary Wood**

Get a GED instead.

**Mary Wood**

I got a job as a clerk with the government with a real estate department, and then I applied for a training position as a real estate appraiser. It was 1971 and they were looking for women and minorities.

**Gay Parker**

I didn't do this but when I was in 3rd or 4th grade in Mill Valley I wrote a note saying that Gay had permission to cross the street from school and go to the small neighborhood grocery store at lunch time.....I signed it Mommie



"We care about everyone who is replacing or dealing with non-functional body parts. Some are experiencing non-physical challenges and want to remind you that you are not alone. Within this class family there is over 30,000 years of life experience and I won't say "we've seen it all" but (wow) there is knowledge about almost every life phenomena.



If you have someone from our class you are missing, let us know. Maybe we can help find them.



### May

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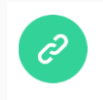
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Have you looked at our Skyline 64 Reunion website recently? Wouldn't it be great if everyone updated their information and added a fresh biography? Need help doing that? Contact me; I am happy to help! The link to the website is the green button below. [carol@george-carol.com](mailto:carol@george-carol.com)



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