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Video of Reunion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vz9f64NVsJI&feature=youtu.be>

Pictures of Reunion: http://wbyoung.smugmug.com/School/50th-Reunion-Photos/42137254_xdRPNc#!i=3444279660&k=wJJ8v7z

Dear 50th Skyline High School Reunion Committee:

It's been six weeks now, since we were all together enjoying the company of our classmates and celebrating the long anticipated 50th Skyline High School Reunion and awesome Class of 1964!

We knew it would be a wonderful night to remember, as you ladies together with your partners and significant others, always do an outstanding job. But, THIS night, was beyond wonderful. The Scottish Rite Center location, the decorations, the food, the speakers, the special displays...it was all magnificent.

We've heard comments like, "It was a magical night." And, we truly think it was...in the greatest part because of all of your hard work.

Every classmate probably has their own individual story of rekindling an old friendship, of seeing a classmate they hadn't seen since junior high or even elementary school, of having a conversation with a classmate that they never thought they would ever see again, and so many other memorable situations, some on the edge of heartfelt.

(For me, Kathy, personally, I found the prologue for my newest book that evening...who would have thought...)

Carol's presentation honoring those classmates who have served our country, living and deceased, was outstanding, tasteful, and a highlight of the evening even though it brought a sensitivity to the room that was felt by everyone...but in a good way.

It was also great that our Class of 1964 officers were able to attend. That really took us back to the day seeing all of them together again on stage.

We've heard people say that they had such a great time that they are anxiously awaiting the next reunion in five years. Others have said that five years is too long to wait and they want to get together like this every year, now that we are all getting older...something to think about. Either way, with you ladies at the helm, we know anything you plan for us will be an event to remember.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Class of 1964.

Regards, Phil & Kathy Costa Rocco

The Work Day Event the day after the Reunion was guided by **Sue Bingham** and Tim Underwood (Class of '74-Head of the Beautification Committee).

There is a great pic of **Patricia Marshall Monson** applying her painting skills with elan to a planter box but it seems to have gone somewhere.....maybe Spain, her latest trip.

Here George Szymkiewicz contemplates some of the graphitti to be removed; **Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz** and

Martha Gooby Micks start applying the elbow grease.



Tim Underwood lays out the tasks at hand for **Sharon Gellatley-Holcocomb, Margaret Rait, Jerry Brostrom, Margaret Morrison and Judy Belcher**





Jean Kurz Quirk and Jerry Brostrom rehabilitated a picnic table while **Marsha Standish** followed Patricia's lead with planter boxes

The attractive results..... for those that participated in 40th Reunion Project, this is how Bldg 60 looks today!



For those that missed the event, you can redeem by attending the next work day:

yourself

Upcoming Beautification Days:

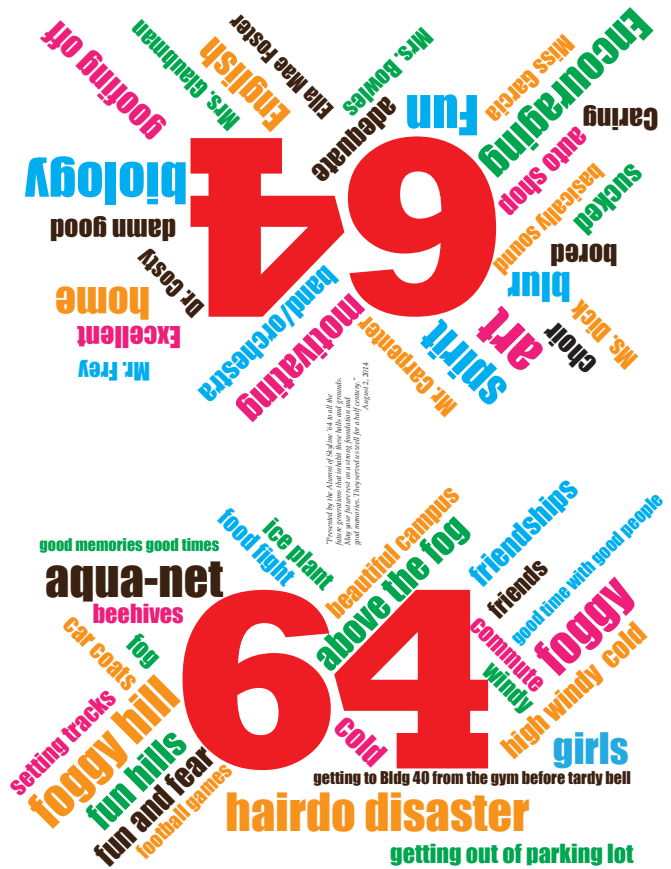
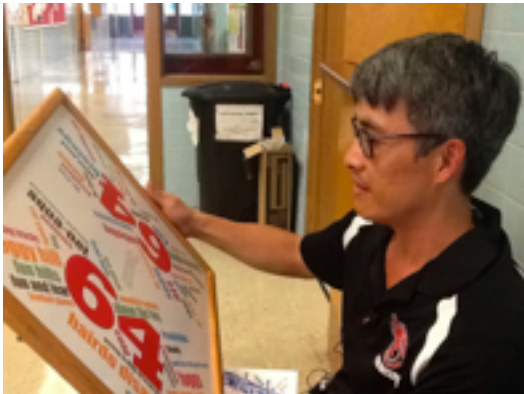
Two Saturdays a year: November 1, 2014 and April 18, 2015, 9 - noon.

We're mulching, weeding, digging and planting. Bring shovels, rakes, work gloves, trowels and wheel barrows.

Vinh Trinh, Principal of Skyline HS accepts the Class of 1964 gift.

“Presented by the Alumni of Skyline ’64 to all the future generations that inhabit these halls and grounds.

May your future rest on a strong foundation and good memories. They served us well for a half century.” August 2, 2014



Mail Bag:

Well i will say its nice to see so many are still breathing. Yes I remember richard street . I reside in Napa ca. got married in 72 been married 42 years, four grown children cant believe I am almost 68. Does anyone know if Ben Haywood is still alive? class of 63. I knew Rita and Lamar both passed but haven't heard about Ben, he was on our track team, great athlete, great piano player

Again, say hi to Steve Jacobs real nice guy. He was on our track team, good sprinter I recall. He was a real refined type of person, no nonsense. I spent 35 years working at napa state hospital as a psychiatric rn, just retired last yearm what a dangerous place it was but I loved my job. Before that I was a preacher on the university of calif at berkeley campus during the vietnam war. Preached for 7 years. Still practice my christian faith. Tell everyone to see the movie " heaven is real bye now **merritt koller**

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My husband Bob died this week. Before the reunion I had looked through the whole website and was somewhat surprised how many of us had died. I somehow thought our generation was going to get to 80. His death was a shock but perhaps not quite so unexpected because I had been thinking about death. The reunion was a peak experience for me, because I felt I'm finally "who I am" and not concerned about what people think of me. Especially in a dress that didn't fit! I always needed Bob for support.

Reunions were also for me the ultimate social challenge. I wrote a note and posted it on the bathroom mirror many years ago: "Whenever I go to a social event I'm afraid of I get mad at Bob about something else. See how it goes and wait until after." He added a post it---"And then get mad at Bob."

For the first time I felt I could be on my own, but it was wonderful to have him to come home to. Mary (**Marylaird Wood**)

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*We also extend condolences to **Pam Saxe Thompson** who also lost her consort last month.*

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Cheryl and I got Stubhub tickets for the A's game yesterday, \$15 each for behind third base on the lower level. Great seats and a beautiful day, but I fear the A's are dying a slow death and it was pretty ugly, although there still is time if they can get it back together. But we drowned our sorrows with a trip to Fenton's. I had the Black and Tan, and Cheryl the Jersey. You can beat the A's, but you can never beat Fenton's. (*Or Kaspers*) **Tom LaMarre**

While Tom's comments proved to be prophetic **Melissa Silverman Willaby** rooted the other team on, whose fate, by the time some of you read this, will be decided.

## ~~~~~ **Jennifer Foreman De Grassi Williams**

I am very excited that the third 'Williams Family' book is now published, with watercolors by my dear friend, Bobbi Kelly. As some of you may know, Shell(y) and Lily came into my life quite by accident from friends who could not keep them anymore. Both came as 'girls', but soon we found out they were both boys. With Shell tipping the scales at 90 pounds and Lily close to 50, and growing demands for more room, a varied diet, and winters that need to be warmer, it was decide... [See More](#)

[The Williams Family Bids Aloha to Shell and Lily: When you love something enough to set it free...](#)

[The Williams Family Bids Aloha to Shell and Lily: When you love something enough to set it free \(The Williams Family Animal Tales of Tails\) \(Volume 3\) amazon.com](#)

Also in literary circles is **Joan Frieburghouse Bannan's** latest: *Half Moon*: a novel filled with the elements of murder, romance, mystery and family conflict. *Half Moon* narrates the story of one young girl's journey from innocence to experience.

ISBN: 978-1-4582(sc) <http://just-joan.com> or <http://bannan.com>

**Melissa Silverman Willaby** obviously picked a winner!  
Regrets for A's; Go Giants!!



### Birthdays

- Oct 01 Carol La Dolce Donato
- 02 Sharon Smithburn Sutter
- 05 Andrea Summers Hutton
- 05 Robin Cole Rauch
- 06 Bob Whitesides
- 09 Michael Edward Dickinson
- 09 Tom Mortensen
- 12 Connie Lewis
- 15 Bob Conn
- 16 Clyde Batavia
- 17 Al Mathewson
- 18 Karl Hoenack
- 21 Lois Roberts
- 24 Bruce Anderson
- 24 Nancy Brick Robinson
- 30 Elizabeth Beeby
- November 01 Barbara Bowles Holt
- 03 Clint Rylee
- 03 Karen Dodge Wetherbee
- 05 Sheila Oxley
- 06 Barbara Renouf
- 08 Sidney Cummings
- 08 Joel Kuechle
- 10 Jennifer Foreman Williams

### November

- 10 Barbara Smith Stott
- 11 Joetta Christopher
- 11 Tom Smith
- 12 Marlene Siegel
- 13 Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz
- 13 Lorrie Miller
- 15 Carlee Wells King
- 17 Cathi Trebotich Beaubien
- 19 Gayle Smith
- 20 Ron Wofford
- 21 Nancy Klinkner Mulligan
- 26 Christopher Perry
- 27 Diane Breen Helmen
- 27 Rick Steen
- 30 Calvin Brugee

*Kaspers - September 22, 2014*

**Next Kaspers Day is October 20**

*Tom LaMarre and Bob Falaschi*

*Gay Parker and Nick Blackshere*



*Cheryl La Marre and Jeff and Emmy Johnson Fearn ('65) discuss the upcoming reunion for the Class of '65.*

*Also in attendance Barbara Uhlig Harbidge, Howard Allen and Dennis Osanna.*



[A 50th High School Reunion, and a Generation to Follow](#)

The Class of 1964 is the first graduating class of the post-World War II baby boom and the leading edge of the generation retreating to retirement.

nytimes.com | By Robert Strauss

*Well gang, I had this great picture of Irene Zizak and about 20 students in 1962-63 but it disappeared as I built these pages.*

*Now Zee Garrett, the fireball of energy was unable to attend the reunion but recently hosted Gay Parker, Barbara Harbidge and myself at her home in Mountain View for a lovely afternoon of pictures, memories and laughter.*

*She is “up for more company” and since there are so many alums in the South Bay, is open to hosting a potluck luncheon in the future.....anyone interested?*



***Alumni News and Announcements:***

Class of '74 Titan, Trudi Melohn is thrilled to announce The Rawley T. Farnsworth Fellowship Fund with A.C.T. (American Conservatory Theatre! Rawley T. Farnsworth was the extraordinary theater director and producer at SHS while I attended and Tom Hanks credited him with his success in theatre. The Skyline Theatre is named after him. Donations to the Farnsworth Fellowship Fund will provide financial support to endow a teaching artist position in A.C.T.'s ACTsmart education programs. The Fund will provide salary and wages for up to two semesters per year for a teaching artist to work in Bay Area schools that serve at-risk youth. For more information contact Trudi at [tmelohn@gmail.com](mailto:tmelohn@gmail.com). More information is at:



[http://www.act-sf.org/home/support/farnsworth\\_fund.html](http://www.act-sf.org/home/support/farnsworth_fund.html). Trudi hopes that some of you will consider making a donation in remembrance of Mr. Farnsworth. I think he would have been proud of the work this fund will make possible.

**Continue to support Skyline just by shopping at Safeway or Luckys!**

Register your Safeway Club card at <http://www.escrip.com/program/welcome.jsp> Indicate Skyline as your non-profit of choice: 140622606. For more information: <http://www.ousd.k12.ca.us/Page/6333> Or pick up a Lucky shares card at the Skyline main office and use it when you shop at Lucky's! This costs you nothing and is a major component of PTSA funding which supports teachers, students and programs at Skyline!

**An addendum to the below email from Coach Fardella's daughter, Tania. Just a note, if folks would like to donate to the Fund online rather than by check, they can do so securely at [coachtonyfardella.com/fardellafund](http://coachtonyfardella.com/fardellafund).**

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**Greetings to the Skyline Class Reunion Representatives,**

Please read the email below from Brad Shuster (Skyline '72). If you ever played football or went to a football game at Skyline you'll remember what a big part of high school life it was and this is an opportunity to do something for the students at Skyline.

The fund was put together by fellow Skyline alumni from the early '70s and there is an immediate need to support the football program for this year.

If you would pass this on to your classmates it would be greatly appreciated. In addition to making a donation yourself it would also be helpful that those of you who are active on Facebook would publicize this effort there. The more people that put something on Facebook the more likely others will take the effort to make a donation.

If you are having a reunion anytime soon this would be a great opportunity for your class give back to Skyline.

Donations of ANY amount can be made as directed below and are fully tax deductible. In addition to putting "Coach Fardella Fund" on the memo line you might want to add "Skyline 'xx" so they know what class the donations are coming from.

Thanks!! Don Routh, Skyline 70

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Hi Don, I have been in touch with Tania Fardella, Tony's daughter, with regards to providing financial support for the football program at Skyline. More information on the efforts taking place can be found online at: [coachtonyfardella.com](http://coachtonyfardella.com) or at the Facebook page [facebook.com/fardellafund](http://facebook.com/fardellafund)

I also attach notes from a recent meeting Tania had with the current head coach which identifies specific needs of the program, towards which contributions will be used.

The fund is administered by The Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation, and I am satisfied that there are proper controls in place to ensure that funds will be directed to their intended purpose.

Coach Fardella Fund c/o Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation P.O. Box 13267 Oakland, CA 94661

Write "Coach Fardella Fund" on memo line of check.

The team really needs our help, and contributions of any amount will be greatly appreciated. I've copied Tania on this email so that you may reach out to her directly if you have any questions.

Best regards, Bradley M. Shuster, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer NMI Holdings, Inc. (National MI) 2100 Powell Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Fl. Emeryville, CA 94608 510.858.0454 (t) | 415.309.2641 (m) | [www.nationalmi.com](http://www.nationalmi.com)

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<http://kfor.com/2014/09/01/hilarious-teachers-cut-loose-and-welcome-back-students-with-a-music-video/>

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[Respect! This guy has a lesson for all of us: Nothing is impossible! You need to watch to believe.](#) Since his birth, he had no arms and only half a leg. He plays keyboard with his shoulder, mouth, chin and... [pureemotions.perfectinter.net](http://pureemotions.perfectinter.net)

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The City of Oakland has used the profile of an oak tree as a symbol since at least the 1850's. These majestic and powerful trees are native to the coastal prairies that make up the east bay. The Oaklandish tree uses the familiar branches and very simply but profoundly adds roots that are ceaselessly growing deeper into the earth below Oakland. These roots are naturally occurring, they are nourished by life and time. Though even those who've left, find on return that their roots are perfectly preserved. In this way the roots of people in Oakland mirror the oaks themselves. The tree with roots logo was the first design we printed on shirts, in the days when Oaklandish was a wild public art project. Then we started making stickers. Then the stickers started appearing all over Oakland. Then we began know the true size of local love in this East Bay. It's the feeling we work everyday to share, and spread.

- See more at: <http://oaklandish.com/sale/sustainable-classic.html#sthash.eH34SZT7.dpuf>

When you're downtown with the Tribune Tower and Oakland City Center towering over you, it's easy to forget that Oakland started out as a landscape of coast, scrub and redwoods. But these trees that are conspicuously absent from downtown gave Oakland its name, and pretty much made the city's early economy of logging and later, agriculture.

In any case, celebrate Oakland's roots – and yours too – with a shirt that reminds us whether we're a redwood or a skyscraper, we were all once acorns, too.

From the forest floor to the canopies of Oakland, tiny Oaklandish acorns develop into the wide oaks that are native to the East Bay. Let your Oakland roots grow deep, in the spirit of the Oaklandish tree.

- See more at: <http://oaklandish.com/sale/acornish.html#sthash.sgjtm0GM.dpuf>

he port is famous as Oakland's window to the world — the place where California's quality goods are exported to the rest of the world. But most of this town's greatest exports use different modes of transportation: soundwaves, spectrums, molecules and renegade spirit.

Isadora Duncan learned got her rhythm here. So did MC Hammer. Bruce Lee perfected his kick in this town, and Clint Eastwood honed his piercing stare. The Hell's Angels found the nerve to take the FBI to court — and win. Today, our city officially has more artists per capita than any other town in America. And that's not even counting the musicians, cooks, and aspiring cannabis tycoons.

- See more at: <http://oaklandish.com/sale/quality-goods.html#sthash.hSJuglsO.dpuf>