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Marsha Standish calls it “symmetry” which is probably the most fitting comment* but pleased to share that the 50th Year Reunion for Skyline '64 will be August 2, 2014 from 6-10 at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive in Oakland, the site of the '64 Senior Ball. As in the past, there will a golf tourney and two no-host luncheons on Friday and Saturday as well as a “work day” event on campus on Sunday. Details will continue to come your way as they are confirmed but do write the dates on your calendars and don't let anything else interfere! (This includes “parts” replacements, family drama, retirement celebration or final journeys.)

More importantly, however, is the **debut of the new Skyline64 website**, lovingly and prodigiously created by Geroge and Carol (Vierra) Szymciewicz. Please go to www.skyline64reunion.com, register and enjoy our new homeroom. And please feel free to comment, make additions/corrections and suggestions. Especially pay attention to the “missing” list and help it lose weight. See directions on p. 3

* Since I did not attend Senior Ball, I have no memories thus attached. However, have heard some fairly amusing comments. When I asked one person with whom did they attend, the response was “My gosh, Shayne, that was fifty years ago! How can I remember that?” Another comment, in response to my question about someone not attending the reunion because that evening had not been all that they had hoped was “My ***, it's been fifty years.....get over it”.

So there you have it.....we shall gather to share and laugh and create new memories over a few days.

If enough are interested, we will reserve a block of rooms at the Executive Inn on the Embarcadero www.executiveinnoakland.com. They have some great facilities for mini-reunions for family, neighborhood or social groups I also will put a list of other accommodations on the website.

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Also got notice that the date and location for the 50th Reunion of OHS Class of '64. It will be Saturday August 9, 2014 from 12 Noon to 4:30 PM at the Lake Chalet Bar & Grill in the Gondola Room. “It's a beautiful location right on Lake Merritt, and our private room has great views of the lake.” You can see photos of it here: <http://www.thelakechalet.com/privatedining> .  
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Mail Bag:

Thanks, I always enjoy the updates. Looking forward to the 50th Year Reunion. I know none of us have gotten any older, just a little more gray and a little more wiser. **Bill Dennis**



Tom and Cheryl LaMarr.....just yesterday!

**Bob Sabatini
sent this
labeled "We haven't changed much".**



Dave Gebhardt



**wife has made me the happiest
dreamed life could be so full and**



Local act headlines Spring Fair opening night; event offers full bill of acts, entertainment
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I thought summer vacation would be lazy and fun, but we are working harder than during school. We have not had time for any extracurricular activities. We intended to go shooting at the Konocti Gun Club, do some writing, and design our dream home. All of which have had to be postponed, as we have been running around like chickens helping with Pam's Mom who is becoming more and more demanding. Still, I am blessed, the Lord has provided the very best days of my life. My dear man I have ever seen. I never fun. We have joy just being together.

Hello Family and Friends: Happy beginning of summer to you all! I am starting my 17th summer in Europe with Major League Baseball International with a 7 week stint in Switzerland. As always, the first letter comes with the opportunity to opt out of receiving the news reports, but remember I only want to put you to sleep because I love you. As usual, a sad good-bye at SFO with Cathy on Monday, but not as usual a bulkhead seat on the plane(no, MLB does NOT have enough money to send its envoys first class). I had an extremely comfortable flight to Zurich, and when I reached baggage claim, it got even better as my guardian angel Barbara(the Swiss Airline attendant/mother of 2 of the kids that I coach, who saved me last year by getting my baggage fees waved and patching up my baggage damaged shin) was waiting for me with my bags; and her second words were,"Did you enjoy your seat?" Wow...wow...wow! We met the family that was picking me up, had a drink, said goodbye(I will be staying with them in two weeks) and headed off to Dulliken, which is a small village between Zurich and Bern to meet the host family Thommen (all 6 of them) and enjoy a welcome barbeque. Their barbies here have about 6 different kinds of meats, which is right up my alley!

Now if you remember from last year, Dulliken is known for its production of nuclear energy, the Budhist temple, and its baseball team reminded me of the Bad News Bears. Well, I need to apologize to the Bears for under evaluating their talent, and if these kids are sucking nu-clear air for their energy, then give me old-foggy energy anytime. Wow, what a project! We had to work hard to prepare the TruckStars(I don't know where the name came from(nobody does) but they DO move like trucks, but there are no stars among them) for their U15 games in Thun and U12 games in Lucerne at the weekend. The practices went relatively productive, even contending with the local clubs playing/practicing on the same grounds. I am convinced that a lot of soccer people, just thinking of heading a ball, turn a little loopy, and these 4 days of practices did nothing to convince me otherwise. They thought nothing of walking through practice (there ARE walkways AROUND the practice, folks!) and we even had parents pushing baby carriages or (walking their toddlers through batting practice. They probably knew more about our hitting than I did at that point. I was told that it was just SSA; Swiss Soccer Arrogance.

We did win one game out of two in Thun for the U15's, and one out of two in Lucerne with U12's. Rene, the coach of the whole program, was/is ecstatic. A few events happened at these games which might amuse the casual observer, and make us coaches scratch our head/pull our hair: 1. While warming up with the team, Yannik, our starting pitcher, was missing. Nobody knows where Yannik is. So, while going back to the dugout to look for him, I happen to come across this plump little cherub, sitting on the steps to the snack bar with a grin and ketchup on his lips, munching away on a hamburger. Besides all other factors, "Lumpie" didn't need another hamburger!

2. Same game U15, runners on 1st and 3rd and one out, Beatrice, our centerfielder, circles under(and I really mean circles) and catches a fly ball. Well, one might have thought that she had won the class presidency. The celebration went on and on and.....meanwhile, back in the infield, the runner from 3rd had almost scored, went back to 3rd, tagged up,and scored. The runner from first was at 2nd, went back and tagged up and went to 2nd. After I had yelled myself hoarse during the celebration, pleading with her to throw the ball into the infield, her response was "I had never caught a ball before!"

3. On Sunday in the under 12 game, our 8 year old rightfielder refused to bat. She stood on top of homeplate with the bat pointed to the plate until the umpire had to call her out. Her next AB, her mother was able to bribe her with chocolate to bat, and she wasn't that bad. Same game; our hitter hits a ball over third base, where it rolls to a stop about 6 feet from the foul line, 140 feet from home plate. The leftfielder runs over to the ball and looks at it (like it is a dog deposit) and then runs back to his position in left field without the ball. Meanwhile, our guy circles the bases for an-inside-the-park-look-at-the-ball homerun.

4. The weather yesterday got kind of warm (by Swiss standards 82 degrees). In the second game, I looked back to our dugout (a tent with two benches) to see all of the players standing outside in the sun as the parents had taken over the dugout to get some shade. You just don't see these things very often back home.

One last funny tidbit (at least for me). We were walking away from the field in Thun (it is on a military compound with a huge expanse of fields), when one of my friends from the area (he is a playwright from Los Angeles, married to a swiss girl and spends half the year in Switzerland and the other in LA working on movies) approaches me and says, "Coach, did you see the lightning?" I responded with my aluminum bat in hand, "No I didn't David, but I felt the rain." He came back with, "Well, if nothing else it will give me a title for my next movie---We called him Fungo!"

Well, that is all for now. We did get out to Badenweiler, Germany, a small spa village which was really quaint for part of a day. I leave the goofy confines of Dullekin tomorrow for Geneva for two weeks. Hope all is well, and I look forward to hearing what you all are doing.

All the best! Rick (Steen)

Mena Quilici shared Whidbey Painting Retreats's photo.

And I'd add, make bad art. Just make art. I sometimes have to make bad art to get to the good stuff. Like pinching back the plants so they grow fuller.



I had a visit from an old classmate/bridesmaid last week and it was a great surprise! It has also motivated me to give you my current info. My husband Jim Curtis Skyline class of 1963 and I have been living in El Dorado Hills, Ca for the past thirteen years. We raised our 2 daughters in southern Ca. My email address is: ajccurtis@yahoo.com Also my sister-in-law Susan Diane Curtis passed away in 1982. I know she was on your missing list too. **Catherine Coit Curtis**

I have 2 more days before I am retired! **Cynthia (Young) Harelson (6.30.13)**

Jennifer Foreman Williams



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Did you ever make it to Rwanda and do the gorilla trek to see the silver backs? Took us a 1.5 years to get our permits. They only allow 6 people per day in the jungle and you get only 1 hour with a gorilla family. Then from there we will head to Johannesburg and on for a 3 week safari, Botswana, Zambia, and S. Africa. **Clyde Batavia** (now home)

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I am in Banff and Lake Louise with the family, celebrating my retirement. My dad said I should see these before I die, so I am not waiting until the last minute. **Martha Gooby Micks**

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**A message from your mistress, web that is..... (Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz):**

Welcome to the new look at HYPERLINK "<http://www.skyline64reunion.com>"

[www.skyline64reunion.com](http://www.skyline64reunion.com)!!! We have created a special site for our class – the first class to graduate from Skyline having spent all three years at the school. Next year we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that occasion.

There a just a few things I want to point out before you jump to see the new site.

This site is login/password protected. You can get to the Welcome and Classmates tabs only until you register and create a login.

**Everyone already has a profile. DO NOT CREATE A NEW ONE.** Ladies, you are listed by your family name. Please search for your name in the CLASSMATES tab.

To begin - Click or type this web address to Edit Your Profile:



HYPERLINK "<http://www.skyline64reunion.com/3/registration.htm>" <http://www.skyline64reunion.com/3/registration.htm>

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## Birthdays

*Calendar.....please make additions/corrections. sdc)*

**(Reminder - Annual Birthday Cake/Ice Cream at Kasper's July 15 @12:30)**

### July

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06 Georgina Mew Chew  
10 Jayne Ross Pike  
12 Vicki Oding  
13 Susan Nicholson Wood  
13 Carol Hansen Hartman  
Shari Bates MacGregor  
16 Jay Goodrich  
17 Gary Sommer  
Wolfgang Werner  
18 Judy Israel Hoeshler  
20 Cathy Karsh Cobel  
29 Janice Johnson McIntyre  
30 Richard Clarke  
Carol Gorden Gilder

August 03 Rene Dokos Rores  
Richard Ott  
07 Bruce Quan  
15 Doug Wood  
16 Judith Israel Hoeshler  
17 Shayne Del Cohen  
18 Marilyn Hope  
18 Susan Louise  
20 Cathy Freel Bellinghausen  
20 Mike Marcum  
21 Maureen Sarment  
25 Bob Falaschi  
Mike Marcum  
26 Janet Streb Greenwood  
27 Donna Jenkins  
28 DeeAna McLemore  
29 Katheen Hender Catanho  
31 Bob Blesse  
Lynne Beitelspacher Head



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## **Greek Influence at Skyline High - Evident in Mosaics, Murals and more...**

By Ryan Barnes\*

Skyline High School's past is both extensive and vastly different from the way the campus is today.

Construction first began on 12250 Skyline Blvd. in 1959. The site was chosen because of its immense natural beauty and serene atmosphere. Construction, which took two years, was completed in 1961. The original name chosen for skyline was Hill Area High School; however, two prominent Oaklanders, George R. Sisteck and John Kingston, suggested renaming the school after the stunning boulevard on which the school was built. The school was officially named Skyline High School in February 1961.

On Dec. 14, 1961, the student body voted to adopt a Greek theme. They first selected a house-type government, in which the students of Skyline were divided into five counseling groups containing sophomores, juniors and seniors. Each group was named after a different Greek house: delta, Epsilon, Phi, Chi, and Omega. The counselor of each house was also the house adviser.

"The five houses would not only sponsor events, but would often compete against each other in various activities," said English teacher Nancy Stewart, who has been a part of Skyline since 1980 and has learned about Skyline's history through her years of heading the yearbook. "This included things [such as] bake-offs and sports."

Each house had an executive branch, a legislative branch, and a judicial branch. The officials within each branch were elected by the members of their house. Each house had a court, where they would assist the administration in various school decisions.

"Let's say that a student was late to class many times," said Stewart. "The court would decide what the student's punishment would be. [The student body] chose the house system because it would get [students] more involved in the democratic system, [which would] develop leadership in them. It gave the students a much more active and efficient role in the way Skyline was run, and [they were thus] motivated to participate in government."

Maintaining the Greek theme, the student body chose the Titan as the school mascot.

In Greek mythology, the Titans were mighty giants. They were valiant warriors who were revered and idolized for their greatness and eternal glory. The student body felt like all incoming student should emulate the Titans. They felt that the new school was to have high standards, and the Titan would be the symbol of these standards.

The Greek theme was carried on to the newspaper and the yearbook. In Greece, an oracle was a person through whom a deity was believed to speak and, thus reveal a vast amount of hidden knowledge. As a result, the newspaper was named "The Oracle" and was dedicated to bringing knowledge to students.

The yearbook was entitled "The Olympian," which was also used to promote the prominence of the new school. Olympians in Greek mythology were the 12 principal gods of the Greek pantheon. By calling the yearbook "The Olympian," the students hoped its reputation would



reflect the dedicated and hardworking faculty and student body which were shown in the yearbook pages.

The theme of Skyline was not only based upon the Greeks, but also individual choice. "Back then, there were a wide variety of electives that were available to students," said Stewart.

"There was auto shop, sewing class and home economics, just to name a few. [As a matter of fact], those in sewing class make their own clothes, which were sent to modeling agencies for consideration. As for the auto shop, [it provided] a place for students and teacher alike to have their cars repaired. [Students] basically had a lot of programs where they could carry out their interests and passions."

Skyline also had an on-campus employment program. A portion of an insurance company was run on campus, providing students with training in business. The program was phased out due to a lack of funds, and because students were required to take other classes to meet requirements set by the University of California system.

Although many are disheartened to have watch Skyline lose quality programs and activities, there are those who still hold much hope for the school.

"Skyline's greatest asset it its wonderful student body," said Spanish teacher Sondra Schwartz.

"They were the best part of Skyline back then, and they are undoubtedly just as vital now," she said. "Skyline's hope lies in its students. With the support of the student body, the sky is not even a limit for our school."

\*This article, written by one of Skyline's journalism students, originally appeared in the June 2008 issue of "Oaktown Teen Times," Oakland's Teen Newspaper.

Skyline High School is returning to it's glory. Students, staff, parents, the school community and alumni care a great deal about this wonderful campus "on the hill." We have challenges, but like the Titans of Greek mythology, we will have a great and glorious high school!

Note: In the fall of 1997, the secondary schools in Oakland were restructured. Junior high schools became middle schools (grades six through eight), and high schools added the ninth grade.

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The July 2013 issue of [Bay Nature magazine](#) will celebrate five decades of protecting San Francisco Bay with a special, 16-page section dedicated to wetland restoration efforts around the Bay. “Look How Far We’ve Come: Restoring the Bay For People and Wildlife,” visits projects in the North Bay and the South Bay and talks to many of the scientists, land managers, activists, and visionaries whose pioneering work and advocacy has made the Bay Area a leader in wetlands restoration around the country. [Click here to order your July issue of Bay Nature.](#)

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