

Skyline News Note



September 2022

August Zoom Recap



From the Desk of SDC

The August Zoom was lightly attended because so many people were out and about on many adventures.

Gene Dangel was taking grandkids to the zoo before school starts; **Maureen Sarment** was off to Boise; **Ken McCracken** and **Barb Uhlig Harbidge** were having medical adventures; **Gay Parker** returning from one of her famous (infamous) trips....this one to Fresno; **John Lyman** off on a Disney cruise with granddaughter, Laine (guess who was most excited?!); **Cynthia Young Harelson** off to England; **Gary Sommer** overseeing a 153 foot fence being built in his backyard.

So travel was the theme of the opening conversation with **Ginny Huber Howrey** saying hi but then dashing off to see her son whom she hadn't seen in three years but is starting a new job closer to her.

Carol's description of escapades with Overseas Adventure Travels brought a

discussion of the City of Red Rock in Jordan and a humorous share from **George Blakshere**. Packing tips, handicapped toilets and Covid cancellations all received reviews.

Tom La Marre invited alums to several baseball game games, both arranged with special features, but alas, with Covid restrictions relaxed, so many are out exploring places and visiting friends/family they've not been for two or three years (not to mention some of the group's ire with John Fischel and the Howard Terminal proposal).

Shayne's theme was rain (remember what that is?) with Reno having had a hail storm, not with pebbles, but marble+ sized pellets and monsoon type showers that set the record for rain in August within three days. Also put a damper on Hot August Nights, to say the least.

Talk meandered around to the 60th Reunion (two years away), with September appearing to be the favored month and time of day being split between 1-4 and traditional evening. Buffet the preferred serving method and 60's music (thank you to **Bob Main** who provided **Shayne** with over 5 hours of such cd's for the 50th). Back by popular demand will be **Rodney Burge** at the piano...he's already accepted.

Respondents were looking for a \$75-100 per person cost and the other related activities (Fentons, Kaspers, golf, and other pre-Covid delights).

If you haven't filled out the survey.....snooze, you lose.....we're still accepting venue and other entertainment ideas.

In his "acceptance speech" **Rodney** relayed he's had two haircuts since vaccination, is semi-employed with his music, had some cryptic comments about major league baseball using cardboard cutouts and canned noise to replace Covid adverse audiences and made a profound observation that we are no longer children, so there is no more disrespecting the borrowed time we have. He is filling it in with art and will

be having a show at the Colusa County Arts Center.

Carol mentioned she is starting an artist's corner...see elsewhere in this newSnote.

Nancy Brick Robinson checked in at the last minute from her busy life of weeding and assisting daughter at a variety of chachka fairs, seemingly within a 100 mile radius.

And there you have it!.....next zoom is September 12. "See" you there.



Zoom Party August 8, 2022



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

shayne@sprintmail.com



September 12, 2022

Zoom Party 1:00 PM Pacific Daylight
Time

Zoom Meeting



September 12, 2022

1:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time

You can't know the fun and companionship that goes on here unless you participate. We welcome all of you to come and say "hello" to a classmate you haven't seen for a while!

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Calling all Artists!



With this edition of newSnotes, we introduce you to fellow classmates who find enjoyment in their artistic talents! If you have something to share, [please email me!!](#) We hope to fill this space



First up is Rodney Burge who will be having his first ever showing in Colusa, California at the Colusa County Art Council, 151 5th St, Colusa, CA 95932. This show will begin after Labor Day. [Here is a link to Rodney's website where you can see his art works and also purchase his CD's.](#)



Speaking of Mr. Baratta, I have to second the thought that learning typing has been one of the most

useful tools I learned at Skyline. I'm using that skill right now as I type this. When at Skyline, I would sometimes hitch hike to Skyline by walking down Sequoia Road from my house to Mountain Blvd and hitch a ride to Redwood Road and then another up the hill. A few times, Mr. Baratta would pick me up and drive me to school. He told me that during the summer, he made extra money by doing welding. If I remember correctly, the classroom he taught in had a view of the GG Bridge and I think you could also see the San Mateo and Richmond Bridges from that room. Not a bad view for a high school.

John Briggs



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Game August 8, 2022

Tom LaMarre and his son **Brian Marsh Standish** and **Ralph Merolla**
Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz
Rick and Kathy Steen

Final Score
Angel's 5 A's 4

Picture taken by **George Szymkiewicz**

Not too much to report on my end.

Dear All – Just to let you know that Matt made the NYTimes today!

Love to all, **Bob Blesse**



(Click on Picture for Article - I found a free one!)

In a birthday conversation with **Doug Wood**, he mentioned that his doctor has a new term for the little skin things that appear as we mature: BARNACLES

Beyond Mary's column (made me laugh outloud, so had to share):

In my never ending technology woes....after about 2 years, I finally noticed that my Outlook email inbox was sorted alphabetically. For some reason, I had thought that Amazon took over the world, and that was why the inbox started with Amazon

Still in New Hampshire which has been my primary home for 50 years now. Phew, how did that happen? I'm still working as a building contractor and trying to get to stained glass as often as I can. I'm the proverbial grasshopper it seems. A rocky 20 + marriage that left me putting it all back together and lots of other stuff and no significant savings so I keep working. Not so bad. Working keeps me out of trouble and my home is a nice one on a brook that flows with water year long. Maybe in the prettiest part of NH with lakes and ski mountains and abundant natural beauty. Northern New England gets under your skin and you realize there are few places any nicer to be than here. If you have'n already go to jamiemorgandesign.com. The site has not been updated in years but still a good indication of what I'm about. I hope everything is good with you.

James Morgan

emails. Since I order a lot of things online for me and also for my sister, there are usually a lot of emails...notifying me they got my order, sent my order, gave me \$1.50 for ordering Amazon Day Delivery, etc. I would swear that I went through my whole inbox Thursday, but today there was a message dated 8.20. Thank goodness for being able to complain on Facebook otherwise I would have to pound the walls with frustration except it wouldn't help my arthritis. And besides, it would probably make a hole.

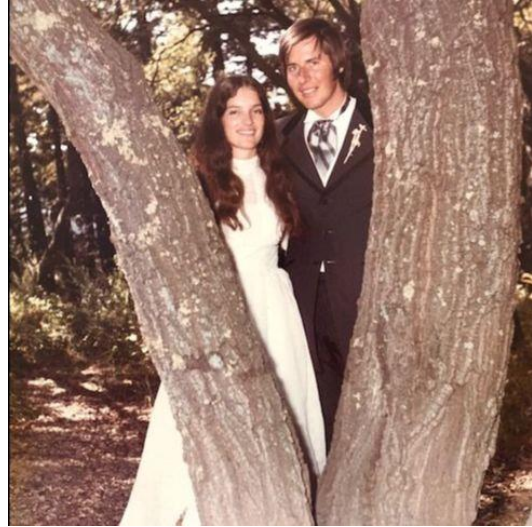
Mary Wood

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After not being able to travel overseas the past two years, we decided to spend our 50th wedding anniversary on a trip to Ireland. We were married in Castro Valley in July, 1972 and had our reception at Sequoia Lodge on Mountain Blvd in Oakland. We have been in the same house in Lafayette since 1978 where we raised our children.

We left for Ireland on July 5th and started on a tour in Dublin on the 9th with a company called Overseas Adventure Travel which specializes in small group guided tours.

This is a picture of us in Belfast with the other people on the tour. Our guide's wife was kind enough to make a special cake for us and bring it to the hotel. We stayed with the group until the 23rd. The tour started in Dublin and went around the north coast and down the west coast to Shannon. We then rented a car in Shannon and drove down to Dingle, Ring of Kerry and other parts of the island before coming home. It was a great trip.

John Briggs



Submitted by **Maureen Sarment**



I have enjoyed the nostalgia of writing this article. In the last 20 years, I have noticed how much seniors are nostalgic. People look up old friends and get on sites like “Forgotten Montclair” on Facebook. Nostalgia can be a “safe topic” when you are talking to seniors who are in an unhappy situation or who are experiencing increasing dementia. I am going to be nostalgic this month about my love of science fiction and fantasy.

As a teenager, I loved Glenview library because it had a whole shelf of science fiction, whereas Montclair didn't. I am not sure if it even had any. I also bought “Analog Magazine” (mostly sci-fi), “Fantasy and Science Fiction,” and “Amazing Stories.” My sister and I were not allowed to buy comic books, because we were fast readers.

I think my delight with sci-fi began with Rod Serling's “Twilight Zone” which started in 1959, 7th grade. I remember best a story about a spaceship caught in an eternal time

loop.

My fascination continued with the Greek myths in Mrs. Wolf's 8th grade English class at Montera Junior High. I put myself to sleep at night imagining I was a shepherdess who was madly in love with the handsome Apollo, who is a fabulous musician. He came down to visit me while I was sheep herding, one of the most boring jobs in the world, especially before books. I attracted him by making a lyre (a small harp) out of a tortoise shell. I suppose I used sheep guts for strings...not sure.

Both the Greek and Roman gods have been popularized in YA books (Young Adult) and now movie series about demigods, who are children born to a god and a human. As teenagers, their abilities start showing, and they try to get to a camp in a valley in Contra Costa County. The entrance is a service tunnel near the Caldecott tunnel. Invisible, of course, to everyone but the inhabitants. Greek demigods are on the West Coast. Roman demigods have their own camp on Long Island. If you want, you can send your grandchildren to real or virtual camps based on the books.

In my declining years, I have abandoned the Greek and Roman gods for the Norse. I love Thor, who as played by Chris Hemsworth, is handsome and charming. He is also much like Winnie the Pooh, who is a Bear with Very Little Brain. Did you know that Tom Hiddleston, who plays Loki, bulked up and tried out for Thor? He is over 6 ft. tall You can see the tryout on YouTube (Jimmie Fallon show.) He didn't have to try out for Loki.

The editors of the sci-fi magazines used to complain how science fiction didn't get any respect. They pointed out that there were some books considered main stream, even literary, but the publishers wouldn't advertise them as sci-fi.

For example, "Frankenstein." I consider horror stories to be fantasy as well. Recently I re-read "Frankenstein" in a Great Books group. Until then, it used to puzzle me as to why it has been considered literature since it was written by Mary Shelley in 1818. I learned it has "Important Themes", for example, whether you are playing God in creating life in a lab, the responsibility to your creation (Frankenstein

abandons his monster), and what it means to be human. Stories about robots who want to be human are similar.

Mary Wood



**Joaquin Miller Graduating Class of 1958 -
Forwarded by Leigh Parker (Cindy Gibbs)**

Do enlarge; some people are immediately recognizable.



The Fines...still fine....Second Generation now hosting the Fourth on the Annual Campout

Richard Clarke, Rick Steen, Ken Hood, Bob Blesse.....who is the best cook?



Dan Wightman



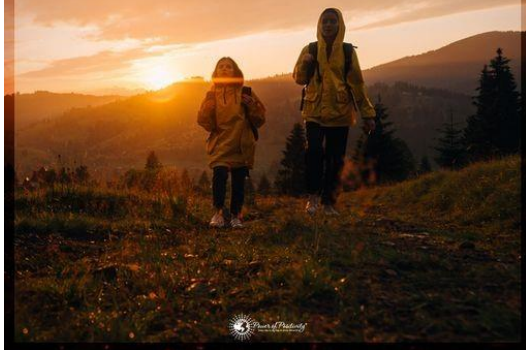
**Life is short,
Time is fast.**
No replay, No rewind.
So enjoy every moment
as it comes.

The best thing about being over 50?



We did all our stupid stuff
before the invention of the internet,
so there's no proof!

Time and good
friends are two things
that become more
valuable the older
you get.



Tomorrow is never
promised, so today I want
all of my friends and
family to know how
thankful I am that all of
you are in my life.





September

- 01 Margaret Rait Muat Jones
Virginia Keller
Larry Day
Bill Dye
Marsha Haner Johnson
- 04 Michael B. Myers
- 06 Steven Daniel
- 07 Sharyn Carroll
- 08 James Morgan
- 09 Tom Cherry
- 13 Phil Rocco
- 14 Tom Lamarre
- 17 Richelle Lieberman
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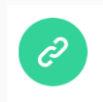


October

- 01 Carol La Dolce Donato
- 02 Mia Evans Rice
Sharon Smithburn Sutter
Robin Cole Rauch
- 09 Michael Edward Dickinson
Tom Mortensen
- 10 Sara Hershey Glover
- 13 Heidi Johnson Stolp
- 15 Bob Conn
- 16 Clyde Batavia
- 17 Al Mathewson
- 18 Karl Hoenack
- 21 Lois Roberts
- 24 Nancy Brick Robinson
- 30 Elizabeth Beeby
Sharon Allphin
Bob Sabatini

Bob Barklow
26 Roger Sexton
27 Jessamine Gibbs Gadsby
28 John Ballinger
Sue Telford Smith
28 Donald Schnarr

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