

Whew!! 2020 is Almost Over!

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Zoom Party Summary November 9, 2020

Opening the November Zoom in style was **Steve Whitgob**, sporting his "Covid-Do", having had only one haircut (via daughter) in the last six (can you believe it - six!!) months. As with anyone joining for the first time, he brought us up to date on his forty years as a physician and subsequent attempts at "retirement" which now had him serving as a medical director, now looking forward to household repairs, travel and sleeping late.

Don Sarver checked in from Italy, narrating the celebration in the streets over the US election. His narrative included a COVID update, Rome green; Milan, red; Spain with an all day curfew, Italy with a night curfew except for walking a dog. Don has been "nasaed" twice, getting results the next day (negative). One has to quarantine going in/out of Italy.

With three docs in the room (**John Lyman** visited for awhile), the conversation became in-depth over Covid, **Nancy Brick Robinson** relating that her sister had been stricken. Some relayed being freaked out; others "no me preocupa".
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John Close's mention of Ted Williams' career as a wingman led to conversation, including **Neal John Evans** about Wright-Patterson AFB (down the road from Lyman). Shayne mentioned that one of the more interesting archival projects had been to organize some of the papers of Ezra Kotcher (from Oakland) who invented the ground/air speed control mechanism for jets (in the 30's) and had served as the civilian director of AFIT. (Some Zoom conversations have tendrils hard to follow).

Messages/greetings received from **Gene Dangel** and **Tom Stallard** who had prior commitments. **John Close** related that he got to see his new granddaughter for the first time, the father being at sea.

In regards to Carol's question, "How do we calm all this (merde) down?" the conversation got hot and heavy. **Nick Blackshere** edited with rapier wit. Everyone had something to say: **Mary Wood, Marlen Edelmann Jacobs, Melissa Silverman Willaby, Debbie Agee Roessler, Jess Gibbs** and **Sharon McWalters** who reminded us we all have to work together and **Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz** observing that "'Peace and Goodwill' are all up to us...to do better." **Dick Johns** calmed it down with another card trick, followed by further imaging of sitting around a campfire with a ride-around cowboy tune plucked by **John Close**.

John also wanted to salute **Stan Lore** for his work with veterans and other activities of spiritual uplifting.

Sharon Mc Walters summed up the monthly zoom meetings as "a way to get entertained"....so reminding all readers they have an open invitation to join in the amusement and don't have to say anything. "See" you next month! sdc

Next Zoom Meeting Monday, December 14, 2020 1:00 pm





Complete Party Can Be Viewed Here

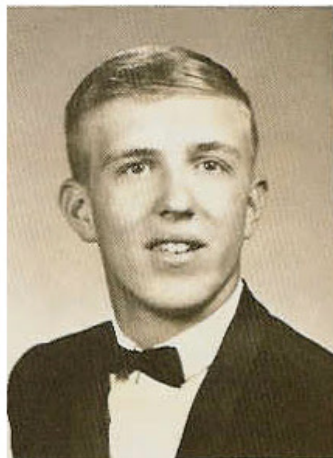
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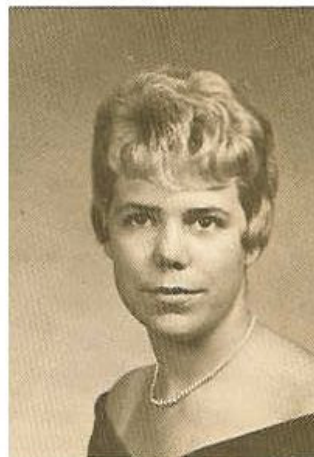
Do you have something to add to our conversation or know someone in our class that needs a virtual hug?

Please send Shayne an email at shayne@sprintmail.com

It is with deep sadness that we report that two of classmates have passed on.
Please click on their pictures for their obituaries.



Don Jones



Vicki Oding



Kasper Dates

CANCELLED

They really miss seeing us monthly. If you live near or travel through Oakland, stop by, have a hot dog and say hello!

Skyline Zoom Party #8

December 14, 2020

1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time Join Zoom

Meeting

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"It's not happy people who are thankful, it's thankful people who are happy".

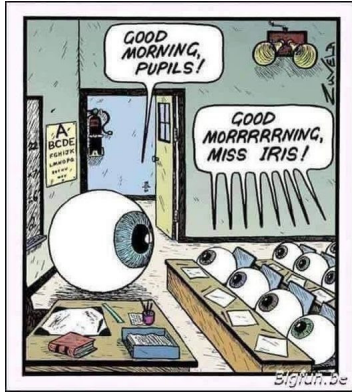
Dennis Osanna

We are in Rome anticipating a shut down of some sort. Rome's infection rate isn't too bad, Milan' is quite high. All are well and we have enjoyed the family company. Thanks for some humor.



I can stop eating carrots to relax my jaw. I have been gritting my teeth for a month. I can eat them for their nutritional value. Apparently my last 3 posts have been going to one person only, another challenge to my techphobia, so if you see this please hit like or dislike. I am very happy to see Biden elected, but he is still a tool of capitalism. My best line that you missed was Biden is an Echo Not a Choice.

Carol Szymkiewicz hosts a Zoom meeting every month for our high school class of 64. It is a lot of fun. I



Ciao, **Don Sarver**



Gratitude day 4. How I love my childhood friends. We've been friends for over 60 years and still get together several times a year. This year it's been a lot of texting but know that soon we'll be visiting in person #givethanks.

Mary Ann Collins Anderson and the Ya Ya's

Aloha and Mahalo,

find it a lot easier socially than our former monthly meetings at Kasper's in Oakland, for several reasons; one it required me to get dressed and drive. Mainly because there were several tables there, and to see everyone you had to get up and wander around, which I am not very good at. On Zoom it is more like a class or my book group, and I find it much easier to be mouthy. Anyway, the point of this is I need help choosing a song to sing next month. I have a trained, but not great voice, but I mentioned I loved to sing, and one guy keeps suggesting I do. So I am trying to decide between "I have 5 pounds of Possum in my headlight and it's possum stew tonight" which is very entertaining, or a song that suits my voice, a sad English madrigal entitled "Now Oh Now We Needs Must Part."

The main point of this post was to find a way to mention "I have 5 pounds of Possum, etc." I accidentally tuned into Hee Haw. Really I like to watch Bones, usually skipping thru or shutting my eyes for the bones. She is a woman after my own heart; tactless, literal, and interrupts a lot. An INTJ. I have a much better sense of humor though.

Thank you for your historical Oakland additions. I shared the Lake Merritt U-tube with my brothers, Reed SHS-66 and Steve OHS. Steve knew Jim Covell in Oakland schools and knows him now as they both work with museums in Monterey and Pacific Grove. My favorite story about Lake Merritt is about my daughter, Heidi Kai, taking sailing lessons there many years ago. She was born on Maui, grew up in the Virgin Islands and now lives on Oahu where she sails on the Hokulea every chance she gets. The lessons learned on Lake Merritt were useful in working with the Polynesian Voyaging Society and crewing sections on the Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage. Lake Merritt remains special.

Ann (Clark) Guth

Mary Wood

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Stallard on his re-election. Click on Tom's image to read his biography.



**Mayor Pro Tempore
Woodland City Council**
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From the Oakland History Facebook Page:

I am hoping to reconnect with my cousins, Joyce Wilson and Jeff Wilson. Joyce graduated from Skyline High in about 1965 and Jeff



Submitted by **Ken McCracken**



Dale Matsui Stake

You and your family are in our prayers.

in about 1971 or so. Their father, my great uncle Dr. Frank Wilson, had his medical practice on Fruitvale Avenue in the 50's and 60's...they lived either on Snake Road, or in that immediate vicinity. I'm unclear on some of the facts, because I am a bit younger than them. Anyhow, please help me if you can. Thanks. One more note: my grandfathers, Lorenz Knauer and Fred Knauer owned and operated The Oakland Brewery, located at 9th and Broadway - they purchased the business in 1867. Go Raiders!

Steve Knauer

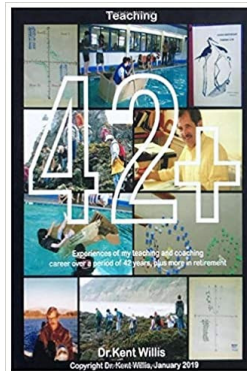




This month we also have a
huge hug to
Howard and Karen Allen
We are sorry to hear about the
loss of your long time friends.

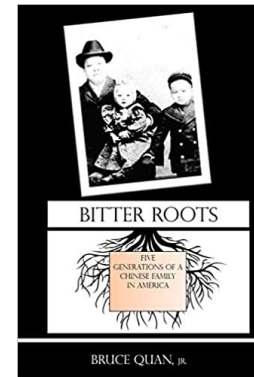
**We have many talented people in our class who have written books.
The two below can be purchased on Amazon.
Click on the picture of the book for more information.**

This book describes the author's experiences teaching all subjects in junior high over a period of 42 years. It includes personal experiences that led the author to become a teacher. It also gives suggestions on how to teach math and science, as well as art. It includes



humorous stories and descriptions of interesting teachers and staff. Included are the following: anecdotal stories such as how his class exchanged gifts with Jackie Chan, classroom speakers for

This account of five generations of one family's life in America could simply be called an historical drama--the "characters" are all people who lived and breathed and walked the earth of China



and California, from the 1850s to the present day. It is my hope and intention that these fact-based stories will enlighten, encourage and inspire whoever reads them: students, historians, Asian Americans and all other peoples of different races who may recognize themselves or their families in this

history such as a Holocaust survivor and a lady who had been a member of the Hitler Youth during World War II.

Kent Willis

drama--in short, we human beings who inhabit our world with skins of different shades, and languages made of different sounds, but with minds and hearts aligned to what is good and true in life, taught to us by our mothers and fathers, aunties and uncles, brothers and sisters and family friends, down through the generations.

Bruce Quan, Jr.



Happy Birthday

Special Shout Out to Our Former Teacher

[John Hills](#)

on his 98 Birthday

(You can send him your own greeting by clicking on his name.)

December 17, 2020



December

- 02 Peggy Tisdell Cross
- 03 John Lyman
- 04 Dennis Bushnell
- 07 Dennis Cooney
Judy Tonini Rezendes
- 09 Susan Buikema
- 12 Marsha Standish
- 12 Margaret Pachner
- 17 Joe Peak
Jan Descombes Bassett
- John Hills (98)**
We wish the best on your
98th!!
- 18 Jon Rawitzer
- 25 Pete Ramos
Valerie Ranche
- 26 Linda Conradi
Joan Frieburghouse Bannon
- 27 Phil Bateman
Diane Breen Helman
Shirley Donaldson Whipple
- 29 Rodney Burge
- 30 Sharon Lawrence Tuttle
Marylaird Wood

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January

- 01 Bob Alton
Arno Krippene
Debbie Goldfarb Denos
Scott Noble
- 03 Cathy Wight Brown
- 04 Linda Roesch
- 06 Francesca Kahn Tillman
- 08 Michele Ayers
Lisa Wallace
- 15 Cheryl Merrick Hultgren
- 17 Debbie Agee Roessler
- 18 Karen Juul Mihok
Richard Street
- 22 Jim Wright
- 25 Wayne Loomer
Janet Johnson McIntyre
- 30 Marlen Edelmann Smart
Dale Matsui Satake
- 31 Bob Barklow



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



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