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As mentioned in a special note posted on the class Facebook page, **Pam Saxe Thompson** passed away on October 21. Too many were unable to attend the Celebration of Life that had been scheduled, so the family decided to reschedule.....probably in 2018. They will let us know (hopefully in time for a timely alert).

As **Jess Gibbs** says, “Let’s be thankful for every day”.

(forgot to post this in Oct/Nov, but it is worth the wait. Apologies, John)

As some of you know, I recently spent a couple of weeks in Viet Nam. The experience was so strong that I took the time to write about it.

With the embedded pictures, the file is too large to email, so I put it on dropbox. You can find it at the link below, along with some videos.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/v5nayii09wbsgx6/AAB0rViY3b5iL8BAYcZpBW5Wa?dl=0>

Best, Neal (John) Evans_

(complete with pics; looks a little different than when some of us were there in the 60’s)

Joel Kuechle presents:



The photo of me as winner was from 1955. I think the photo of the larger crowd was probably that same year. The photo of three kiddies was probably 1956, as Donnie’s trophy looks slightly larger than mine, and 1956 was the year Donnie won. My brother raced in 1954 but didn’t win. Then my dad put a 50 pound weight in the floor (legal) which helped me zip down the steep part more quickly and win in 1955. Left to right, **Jay Goodrich** (future injured Nam pilot) **myself** (that year’s champ), and **Donaldo**. I’m in the top photo as champ. Next year was Donnie’s year...We sure looked like Lilliputian dweebs compared to the unidentified adult.



Top Norm Gadsby, Bobby Penprase, Dean Carmine, Eddie Lamb, unidentified, Larry Eslinger Bottom: Mike Savnik George Blackshere, Gary Sommer, unidentified, Clyde Batavia. Larry Shewfelt with someone else on the curb.

He (Don) edged me out the next year, and his coaster was named **Sarver's Left Thumb**, as his dad temporarily clipped off the tip of his finger making the coaster. [\(Click to enlarge\)](#)

The season of gluttony continues.....after Kasper's on Monday, it was Fenton's on Tuesday, Treasure Island on Wednesday..... (standing) **Gary Sommer, Tom/Cheryl LaMarre, Marsha Standish, Bob Nordgren, Dick Johns, Dick Street, Sharon McWalters, Don Sarver, Bruce Quan (seated) Shayne Del Cohen, Judy Belcher, Maureen Sarment, Cynthia Young Harelson, Gay Parker. Don Schnarr** left before pic taken.



This event was sparked by the John's visit to California, so those of you out of the area should see that a group can instantly assemble if you'd like to visit!

Treasure Island
Maureen Sarment, Melissa Silverman Willaby, Dale Matsui, Dhyannis, Cynthia Young Harelson, (seated) Diane Breen Helman, Jan Wilson, and yours, truly.



**Next Kasper's is December 11;
January will be on the 8th.**

Karen Juul Mihok I had a new garage door opener installed today. I could connect it to my smart phone via wifi.....only took a 1/2 hour for me to figure it out :) feeling proud, LOL!!👍]

for Montclair history: <https://abitofhistory.site/author/oaklanddots/>



Maureen Sarment

My sister Kathleen and I have been going through our family's bible and papers and pictures. This was my Dad's bar , hosting with George Souza.

May this season bring you all the joy of easing up, visiting and communicating; may you revel in the blessings we enjoy and in the coming year, may you face the challenges of these times with a "kick ass" attitude.

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Birthdays

December

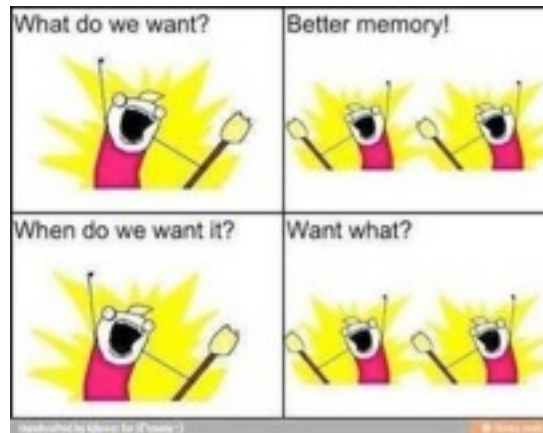
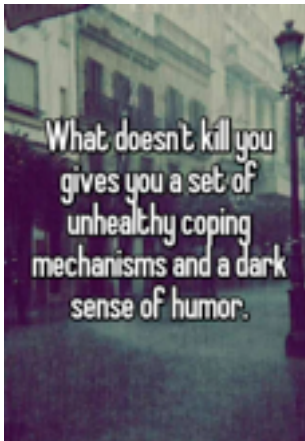
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- 03 John Lyman
- 04 Dennis Bushnell
- 07 Dennis Cooney
- 09 Susan Buikema
- 12 Marsha Standish
- 12 Margaret Pachner
Joe Peak
Jan Descombes Bassett
- 18 Jon Rawitzer
- 25 Valerie Ranche
- 26 Linda Conradi
- 27 Phil Bateman
- 27 Shirley Donaldson Whipple
- 29 Rodney Burge

17 John Hills will be 95



January

- 1 Bob Alton
- 1 Arno Krippene
- 1 Debbie Goldfarb Denos
- 1 Scott Noble
- 3 Cathy Wight Brown
- 8 Michele Ayers
- 8 Lisa Wallace
- 15 Cheryl Merrick Hultgren
- 17 Debbie Agee Roessler
- 18 Karen Juul Mihok
- 18 Richard Street
- 25 Wayne Loomer
- 29 Dave Gebhard
Janet Johnson McIntyre
- 30 Marlen Edelmann Jacobs
Dale Matsui Satake
- 31 Bob Barklow



(clipped before kerfuffle)

Garrison Keillor, *The Washington Post*

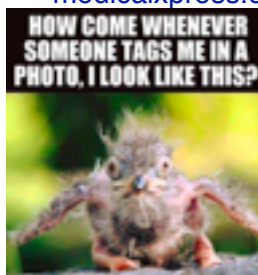
Keillor writes: "Life is precarious. So much depends on a small card with a grim picture of me on it. Lose it and I become flotsam, a fugitive, stateless, displaced. Sobering." [READ MORE](#)

[Bully and the Buddhist](#)

A former schoolyard bully, Jeff Zlotnik found a new identity through Buddhism. Now he's earning acclaim for teaching meditation and the art of compassion. His classmate wonders why he changed—and if he remembers the pain he caused. [READ MORE](#)

[Dancing can reverse the signs of aging in the brain](#)

As we grow older we suffer a decline in mental and physical fitness, which can be made worse by conditions like Alzheimer's disease. A new study, published in the open-access journal *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, shows that older people who routinely partake in physical exercise can reverse the s... [medicalxpress.com](#)





[Philip Duhe to Oakland History](#)

Oakland 1920's
 In 1913, brothers A.G. and Henry J. Peters opened a shoe store in a 12 sq. ft. space in Oakland. It was called the "Hole in the Wall". ... [See More](#)

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Charles Mosher, age 44, an employee in the ticket department of the Ringling Bros. Circus for the past twenty years, was struck by lightning at Ft. Wayne, Ind., recently, and killed instantly. His body was cremated at Baraboo, Wis., and the ashes sent to his home at Oakland, Cal. *Billboard*, August 16, 1919, p. 86. Information should be checked with additional sources Can you add information? [Email](#) your documented information for this/these person(s).

Brian O'Neil to Oakland History

I'm digging through the family archives. Here are a couple of pages from my grandfather's 4th grade geography textbook in 1907, at St. Francis de Sales school. At 175 pages I can't post it all, but I was especially interested in the population statistics. The print is small, but in those days the population of the U.S. was only 76 million. California had 1.4 million. San Francisco, the largest city in the Bay Area had only 342,000. The suburbs didn't exist. Oakland hardly get...[See More](#)



[Grace Harwood](#) shared a [link](#).

[November 23 at 1:40am](#)

Every once in a while I am moved to correct the misquotation of Gertrude Stein's there is no there there business. Like so many things, people got it wrong and then continued with the error.

Stein and her family lived on 10 acres with orchards and such near 13th Avenue and E. 25th. When she returned from Paris as an adult with Alice B. Toklas on a tour in the late 1930s, she went to her neighborhood and found her house had been razed and the area virtually unrecognizable to her. All the people she had known as a child were elsewhere or had passed on.



So she said "there is no there there" because none of her Oakland existed at that point -- an experience many of us have had in trying to go home again. It was no slam on Oakland, just a simple statement of the home of her childhood no longer existing.

[Gertrude Stein's Oakland](#)
THE BLOG

05/31/2012 04:01 pm ET Updated Jul 31, 2012 Gertrude Stein's Oakland By Matt Werner
"There" statue at the Oakland/Berkeley border. Photo by Joe Sciarrillo. Ever since Gertrude Stein wrote of Oakland, "there is no there..." [huffingtonpost.com](#)

[After long wait, massive Oak Knoll housing project approved](#)

Spread over 187 acres, the development includes more than 900 homes, 72,000 square feet of retail property, and 67 acres of open space [eastbaytimes.com](#)

[Support Girls in Science](#)

"Now we're walking out... across the marsh!"

This is not something you hear most teens shout on a typical weekday, but a group of take-charge girls from Belmont's Notre Dame High School got the chance during one of Save The Bay's DIRT programs.

And they did more than announce their next steps: they filmed them!

A student named Gina from Notre Dame's AP Biology class captured the whole trip on camera as part of a web series called, *"Teens Do Science."*

Gina caught the action as her classmates took measurements on soil characteristics and assessed plant biodiversity. She was eager to share what they were doing and why it was important, and I was energized by her excitement.

I'm thrilled that our DIRT program teaches 9th through 12th graders from around the Bay Area about soil science and tidal marsh transition zones. But I'm truly excited that [DIRT empowers teenagers, especially young women, to feel confident in their math and science skills.](#)

Rachelle Cardona, Restoration Education Program Manager, Save The Bay



Margaret Rait sent this pic of the Redwood Heights Christmas Pageant (somewhere in the 50's) which is why I always think of **Frank Johnson** as a baby, **Bob Falaschi** as a baker and **Ken Feldstein** as a mailman.....



The STORY of THE BUILDING

"..... what have we to do
With Karkhad the Great or Karkhoor?"

Xth Quater of Omar Khayyam
Fitzgerald Version.

THE ROMANTIC flower that was Persian greatness has long been dust; the courts of the Sassanian kings today "the lizard keeps", and Iran's songs and beauties are but a fragrant memory. It remained for Oakland, Threshold of the Golden Gate, to erect a monument to Iran's glory, for it is the soul of the Ctesiphon palace of Karkhoor, crumbling on the Tigris, that gazes proudly out at modern Oakland from the new Packard building. Ctesiphon's great single arch which once soared over kingly chariots, is the prototype of the triple arches from which we may look across the placid beauty of Lake Merritt framed in emerald foliage, while up and down beneath them moves the full panoply of the twentieth century.

Bernard R. Maybeck, the architect, having found his exterior design in antiquity, drew the inspiration for his interior plans from the arches on columns at Sarvestan, and the crypts of such early Christian churches as that of St. Francis at Assisi. Thus, Oakland's latest

Sent to all by Nancy Klinkner Mulligan

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know ... Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... The back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is... my friends are retired and getting gray... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me... but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory!

Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that although I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.
LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY
Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.
LIVE HAPPY IN 2017! LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

~Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.

~The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really do care that you aren't as interested.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ..."what?"..."when?"... ???

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!?!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~~~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "OldFriends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS