

*Skyline News Note*



February 2019

August 1, 2019  
55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion



## Reunion Update

I hope you have August 1, 2019 circled on your calendar. This is the time of life when eyebrows pop out on chins and body parts need to be replaced.

We are so blessed to be here and have the chance to celebrate the time together in a cauldron that graduated us to the world. That common experience engendered a half century of adventures and experiences, sorrows and joys, children, grandchildren and now great grandchildren, world-wide travel for some, domestic bliss and local activity for other.

We are the products of the Industrial Age who now find ourselves in the Information Age. Many of the skills we were taught are no longer needed but we possess all kinds of knowledge. Most of us have our sense of humor intact.

So take a week and come meet people for the first time and celebrate this marvelous journey and all the people we have become. A word scramble is in order. Please

email me back with a word that describes your present passion. From prior conversations I know this includes activities or focus like “grandchildren”, “retirement”, “social justice”, “travel”, “cooking”, “my dog” and so forth. Don’t be shy; it’s just one word. Mine, of course, is “trash art” or “pretending to clean house”.

I also hope you have your penny jar getting filled.

Along with the high rises going up all over Oakland, the “prosperity” is making all costs also skyrocket. While we knew that we couldn’t keep the 2004 cost, it looks like \$100/person may also have be \$115. We will not make a determination until March.

But in the meantime, please let us know you are planning on joining in the five days of fun, centered around the main event at the Chabot Science Center where among other things we have booked all three telescopes and there will be a docent/astronomer for a two hour window in the latter part of the evening.

Hotel costs have also enjoyed a trip upward; the housing crunch means that many companies are now domiciling their workers in hotels while they try to find an apartment or house to buy. Most hotels want \$250 to block rooms, so I suggest you procure accommodations quickly if you don’t have a friend or relative with whom to bunk. Conversely, those that have residences in the area might want to consider offering some hospitality or pointing out neighbors that rent rooms or full houses for short term stays. I am including a sample list of B&Bs in the area. (See next story)

And there is never enough time to chat with everyone.

So there will be other activities at which to catch up with the past and present. The schedule, not yet set in stone, looks something like this:

- Monday
  - Annual Birthday Party at Kasper’s
- Tuesday
  - Lunch at Treasure Island or Fenton’s
- Wednesday

- Golf (Alameda Course) with a no-host luncheon for non-golfers at the clubhouse.
- Thursday
  - **Main Event 55 Class Reunion**
    - Chabot Science Center 6-11 pm
- Friday
  - Picnic at Skyline HS

Please acknowledge receipt of this email. So many have moved, discontinued landlines, etc. so we need to know who actually is getting postings. Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz, the maven of '64 technology, is not only responsible for the website ([Skyline64reunion.com](http://Skyline64reunion.com)) but is in the process of changing servers for mailing list as well as dragging me to a new format, so stay tuned.

Click on the images below for B&B suggestions.





**Kasper's will be on February 4 (also 11th if anyone wants); we have a confirmed reservation for Treasure Island on February 12 (noon); please rsvp to: [Shayne](#)**



**Cheryl Barrett Lugo and Linda Barkas**



**Joanne Belvedere Caglieri**



**Deeana McLemore  
at the Dead Sea**





In Italy, Bob Falaschi gives a cousin away.....



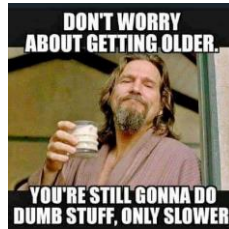
**Martha Gooby Micks:**

I am looking forward to 27 below, with a high of 13 below. We had such a pleasant winter until this and next week. Once we are in February

**Birthdays are good for yor health. Studies show that people who have more birthdays live longer.**



only 2 more months to go until winter pretty much over.



You are dust, and you will return to dust...  
That's why I don't dust, it could be someone I know.

### From the Mail Bag:

While some of us have moved from Oakland (sadly), Oakland ties keep playing a role in our lives.

Just before Christmas I had a fire at my home in Auburn. The home was destroyed but the first to respond was my next door neighbor, Sean Brown, a recently retired Oakland firefighter. Because of him, the fire did not spread to either his retirement home or the American River Canyon.

Oakland stays with you.

I got a 100% on the Oakland "test". That would make my parents/grandparents, etc. very happy!

At present still a little rattled and joking about being a "bag lady" but I have found a wonderful place to stay while I rebuild so that is a beginning.

### Birthdays

#### February

- |    |   |
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| 1  | Barbara Ann Brandon<br>Michele Reynolds-Frost<br>Susan Bingham Pate |
| 3  | Linda Allred Glaze  |
| 5  | Cynthia Young   |
| 8  | Roy Manson<br>Rosemary Reitz  |
| 10 | Gene Dangel   |
| 11 | Stan Lore   |
| 13 | Robin Kibbe<br>Fred Runo  |
| 14 | Dhynnis (Diane Carniglia)<br>Joanne Belvedere Caglieri              |
| 21 | Rod Bengston  |
| 25 | Nick Weist  |

#### March

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| 01 | Al Newman  |
| 01 | Diana Robinson   |
| 03 | Martha Gooby Micks   |
| 04 | Mildred Caldwell Swafford                                      |
| 04 | Judy Card<br>Dennis Bushell                                    |
| 04 | Delsa Pauletich Ham  |
| 05 | Sharlyn Brennan Tucker<br>Doug Bartman<br>Tina Illick Coolahan |
| 08 | Michael McGarry  |

Got out my cats and dog wearing a not so special robe and flip flops. It could be so much worse and I am fortunate.

Thanks so much for asking. All will be good.

And, the owner of my furnished getaway is some one I knew back from my days of working for Liberty House/Amfac in greater downtown Oakland. The threads continue.

Into 2019 on an optimistic mood..... Best of the new year to you.

Pat (Jenkin) Whitechat

**Advance Planning: Tom LaMarre** got the following invitation from the A's. If Interested, contact him at [tdtom7@aol.com](mailto:tdtom7@aol.com). Those that went last year had a great time.



- 10 Renee Cameto
- 11 Roy Langridge  
Jim Tompkins
- 16 Sally Holmes Voyles
- 21 Diane Cecil Laspina
- 23 James Pashayan
- 25 Randy Silver
- 27 Gary Caso  
Larry Helzel  
Roger Kientz
- 28 Dennis Bruns  
Ben Leet
- 29 Karen Boswell Palmer

### I Worried

*Mary Oliver*

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers  
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn  
as it was taught, and if not how shall  
I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,  
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows  
can do it and I am, well,  
hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,  
am I going to get rheumatism,  
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.  
And gave it up. And took my old body  
and went out into the morning,  
and sang.



From: Paris Freeman

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Subject: Military Appreciation Night-  
July 3rd

A's Fans-

Military Appreciation Night group tickets are now available! As someone who purchased tickets to this special event in the past, we wanted to give you first priority for the best seats before individual tickets go on-sale. To qualify for a discounted group tickets, you only need a group of 15+.

[‘Trust Your Angels’: Lessons I Learned From a Very Old Artist](#)

By JOHN LELAND

Jonas Mekas was a pioneer of American cinema, but many readers knew him best as a 90-something master of living. He changed lives, including our reporter's.



This year Skyline brought back a vocational class on campus. Students have access to a new career exploration class that focuses on construction. "Construction class helps me see different career opportunities, there are a lot of positions that I can work on in construction," said Skyline Junior. This course introduces the concepts of building, creation, and fixing things. The class offers an assortment of saws, 3-D printers, laser cutters and drills. Information about this class was gathered by the article, "Fablab Opens For Building Class" in the "The Titan Times" December 2018 edition, written by Junior, Lalayne Hayes.

To read more from "*The Titan Times*", click [here](#).

[SHS Alumni Association Facebook Page](#)

It is official, we have a facebook page. This school year, we have been working very hard as a community to rejuvenate the Alumni Association for Skyline High School. In the past few

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The **Cal Bears** have produced more Super Bowl [starters at quarterback](#) than any other program. The **Los Angeles Rams' Jared Goff** will be No. 5. Can you name the others?

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**Dimond Park needs your Love -  
Next Sat, Feb 2, 9 to 11**

Dimond Park needs your LOVE.  
Volunteer with us! Pay it forward to

months we have met multiple times and elected an executive board. As we are growing, a facebook to represent the association has been made. If you are a Skyline Alum please like and follow our page to stay up to date on our events and learn how you can get involved! We are also building an alumni directory to send out quarterly newsletters which include information about past and future events for both Skyline High school and the Alumni Association along with updates



**Jimmy Trout From His Facebook Page**

Oakland crew, just saw an article about the 35 best hotdogs in America. The only one I'd eaten was

your neighborhood park! Friends of Dimond Park is sponsoring a volunteer effort to prepare Dimond Park for Spring! Saturday, Feb.2nd 9 a.m. to 11 (rain or shine) \*\*Meet at the Scout Hut\*\* Bring the whole family, there's something for everyone. No experience necessary. Children, if accompanied by an adult, are welcome. We'll be doing some raking, cutting invasive Scotch Broom, and cleaning up the upper Tot Lot (by the Rec Center). We suggest you wear long pants, sturdy shoes, hat, and sunscreen or rain gear as the weather dictates. We'll supply tools (but feel free to bring your own favorites) and guidance. Please bring your own gloves. Join us in this community effort! Feel good, meet your neighbors and make you and your park happy. We look forward to seeing you!

\*\*\*Please forward this email to a couple of friends and ask them to join us, too.\*\*\* Friends of Dimond Park is a volunteer, non-profit organization. We strive to ensure that Dimond Park meets the diverse recreation needs of our community for an accessible, safe and well-maintained park. We are able to

Nathans. Kaspers is much better, he looks just like I remember him.

**(Don't forget 4 & 11)**

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