

Skyline News Note



February 2021



Zoom Party Summary

January 11, 2021

As usual, the January Zoom opened with participants sharing tidbits about a variety of things and conversations wandering to many corners:

Nancy Brick Robinson - her experience with and recovering from covid.

Gene Dangel - his friendship with a person serving as a lead researcher who developed the Moderna vaccine.

Cynthia Young Harelson - spending \$40/week on bird seed so that there was some entertainment for the stay-at-home-guidelines.

Bob Main and Tom Mortensen shared stories of being picked up individually on Skyline by a potential predator when they were young boys.....which underscores one of the positive things about these Zoom meetings: one can find out that that they are not the only ones who have experienced something negative in their life and that this group has a vast conglomeration of wisdom - and sometimes advice - about so many things.

This discussion went from nostalgic reminiscences of no houses on Skyline Blvd to the opening of Highway 13 (and the removal of **Sharon McWalters'/Doug Bartman's** houses), from participants asking about the whereabouts of **Judy Fredericks, Rich Barrington, Tom Whipple, Bill Giacometti, Don Raabe** to the railroad in Montclair. The most memorable quote from this section was "All my friends live in my computer."

(Other names thrown out during the cacophony included **Ann Hitchcock, Kathy Barnhart, Tina Illick, Roger Sexton, Des Leonard, Roger Sexton, Ben Haywood, Pete Tyrovolis and Bob Whitesides.**)

John Close, our man in perpetual motion and "still tinkering", "shared and told" his latest creation, a steam/electric train.

George Pappagianis made everyone hungry wanting to go to Kaspers for a hot dog.

Millie Caldwell Swafford shared a pic of herself and husband Floyd with the Classic Cougar Club and their 1968XR7.

Dale Matsui Satake who usually has another meeting on second Mondays, joined us and got tossed the question for "newcomers" - what have you been doing for the last 50 years?

She started by summarizing that she had moved 17 times, lived in six states and had held 12 jobs. Talking about her current involvement as an advocate for foster children and sitting on several boards, she exuded energy that comes from "enjoying life and engaging brain". Although good friends with her ex, a divorce several years ago lessened stress and let her help others now that she is in a position to do so. On a more serious note she talked about being the socio-economic implications of being Japanese at Skyline (within a generation of WWII) and then the first Asian in a sorority at Berkeley

Clyde Batavia related stories of his "being blonde" in Japan and **Shayne** was thinking about tales from her experiences/stories living in East Africa and Thailand).

Dick Johns' updating of quarantining included mentioning 51 1/2 years of marriage with **Barbara Lauck**; **Clyde** chimed in with 52 1/2 and someone said **Mary Ann Collins Anderson** could challenge the numbers. **Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz** checked in with 52 1/2. **Donna Woody** spoke of an aunt's 40 year marriage wherein the two lived 400 miles apart and saw each other two weekends a month.

Rodney Burge waxed romantic, musing that if he were now to find a lovely lady, he'd have to live to 126 to equal such records. He did entertain us with "Happy Days Are Here Again".

Others in attendance included **Gay Parker**, **Nick Blackshere**, **Marsha Standish**, **Debbie Agee Roessler**, **Tom Dressler**, **George Blackshere**.

Next Zoom Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021 1:00 pm

This Zoom will begin with a musical interlude.

**Join us, make a new friend, share what you have been
doing for the last 56 years!**

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Skyline High School PTSA is sponsoring

COVID Relief Fund Virtual Happy Hour

WFH

(For those of us that are retired, WFH means "Work From Home")

This is a Zoom Event, set up as a fundraiser for Skyline High. Get tickets and more information by clicking on this link.



Zoom Party January 11, 2021

Complete Party Can Be Viewed Here

Note: The link to this meeting is set to "unlisted" in YouTube. You can only see this video here. It is not in the publicly available library.



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



monthly. If you live near or travel through Oakland, stop by for a hello!

Skyline Zoom Party #10

February 8, 2021

1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81508704199?pwd=OFMrRDMydTBXV0ROSnZUNldZY1MrQT09>

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I want to share with you and the class of 1964 the death of **Shirley Ann Hay** in January 2020. Shirley transferred from Fremont High School to Skyline in her senior year. She enjoyed making new friends at Skyline and lived with Peggy Perry during her senior year.

Shirley graduated from Sacramento State College and joined the Airforce she retired as a Captain. After her retirement from the Airforce she moved to Tucson, Arizona and worked as a social worker for many years. Shirley was a single mom,



How many friends did you make last year?

I sometimes count the friends I've lost in a year. I like the idea of counting new friends better. It is important to keep making new friends. Over the years I have known older people who wanted to stay in their homes, but as they aged, they stopped driving and got out mostly to get the mail or go to the doctor. At the condo I lived in in Alameda there was a woman who had a Christmas party for condo

she had two children, a boy Andrew and a girl she adopted from India, Mandy. Please share.



Shirley Hay

I kept in contact with Shirley for many years after graduation from Skyline.

We drifted apart but still checked in with each other every now and then. I got this information from her son and daughter this past summer, I thought her old friends might want to know of her passing. Sorry, I do not know anything about Peggy Perry.

2020 was a good year for getting things done we had put off for a rainy day. I got a lot done but I am retired and have been since 2007 so no real excuses. I find myself looking at beautiful places to travel to as soon as possible, daydreaming but fun

neighbors but had stopped for a couple of years because of illness. The next year she called me and said she wanted to have a party again, but she only knew 4 people and didn't like one of them. With her in mind, when I moved from Alameda, I chose a place I could meet lots of people: Rossmoor. It is a 17,000 person senior community in Walnut Creek that has many clubs and eventswhich all of course stopped last March.

BIG HINT: So, I discovered Zoom as a way to make new friends, especially our monthly Skyline 64 Zoom Party. It usually has about 15 people, which is small enough to get to know people better and to talk if you want. And if you don't want to talk, I will! You can check out the party by watching the video on the link in this email. Your first visit be prepared to say what you have been doing for the last 56 years.

In addition to this monthly call, I have joined book clubs on Zoom and taken classes as well.

I call the new friends I make on our

planning an adventure in the hopefully near future. It's nice to hear how people are doing after all these years, thank you!

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Editor's Note: Shirley reached out to me with her response to my request for Military information for our 50th reunion. That presentation can be found on our website: www.skyline64reunion.com

In the we are Never to Old to Learn
Department: Cynthia Young
Harelson asked the question: Did we learn in typing class to use two spaces at end of sentence? I just read this and have no recollection. (Somewhere in this conversation, the notion that 3 spaces were necessary, came to light.)

We reached out to our typing teacher at Skyline, **Mr. John Hills** who sent the following response:

monthly Zoom call "new old friends". "Old" because they seem like old friends even if we didn't know each other at Skyline. We have a common background though: we attended the same school and know some of the people; we remember the same historical moments; and we know the same songs and movies. As some of the people are on Facebook, I get to know them even better. We are also "old" friends because we are old. Zoom has reunited with me with a Great Books group in Alameda that I no longer attended because of night driving.

Similarly, my Oakland Great Books group has been able to keep meeting despite stay-at-home. And I've joined a new book group at Rossmoor and a church group. Large online classes like those at OLLI at UC Berkeley haven't been a good way to meet people for me. But I just learned that OLLI has an "open house" twice a week where people can meet or set up a discussion group. In addition to OLLI classes I have been attending virtual choirs

Never 3 spaces; typing - 2;
computers - 1.

Hello to all. I'm in Shasta with
raging, deepening snow - beautiful.

John Hills

and San Francisco Early Music
Society classes. These have
resulted in my taking drum lessons.
Sometimes there is socializing there
as well with a "breakout room".

If all else fails, there is always online
dating.

Mary Wood

We have another author!!



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Dancing With Life: An Artist's Travel Memoir by Dhyanis
Carniglia

My new book coming out on Amazon in February –
memoir of first 40 wild years including adventures in
Quebec, Mexico, England, Portugal, Greece, Morocco
[#travel](#) [#artist](#) [#adventure](#) [#egypt](#) and Egypt.



Italian Update

Happy Holidays and sending wishes
for a better 2021.

We are still in Italy and will likely be
here until April. We hope to get
vaccinated here in February. Lots of
rain and lots of grandchildren.

Stay well

Ciao

Don (Sarver)

Mike Marcum on an emergency
appendectomy: I finally saw what an
appendix looks like—via a picture—



a tiny, funny thing. And they gave it a proper burial—into one of those red bio-boxes.



Does this image look familiar? Click on it to read about Fruitvale area news - old and new! Enjoy





Karen Boswell Palmer
is **STILL** looking for
Jan Descombes Bassett

Jan's last good address was in Portland,
Oregon. Any help appreciated!!

Send info to carol@george-carol.com

If you have someone you are missing, let us know. Maybe we can help find them.

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



February

- 01 Barbara Ann Brandon
Michele Reynolds-Frost
Susan Bingham Pate
- 03 Linda Allred Glaze
- 05 Cynthia Young
- 08 Roy Manson
Rosemary Reitz
- 10 Gene Dangel
- 11 Stan Lore
- 13 Robin Kibbe
Fred Runo
- 14 Dhynnis (Diane Carniglia)
Joanne Belvedere Caglieri



March

- 01 Al Newman
Diana Robinson
- 03 Martha Gooby Micks
- 04 Mildred Caldwell Swafford
Judy Card
Dennis Bushell
Delsa Pauletich Ham
- 05 Sharlyn Brennan Tucker
Doug Bartman
Tina Illick Coolahan
- 08 Michael McGarry
- 10 Renee Cameto
- 11 Roy Langridge
Jim Tompkins

21 Rod Bengston

25 Nick Weist



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



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