

January 2022



Well Shayne, with your prodding, we 3 strangers and fellow Skyline grads got together this morning. While we didn't remember each other from HS, it was more fun to meet up than we anticipated. Some walks down memory lane, teachers, fellow students, foggy mornings. And catching up with our lives as we've maneuvered from then and there to now and here.

Attached is the proof!

Mena Quilici with Niles Powell (I) and Wolfgang Werner (r). (All who live in the same WA town.)

From Wolfgang: Thank you Mena! A very valid summary



And here it is! You can watch us all in the raw or read my little summary that follows (sans the "talk" I did on Indian Affairs for the few that hung out a little longer). sdc

After the opening chit-chat, which included Carol reminding everyone that with each software update, one must download a new zoom to be

compatible. (Later she reminded all to get their mammograms). Quick Covid updates/comments included **Bob Main** relating the return to classroom instruction next semester and the Washington weather report (39 degrees), **Sue Bingham** not attending as she is touring Portugal with her daughter, and **Marlen Jacob Edlemann**'s tales of trying to train new dental hygienists.

The Piano Man, **Rodney Burge**, set not only the tone of the day but an underlying theme as music came up several times, most notably in a discussion about Alzheimers and how music seems to a major soothing application for many sufferers as well as assisting names we know - Tony Bennett, Glen Campbell and Frank Sinatra - to perform beautifully while other communication abilities were declining.

Rodney, in Rodney form, left us with his favorite Ira Gershwin quote: "Who cares if the banks fail in Yonkers as long as you have a kiss that conquers."

Carol called our attention to the service performed by **Dick Johns** and friend at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier which Dick summarized as "sacred duty".

Dick was visited by **Bruce Goddard** on tour of the DC area and Carol mentioned how much pleasure is derived from classmates getting together - even if they did not know one another at Skyline (see story above). Dick also brought out the USS Skull, an exotic, intricate and magnificent lamp crafted and presented to him by **John Close.** Carol showed the woodhouse she has made her daughter-in-law for Christmas.

Reminiscence time brought mentions of **Arch Horst**, **Terry Torbohn** ("best athlete"), **James Buckley**, **Peggy Tisdel**, Lucille Roberts, Bill Landreth and Tim

Hallahan. A discussion, "What Was Homeroom For" brought the wisdom, "it was gettin' to know the women". (Remember, even if you aren't on the call, you may be mentioned......)

Peppering the various twists and turns of conversation included **Debbie Agee**, **Renee Cameto**, **Marsha Standish**, **Gene Dangel**, **Sharon McWalters**, **Nick Blackshere** and the very quiet **Jean Kurz Quirk**.

Smoozing with this "traveling crew"\*\* is enjoyed so much that there will be a January zoom, so stay tuned and make it the only New Year's resolution you will not break.





# Have something to add to the newsletter? Please send Shayne an email at

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# Back by Popular Demand Zoom Party!



Save the date - January 10, 2022 1:00 pm Pacific Standard Time

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If...
If we but grew
from the who
knew
the wondrous
things:

the joys of springs, the peace of nights, the earth's delights, then we would be divine and free.

And we do
And we are.

#### Will Newman II

Natural Harvest Farm In a world where you can be anything, be kind.



This is from an exchange with Mary on Facebook:

My knee replacement 11/17 was very successful; the leg is straight and I have less pain than before surgery. Of course oxycodone helped. Which I have stopped. Only problem is I have almost zero energy. I am supposed to walk 5 minutes 3 times a day, and by minute 4 I am asking "how much longer?" I was truly blessed my brother and his partner Jennifer came to take care of me. I didn't think I would be so weak. And the pill regimen would have defeated me. Next is the shoulder replacement which is no earlier than February. I hope it doesn't knock me back as much as this did. I feel very very old. Just call me bionic woman.

#### **Linda Roesch**

Glad to hear your surgery was

### From Xmas letters:

Our main 'activity' was Dave having a total knee replacement March 29<sup>th</sup> - with covid and no real travel on the agenda, maybe the timing was as good as it gets.

Dave is back in the gym doing what he can – had to give up all tumbling, trampoline and all 'landings' of any kind – but can still do high bar to some degree and just do all landings into a pit so he doesn't land any skills. I still do a bit of line dancing and hula.

My bike riding is 'recreational' but Dave bikes about 5-6 days/week for 45 to 60 minutes each day - all year. **Jonnie and Dave Niemand** 

This year gave me an opportunity to get some organizing done in my home. I cleaned out cupboards and closets. I made 6 photo albums from pervious patrons. I did lots of yard work. I felt really successful. Modesto Garden Club has resumed regular meetings and

successful. Sometimes anesthesia zaps you. Mention how you have felt to the anesthesiologist before your next surgery. Maybe a change in anesthesia would help.

### Shayne del Cohen

Anesthesia depletes the vitamin B in your body. Take some Vitamin B for more energy/mental focus.

Mary Wood Thank you. I have been wondering if there were any side effects from Anesthesia. By the way I am cursed with the urge to sing Mona Lisa, Mona Lisa with the words Anesthesia.

Judy Belcher Welcome to the knee replacement club! Yes it took me about a year to get my energy back after general anesthesia. Mary, you should write a book on on-line dating for Seniors after knee/Hip surgery!!

#### And on another Mary note:

Bob Brown married Mary Wood 12/16/1989

Bob died 9/11/2014

At the ceremony, my sister started crying, and she was honking. Really. I never heard such a thing! I started

activities. My position as VP of membership keep me on my toes. The club has 382 members. so I'm busy at rental time. I also work in the office Wednesday mornings. In my Master Gardener program we have resumed monthly meetings in person. We are preparing for a new class to start after the first of the year. We are able to meet in person and I've signed up to be a mentor. This gives me a chance to get to know the new students and offer support. I still oversee the Prayer Garden at church. We met for a couple of work days and dinners in the garden. My high school graduating class (from 1964) is having zoom calls on a regular basis. It's interesting that I have friends that I've known all this time. Nancy Brick Robinson

Shari Bates McGregor's posted new photos at <u>classmates.com</u> on 12.22.21 (but one cannot copy them onto these pages)

crying, too, and the guys started laughing. Bob and I went to Reno to get married by a Justice of the Peace. He had an old orange Volkswagen bus which he cherished, but which was not suitable for mountains. I didn't have a car, so we decided to take a gambling bus. My sister and her then boyfriend came as well. In Reno, we checked into a very downscale motel with a cheap alarm clock bolted to the night table. I guess gamblers stole them. When we were ready to leave the motel, we couldn't find my sister and her partner. Bob said "Let's get some dinner." I said, "You can't eat until you get married!" I was afraid he would change his mind if he got something to eat. My sister and her boyfriend had gone to look for a bakery to get a cake. The bakery had a little statue of a couple both red-headed, as Bob and I were. She also went to look for a corsage and found one at a wedding chapel. They thought she was there to get married and offered her a velvet circle of love ceremony for \$99.95.

On a gambling bus you get some coupons, which my sister turned in for cash and thus ended up ahead



Lost my hair. Gained a Granddaughter. Fair.

#### John Close



"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company." said Tiny Dragon.

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every

financially. Bob and I didn't have a honeymoon. But 6 months after I met Bob in 1987 we had gone to the Caribbean together on a Windjammer cruise, and that felt like a honeymoon to me.

The orange Volkswagen bus eventually died, and Bob sold it to a mechanic who was going to fix it. Bob would drive by the shop occasionally to check on the bus. Men and their cars.

#### And then on 12.13:

Thank you so much for doing the [Zoom] call. It was a real life saver today. Nothing like no sun and foggy brain and being alone (well, the housekeeper came but she doesn't speak much English and my Spanish is rudimentary ) to wipe me out mentally. The surgery went very well, but the stamina is not back. Zoom has been a real life saver. And the class call and newsletter have done so much to make me realize we are all human, and all those formerly gorgeous) guys and popular girls had fears and worries and concerns. Of course I will never get over Richard Clark turning into a wizened old man, but I am a very shallow person basically. Lord, he shone like a young

new year find you a better man."

- Benjamin Franklin



**Gay Parker** wants us to be aware of a program on KQED January 21, 2022 about our own Skyline Football Team!!

Brad Pitt to me (no, I didn't have a crush, just artistic eye)

And you and Shayne have really encouraged me to become a humorous writer, and generally I can come up with something to make myself laugh as well

**Mary Wood** 



Lake Merritt - Click on Picture for Article

# **Charles Schulz Philosophy**

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them. Just read the article straight through, and you'll get the point.



- 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
- 4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
- 5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.

6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers

They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies.

Awards tarnish ...

Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.



Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
- 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

#### Easier?



The lesson

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.



Pass this on to those people whom you keep close in your heart.



# Author's Corner

We have many authors in our class.

Let us know if you are one and we will be happy to add you.

Carol Kay Attia

Joan Freiburghouse Bannan

Clyde D. Batavia



Mark Kamena

Keith R Brehmer
Renee Cameto
Dhyanis (Diane) Carniglia
Shayne Del Cohen
Merilyn Copland
Janet Streb Greenwood
Ann Hitchcock

Tom La Marre

**Bruce Quan** 

Nataile Reid

Dave Siegle

Kent Willis and his second book

Jennifer Foreman de Grassi Williams

# Our wish to you for a HAPPY NEW YEAR! Shayne and Carol







## **January**

- O1 Bob AltonArno KrippeneDebbie Goldfarb DenosScott Noble
- 03 Cathy Wight Brown
- 04 Linda Roesch
- 06 Francesca Kahn Tillman
- 08 Michele Ayers Lisa Wallace
- 15 Cheryl Merrick Hultgren
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- 18 Karen Juul Mihok Richard Street
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- 21 Rod Bengston
- 25 Nick Weist

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