

*Skyline News Note*



April 2019

## Reunion Update

The saddest thing I get is notes saying, “No one liked me in high school.”

First of all, in a class of 680, one hardly knew everyone.

Secondly, we all had teenage angst. Some covered it better than others. But we all had it.

However, from this very special teenage place, classmates have dug all over the world for objects from the ancients to searching for elements in outer space, become farmers and candlestick makers, entertainers, authors, fathers, mothers, grandparents and now great-grandparents. All the continents have been touched and “the nerds” have had their revenge in this Age of Information.

Religion.....politicians.....electricians.....musicians.....doctors.....lawyer  
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August 1, 2019  
55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion





We've also experienced tragedies of all kinds and the depths to which the mind can take us. There is no one without a story. That is why, as so wisely said by another, when you come to a reunion or casual function, you meet people you knew for the first time. There is so much to learn and enjoy from one another. We have a common ground: Skyline High School, Class of 1964!!

We are at that time of life when not only are many getting replacement parts but many are also facing complicated medical challenges. We are also bidding farewell to parents, siblings, good friends and co-workers who walk on before us. No one should feel that they are alone in this process; we all experience it one way or another. For each it is unique, but everyone should know that they do not have to feel isolated. There is a whole group that understands.

Somewhere someone has experienced near the same thing..... a vast bucket of knowledge and experience just in this little pod.

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To clarify a comment received, our Reunion planning focuses on the main event, but also facilitates smaller activities so that those who come long distances have more times/opportunities to visit, or that those who have kids/grandkids can include them appropriately. If anyone wants to organize an activity, ie, a car rally, a boat ride, etc., do it! But do let us know you are coming and pay for your "reservation" asap!

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And thanks to those that have taken upon themselves to pay for others to come to the Reunion as well as those that have offered housing! sdc

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### Reunion Schedule

- Monday
  - Annual Birthday Party at Kasper's
- Tuesday
  - Lunch at Treasure Island or Fenton's
  - Walk/Picnic around Lake Merritt
- Wednesday
  - Golf (Alameda Course) with a no-host luncheon for non-golfers at the clubhouse.
    - Contact [Tom LaMarre](#) for golf reservations
- Thursday
  - Main Event 55 Class Reunion
  - Chabot Science Center 6-11 pm
- Friday
  - Picnic at Skyline HS TBD!!!

I want to go to the Reunion on August 1 at the Chabot Science Center.

How do I pay? And how much is it?

**\$125.00 per person until June 1, then price goes up to \$150.00 per person.**



[Click here for payment at our website.](#)

Or make checks payable to **Skyline 64 Reunion**  
and mail to:

Carol Szymkiewicz  
809 Auzerais Avenue Unit 230  
San Jose, CA 95126

Question: I want to pay for the reunion but I forgot my Name and Password to the Skyline 64 Website. Can you help me?

Yes!!! Find this box on the website and send yourself and email. The email will contain your password.

A screenshot of a login form for the Skyline 64 Website. The form is titled "Please login to view this page" and contains fields for "username" and "password", a "Submit" button, and a "Forgot your user name or password? Click here." link. To the right of the form, there is a "Not yet a member?" section with a "Sign Up" button. The entire form is enclosed in a red border.

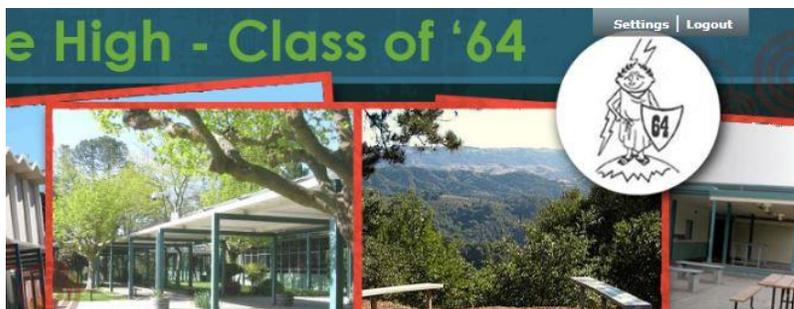
Question: I changed my email account! Now what?

Send me a quick email and I will update your profile with the new address.

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Question: I want to update my profile. How do I do this?

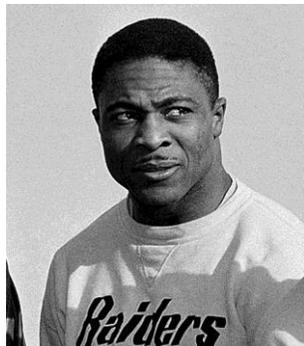
Once you have logged in you will see the Titan at the top of the website like this:



Click on settings and change what needs to be changed.

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Still having trouble? Contact me at [carol@george-carol.com](mailto:carol@george-carol.com) and I am here to help.



**July 9, 1937-March 23, 2019**

Thank you Coach Daniels for all the memories!  
Coming to our reunions and playing golf with us.  
We will never forget you!!

[Information about services can be found here.](#)

[Please read this touching story written by our own Tom LaMarre.](#)



### **April**

**Kaspers April 1 and April 29**

### **May**

**Kaspers May 6 and May 27**

### **June**

**June 1 Last Day to pay for Reunion at reduced price!!!**

### **July**

**July 3 Baseball Night at the A's**  
[Contact Tom LaMarre for Tickets](#)



**A message from our Titan Trust Chairperson, Susan Bingham Pate:** I spent part of last week and Saturday scoring scholarship applications. Two of my batch were Skyline seniors. Both are deserving but one male is show stopping! Amazing grades, 9 AP courses, captain of a major co ed athletic team, parent Native American, housing insecurities and other challenges. Many scholarships give money and walk away, this scholarship gives support through GRADUATION!

**Give to the class of '64 Titan Trust: Our Way of Giving Back to Skyline High.**

**Sending a deserving child to college; there is no greater gift!**

**100% of your donation goes to this cause!**

**Donate Here  
The Titan Trust**

**This money will NOT go directly to Skyline High School but will be held for a qualified Skyline student. Please watch the video wherein Steve Kerr explains why this fund is so important. Please click on the donation button and all monies go directly to EBCF. Questions? Email our chairperson for this activity: [Susan Bingham Pate](mailto:SusanBinghamPate) You can also find out more about The Titan Trust fund at our website: [www.skyline64reunion.com](http://www.skyline64reunion.com)**

We really had have a great class my love and friendship to you all. **Tom Mortensen**



Isn't it amazing we all hand wrote our first term papers, then learned to type on manual typewriters and were then happy to have electric - now look at us with the internet and AI.

We were pretty much snowed in here at Bend. Hunkered down at home and glad we have a well stocked freezer in the garage. Returned back to Bend 2/14 from our condo in

Congratulations to  
Col. Dick "The Skull" Johns  
Middle Atlantic Section,



PGA of America

**DAVID WORTMAN CITIZEN OF  
THE YEAR**

Kailua, HI feeling smug that we avoided the worst of winter. We still like to ski especially XC Skate so returned to Bend.

**Gail Rouland Gallagher**

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***The reason some of us really don't have to travel:***

Click on my picture to see a collection of photos from our trip to Spain, Portugal and the UK, February 2019. And yes, we had some fabulous accommodations in the Queens Room at Bussaco Palace and at Madonna's favorite hotel in Lisbon, the Pestana Palace.



Traveling in February does have its benefits. Enjoy!

**Dhyanis Carniglia**

Mena Hankins Quilici



demonstrates how it is to cook for co- housing.

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For the April Skyline NewsNote, please let others know about the Hillside Gardeners of Montclair Garden Tour scheduled for **Sunday, April 28**. There will be some great gardens to view in the Montclair area. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the scholarship fund for horticultural students at Merritt College. Details and ticket purchases are available at the Hillside Gardeners of Montclair website.

**Mildred Caldwell Swafford**

[www.hillsidegardeners.com](http://www.hillsidegardeners.com)



I am certain I am only lending one voice to the thank you I hope you and your 'team' are receiving for your continued efforts to keep our class connected. I am always amazed when reading the Skyline News Note at all the information you have gathered.

As I've gotten older, I do think more and more about our time together growing up. We just didn't realize how important those years were at the time. We were so busy with the business of being students, that we never fully realized how precious life was and how formative those years were in setting the groundwork for who we would become, or could become. I feel as though I've had such a wonderful window into what we may have been like then, with now my nearly 40 years of teaching high school students.



Some memories of our high school days loom large, while other things I am reminded of by someone else. When I think that we, our class, have been connected by something pretty special it does make me take pause. How lucky we were to have been brought up in the 60's with so many amazing things happening around us, historical things. I used to ask my high schools students that if they could choose another time to live, when would that be? Overwhelmingly kids look to the 60's and dream/think about what they have heard. We took that for granted. I love that we had typewriters and no computers, phones that dialed (KE31225) numbers, and not cell phones that many of us have become addicted to. I love that our parents (and yes, many of us had two that we lived with) would send us outside to play after school or on a week-end, and we breathed mostly fresh air... explored the East Oakland Hills, and that walking places was the norm. Mom had home cooked meals, and I can't remember eating out at all. Anyway, it

was a time I remember fondly, though there was angst, too, about boyfriends, facing our own trials of being a teen, and wondering where we would be in 10-20 years, let along 50 years.

I am very sad for those who cannot look on their lives as being blessed. I know that not everyone can. I've had my share of bad experiences including death, divorce, rape, incest, losing family and friends, failing at things, navigating suicide, losing a job... and some of those things were not my experiences but ones I lived through with students, siblings, parents, friends... etc. Nonetheless, and as I've advised my own high school kids, I always tried to share personal stories to help kids navigate life, and to let them know that the moment may seem not worth living, but life is that journey of walking both smooth and rocky paths, with many forks in the road (love **Yogi Berra**: '**When you come to the *fork in the road*, take it!**'), and how you handle those times makes you who you are, and is how your character develops.

I have regrets and a never ending bucket list, but I also send thanks into the universe every day for having been here at all, and trying to do good where I can. I am reminded, as I engage daily with my beautiful granddaughters, that we still have great value. So what if we are in our 70's, there is still lots of life to live, and by golly I'm gonna go out with a full list of things yet to do.

An important lesson I've learned from my granddaughters is to look at the world through the eyes of a child. If you do, you will want to play more and everything you see will be in the most vivid of colors. I so wish I could go back to my high school years knowing what I know now. I would not have wasted so much time on things that didn't matter, and I'd love people more and open my eyes and heart to all the possibilities and the opportunities we were afforded growing up in the Bay Area.

Do I miss the Bay??? Damn right. Idaho has been great for raising my own four children with meeting by wonderful husband. And my teaching career has been unbelievable. However, I will always be an Oakland girl at heart. So to all of us that lived that time together, though we are in touch rarely, and there are people we've forgotten or lost contact with, it was that time together that also has figured into our lives, our journeys, our stories. We shared and experienced, quite by accident (or maybe grand design),

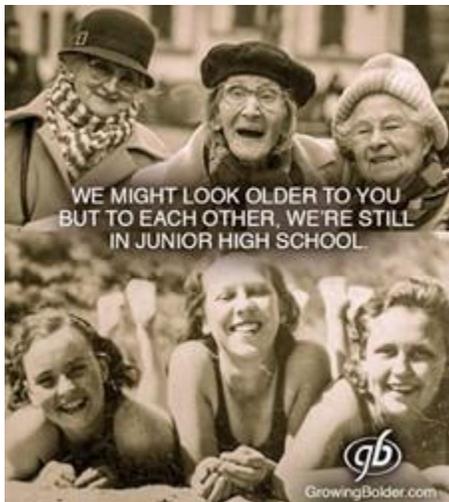
something as important as our DNA we received by accident. So as we wind down... as we lose our classmates... let us always celebrate what we shared. For that I am blessed beyond words.

**Jennifer de Grassi Williams**

National Teachers Hall of Fame 2016

Idaho Teacher of the Year 2002 Distinguished Alumni Boise State University

Author for Teaching Point and PS, her daughter was recently named Idaho Teacher of the Year!



***From Chabot Science***

***Center:***

**April 6 6pm - 10pm**

**Science of Baseball with our partners at the Oakland Athletics**

Have you ever wondered you know



**April**

- 1           Barbarah Uhlig Harbidge
- 3           Kathy Costa Rocco
- 5           John Briggs
- 6           Diane Breen Helman
- Bob Bevier
- 8           Linda Barkas
- 9           Don Sarver
- 10          Gail Gershanov Eiselman
- 13          Cindy Gibbs Parker
- 16          Gerhard Brostrom
- 18          Judy Long Lofing
- 19          Sharon McWalters
- 20          Melissa Silverman Willaby
- 23          Dave Siegle

that weather, temperature, and altitude all have effects on the flight distance of a baseball? Join nine-time World Series champs the Oakland A's at Chabot and learn all of this and much more during our homerun First Friday, The Science of Baseball, complete with a special appearance from A's mascot, Stomper!

[Get Tickets](#)

**April 13 10am - 5pm**  
**A Day for the Curious and Creative**

Tinkerfest is a one-day festival that celebrates the creative, curious, and innovative spirit in all of us.

Tinkerfest brings together makers, artists, and tinkerers to showcase their work while inviting attendees of all ages to join in on the DIY fun!

During the festival the entire center (inside and outside) will spark your curiosity and ignite creativity.

[Get Tickets](#)

24 Gary Montgomery  
Sherri Gribben Hester  
Tom Simpson

25 David Niemand  
Mark Kamena

27 Gary Caso

28 Shirley Hay  
Ben Leet

29 Mark Kamena

### **May**

05 Andrea Thompson

06 Bruce Goddard

07 John Close

12 Laynee Melmet Goodstein

19 Ken Hood

25 Marti Heath

A short message from your web master and current newsletter editor: As the Reunion draws near and we try to find missing people and those who were here just five short years ago, it becomes clear to me that life is very short. The [Memorial Page](#) on our website is getting longer and longer. Many new names were added in the last five years. Please take a moment to remember our classmates and make the effort to come to our 55th

Reunion. I, for one, would love to see you!! cvs

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