

## *Skyline News Note*



**January 2020**



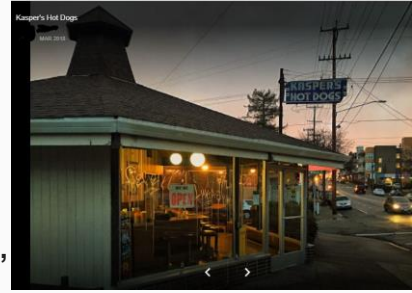
As we enter a new decade - the third of the “Age of Information”- and our dotage, may your time be joyous; may you use these pages to greet and share with persons with whom you were in the same place and time for awhile; and may you continue to wonder at the world and everything there is to discover. sdc



The December 9 Kasper's included learning the new phrase "boy laundry" contributed by **CB Haines** in describing purchase of a new washing machine, in other words, no fancy panel of washing options. **CB** is moving to Lincoln.

And then there was **Don Sarver** at Kaspers, four days after his back surgery, looking like his old self on happy feet.

The day's visiting included the aforementioned **Sarver, Bob Falaschi, Gay Parker, Marsha Standish, Renee Cameto, Barbara Uhlig Harbidge, Howard Allen** and **Shayne's friend, Tina Wener.**



There are opportunities to serve as Titan Trust mentors - just ask **Sue Bingham Pate** and **Don Sarver.**

Hello classmates, I hope all of you are having a happy holiday season. This past summer, because we had created the Titan Trust, I was able to meet Kevin, the first recipient of the Class of 64 scholarship. We went to a local pizza restaurant. He had already enrolled at UC Berkeley in order to get an early orientation to classes and was living on campus. Kevin was a little shy but we had a good exchange of information. He was considering going into health care, possibly physical therapy. He was very appreciative of the scholarship he was awarded. I told him that it was our honor to be able to support him in pursuing a college education. I left our lunch feeling very good about what our class had done and the selection that was made. I will continue to support the Titan Trust in future years and would encourage each of you to do the same.



**Don Sarver**

## **Titan Trust - Class of 1964**

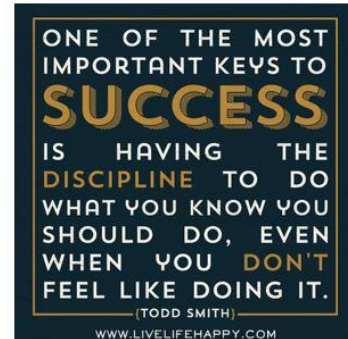
### **A Message from Shayne**

It is no secret Skyline'64 received a great HS education, despite the drama, chaos and cavalcade of teenage angst, family situations, "interesting" faculty and world events that caused us to go on many different trails and journeys.

A half century later most of us can put this three year capsule into perspective, laugh a little, cry a little, but mostly appreciate what we learned and how it impacted our future lives.

You have the opportunity to pass this energy along through the Titan Trust. Not just money to help with tuition, the umbrella fund recognizes the need for mentorship as a teen begins to navigate the now bigger world. You may not be in a position to mentor; you may have even hated high school. But you can assist another to realize their dreams with financial assistance and advice through the Titan Trust.

Please play your part. sdc



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**January 6th**

**12:30 pm**

**February 3rd**

**12:30 pm**



**Below please find more Life Stories  
from our classmates.  
To share yours, please send to Shayne.**

**John Briggs**

We have had a great year for 2019 except our daughter, who was married for 15 years and has two children, 14 and 11, got a divorce. This was very hard on all of us as you can imagine. She lives in San Diego. My son, Matt is living in Oakland and still not married. What's up with that? We can't figure it out. Here's the deal. He's good looking, has a very good job, hard body with no fat, loves kids, does yoga and is happy. Maybe the happy part is the



problem. Does anyone have an unmarried daughter out there? Late 30's. We could somehow finagle a meeting. Our grandkids are getting old and we want more grandkids. Hmmmm, maybe a little self-serving?

Since I retired in 2010, we have spent most of our time traveling. Our favorite destination is Europe.

This year, we started 2019 with a couple of ski trips in Jan and then a month-long trip to Argentina, Chile, Patagonia in Feb. An amazing trip. This summer we went to the Delaware area and Philadelphia plus visited Civil War battle fields. Very interesting. Another trip was to Colorado where we toured the Rocky Mountain area for 3 weeks. In November, we spent 3 1/2 weeks in Japan. A beautiful country with amazingly friendly people. I also did two backpacking trips in the Sierras with the kids and grandkids this summer. This year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year in a row of backpacking. Not as easy as it used to be. It never was easy. I think in 2019, we were gone more than we were home. The neighbors don't know who we are anymore.

You can check out my wife's travel blog if interested in looking at pictures on Facebook. Search for Susan Richey Briggs. That should get you to her page.

I went to my wife's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at Castro Valley High this year and they had a page online where everyone put down their little bio. Very fun to read. So, if you get a chance, write one and send it to Shayne. Even if you don't remember the people that are writing them, it is fun to read what people of our class are up to these days.



You can add me to the new body part list. I waited until after the Reunion of course.



I know it will it will take a long time for my new knee to heal, but it should be an improvement on the original one since a bunch of bricks fell on it when I was five years old!

Happy Holidays to all of us; don't we have the greatest class?!

**Beanie (Diane Breen Helman)**

**Mary Woods**



**Online Dating - Part One**

(Note: I mentioned online dating to Shayne, and she suggested an article.)

I started online dating to help my 55 year old brother who was living in Williams, Arizona. He said that after two years in a town of 3,000, he had met all the single women. "Go online dating," I said, "I bet you could find 20 women within 50 miles." We both knew it could work, because I had met my late husband through a newspaper ad when I was 40. My brother kept stalling. So I decided I would show him. I would try to get a coffee date with 20 guys and see how long it took.

Meeting new men was fun. Relationships....well, that's something else. I enjoy meeting new people and hearing their life stories. If you get as far as meeting, both parties are prepared to like each other. I met a guy who had lived in a Scientology community, an ex-hippie who had beautiful taste in literature, but had worked off the books and was living rather frugally in Napa. A Sonoma man who had immigrated from Russia and become a sign-maker wrote me poetry. I met an ex-soldier who had come to the Bay Area to deal with his PTSD at the VA. I thought I had hit the intellectual jackpot with a nuclear physicist, but I laughed when he said he believed in alien astronauts who visited and then left us alone. (Why did they leave? Will they come back?) He didn't get mad then, but when I accidentally sent a butt message by text that he tried to decode, he got irritable. And when I sent another junk message as a joke, that was it. No sense of humor.

My favorite site is Plenty of Fish. It tends to the beer drinking crowd. I've used Match (fine dining and winetasting tours), OurTime, (seniors), BBPeopleMeet (big, beautiful), and JDate (Jewish). Most sites have advice on staying safe and on writing profiles, so I am only including a few tips in this article.

Although some sites recommend never giving out an email, I have a separate one for dating. I do not give out my address until I've gone out with the guy a few times. I meet in the daytime. I thought about getting a burner phone, but I use my cellphone, because I can always block the man. I prefer a coffee date, because you can keep it short. Most guys feel obligated to pay on the first date, so I'd rather not do lunch or dinner. I'd rather go Dutch.

If sending a note is intimidating. I can "like" a guy. That means the site will send him a note that says "Mary Wood likes you." A couple guys have sent me a note saying "Hi" which is a step up from a "like." A short note is best, but I can't decide whether to tell the guy why I am perfect for him or ask questions about him. Some people like to exchange messages for awhile. I like a coffee date as soon as possible, because I have had several long correspondences that ended up I wasn't attracted to the guy. Or one guy I met after 6 months said "There is something I have to tell you." This means "I am married." He had a sick wife. Because they didn't live together, I didn't figure it out myself.

I have been fooled into a short correspondence by scammers several times. Scammers will say they are willing to move across the country for love, but they never want to meet. Scammers' profiles usually have one photo of a handsome guy. The first message is "I am attracted to your beauty." I do not find that believable. As one guy told me "The best thing about you is your brain." However, I will believe "I'm attracted to your beautiful smile." The profile may be well-written and is always very romantic: not a word about sex. The second note is usually in bad English. Often the scammer asks for an email, because "I am not often on this site." That means he expects to be found out soon and kicked off the site.

My biggest problem is that my favorite leisure activity is reading, and a mile walk is plenty. Most of the men in their 70's are looking for athletic, toned women to go hiking, biking, traveling, camping, and snorkeling, or kayaking. There are a few that camp with an RV, but mostly it seems to be ground dwellers. I believe those guys are for real, although there is some suspicion out there that men and women write what they think the other sex wants to hear. This leaves me guys in their 80's, and that is a dividing line. The slow down is considerable

A couple of practical considerations: men will say they have a car without disclosing they don't drive anymore. Many men complain women put up pictures that are 10 years old. Men do, too. And many men and women don't realize they are 1 or 2 inches shorter than they were. Several men have looked up at me and said "You're 5'8"? But I'M 5'8!"

Results: It's been 4 years. My brother found love and rented a house with a woman friend last month. I got my 20 dates. I lost track of how long, because there was a year-long relationship in there that ended in a heart-break-up. But as the song says "Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, start all over again!"



### Fenton's News from December Outing

If you haven't seen the pictures on the Skyline High School Facebook page (thank you, **Gay**) those indulging in ice cream concoctions included **Rick Steen, Dan Wightman, Gary Sommer, Richard Clarke, Kipi Rawlins, Bruce Quan, Carol and George Szymkiewicz, Marsha Standish, Mary Wood, Peggy Cross Tisdell, the LaMarres plus son Brian, CB Haines, Renee Cameto, Don Sarver, Bob Nordgren, Gay Parker, Gene and Sue Dangel, Melissa Silverman Willaby, Shayne Del Cohen and Barbara Uhlig Harbidge.**



And from the mailbag: I really miss those Black and Tans! Have fun.

**Dianne Paulson Ressigue**

**Anyone with time on their hands?**



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You can always volunteer for the Oakland Museum Women's Board White Elephant Sale which needs people ALL YEAR. Just ask **Marsha Standish**, **Renee Cameto**, **Debbie Agee Roessler**, and **Shayne Del Cohen** how much fun it is. They serve as red coats, cashier and cafe "cook", respectively.



## January

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



## February

- 1 Barbara Ann Brandon  
Michele Reynolds-Frost  
Susan Bingham Pate
- 3 Linda Allred Glaze
- 5 Cynthia Young Harelson
- 8 Roy Manson  
Rosemary Reitz
- 10 Gene Dangel
- 11 Stan Lore
- 13 Robin Kibbe  
Fred Runo
- 14 Dhynnis (Diane Carniglia)  
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- 25 Nick Weist

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