

Skyline News Note



July 2020



June Zoom



From the Desk of SDC

Some came because they just wanted to see faces without masks. Some came because they had brand new haircuts.....or shaved heads (**John Lyman** en route to golf). Some like to just listen. Some came and left. Others offered glimpses into their lives (**Don Sarver** walking down the hall giving an update on the Titan Trust/mentee Kevin). We got to see **Dave McCord's** rustic abode he built tucked away in Northern California which meets social distancing requirements.

It was another cacaphony of stories and re-connections. One has to be aggressive to get a word in edgewise.

Clyde Batavia was a novel visitor. Also joining in were **Jessamine Gibbs** (itching to get on the road again). Pleased that **Melissa Silverman Willaby** figured out the Zoom app! Nice to see **Sharon McWalters, Sue Bingham Pate,**and **Bobbi Lawler**

Feyerband. In all, 33 joined for a while or stayed the whole time. This is your time!! Reconnect with an old/new friend. Use the chat to ask for email from each other. Connect, connect, connect. That is what this is about!! We need each other more than ever in this time SIP.

Marlen Edelman Jacobs and Sharon Gribben Hester joined in while riding in cars, demonstrating how some are perfectly competent with all levels of technology while some of us are still struggling with the audio button.

In typical humorous style, **Marylaird Wood** told about her first date with the man that became her husband. There are 1000 stories in the naked city.

Dick Johns wowed every one in showing the special lamp that had been created and shipped to him by **John Close** as a result of the May conversation. John had another tune to sing/strum for us; anyone out there that can sing on key (I cannot) is welcome to share their talent.

Shayne forgot to mention that **Dave Niemand** had sent word that Bud Call had passed on. His obit may be found at www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/15077974/Ira-Barlow-Bud-Call-Jr. Interesting to note he had six daughters.....no wonder he was a boys' coach!

Perhaps the best comment of the day came afterwards when someone posted, ***"It has been a real pleasure to feel I've made a new friend this year."*** The reconnection stories behind the scenes are warm and fuzzy. Skyline '64 is a unique collection of people and we are so blessed to have one another...one big extended family group (with all that in-fers/contains!).

One of the COVID19 casualties is our Annual Birthday Party. :-~(

While the assemblage is not the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the annual Kasper's gathering and singing of Happy Birthday and blowing out of candles will not be.

Am suggesting Zoomers all bring a cupcake (or cake if you are so inspired) with a candle to light. We'll ask Oakland Jake (John Close) to strum us into a rendition and make a wish at the end.

Doing the cake also meant "writing" something on it...the last two not particularly inspired (Wahoo-we're 72; Wheeee - we're 73). My favorite was "Will You Still Love

Me When We're 64?" Amazing how long ago that was...and that the (very young) clerk got it.

So in the interest of new traditions, I'll ask each of you to check in with a picture of yourself at least a half century ago. Along with that, your suggestion of this year's ditty..."Goin' for more at 74". I am sure you can do better!



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

Hi!

It's **Tom Simpson**, President of Spring '64!

Reading yours and everyone's comments literally made me cry! I am s-o-o-o proud to be a part of that class!

I recognize virtually all the names of my wonderful classmates! So many have done so many wonderful things!

After a few years at U.C. Berkeley, I went on to UCSF to get my PharmD (google them)!

I was a "conscientious objector" but was drafted #2 in the first Vietnam War draft & was fortunate to get into the USPHS (google that too), so at least I got to help take care of wounded soldiers with the MD's and

Mena Hankins Quilici in the news:



Barbara Johns Question for Laurel kiddos: Trying to remember the name of a boy who, at the time I

RN's at my hospital.
Beyond that, life's a "blur"!
I hope you have the space to publish
this and let everyone know I love you
all!

Tom

Barbara Johns Going thru some of
my mom's old photos. Found this of
me with Rodney Beaman. Not sure if
we were at Laurel or Bret Harte. He
was a great guy. Saw him a lot cuz
he lived near my Aunt and her corner
grocery store. Lost him much too
early. He played a great "Lady of
Spain" on his accordion!



considered sort of a rebel. In my
memory he dressed like a biker. He
brought his white rat to school and
allowed me to take him home for the
weekend. I fell in love with that rat
(named him Peepers) and cried
uncontrollably when I tried to return
him on Monday. I remember some
poor teacher with me in the
bathroom (off of the room where we
played Jacks trying to console me.
The boy finally said, "just let her
keep the rat." He (the rat) was
amazing, and I still can't tell his
story without crying over his death.
Saw a toy one day at IKEA a
number of years ago and had to get
him. I'll include a pic of him.
Anyway, if any of you recognize the
boy from my description, I'd love to
know his name. Thx.





From **Dick Johns**

Dedicated to the Class of 1964 - Skyline High

Lean on Me sung by the Oakland Symphony



[Daylight Time](#)

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Marlen Edelman Smart I loved the Zoom time today. Thanks so much to all who are involved in organizing this. It was so good to see everyone and listen to all our comments about life in general. I'm hoping I'll be in my office for the next conversation, so I am not worrying about the road noise (one of our windows needs repair). How fun this was today! Hugs to all, Marlen and Don (the driver). PS, I was happy I was not the only person whose husband was driving while I was enjoying the get-together. xo

More from **Mary Wood:**

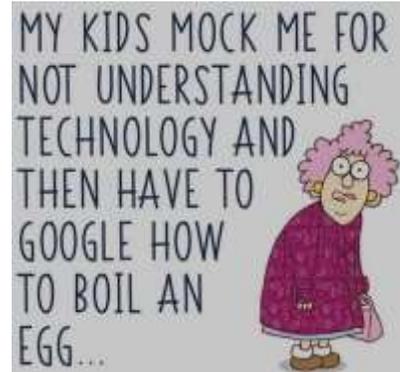
Yesterday was 95 degrees here in Walnut Creek. Occasionally I would wiggle my big toe (right foot) to see if I was awake. I lay in my wonderful bed that raises the head and feet with the ceiling fan on and read. Now THIS is retirement. I didn't need to turn the A/C on, because I was practicing not moving. Useful skill in the heat or if you are a spy or being chased and trying to hide. Today I am trying to get something done so the A/C is on. Who invented it? I love him/her.



"I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.
They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!
There was sex and drugs and rock
'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.
Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?"

But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!
So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!
So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!"
Author - Jan Beaumont, Auckland
NZ

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full



We Care Corner

This month we have a shout out to **Nick Blackshere**

I am totally blind and very isolated.

This is not a complaint just a reality.

Keep a smile,

Nick

[You can send him an email here.](#)



Colonel Dick Johns wishing you all a Happy Fourth of July!!



July

- 06 Georgina Mew Chew
- 10 Jayne Ross Pike
- 12 Vicki Oding
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- 13 Carol Hansen Hartman
Shari Bates MacGregor
- 16 Jay Goodrich
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- 27 Robert Kelley
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George Pappagiannis
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Carol Gorden Gilder
Denis Powers
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Rene Dokos Rores
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- 15 Doug Wood
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Frank Vendetti
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Susan Louise
- 20 Cathy Freel Bellinghausen
Mike Marcum
- 21 Maureen Sarment
- 23 Ken McCracken
- 25 Bob Falaschi
Geri Sanford Saunders
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