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Thirty Day Countdown Begins!

August 2 is quickly approaching and with 230 persons registered and paid for as of press date, we are going to have one party!

Some reminders:

REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR PAGE at www.skyline64reunion.com (even if you are not attending!)(and feel free to send a message for the Message Board if you want to say “hi”)

If you want to go to lunch on Treasure Island Thursday, July 30 at noon (\$15), email shayne@sprintmail.com .

Golf for Oakhurst/Poppy Ridge on July31/August 1 are set. matetwo@aol.com Clare

If you want to play golf or ride carts at Chabot on Aug. 1, rogersxt@aol.com by July 18.

If you are doing an exhibit for the Reunion Dinner, please get it to one of the committee members by August 1 or bring it to the SRC by 5 pm on August 2. Still need some drink toke volunteers.

Remember that the SRC has parking accessed on Madison Street which is one way (N?S). There is also street parking. Kudos to those carpooling or in a limo.

If you want to ride the hotel shuttle, please advise desk upon check-in.

Still need a ride for Ms. Zizack from the Mountain View area.

There will be photographer on-site. Formal individual, small group photos as well as casual shots will be available for purchase from his website after the reunion. If there is sufficient interest in a printed “yearbook”, there will be an opportunity to purchase at an additional cost. Bill Young www.photoforanyoccasion.net

To sign up for Sunday’s Skyline Work Day, August 3, email susanspate@gmail.com.

See you at Kasper’s on Monday, August 4 at 1 pm.



Ken McCracken demonstrates the proper pose for retirement.....or how to make an entrance at the Reunion. Titan minus toga.

First there was the womb.
Then a bassinette or crib.
Then a bedroom.
A house.
A yard.
A neighborhood.
Then school.

At each step, the world expanded.

For some, the journey from Kindergarten to high school graduation was made with the same people. Others joined as the grammar schools merged into junior highs which merged into Skyline. Some had other journeys that landed them into this expanding family bringing a different set of experiences and history.

And then in June of 1964, the first graduating class that had spent three years together was launched upon the world.

From that time, classmates have been flung far and wide around the world and into the nooks and crannies of the American continent. Because we were Sputnik kids, our eyes have been in the skies, as well as the ocean depths.

From astro-physicists to zoo enthusiasts, we've experienced almost every occupation and avocation from A to Z, even completing the X category with xylophone players and xeriscape artists.

We have “doctors and lawyers and Indian chiefs” (assistants) with those in the tub (that are ranching/ farming/hunting) we have butchers as well as bakers and candle-stick makers.

We have those that have accepted (and hopefully enjoyed) the awesome responsibility of childraising from which the third generation is now rising.

We have those that have produced new art, new ideas, new products and technologies. We have those that have maintained and/or refurbished the old. We have those that have been components of society’s infrastructure.

We have those that have served their community as public safety, social development and elected civil servants and those that have endeavored to inspire, give skill and instill a love of learning to the young minds entrusted to them.

We have those that have chosen to serve as guides for spiritual needs and inclinations of those around them as ministers, priests, and missionaries.

We have sometimes been active, but divided, on issues of faith and certainly that of social issues and politics, local, national and international.

We have had joys and sorrows as well as a myriad of challenges to face and overcome.

We are a wonderful collection of humanoids and everyone has a story (or two or three).

As an extended family, the Skyline Class of 1964 is a gift only several hundred have; it is something to be treasured. Celebrate! And share your thoughts on your page (www.skyline64reunion.com). sdc



From the mailbag:

Because Skyline was a new school, without traditions, it was suggested that we would not have a traditional Senior Ball and All Night Party.

Instead, we would have a cruise on the San Francisco Bay. Because there were so many of us, we would need two boats. No one from another class could join us, only Seniors would be allowed, no matter who were dating, (boys dating younger girls or girls dating older boys). Who would determine who would go on which boat?

I didn't like the idea so I circulated a petition to be signed by Seniors stating we wanted a Senior Ball/All night party. My parents, along with Gail Roulund's parents, put together the All night party at the Claremont Hotel.

I, being voted Best Dressed Senior Girl showed up at the Senior Ball wearing the same dress as four other girls! What a night! **Sue Gracie Lanphear**

Hahahaha. My senior ball dress? Like it would still be around and not be rotten and like I could fit into it unless I had chemo therapy.

(Anon)

Alive and well in TN. Will not be attending. Should be fun for those that do.

Gary Hallmeyer

Just **Joan Bannan (Freiburghouse)** Twitter: @justjoanbannan

Author of Halfa Moon Take a look inside at <http://just-joan.com>

Re: Susan Gardner

My name is Ashley Mihok and I am Susan's youngest daughter. Susan passed away on June 6th, 2011 after fighting bile duct cancer for 8 months. Today I was searching for her maiden name on the internet and came across this reunion page. I was hoping that her former classmates would be able to share some fond/funny memories they had of my mother. It would mean so much to me and my siblings to hear stories about our mother at a young age. Thank you, Ashley

ashmihok@gmail.com

Oakland Jake (John Close) Down and out hillbilly guitar pickers. My Porsche was 10 years old, and the seat had just broken. Hard times. Crazy Chris and I had just gotten back from trying to sing for some nickels and dimes in Beserkeley. All we got was a little container of pea soup, which I have in my hand. The next day, we hopped a freight and rattled on outta that hard-luck town.<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152258259083303&set=p.10152258259083303&type=1>

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The travelogues have been rolling in, but the writers offer far too much to publish herein. If anyone is interested, I will be glad to forward.

With **Sherri Buttimer Halgrimson** in Italy, **Rick Steen** in Switzerland and **Mena Hankins Quilici** in Italy and the Netherlands, I don't need to go anywhere with their rich narrations.

And it won't stop. With **Richelle Lieberman**, **Don Sarver** and **Bob Blesse** in Italy, Bob's pictures of every meal will satisfy anyone's palate's cravings with non-caloric intake. **Kathy Hender Catahno** will be in Ireland, adding a little divergence from the Mediterranean pilgrimages.

And how many are telling their friends and families that they will be traveling to Oakland, California for their spiritual quest, nostalgia collecting or vacation extravaganza?



Clare Simpson and Marsha Standish also know how to make an entrance.....Annual Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive.

Birthdays

July

06 Georgina Mew Chew
10 Jayne Ross Pike
12 Vicki Oding
13 Susan Nicholson Wood
13 Carol Hansen Hartman
Shari Bates MacGregor
16 Jay Goodrich
17 Gary Sommer
Wolfgang Werner
18 Judy Israel Hoeshler
20 Cathy Karsh Cobel
29 Janice Johnson McIntyre
30 Richard Clarke
Carol Gorden Gilder

August 03 Rene Dokos Rores
Richard Ott
04 David Schendel
07 Bruce Quan
15 Doug Wood
16 Judith Israel Hoeshler
17 Shayne Del Cohen
18 Marilyn Hope
18 Susan Louise
20 Cathy Freel Bellinghausen
20 Mike Marcum
21 Maureen Sarment
25 Bob Falaschi
Mike Marcum
26 Janet Streb Greenwood
27 Donna Jenkins
28 DeeAna McLemore
29 Katheen Hender Catanho
31 Bob Blesse
Lynne Beitelspacher Head

If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be.

~~~*Maya Angelou*

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## **50 Things You Probably Didn't Know About Oakland**

Think you know Oaktown? We bet you didn't know this..

1. Oakland is *big*. It's the seventh largest city in the State of California and covers 54 square miles.
2. It's the only city in the world with a natural saltwater lake, Lake Merritt, wholly contained within its city boundaries.
3. Speaking of Lake Merritt, did you know that this lake has its own sea monster? Yep: the "Oakness Monster" has been spotted in the lake since the 1940s. Apparently, the best spot to catch him is from the docks at the Lake Chalet Restaurant. Source: Flickr user Coryn Wolk
4. Lake Merritt was the nation's first declared wildlife refuge, in 1870 by the then mayor, Dr. Samuel Merritt himself.
5. You know that necklace of lights around the lake? It was put up in 1925 and was made up of 126 lampposts over 3,400 lights. In 1941, during WWII, they were shut off for the blackout and remained out until 1985.
6. Oakland has more than 80 parks Source: Friends of Morcom Rose Garden Facebook page
7. Over 50 locations in the National Register of Historic Places
8. More than 600 churches and temples representing all faiths
9. And over 300 restaurants serving a huge variety of cuisine  
Source: Flickr user user Sonny Abesamis
10. Oakland has more artists per capita than any city in the country
11. It's the most ethnically diverse city in the U.S. More than 125 different languages and dialects are spoken in Oakland.
12. It's also home to the third-largest concentration of lesbian residents in the U.S.
13. Even Walt Disney was inspired by Oakland, basing many parts of his now slightly-more-famous Disneyland off of a visit to Oakland's Children's Fairyland.  
Source: Children's Fairyland Facebook page
14. More sourdough bread is produced in Oakland than any other city in the world.

15. And of course there's ice cream. Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Holdings, Inc. was founded in 1928 by William Dreyer and Joseph Edy in Oakland. And speaking of famous folks...  
Source: Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Parlor & Café Facebook page
16. Bruce Lee, the famous martial arts expert, got his start fighting and teaching in Oakland.
17. Tom Hanks went to high school in Oakland—and once sold concessions at the Oakland Coliseum. Source: Tom Hanks Fotoblog Facebook page
18. Clint Eastwood lived in Oakland, where he graduated high school in 1949.
19. Too \$hort began his career in Oakland at age 14.
20. Author Jack London, who wrote "The Call of the Wild", once ran for mayor of Oakland on the Socialist ticket. (And was "relieved" of attending Oakland High School.
21. MC Hammer founded Oaktown Stables in Oakland—and owned 19 horses thoroughbred racing horses himself Source: Visit Oakland Facebook page
22. In fact, MC Hammer is an official Oakland spokesperson. He partnered with Visit Oakland to create a series of videos about the city, including highlights, important landmarks, and an anthem for the Raiders.
23. The Oakland Museum is kind of a big deal. With its tiered Babylonian style roof gardens, it's the only attraction of its kind totally devoted to natural sciences, history, and the art of California.
24. Plus, the 24,000 square-foot Oakland Asian Cultural Center is the largest and most modern facility of its kind in North America. Source: Oakland Asian Cultural Center
25. Oakland is home to about 400,000 people—which is a larger population of Iceland.
26. Oakland's Fentons Creamery made a cameo in the Pixar movie "Up". Both its director and producer are Oakland residents and Fentons fans.
27. The weather in Oakland is better than the weather in San Francisco. FACT.
28. In 1894, the city council cracked down on "Chinese lotteries" and made it a misdemeanor to be anywhere near lottery tickets.
29. Then, in 1897, the city council passed an ordinance stating that a "poundman" should capture any loose chickens between 7th and 27th Streets and Lake Merritt and Peralta Street. It was a huge deal. Source: Flickr user key lime pie yum yum
30. Oakland is the only city in California with three professional sports teams: the Raiders, the A's, and the Golden State Warriors.
31. Oakland has a large population of gnomes. Source: Oakland Wiki

32. It is home to the oldest bonsai tree in the U.S., a daimyo oak that was cultivated in 1863, making it the longest-in-cultivation bonsai tree in the country. It was donated by Abraham Lincoln's ambassador to China.
33. Oakland was the home of the very first Mai Tai—though originally the drink just had rum, lime juice, Cointreau, orgeat syrup, and a sprig of mint.
34. Oakland has hundreds of secret staircases.
35. It was the headquarters of the Black Panther Party.
36. Today, those headquarters are better known as the It's All Good Bakery, aka the best place in the world for red velvet cake. Source: It's All Good Bakery, Inc. Facebook page
37. Oakland is the birthplace of the word "hella."
38. You don't need to leave the city to see the Redwoods; you can just head to Redwood Regional Park, a few miles over the ridge from downtown.
39. You can also see a gigantic ladybug orgy here. Each year, millions of ladybugs migrate to Redwood Regional Park, group together to mate, form a big cluster of adorable ladybug love, then fly away home.
40. The Wave was invented at the Oakland Coliseum. Once famous and self-proclaimed "World's Sexiest Cheerleader," Krazy George Henderson, started the first full-stadium Wave in 1981 during a sold-out Oakland A's game against the Yankees. Source: Wikimedia user Florian K
41. These movies were at least partially filmed in Oakland: "A Time to Kill," "The Matrix Reloaded," "Howard the Duck," "Basic Instinct," "Moneyball," "Greed," "So I Married an Axe Murderer," "True Crime," and "Fruitvale Station." (also the one with Whoopi Goldberg and
42. Speaking of movies, here's a "Star Wars" nerd out moment: the AT-ATs in "The Empire Strikes Back" were inspired by the huge four-legged cranes at the Port of Oakland. Source: Flickr user The Fossil Crinoid
43. And speaking of the Port of Oakland, it is one of the five largest container ports in North America and one of the top 20 worldwide.
44. The Port controls over 19 miles of shoreline and owns the Oakland International Airport.
45. Homeroom's mac and cheese is *amazing*. FACT. Source: Homeroom Facebook page  
***Will second that several times over. sdc***
46. Oakland is young. The median age here is 36, where the median age in California is 46.
47. But it's expensive. The median home price here is \$528,600, where in California it's \$448,669 and in the U.S. it's \$200,419.



48. Mountain View Cemetery is a popular hangout. It's beautiful, has the most spectacular view of the Bay in town. It's also the final resting place of Elizabeth Short, aka The Black Dahlia.  
Source: Wikimedia user Hank Chapot

49. When Charles Woodson was a rookie with the Oakland Raiders in 1998, one of the team's starting guards was eight-time All-Pro Steve Wisniewski. He now plays with Wisniewski's nephew Stefan, the team's starting center.

50. Both Pandora and Blue Bottle Coffee are headquartered in Oakland. Because it's awesome.  
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The idea of overcoming is always fascinating to me. It's fascinating because few of us realize how much energy we have expended just to be here today. I don't think we give ourselves enough credit for the overcoming. from NPM

<http://www.oldiestelevision.com/>

And if you still don't know what to do, try some of these:

**20 full episode FATHER KNOWS BEST (1953)**

*The definitive aspartame family sitcom: Betty & Kathy fued begin over a bathing suit Robert Young, Jane Wyatt, Elinor Donahue, Billy Gray, Lauren Chapin. (CBS)*

**21 PETTICOAT JUNCTION (1962)**

*Bea Bernadette and Edgar Buchanan bring up three perky teenage girls in Hooterville, at the Shady Rest Hotel; this show was the precursor to "Green Acres" (CBS).*

**22 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST BOB MATTHIAS (1956)**

*1952 Olympic Triathlon Champ Discusses the games & his movie debut with Herb Sheldon. Sheldon hosted several shows ranging from talk, to teen dance, to Ricky Tick Piano. ( DuMont )*

**23 DANCES OF THE 1950's: THE HAND JIVE (1957)**

*Herb Sheldon's dancing Teens do their spin Johnnie Otis' "Willie & The Hand Jive," Then see Otis' original performance of his "Hand Jive." (Dumont/RKO)*

**24 GROUCHO MARX YOU BET YOUR LIFE (1959)**

*Contestants: 11 year old Candice Bergen with dad, Edgar sans Charlie Mc Carthy, & Groucho's daughter, Melinda. Are the dads smarter than the 6th graders? (NBC)*

**25 the original DRAGNET(1959)**

*Granddaddy of TV cop shows, the definitive police melodrama with Jack Webb as Sgt. Joe Friday, Ben Alexander as Officer Frank Smith. Cliff Arquette appears as a nut (NBC)*

**26 THE MAGNIFICENT MUSICAL COMEDY GENIUS OF VICTOR BORGE 1951**

*Victor performs a new twist to Liszt and it is a classic Borge, musical & comedy genius. Victor Borge's precision piano and satiric talent are as natural as his warmth. (CBS)*

**27 EDDIE FISHER SINGS A MEDLEY OF HIS BIGGEST HITS 1953**

*Eddie croons I'm Walking Behind You, Anytime, With These Hands, Oh My Papa on his TV show. Like the era crooners, Fisher got 15 minutes weekly to enthrall his swooning fans.(NBC)*

**28 ABBOTT & COSTELLO: WHO'S ON FIRST? 1951**

*The signature Bud Abbot and Lou Costello comedy routine often imitated, never duplicated. The duo did hosting stints on The Colegate Comedy Hour & Hollywood Palace. (NBC)*

**29 DANCES OF THE 1950's THE JITTERBUG 1958**

*It started with Cab Calloway and ended up the most popular moves on American Bandstand. Here the dancers jitterbug jive to Little Richards' "Rip It Up." (AIP).*

*J1 SILHOUETTES The Rays*  
*J2 TRAVELIN' MAN Ricky Nelson*  
*J3 ONLY YOU Tony Williams & The Platters*  
*J4 RUBY, RUBY Dion*  
*J5 GOOD LOVIN' Felix Cavaliere & The Rascals*  
*J6 I'M IN LOVE AGAIN Fats Domino*  
*J7 SUSPICIOUS MINDS Elvis Presley*  
*J8 BYE BYE, LOVE The Everly Brothers*  
*J9 LITTLE DARLIN' The Diamonds*  
*J10 GOODY GOODY Frankie Lymon*  
*J11 DREAM LOVER Bobby Darin*  
*J12 WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE? Frankie Lymon & The Teenagers*  
*J13 TOO MUCH Elvis Presley*  
*J14 THAT'S WHY (I LOVE YOU SO) Jackie Wilson*  
*J15 GET A JOB The Silhouettes*  
*J16 DANCE WITH ME, HENRY The Platters*  
*J17 OH WHAT A NIGHT Dinah Washington*  
*J18 PARTY DOLL/HULA LOVE Buddy Knox*  
*J19 CAN'T STOP (HE'S GOT THE POWER) The Exciters*  
*J20 WHEN MY DREAMBOAT COMES HOME Fats Domino*  
*J21 DANCE IN THE STREETS The Rockateens*  
*J22 A LOVER'S CONCERTO The Toys*  
*J23 YOU BELONG TO ME The original Duprees*  
*J24 YOU ARE EVERYTHING The Stylistics*  
*J25 SUNDAY KIND OF LOVE The Teentones with Robert Klein*  
*J26 NEED YOUR LOVIN' Ronnie Hawkins & The Hawks*  
*J27 YOU BETTER KNOW IT Jackie Wilson*  
*J28 BUTTERFLY Charlie Gracie*  
*J29 THE NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES (extended version) Bobby Vee*  
*J30 IN THE NAVY The Village People*  
*J31 SAVE THE LAST DANCE (remake) Ben E. King*  
*J32 DON'T GO BREAKIN' MY HEART Elton John & Kiki Dee*  
*J33 IT'S MY PARTY Lesley Gore*  
*J34 MIDNIGHT SPECIAL Johnny Rivers*  
*J35 EVERYBODY LOVES A CLOWN Gary Lewis & The Playboys*  
*J36 I GOT YOU BABE Sonny & Cher*  
*J37 BABY, DON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND Gladys Knight & The Pips*  
*J38 DENISE*

As we grow up, we realize it is less important to have lots of friends and more important to have real ones

—Amanda McRae

