

Skyline News Note



October 2022



Labor Day: September 4, 2022

Dear Shayne,

SHALOM!

Interesting tidbits on Vallejo indeed... I knew the "Bear Flag Revolt" was June 14, 1846, & only two weeks later, US forces landed at Monterey, & the 'official capital' of CA surrendered. The Army Lt. received the "surrender" of the Bear Flag Revolters, & that was that. But it gave CA a "Story" to tell. The State officially adopted a Bear Flag in 1914, if I recall correctly; most of the other states were doing the same in that era.

My Cousin, Donald Greame Kelley, was editor of the Science mag of the CA Academy of Sciences, in Golden Gate Park, in the early 1950s, when the State Centennial came about. He said, "If that's supposed to be a GRIZZLY BEAR on the Flag, it should Look Like One!" There was no set standard of any sort. (Anything from a brown boar to a brown cow seemed to "pass muster"...))

He pressured the State Legislature, who turned it back on him. So he did a multitude of studies, sketches, drawings, of authentic Grizzly bone structure, musculature, &c., & finally presented his research to the committee. One of his drawings was officially

adopted on Flag Day, June 14, 1953. Decades later, someone at state level thought to present him with an official Flag of his own, in respect of all his work.

When any of my kids has turned 21, a CA Bear Flag is “part of the rite of passage” - & I’ve had his daughter sign them in his memory. Don’s dad was a personal friend of John Muir. Don seems to have been the one who gave the scientific name to the CA Leopard Lily, in honor of his uncle Linwood Kelley, so it is “*Lilium kelleyanum*.” I’ve seen one, along the High Sierra Trail, branching up like a great Menorah, with 17 blossoms at once!

{Don was first son of eldest uncle, so a generation ahead of me.}

My wife & kids & I lived in Petaluma for a time & passed Vallejo’s “Petaluma Adobe” ruins from time to time. I got to thinking about my grandma’s godparents. They were almost “next-door neighbors” of Vallejo. The lands of Mission San Rafael were the only thing in between. (I don’t know how extensive those were.) The father of my grandma’s godfather, John Reed, was an Irishman, who received the land grant from the Mexican government, before 1840 sometime.

I think I’d read that the Mexican gov’t thought “good Catholics” would be a buffer against the “protestant Americans.” *Rancho del Corte Madera* covered most of what became Marin County.

We have a photo of a family gathering at the Rancho, a huge mob of folk!, when my grandma was about 7. There are low rock walls – still visible at Marin General Hospital!

The godparents had a second home on Richardson Bay, nr Sausalito, where grandma & her mom visited during Easter Break, 1906. That night they returned to S.F. with a bunch of oranges from the godparents’ trees. Not knowing what to do with them, to keep them away from mice, they put them in the chandelier. The next morning, at 5:12, they woke up with the oranges in Orbit around the room, when the Great Quake struck... (They lived out on Sacramento Street, in the “Western Addition.”) Their front stairs collapsed; but a kindly neighbor across the street, ran across & leapt up onto the porch, to check on them...

I don't think I've ever written all this out before. So it's "hot off the presses"!

We're now in "Rocket City" – Huntsville, AL. My elder son is CEO of Public Utilities – actually the "oldest public utility" in the Nation! From the start, they needed a public entity to manage water from the "Big Spring" around which the town grew up... after they got rid of the rattlesnakes! It was here the first state Convention met to submit a Constitution for approval of Congress. AL became a State in 1819 – setting up the "issue" which led to the Missouri Compromise of 1820.

Well, that'll have to do it for the time.

I'll let you know when I get a chance to review the Class Site. & you may give my email address to Carol. I am trying to reduce the influx/inundation of email... as I think many others are. It piles up so fast! I've purged over 10,000 this last week – an account that got hacked by a very malicious fellow back in 2012, & I'd left alone all this time... There was hope the FBI might go after him for that, & other malicious acts of his. He hacked into my younger son's email, too, ending his home-schooling course with MIT. That was really heartbreaking for us all... Andrew still suffers PTSD from that traumatic era...

Enough already!

SHALOM!

Chris Kelley



Wes Kelley is the President and CEO of Huntsville Utilities, which provides service to over 200,000 electric, 100,000 water, and 56,000 natural gas customers in Huntsville and Madison County, Alabama. Huntsville Utilities is the 17th largest publicly-owned utility service in the nation.

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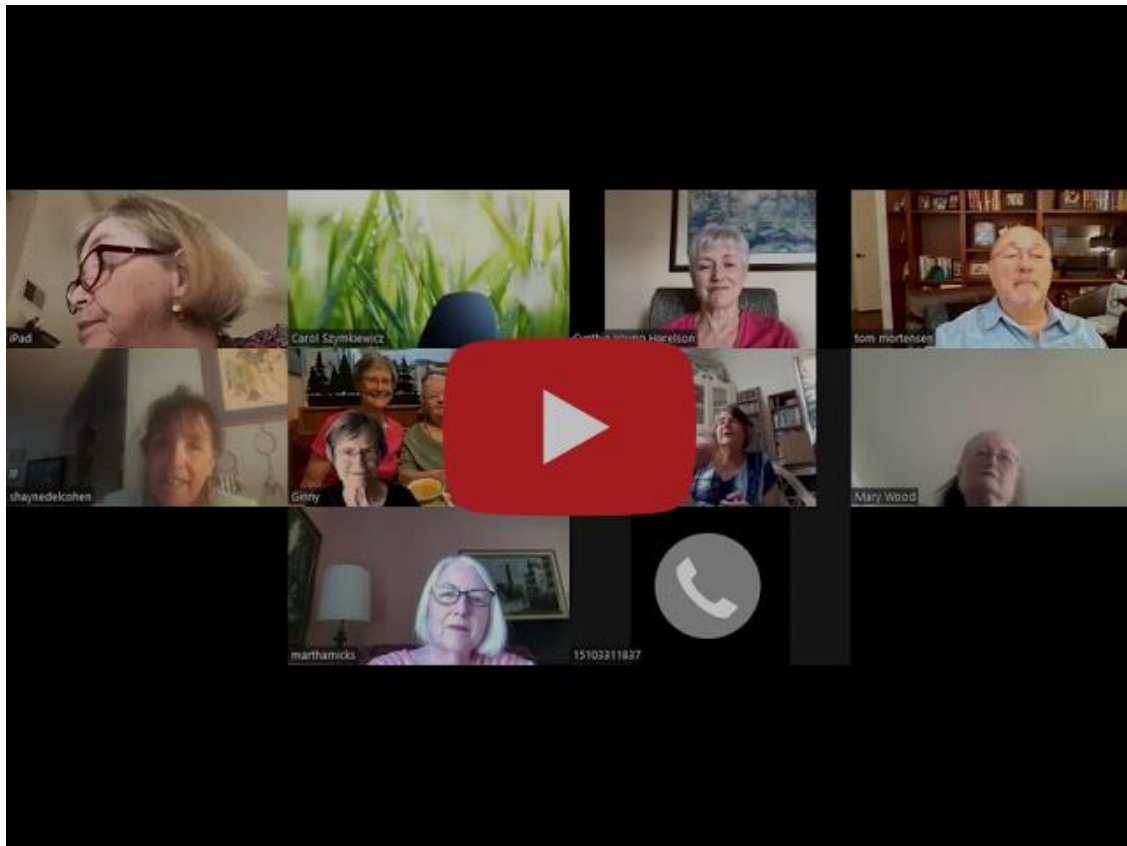
In addition to electricity, natural gas, and water, Huntsville Utilities operates a citywide fiberoptic infrastructure to provide high-speed telecommunication services in the community. This network is used by Google Fiber, to provide its high-speed internet service to the residential and business community.

Mr. Kelley is chairman of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's Board of Directors. He previously chaired the Regulatory/Contract Compliance Advisory Group and served on the Tennessee Valley Authority's Regional Energy Resource Council, Customer Planning Council, and Integrated Resource Plan Working Group.

In his community, Mr. Kelley is a graduate of Huntsville Leadership Flagship class 34, serves on the board of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber, the Huntsville

Botanical Gardens, and is the Vice Chair of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (the home of Space Camp).

Before coming to Huntsville Utilities in 2017, Mr. Kelley led Columbia Power & Water Systems and Pulaski Electric System, both in middle Tennessee.



Zoom Party September 12, 2022

Everyone seems to be getting out and about. We will pick these Zoom Party's events up at a later date. Thank you to everyone who joined!!

**Have something to share with
us? Please drop Shayne a note at the
address below.**



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October 4, 2022 1:00 pm

Fentons with host, Tom LaMarre

4226 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, CA 94611

October 24 at 12:30 pm

Kasper's

2551 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602



Tom Stallard on the Matanuska Glacier
(Alaska)

Every month I read the notes and calendar the meet ups. Just always seem to get caught up in other things. Next February will mark 20 years in elected office. I still enjoy it. During the pandemic, I rehabbed my 13th building. It has 7 cool lofts in it and two commercial spaces. It was hard work but fun and fully rented since completion. Thanks to you and all our class for the continual sharing. It is a great to hear how folks are doing. That goes for Olav as well who let us know he is now in Oslo.

Tom Stallard



Kasper's in September
Another chatty day at
Kasper's..."**Legs**" **Steen, Cynthia
Young Harelson, Barbara Uhlig
Harbidge, Shayne Del Cohen,
Dick Street, Tom La Marre, Nancy
Brick and Don Schnarr.** Pic by
Gay Parker. A little talk about
Hawaiian vacation spots, given
Nancy's recent trip, quickly
devolved into four separate
conversations. Never dull! Next
Kasper's will be **October 24 at
12:30.**



Duffers escape the heat at Half Moon Bay
Gary Sommer, Richard Bobet '63,
Doug Bartman

Stan Lore checked in, providing an example of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources State Climate Office Report (daily) on weather. Very entertaining! In the West, we worry about earthquakes and drought.....they don't!

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate.html>



Here is some OLD History for you.



Deeana McLemore in Quebec



Donna (Woody) Russell and I met for lunch yesterday in Davis while I was out there visiting my family. We had a lovely time catching up in the many years that have passed since our high school days at Skyline!

Ginny Huber Howery

On September 23rd 1967 Marilyn (Kyle) (Skyline class of 65) & Ken McCracken, (Skyline class of 64) Married !

And are still going strong after 55 years.

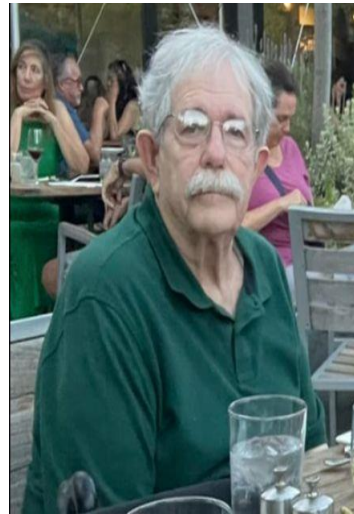
Take Care,

Ken McCracken

Went for a ride last night! Had some engine trouble!



Janice Johnson



Tom Cherry



Famous cathedral and bridge of locks in Cologne, Germany while cruising the Rhine River.

Tina Illick Coolahan

Calling all Artists!



Second call! If you have something to share, [please email me!!](#) We hope to fill this space

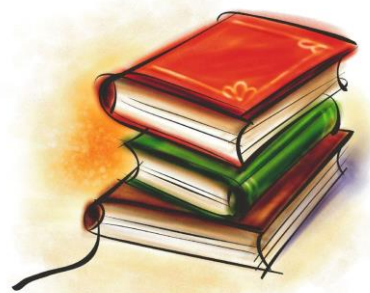


First up is Rodney Burge who will be having his first ever showing in Colusa, California at the Colusa County Art Council, 151 5th St, Colusa, CA 95932. This show will begin after Labor Day. [Here is a link to Rodney's website where you can see his art works and also purchase his CD's.](#)

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](#)
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[Jennifer Foreman de Grassi Williams](#)





Memories

Sharing memories is one of the comforts of aging. Although I know lots of seniors my age who are taking 10-mile hikes on rough terrain and walking on cobblestones in Europe (I tried that 6 months after a knee replacement....forget it) there are a couple others who have recently entered nursing homes or assisted care. After you ask about the food (bland) or the roommate (talks in her sleep) what is there to talk about? Memories. The older the memories, the better.

You don't really have the time or the inclination to talk about memories when you are busy making them....raising a family, holding a job.

Before I talk about some of my memories, I'll mention the AARP has suggested questions on its website to talk to people with dementia, which work equally well for people without it. It has about 100 suggested questions under the title "Care to Talk?" like "What day in your life would you like to relive and why?" Or "Tell me about growing up. What was life like for you? What do you miss most?"

My sister and I find ourselves happiest these days sharing memories from early childhood. The rest of the time we tend to talk about problems and the latest battle with Comcast. My sister is just 16 months younger, and we always played together during our childhood. We love to talk about playing outside in the sparsely settled Oakland hills where we grew up. Within a mile there were only four big houses---2 or 3 stories... and a lot of vacant lots. And blackberries and poison oak. The street was called Castle Drive, and I think one of the big houses must have generated the name. The new houses were a lot smaller. There was a short court near us with one mansion on it, and the neighborhood kids of all ages played there. I went back recently and there were cars parked on both sides of the street...barely room to get to your driveway.

Our house had a four-bridge view of the Bay from Lake Merritt to Martinez. On 4th of

July, we would always have a marathon Monopoly game and wait for night when we could see several distant fireworks shows.....unless the fog rolled in. Another favorite ritual was that our parents wrote a treasure hunt for us with clues at Easter. When we got older, my sister and I wrote one for our little brother, who was born 10 years after my sister. By the way, I was often a poor loser at Monopoly.

Both my sister and I love movies, and another favorite memory is of our mother who drove us to downtown Oakland to go to a movie by ourselves. We would go to the Fox or Paramount and have lunch at The Ground Cow, or Capwell's lunch counter. We were not allowed to go to the T&D which my parents called the "Tough and Dirty." Of course, there are vacations visiting our grandparents when they lived on Lake Washington in Seattle and then on the ocean in Monterey. What is strange is when my sister's memories don't match mine. She thinks I am repressing some things, and I think she is remembering something she dreamed.

What I like about getting in touch with people from high school is we share a lot of the same memories, especially if they went to Joaquin Miller Elementary and/or Montera Junior High. I noticed at the last reunion when Victor Gong asked "Who went to Bret Harte?", etc., most people were grouped by junior highs. The farther back the friendship goes, the more memories we share.

My Dad's mother lived to 99, and my mother to 96. A few of my mother's high school friends in Seattle were still alive. Can you imagine though, a time when you are the only one that remembers party lines or telephone numbers that weren't just numbers? (KELLOGG)

In grade school, we didn't have a cafeteria, and my mother would pack our lunches. Sometimes there was a thermos with ice cream! When we got home, there was orange juice and oatmeal cookies on the kitchen counter, and we told mother about our day.

There is a lot in pop psychology about your "inner child", and good memories are

a “comforting” way of connecting with that strange person. And strangest of all, talking to friends from your growing-up years are a way of finding out the “real” truth about people’s lives. I know my family was very private about our troubles, and I suspect that was much more common in the 50’s and 60’s.

I’ve been working up some more questions to add to the AARP’s selection: Did you ever have your mouth washed out with soap? Where were you forbidden to go? Did you go there? What words were you forbidden to say? What candy bar did you like the most? What kind of food did your mother cook? Was Jell-o considered a fruit? Did you eat Spam for lunch? Do you remember milk deliveries? Someday I may even find out what this mysterious group, The Falenes? Phaleens? Faleens? Was. To tell you the truth, I never even heard of it in high school.

Mary Wood



Hello Shayne, my husband Tom Mortensen told me that you are interested in helping my family in Ukraine.

You can do it by going to gofundme website and search for Mila Mortensen fundraiser. My daughter Tatyana Rodenkirk is the organizer of the fundraiser. Thank you for your interest in providing support for people who suffer the consequences of this terrible war.

If you have any questions, you can email me at

mila_sempernovi@yahoo.com

God bless
Mila Mortensen



Sue (Jones) Conner sent this for y'all to enjoy.

Sport Quotes from the '60s '70s & '80s

Don Meredith, Dallas Cowboys Quarterback once said: "Coach Tom Landry is such a perfectionist that if he was married to Raquel Welch, he would expect her to cook."

Harry Neale, professional hockey coach: "Last year we couldn't win at home and we were losing on the road. My failure as a coach was that I couldn't think of anyplace else to play."

Reggie Jackson commenting on Tom Seaver: "Blind people come to the ballpark just to listen to him pitch."

Doug Sanders, professional golfer: "I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect."

Mickey Lolich, Detroit Tigers pitcher: "All the fat guys watch me and say to their wives, 'See, there's a fat guy doing okay. Bring me another beer.'"

Max McGee, Green Bay Packers receiver: "When it's third and ten, you can have the milk drinkers; I'll take the whiskey drinkers every time."

Tommy LaSorda, L A Dodgers manager: "I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles. Eighty percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad I'm having them."

E.J. Holub, Kansas City Chiefs linebacker regarding his 12 knee operations: "My knees look like they lost a knife fight with a midget."

Vic Braden, tennis instructor: "My theory is that if you buy an ice-cream cone and make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play tennis. If you stick it on your forehead, your chances aren't as good."

Tommy John, N.Y. Yankees, recalling his 1974 arm surgery: "When they operated, I told them to add in a Koufax fastball. They did, but unfortunately it was Mrs. Koufax's."

Walt Garrison, Dallas Cowboys fullback when asked if Tom Landry ever smiles: "I don't know. I only played there for nine years."

John Breen, Houston Oilers: "We were tipping off our plays. Whenever we broke from the huddle, three backs were laughing and one was pale as a ghost."

Bum Phillips, New Orleans Saints, after viewing a lopsided loss to the Atlanta Falcons: "The film looks suspiciously like the game itself."

Al Hrabosky, major league relief pitcher: "When I'm on the road, my greatest ambition is to get a standing boo."

Bill Veeck, Chicago White Sox owner: "I have discovered in 20 years of moving around the ballpark that the knowledge of the game is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats."

Paul Horning, Green Bay Packers running back on why his marriage ceremony was before noon: "Because if it didn't work out, I didn't want to blow the whole day."

Lou Holtz, Arkansas football coach: "I have a lifetime contract. That means I can't be fired during the third quarter if we're ahead and moving the ball."

Knut Rockne, when asked why Notre Dame had lost a game: "I won't know until my barber tells me on Monday".

Jim Frey, K.C. Royals manager when asked what advice he gives George Brett on hitting: "I tell him "Attaway to hit, George."

Bill Walton, Portland Trail Blazers: "I learned a long time ago that 'minor surgery' is when they do the operation on someone else, not you."

George MacIntyre, Vanderbilt football coach surveying the team roster that included 26 freshmen and 25 sophomores: "Our biggest concern this season will be diaper rash."

Rick Venturi, Northwestern football coach: "The only difference between me and General Custer is that I have to watch the films on Sunday."

Bum Phillips, Oilers coach on why he always takes his wife on road trips . . . " She's too ugly to kiss goodbye."

The great John McKay, who coached USC for a bunch of years and later became the initial head coach of those terrible expansion Tampa Bay Bucs teams, had a few zingers. He was once asked after a lopsided loss what he thought of his team's execution. He said: "I think it would be a very good idea."

On another occasion, after a serious whipping he was asked what the turning point of the game had been. He replied: "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Former UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden, "Coaching is highly overrated. The team with the better players almost always wins."



October

- 01 Carol La Dolce Donato
- 02 Mia Evans Rice



November

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- Karen Dodge Wetherbee

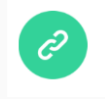
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