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Menlo Commons Celebrates Labor Day 2013!



Enjoying the BBQ (from far left, back around right, to front) Debbie Reif, Chuck Kinney, Lee Strauss, Marilyn Kinney, Gloria Wilkerson, Jerry Wilkerson, Ellen Holm. (Stepped away to load his plate was Richard Holm)

Cooking and Enjoying



Chef Bob Grimes serves Shirley Stewart.



Chef Hal Harbatkin serves Betty Smith.

Nearly 50 persons turned out for the festive Menlo Commons Labor Day 2013 BBQ. Side dishes and desserts were provided all and there were lots of different cuts of meat, salmon and other goodies to help the guests enjoy the afternoon. Jeanne Grimes and Judy Harbatkin were in charge of the event.

A Visit With Parnian Kaboli at Her New "Palace"



TGN: When did you move here?

Parnian: Three years ago I downsized from my home in Menlo Park, where I was for 25 years, and moved to unit B-206. Then last year I purchased unit C-204 and decided to completely remodel it. I can start moving in this month. You can call it the "Palace".

TGN: Why did you select Menlo Commons?

Parnian: I love the location - close to Stanford and Palo Alto, and downtown Menlo Park. I also like the beautiful grounds, the swimming pool, and the proximity to the major roads and freeway. The friends I have met here have been great.

TGN: What work do you do?

Parnian: I am currently working with a hi-tech business that I "started-up" a couple of years ago called "PixiOnCloud" which is producing a software application for automation. Before that I have worked in other hi-tech companies as a recruiter for business and marketing executives, and I still continue to do that. Both jobs keep me very busy.

TGN: Do you have an engineering background?

Parnian: Yes. I got my degree in civil engineering from Illinois Institute & Technology in Chicago, attended graduate school at Stanford, and received my MBA from Santa Clara University.

TGN: Tell us about your family background.

Parnian: I was born and raised in Tehran, Iran. I have a 26 year old son who is a software engineer in Silicon Valley, and a brother in Palo Alto who has a daughter at Lafayette, College, Pa., and a

sister in Menlo Park who has a son at UC Santa Cruz.

TGN: Tell us about your "Palace" remodeling.

Parnian: It has been quite a project, getting all the new fixtures, the large kitchen counter "island", all the new showers and really modern fixtures for the two bathrooms, the built in closets in both bedrooms, mirrors on sliding doors, the nice flooring inside, and marble like tiles on the balcony and in the bathrooms. Now I am starting to buy the new furniture.

TGN: I can see it looks very "swishy" with a nice broad view of the swimming area and central courtyard.

Parnian: Thank you.

TGN: What do you do in your spare time?

Parnian: In addition to being on the Menlo Commons Board of Directors and handling the frontgate project and working with the exterior architect, I am trying to exercise, swim, and I have a new bike which I plan to ride to the farmer's market. I also like to cook which is why my new kitchen will be important to me.

TGN: What dreams do you have for the future here?

Parnian: It would be wonderful to see an updated gym area, maybe even plan for a vegetable garden. Mostly I plan on a long and happy stay at Menlo Commons.

TGN: May we take pictures of your "Palace"?

Parnian: Please do. I am looking forward to really enjoying it once I get moved in.



(left) Guest
bathroom
shower
(center) New
balcony tile
deck;
(right) New master
bathroom
sink & shower