

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Chuck & Marilyn Kinney: "Lots of Nice People at Menlo Commons"

TGN: Tell us about your background.

Marilyn: My maternal and paternal grandparents came from Norway. My mother's family first settled in Duluth, Minnesota. Once land became available through the Homestead Act of 1982, they moved to central Minnesota becoming farmers. My mother was the third daughter and was able with the help of a local doctor's family to complete high school while living in town with them. She was encouraged to attend nursing school, becoming a registered nurse in Chicago. My father's family settled in south Chicago where my grandfather built homes. My father had a younger sister. My father went to work for many years at the General Motors plant on Chicago's far South Side. My brother graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign. I graduated with a BS in education from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

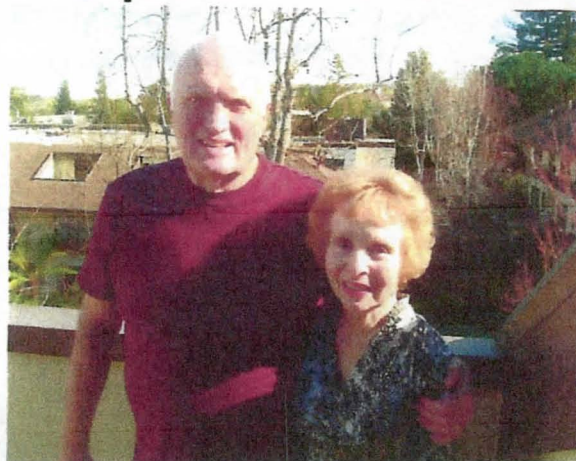
Chuck: My family was of Irish descent. My great grandfather was Daniel O'Connell, noted as the Liberator Politician of Ireland. My grandmother's father was a Virginian, who fought on the Union during the Civil War and was at the surrender at Appomattox. My mother's family had eight children of which she was the youngest. The family farmed in rural southwest Michigan. My mother had only a fourth grade education. I was named after my paternal grandfather who died on the day I was born. My father worked for the USP for 30 years, my mother worked for the Chicago Tribune. Marilyn & I attended Hirsch High School in Chicago. I was very active in sports - captain of the football team, ran track, and was on the wrestling team. I attended and was graduated from Harvard College majoring in architectural sciences. Despite being a long distance away, we continued to correspond and telephone each other often.

TGN: What did you do next?

Marilyn: We were married in Chicago in 1964 and lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I taught 4th grade in Melrose, Mass. and at the same time we became house parents at Lesley College in Cambridge for 17 freshman girls which allowed us free room & board while Chuck completed his graduate degree. Prior to graduating from his three year master's program, Harvard Student Agencies appointed Chuck the chairman of the car rental/purchase agency division called "Europe by Car". Chuck obtained his master's degree in landscape architecture & urban design from Harvard Graduate School of Design. The "Europe by Car" enabled us, following graduation, to purchase a Karman Ghia and travel for 9 weeks in Europe. I had my second teaching experience in Winnetka, Illinois, where we rented a garage apartment on a large estate. After several years, we soon purchased a two unit apartment in Evanston and now were a family of four. During this time, Chuck accepted a job with the City of Chicago as the first environmentalist in the Public Works Department. Chuck had close contact with Chicago's Mayor Daly. There were quite a few stories to tell about this experience! He then accepted a position with Skidmore Owings Merrill, an international architectural firm which had him traveling throughout the States and England.

TGN: When did you come West?

Chuck: In 1971, we moved to Palo Alto and bought our first single family home for \$52,000. Shortly after we moved in, we became a family of five. I became a partner in the design firm of AKA, Inc., designing parks, recreational areas, and civic plazas throughout California. With the business growing, we bought two office buildings along University Avenue in Palo Alto for our own business and rental office space. At this time Marilyn got her real estate broker's license



and it is still active today, 31 years later. We also bought an ocean front lot at the Sea Ranch where we built an engineered home which we used for vacations and as a rental property. During the 1980's we purchased, remodeled, and sold a number of residential and commercial properties in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Sea Ranch. We also built the West Coast's first "Air Rights" development of 44 residential units in which Palo Alto owned the land and we owned the air. I also started a seismic retrofitting company which serviced over 10,000 clients.

TGN: Tell us more about your children.

Marilyn: Our older daughter Sonja graduated from Castilleja HS and Harvard College, and then from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is a Department Chief of General OB/GYN. Her husband is a general surgeon and a surgical device inventor. Both practice medicine at the University of Nebraska, Medical Center in Omaha. They have a 16 year old son & a 14 yr old daughter. Our son Eric graduated from Pinewood High School in Los Altos Hills and UCSD with an additional semester of studies in Guadalajara, Mexico. Eric lives in Menlo Park with his 10 year old son. Eric's daughter is a freshman at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Eric is vice president of the Fraud Detection Division of the Lending Club in SF, now known as LC since going public in 2014. Our younger daughter Ursula graduated from Castilleja HS and graduated from UC Davis receiving a BA in international studies. She and her husband live in San Jose & have a 10 yr. old daughter and an 8 yr. old son. Ursula is employed at SAP in Palo Alto. She is working on her second novel. Her husband is employed at Kerio in San Jose.

TGN: Chuck, tell us how you got into politics in Menlo Park.

Chuck: I was the first chairman of the Architectural Review Board in Palo Alto so I had some political experience. A neighbor asked me if I would be interested in running for a position on the City Council because one candidate whom she supported had suddenly withdrawn because his wife was going to have triplets. I did run and was elected, serving two terms for 8 years. During that time I was also elected Mayor of Menlo Park, and served on a number of county committees.

TGN: When did you come to Menlo Commons?

Chuck: We bought E-306 in 2004. In 2007 we moved in. In 2008 there was a vacancy on the Board, so I ran for it and was elected and served for four years from 2007-2011. I was off one year and served again for two years 2012-2014. Marilyn also was on the board for two years, 2010-2011.

TGN: Thanks Chuck and Marilyn for sharing with us.

Hans Ringertz: A Man of Many Talents



TGN: Hans, tell us about yourself.

Hans: I was born and raised in Stockholm. I was graduated from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, becoming a pediatric radiologist - I deal with diseases of children who are referred to me by specialists. Radiology is more than just taking x-rays - it involves several different modes of studying diseases through use of technology. I came to the U.S. to receive training at UCSF in 1975. Later, I came back as a professor there during 1982-83. After returning to Sweden, I again came back to the U.S. in 2004 to become head of pediatric radiology at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. Now I am a consulting professor at Stanford, and spend half of my time here (fall-winter) and half the year in Sweden (spring-summer) where my wife and family live.

TGN: Describe your family.

Hans: My wife Britt-Marie and I have three daughters and seven grandchildren. They all live in Sweden. However, they visit here often. My wife is a physician in preventive school medicine. We were married in 1963. Our oldest daughter Maria is a psychiatrist. She is in charge of a drug abuse program advising medical professionals. Her husband is an orthopedic surgeon. They have three children, the oldest is in medical school now. Our next oldest daughter Johanna is editor of a publications committee. She works primarily with children's books. She translates books into several languages. She has two children. Our youngest daughter Sofia is a "stylist" in advertising, working with television presentations working with models, politicians and musicians. She also has two children. I have two siblings - my sister is an optician and my brother is a rheumatologist.

TGN: What else do you get involved in?

Hans: I lecture around the world in radiology (in May I am in China, and in August I am in Holland lecturing). I serve on many organizations dealing with radiology internationally. I have been president of some of these groups over the years. I also have served on the Nobel Prize Committee for Medicine for 22 years and was its chairman in 2002-2003 - and my great moment in life was to deliver the presentation speech asking the laureates to receive the Prize from the hands of his Majesty the King televised to 1.4 billion people. I like to swim, walk the Dish at Stanford, and walk the creek. Among other things I like Menlo Commons because I can walk to work at Stanford. I enjoy watching vintage movies at the Stanford Theater in downtown Palo Alto. And I like to paint modern art. You can see

some of my pictures hanging on the wall on my unit here.

TGN: What traveling do you do?

Hans: Soon my wife and I will be in Vienna, and then we will go up to the Alps for some skiing. I, of course, am back and forth to Stockholm frequently during the year. We have a summer home on the water there and our family enjoys boating in the Sweden archipelago.

TGN: It looks like you have been involved in many significant areas during your lifetime so far.

Hans: Yes. I obtained my PhD in biophysics. Thus I have been involved in the IRCP (international committee on radiation protection). I have also been active in the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and the World Health Organization in Geneva. You know, radiation is present in many aspects of our lives - for instance, a wrist watch may use radiation to glow in the dark at night.

TGN: I appreciate all you have described to us. I would like our readers to see some pictures of your modern art, Hans. Thanks for letting us take a look at it and to talk with you about the many interesting things you do.



*Hans shows us one of his artistic works.
(At top) Hans points out his Nobel Prize collage of pictures.*