

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

### Nancy and Peter Nunn: We Like the Friendly Community Here



**TGN:** Tell us about your background, Nancy.

**Nancy:** I was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and grew up together with a younger sister, brother and extended family in a small country town a few miles away. We had a large vegetable garden, vacant land for playing, trees to climb, and we could play catch in the streets. I started piano lessons at age 9 with the church organist and have enjoyed playing piano and organ ever since. I went to Northwestern University, got my BA in comparative religion, stayed on for graduate school and that's when I met Peter (on his first day on campus after coming from London, England, on a scholarship). We got engaged a month later and married 4 months after that. (He said it needed to be quick because his scholarship was for only a year and we needed to get used to each other before I had to adjust to life in Britain!) We married in December 1963 and moved to London in June - and stayed with his parents for 3 months. Then we headed way north to Scotland where Peter was to be the Methodist minister of a church in Stirling (about an hour away from Edinburgh and Glasgow).

**TGN:** Tell us about Peter.

**Nancy:** Peter grew up in London during World War II and survived the bombing. (Until we came here he had a can of shrapnel from bombing bits). He has 3 sisters - 2 living in England and 1 in New Zealand. He has a BA from Kings College, London University, and he taught school for 3 years. He trained for the Methodist ministry in Bristol, receiving a BA in theology.

**TGN:** Describe your life in Scotland and thereafter.

**Nancy:** Life in Scotland took some getting used to (no central heating in a drafty stone house), but at the end of our 3 year stay, we were very sad to leave. We have continued to have friends there for life, and in fact we were active members of that church when we moved back to Scotland 22 years later. In 1968 we returned to the U.S. and Peter was accepted into the ministry of the Lutheran Church. He became pastor of a large Lutheran Church in Park Forest, Illinois for 12 years. I was secretary for a doctor and later tutored at a local community college. We both enjoyed many happy days at Wrigley Field, even though the Cubs didn't win much. We came to California in late 1979, and Peter became pastor of a Lutheran Church in San Jose for 9 years. He also took an M.A. in pastoral counseling at Santa Clara University (and we became impressed first hand with the

Jesuits). During our time in the U.S. we visited Peter's family every other year and also went to Stirling. On those trips we stayed in B&B's and conceived the idea of having a bed and breakfast ourselves. In 1990 we returned to Scotland and bought a house in Aberfeldy, a small village at the start of the Highlands, where we did a B&B. Aberfeldy is on the River Tay, a big salmon river. People came from all over the world to go "hill walking", fishing, canoeing, and exploring the beautiful countryside. Our guests were often young people, explorers on a limited budget, very friendly. In fact 2 German girls who first came to us in 1992 have already visited us here in Menlo Park. We ran the B&B for 21 years. We have a wealth of happy memories, and very few problems outside of keeping up with the laundry. We had a large flower garden in front, and in back a good-sized fruit and vegetable garden. We both gardened and loved it - and Peter was also the resident handyman. There was no winter business because of cold and rainy weather, a bit of snow, but great sunsets in the afternoon. So we came to family here for Christmas and an extended visit. Our life we spent half in Scotland and half in California, which meant a lot of traveling, which became more difficult as Peter's health problems worsened so we had to settle down and opted for California where all of my family is - sister, brother, niece and nephews. My sister found this condo at Menlo Commons in 2012, bought it, and got the bathroom user-friendly for Peter - a great work.

**TGN:** What do you think of Menlo Commons?

**Nancy:** We have the good fortune to have had excellent neighbors in Aberfeldy and many enjoyable B&B guests. We appreciate being part of a small, friendly community here at Menlo Commons - a "village" so to speak. And we are happy to meet people from so many different backgrounds. We are not able to take part in many of the social events, but are getting to know people gradually and look forward to summer and a chance to be out and meet more neighbors,

**TGN:** What hobbies do you enjoy?

**Nancy:** Our hobbies are music - for both of us gardening (mostly during the past), and a variety of crafts (limited for Peter because of serious injury to his left arm). Peter was a serious stamp collector and a good artist (he has published a small book of miniature drawings).

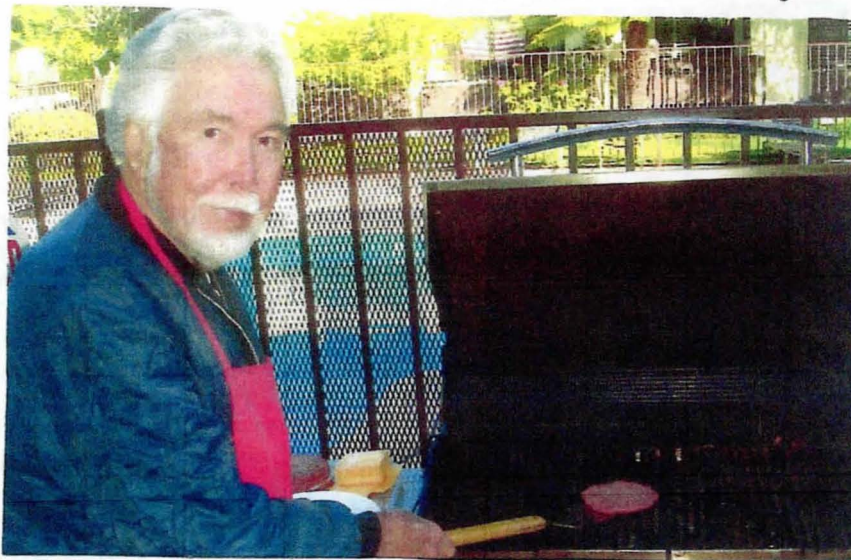
**TGN:** Thanks for letting us interview you both. Hope to see you again soon.

**Peter:** Goodbye, Jim.



# Memorial Day Party: Burgers and Brats, Hurray!

Menlo Commons Celebrates the Holiday



*Roger Murray Is the Chef for the Day*



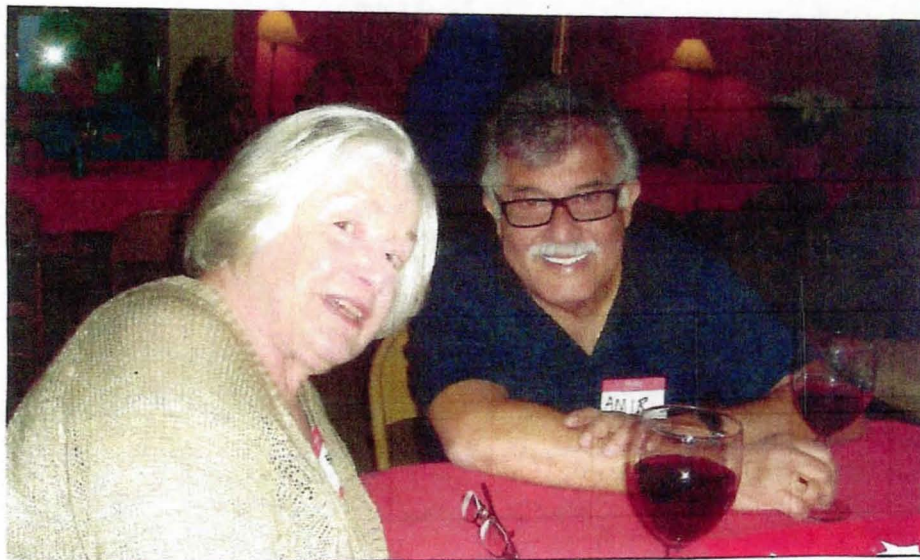
*Linda Meier Supervised the Event*



*Shirley Stewart, her grandson Kevin Bohannon and daughter Carol Stewart*



*Hal Harbatkin is Ready to Eat!*



*Sue Marshall and Amir Kanji ready for some wine*