

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Carolyn Jakopin: She Moved Here in January 2017



TGN: Carolyn, welcome to Menlo Commons!

Carolyn: Thank you, I am very pleased to be here. But am still getting acquainted with the area. I grew up in Chicago, but have lived most of my years in Peoria, Illinois. Early last year, I decided to move to California. My son David lives in Portola Valley and that was a major factor in my decision. I moved into my unit on the third floor of Building C this last January.

TGN: Tell us about your family.

Carolyn: I have five sons and eight grandchildren. We try to all get together once a year, however it can be a difficult scheduling matter. My son David, who lives in Portola Valley, is an Intellectual Property attorney. My other sons are Paul, who is an emergency room doctor and lives in Marshfield, WI; Phil, who is the owner of Creating Spaces, a home remodeling company and lives in Minneapolis, MN.; Kevin, a co-owner of Landsport, which manufactures ramps for transportation vehicles and lives in Amelia Island, Florida; and Dan, who is with McKesson Pharmaceutical in the technology division and lives in Pittsburgh, PA. My grandchildren range from ages 5 to 21. All but one of them are in school at some level. The other has recently graduated from college.

TGN: What is your background, Carolyn.

Carolyn: I went to college at Northern Illinois University, which is about 90 miles north of Chicago, where I graduated with a degree in Education and a minor in Library Science. My first job was teaching 5th grade in Elmhurst, IL. After moving to Peoria, and while raising five children, I volunteered to set up the school library in the school my children were attending. I returned to teaching when my youngest began high school. Shortly after my husband passed away 25 years ago, I began to private tutor grade schoolers in my home. When the grandchildren began arriving, I retired.

TGN: Tell us about your husband.

Carolyn: We were married while he was completing his residence at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. Upon completing his residence, he was drafted into the Army and assigned to Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA. in the Army. He received his medical education at Stritch School Medicine, Loyola University in

Chicago. He was an anesthesiologist, and worked within the several hospitals in Peoria.

TGN: Where have you traveled?

Carolyn: My husband and I traveled to quite a few places, I particularly remember our Italy and Switzerland trip. After he passed, I did a lot of traveling including to Turkey, the Galapagos Islands, Machu Picchu in Peru, Guinea (where I stayed in a rural native village where my son Phil was a Peace Corps Volunteer). My most recent trip was to Netherlands during the tulip festival there. Highlights of my domestic travel: New Orleans; Assateague Island in Virginia, which is famous for the breed of pony called the Chincoteague Pony - they are small stature ponies and can be found in a variety of solid colors. The breed was made famous by the *Misty of Chincoteague* series written by Marguerite Henry; and the Canadian Rockies.

TGN: What keeps you busy these days?

Carolyn: After my family, I have joined the book club here at Menlo Commons. It is a small group and we read a mixture of both fiction and nonfiction. I also enjoy the opera and am looking forward to attending the Met Opera season at the movie theater in Redwood City. I have been invited to attend a group from here that attends the Theaterworks productions and have already attended the first one. I am also into genealogy. Have needlepointed in the past, but the eyes are not what they used to be. I would like to improve my bridge playing, and I have heard about Little House which I am going to explore. I attend St. Raymond's Church here in Menlo Park and participate in their Bible Study. I also like to entertain.

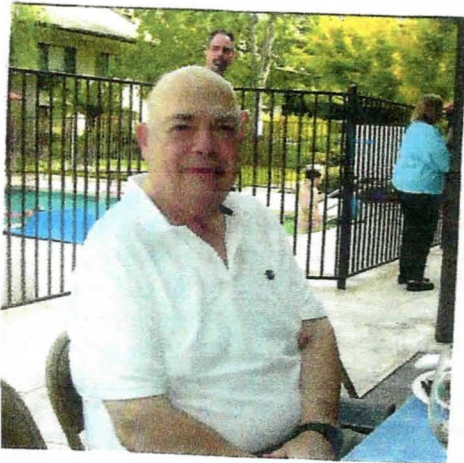
TGN: How about your health?

Carolyn: I've had a knee and hip replacement since moving to CA and am now working on getting my back into shape. Having had lower back problems in the past, the back has acted up and am in in the process of getting relief from back pain.

TGN: Thank you so much Carolyn for sharing with all of us.



Labor Day: Having Survived the Heat, Let's Eat!



Hal Harbatkin Ready For The BBQ



Tina and Bruce Bartmess Join the Party



Marina Clapp and her grandson Cal are Here



Inn Mueller Enjoys the Event



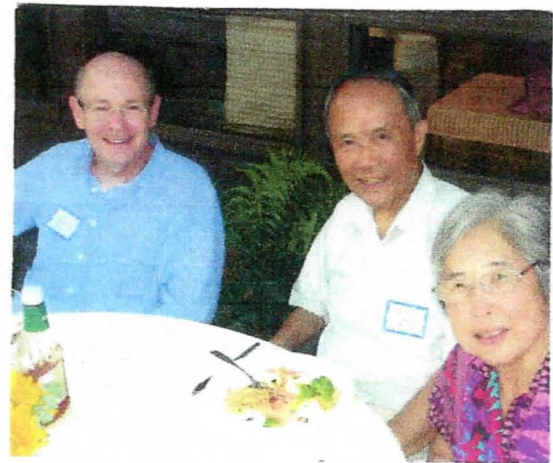
Darlene Jeris, Danida Turner, Pam Kaiser Together



Lois Cardinal Ready to Party



ocio and Jan Reimer Have Dinner



John Laughlin, Michael Kau, Anna Kau Share the Meal Together



Lily Schulte Has a Good Time