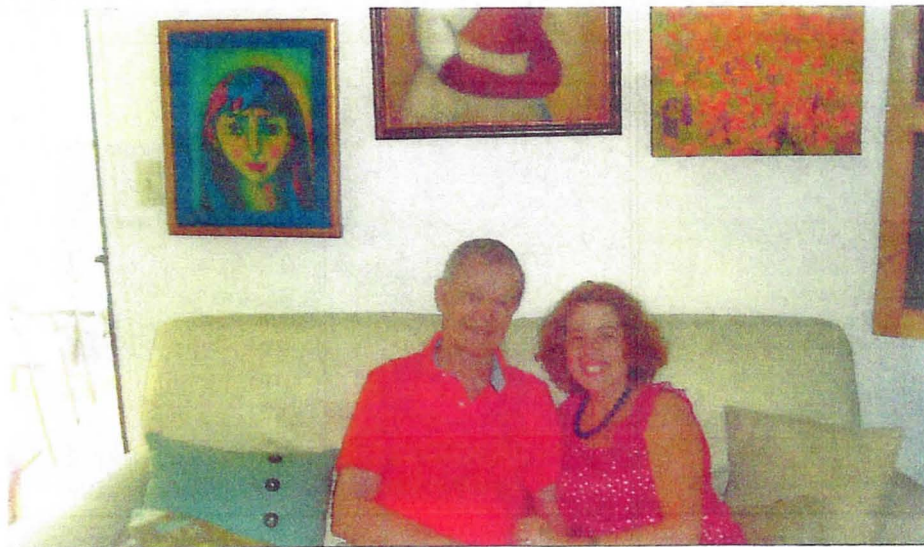


MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Jan and Rocio Reimer: They Met in Peru



TGN: When did you move to Menlo Commons?

Jan: We had been looking for a place to downsize into in the area for six months, primarily in Palo Alto and Mountain View. Each time we had found one we got overbid by younger buyers. Finally we found Menlo Commons and this unit, bought it in just two days, and moved here in February 2016. We needed a place without a staircase, which was a problem for us in our house in Palo Alto because of our knees. Also since Menlo Commons is for senior age residents we didn't face the competition from the younger set overbidding us here, so it was easier for us to acquire. We found it on the internet. I had been living in an Eichler in Palo Alto since 1972.

TGN: Tell us how you two met.

Rocio: We met in Lima, Peru, where I lived with my large family. Jan was taking a tour and his brother and his wife already knew my family. That was in 2007. After that we emailed back and forth. Each of us had been married before, and I have two sons - one of my sons will be a lawyer in Peru. Jan was a widower. My family invited him back to Peru, and we visited again. Jan wanted to see Machu Picchu, and then he spent Christmas and New Years with us in Lima in 2008. Jan proposed to me and we returned to be married in Palo Alto in 2009. A good portion of my family came to the wedding from Peru. There were 13 who came - it was a small invasion from Peru.

TGN: Describe your background.

Jan: I came from Germany to San Francisco in 1959, and lived there for the first five years, then I moved to Mountain View and Palo Alto. I am now retired. I worked in the semi-conductor industry in Silicon Valley doing research and development, solving processing and circuit design problems, publishing many technical papers, and presenting then in international conferences. This led to two US patents and becoming well known throughout the world. I developed a diagnostic laboratory and provided problem solving services to the company's design departments.

Rocio: I taught preschool for 15 years in Peru for 2 ½-year old children. I received my education at the Universidad Catolica in Lima. My father was attorney general in Peru. My mother loved to do paintings in brilliant colors. I have some of them hanging on the walls here. She was a concert pianist in her earlier life.

TGN: Rocio, tell us how you have learned to speak English.

Rocio: Peru is a Spanish speaking country. But my father has been a strong influence on my learning English. He promoted English in Peru and he received honors from Queen Elizabeth for doing so. At age 14,

I was taught English at home. But I received no formal schooling in grammar. Since I came to the US, I have taken classes at Palo Alto BSL adult school and also spent time at the Menlo Park Library where they have a large collection of books. I have also learned through listening. Now I continue to have a tutor who spends two hours a week with me, helping me with grammar, reading, and pronunciation.

TGN: What else do you do like to do now?

Jan: We love music events, and we go to the San Francisco opera and symphony. We particularly like violin and piano music. We also like to spend time with Rocio's family, so we are planning to visit Peru in July and again in October - when Rocio's mother will celebrate her 80th birthday. Also, Rocio's father visited us here just four weeks ago. Rocio and her family are very close.

TGN: Describe what you like about Menlo Commons.

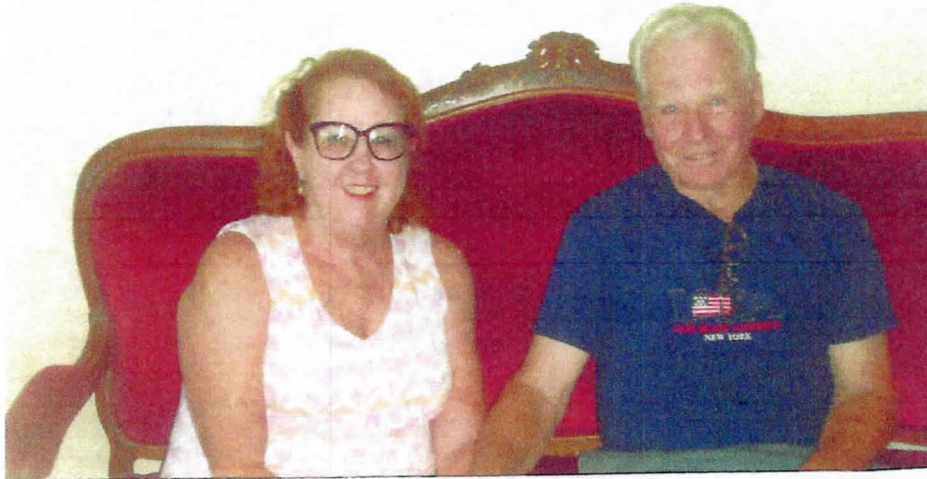
Rocio: I like the trees and the autumn colors here. There is no autumn in Peru, as it is tropical. I am so happy to be here. I enjoy the people. They are very kind and well educated. I also love the light we have in our unit. It also helps show off the family paintings which I have on display here. I also am happy to be in the US and now I am a US citizen! I enjoy the freedoms people have here - including the freedom of speech.

Jan: Before we came here, I had about nine weeks of recovery at the Stanford Hospital because of an infection. I was in critical care for 12 days, then intensive care for 3 weeks and acute rehabilitation of 5 weeks. Rocio lovingly helped me through the whole experience and to get well again.

TGF: Thanks for getting acquainted with us. Look forward to seeing both of you again at future events here at Menlo Commons.



Bob and Lilly Schulte: We Love to Travel



TGN: When did you first move to Menlo Commons?

Lilly: We moved here in March. We just sold our house in Menlo Park on Middle Avenue two weeks ago. We have had a lot of downsizing to do, from 1600 square feet to 960 square feet, and we are still finishing moving in. There are many things we want to do with this place. For instance, you can see the chandelier on the floor, which needs to be installed over the dining table. We want to remodel the bathroom. Here in Building B we appreciate the pine trees outside sheltering us a bit from Santa Cruz Avenue.

TGN: Tell us about your background.

Bob: I was born and raised in south central Illinois in a farm town. I was in the Navy for four years, on a ship at a naval base in Yokosuka, Japan (south of Tokyo), and after that came back and spent time at Moffett Field. After I retired from the Navy, I went to work for Varian Associates in the finance department. I never went back to Illinois. My sister still lives in the same area of Illinois.

Lilly: I am a third generation San Franciscan. I attended Sacred Heart high school in San Francisco, and then graduated from Dominican College in San Rafael, studying law and special education. I focused on the civil rights of a child versus parents. I then founded three pre-schools, including one at Bethany Lutheran Church in Menlo Park where I spent about 20 years working with the children. They referred to me as "Miss Lilly".

TGN: What about your family?

Bob: I was married to my first wife in 1959. She passed away in 1991. I met Lilly in 1996 and we have now been married 18 years.

Lilly: I have a son of my first marriage, Charlie. He is 47 now, and retired from the Navy where he was a lieutenant commander. He lives in San Diego now and has two children, Trey age 22 and Samantha age 16. Charlie had graduated from Western Naval Academy in Monterey with a masters degree in business. He now is a consultant to the Navy.

TGN: What have you been doing since retirement?

Bob: I like to spend time at a cabin I have on Skyline, about 10 miles south of Alice's restaurant. I like to tinker with 1950's era cars. I have a 1966 Chevrolet Impala 2-door hard top which I enjoy. I also play tennis at Nealon Park in Menlo Park, or at Stanford. However, since my knee and foot have developed problems, my tennis game has been curtailed.

Lilly: We like to travel together, so we have been to Ireland, Paris, Hawaii (every other year), and take cruises. We have been to Alaska

two times. We like to sail under the Golden Gate Bridge on cruises. Our next trip we plan to go through the Panama Canal. As a student, I enjoyed visiting Europe (the \$5/day experience).

TGN: What is your favorite place to visit?

Lilly: Since I have an Irish background, we love to go to Ireland, including Dublin and the Shannon areas. When Bob celebrated his 65th birthday, we got to stay in an Irish castle up on the top floor. It had a spiral staircase and I remember the bellman struggling all the way up with our suitcases. We want to travel more, and my wish list includes going to Boston for lobster dinner, and also going to Venice and taking a cruise of the Greek Islands in the Aegean Sea, and to Greece.

TGN: Describe your other activities.

Lilly: We like to go "antiquing" - shopping for antiques particularly in places like Capitola. We also have been contributing time to assist in a charitable project with our church group at the Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. It is a place to help adults work with getting their skills going again. They live there for six months, and then step up to employment, using their work skills again. There are 60 or 70 persons there.

TGN: Have you had a chance to attend the events at Menlo Commons?

Bob: We have been to some happy hours events, and the Memorial Day party. We are going to miss the Fourth of July Bar BQ though since we have a conflict on our schedule. We do like the nice people here.

TGN: Well, thanks for sharing with us. We look forward to seeing you again soon at some future Menlo Commons events.

