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“Isn’t Life Grand!” – Ron Eggherman 1944-2014

We’re sad to announce the early January passing of Bay Area civic booster and co-owner of Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Ron Eggherman, after a two-year battle with cancer. Ron touched many lives, and on a not-insignificant level.

An estimated 200 people attended a quickly assembled and heart-felt memorial service for him on January 12th – some from as far away as Tennessee.

In the spirit with which he lived, there will be a celebration of Ron’s life, featuring his favorite

band, Little Marvin and The Gardeners, and benefiting the Sterling Award for Youth Arts and Education (a fund he created when he was president of The Berkeley Association of Realtors, that was recently renamed for him). Those who knew Ron and are interested in attending the Sat., Feb. 1st celebration should contact Todd Hodson at todd@MarvinGardens.com.



Ron Eggherman, left, with business partners, Marion Henon and Todd Hodson, at KCC’s 2009 Fall Festival. Ron made it seem like life was a fabulous party – one that he was happy to host; and that you, whoever you might be – cherished family member, friend, business partner, or just a passerby with a great hat, had a special invitation to join him. See Obituaries, Page 5.

Community Center Remodel

In December, Godbe Research presented to the KPPCSD Board a survey that indicates there is support in the community for a measure where each homeowner would pay an annual tax of up to \$14 per \$100K of assessed property value, which would pay for debt service on a 30-year bond of up to \$2M, to make safe and improve the Community Center.

At the January 9th KPPCSD meeting, the Park Buildings Committee recommended moving forward with a bond measure for June that will let Kensington voters decide if they will tax themselves for the needed improvements. A two-thirds vote of support is required to pass the measure.

Dir. Linda Lipscomb: “We have a fiduciary duty to preserve the assets of the community. We have to spend some money to make it safe; let’s spend a little more to make it beautiful and more diversely functional – now, when (bond interest) costs are low.”

Dir. Chuck Toombs: “This is a project that needs to be done – it’s not an option not to do it.”

The Board unanimously endorsed the motion. See details in the Jan. 9, 2014 KPPCSD agenda packet, (p. 48), at www.KensingtonCalifornia.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

**KCC IS HAVING A SWINGING MARDI GRAS DANCE
WITH MUSIC AND DANCING INSTRUCTION
ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014**

Update: Writ Defense Thru Dec. 2013: \$131.6K

New Tenant for Pharmacy

According to landlord, Don Bruschera, Shirley Ng and Pete Raxakoul, co-owners of the Country Cheese Coffee Market on Hopkins in Berkeley (near Monterey Market), have signed a lease for the space previously

see Cheese, Page 9...



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Still Hope for Kensington

Dear Kensington Outlook,

We found a lug nut at the corner of Highland and Cowper. We want everyone in Kensington to check their tires. This is a safety check. Please contact my dad if you have any questions. 510-558-8711.

P.J. Bowden
Hilltop School, Grade K

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Letters to the Editor

No Heart to Sue Sisters

Dear Neighbors:

We are some Kensington residents who think you should know about the possibility of a local problem.

The deserted 3.5-acre Carmelite Monastery at 68 Rincon Rd., in back of Blake Gardens, is listed for sale. For decades, many of us had pleaded with the Carmelite Sisters to respect local ordinances and the rights of neighbors. We offered to pay to thin and "window" the fast-growing trees they kept planting, which blocked our sunlight and view, as well as actually encroached into our yards and gardens. They made idle promises but just kept planting, with none of us having the heart to actually sue the Carmelite Sisters.

Now there are even stronger reasons to be concerned about our neighborhood – the possibility of subdivisions, height restrictions on any remodeling, change-of-use, noise, lighting, (and) changes in the limited access roads and traffic modifications. We certainly don't want to interfere with Korman & Ng selling the site, but since they will not respond to our inquiries, we do want to (ensure) our rights and properties are finally respected and restored.

Fortunately, John Gioia is our District Supervisor. He is aware of the issues and has always been ready to recognize the concerns of his constituents. It is important that he know that a good many of us (who care) about our neighborhood are somewhat alarmed by the Realtor seemingly ignoring very real issues. We want Supervisor Gioia to intervene on our behalf. Please call him and also write to him, which will emphasize our interest and concerns.

Contact Contra Costa County District 10 Supervisor. John Gioia, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite. D, El Cerrito 94530 or 231-8686.

Thanks,
Mrs. S. P. Waters

Appalled and Out of Loop

Dear Editor,

I was appalled when I read *Letters to the Editor* in the *Outlook*. What's going on? The District is spending huge amounts of money on lawsuits. Is the Supreme Court going to get involved? Are we going to lose our garbage service? What's happening? The Board has a responsibility to the people of Kensington. No wonder there is so much distrust. No wonder people have a poor opinion of politicians. There is voter concern. The citizens of Kensington are not kept in the loop, even though it's our future.

Stop bullying us and give us a voice in our future. Why can't we work together to insure Kensington's future!!

Jane Roberts

Who You Callin' 'Bitchy'?

Dear Editor,

The interpersonal bickering you publish in your paper makes much of the community lose all respect for you, your opinions, and your publication. We are interested in hearing about local governance without all the bitchy name-calling.

Sincerely,
David Aue

Please note: We at the Outlook don't make the news; we just report it. – Ed.

Zero Tolerance

Dear Editor,

Our general manager made some misstatements when addressing concerned parents about the library crosswalk. He wrote:

"The (2010 Traffic Safety report) was submitted to the KPPCSD Board for consideration in May of 2010.

"The KPPCSD Board accepted the recommendations of the report at the May 2010 KPPCSD Board meeting, and directed me to implement a 'Zero Tolerance Policy' throughout Kensington for traffic enforcement."

In his 2012 meeting with me, which he scheduled after I'd forwarded a memo from the Director of the UC department that had prepared the report, he claimed the Board voted to adopt a few lines in an memo that only alluded to the report and didn't spell out zero tolerance throughout Kensington, but actually meant zero tolerance throughout Kensington.

Drivers warning others they'll get seatbelt citations and driving a few miles over the limit citations anywhere in Kensington doesn't raise anyone's awareness of the dangers at the library intersection.

According to the May 2010 record where the Board supposedly passed 'zero tolerance,' our GM wasn't directed to do anything; he didn't attend that meeting. Sergeant Hull represented him, and our GM told me Hull asked them to pass the lines from his memo. According to a letter I received from our past Board president, there'd been no discussion before the vote, and he couldn't explain what they'd actually passed.

Anyone can read the record from that board meeting and read the 2010 Traffic Safety report for him- or herself.

Anna Shane

Editor Misses Boat?

Dear Editor Koosed,

You really 'missed the boat' in reporting(?) on the publication of Shirley Streshinsky's newest book, *An Atomic Love Story: The Extraordinary People in Robert Oppenheimer's Life. (Neighborhood Notes, The Outlook, Dec. 2013/Jan. 2014.)*

Shirley is a long-term resident in Kensington and a talented, accomplished author; consider her biography of John James Audubon or any of four earlier books as well as numerous contributions to magazines like *Redbook*, *American Heritage*, or *Conde Nast Traveler*. Consider also her long and valuable service to the *Outlook* in Marian Martin's day which is remembered and appreciated by many.

In the specific case of this new book, carefully researched by Shirley and co-author Patricia Klaus, would not it be appropriate to add that Robert Oppenheimer lived for years in central Kensington, or to take note of the many individuals in this community who had contact with him?

Shirley (and Kensington) richly deserve more thought and dedication in reporting than was exhibited in what you published in the *Outlook*; I suggest that you "try again." For inspiration, you might read Lou Fancher's discussion of the book (as published on page 10 of the Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington *JOURNAL* on 10 January, 2014). I'll gladly send this report to you if you do not have it.

Richard S. Muller

It was a choice between more space for the item about Shirley's book or including the announcement of your award, Richard. (Shirley complained that we didn't give YOU enough space!) I've always written and thanked the reporter when I've been mentioned in the press. I guess y'all do it differently here in Kensington. – Ed.

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KASEP

Kensington After-School Enrichment Program • WINTER Session

Kensington After-School Enrichment Program (KASEP) Winter Session started Monday, January 6th and continues through to Friday, March 21st. KASEP will be closed during President's Week, February 17th-21st. Go ahead and ink in your calendar for Spring KASEP Online Registration, Tuesday, March 4th at 6pm; spring KASEP classes start immediately following the end of winter session – Monday, March 24th. KASEP class schedule and online registration can be viewed on the website, www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org.

KASEP SUMMER CAMP 2014

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering 1st grade through to 6th grade, Fall of 2014. Camp begins Monday, June 9th and ends Friday, Aug. 15th; Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm. Extended care for both morning and afternoon is available. Campers may enroll by the week.

Camp life offers a relaxed place where campers make lasting friendships, in a safe environment, supervised by college-age counselors. The footprint of the KCC camp is glorious – expansive, grassy fields for team sports, tennis courts, kitchen, and classrooms for art. Each week campers go on a field trip, by private bus, to local points of interest around the Bay Area. Afternoons are spent outside or with a specialty teacher doing hands-on activities like carpentry, gymnastics, cooking, or art.

Our summer day camp brochure will go home in Hilltop families' children's backpacks, and will also be available for online viewing the last week in February.

Online Registration for Summer Day Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th, at 6pm. Register at www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org.

REGISTRATION

KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: kccrec@yahoo.com, or call 525-0292. M-F, 10am-4pm.

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for info. Court Fees: 45-min. singles reservation: Residents: \$2; Nonresidents: \$5.

Kensington Community Center Rental Info: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District) at 510-526-4141.

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DECOUPAGE

An Evening of Art for Adults and Families
Friday, February 28th, 7-9pm
KCC Office/Recreation Building • \$25.00 per family

Spring cleaning? Don't throw that box, lamp or tray away – revitalize it with an art makeover. Decoupage is easy and everyone can complete a project in one night. Bring any object having a smooth surface. Catherine Johnson, instructor, will bring the rest! Questions? Feel free to email Catherine at csings2faye@yahoo.com. Join Catherine for an evening of community and creativity. To register, call KCC at 525-0292.

ACRYLIC ARTISTS
Wednesdays, 9:45am-12:30pm
Kensington Community Center

Join this great group of artists and be part of a creative community where you work at your own pace and have the opportunity to paint with others. This Wednesday group of artists invites you to join them.



Ruby and Circus instructor, Doug – goofin'!

Summer Camp
Bunnies ->



QI-GONG FOR ADULTS
Fridays, 9:30-10:30am – 8 Classes • Starts Jan. 24
Ongoing, at the Kensington Community Center
\$120 for 8 classes. Drop-ins welcome: \$18 per class

Qi-Gong is designed to stretch and strengthen your body. A new 8-week class started on January 24th, however drop-ins are welcome. This session, "muscles and tendons" are the focus of attention. Qi-Gong is one of the basic self-healing techniques prescribed by Chinese medical practitioners.

Meg McDowell, LAc, MSTCM, is a certified Qi-Gong therapist, as well as a licensed acupuncturist. Meg has a thriving practice in Kensington and specializes in women's health. She's delighted to be serving her community and providing Qi-Gong, which has improved her life, as well as that of many others. For more information or to reserve, email Meg at NeedleSandQi@gmail.com or call her at 229-9922.

The GRUBB Co. *2013 Market Summary*
 REALTORS

Happy New Year!

KENSINGTON MARKET SUMMARY

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2013

- 70 Properties Sold • Average days on the market: 21
- Average List Price: \$436 per sq. ft. • Average Sold Price: \$464 per sq. ft.
- Highest Sales Price: \$2,775,000 • Lowest Sales Price: \$540,000
- Average Sales Price: \$905,823

AS COMPARED TO 1/2011-1/2012

- 66 Properties Sold • Average days on the market: 28
- Average List Price: \$394 per sq. ft. • Average Sold Price: \$411 per sq. ft.
- Highest Sales Price: \$1,410,000 • Lowest Sales Price: \$350,000
- Average Sales Price: \$734,956

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 Flowers and wine, perhaps?*

D'Jour Floral of Kensington Gardens will offer an array of ready-made bouquets and balloons for that special someone. Rose bouquets, mixed bouquets, seasonal fresh flowers, plants and a few chocolate-based gift baskets will be available. You will find this selection of flowers at **Colusa Market**. Be sure to check out their wine department.

Shopping the Arlington? Stop by **Arlington Wine & Spirits** for a wonderful bottle of wine and a sweetheart bouquet.

To arrange for fresh floral arrangements to be delivered on **Valentine's Day**, call Judy at **510-525-7232** or **510-599-4243** or email me at: **antiquesdjour@aol.com**. Valentine deliveries are limited and must be pre-booked a minimum of 72 hours in advance.



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Neighborhood Notes

Local Resident Named to Dean's List

Heather Bourne, daughter of Kensington's Gerald Bourne and Janice Prudhomme, has been named to the Dean's List of Macalester College for academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2013-2014 school year. A graduate of Lick-Wilmerding High School, Bourne was a first-year at Macalester last fall. (That's a GPA of 3.75 or better, don'tcha know.) *Way to go, Heather!*

Time in a Bottle

To wrap up the celebration of the Contra Costa County Library's 100th anniversary, all libraries have received a time capsule, to be opened in 50 years. The Friends of the Kensington Library are sponsoring the time capsule for the Kensington Library. The capsule will be on display in the library during January and February, for the community to provide items and suggestions for what will go inside. In addition, children will be given the opportunity to write letters to their "future selves" to place in the capsule. The capsule will be stored in the library.

KASEP Students' December Performance

On December 12th, fall session KASEP students performed for friends and family. Creative Drama, Mandarin, Singing: Hit the High Note, Circus, and Recorder students each had time to share their talents and perform a piece worked on during the fall session.

More Light on the Subject

Kate Rauch reports there is a test decorative LED teardrop streetlight at the corner of Arlington and Ardmore. Residents are invited to view it by day and at night to check the illumination. One last meeting is planned to discuss whether the lights along the commercial strip should be replaced with this decorative option, and the status of the other poles.



Cell Sites Update

On December 17th, the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors unanimously approved five of the six proposed AT&T cell installations: 121 Windsor Ave., 8 Sunset Dr., 248 Grizzly Peak Blvd., 18 Highgate Rd., and 4 Stratford Rd.; with these three caveats: 1. The facilities shall be kept in good working order at all times, so that the noise emanating from the installation meets county standards; to be re-tested upon the complaint of any nearby resident; 2. Neighbors shall be engaged to work to minimize the visual impact of the installations; and 3. Any future co-location at any of the approved sites has to go through a full land use planning process. A decision on the sixth site, at 110 Ardmore Rd., has been continued to the February 4th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Free Consulting for Long-Term Care/Assistance

North Berkeley resident, Linda Jacobson announced the opening of her free consulting company for seniors who need long-term care and assistance. *Assisted Transition* is a new, personalized, complimentary "concierge" that empowers individuals and families to make educated, timely decisions that suit their unique situations. More information at assistedtransition.com/berkeley-orinda, or 926-0699. *Good luck with your new business, Linda!*

New K-Group Officers Elected

Kensington Community Council (KCC, not shown): Anne Forrest (President), Todd Hodson (Vice President), Ted Blanckenburg (Treasurer), and Danielle Power (Secretary)...
Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD): Len Welsh (President), Linda Lipscomb (Vice President)...
Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD): Janice Kosel (President), Helmut Blaschczyk (Vice President).

(Not shown: Director Patricia Gillette)

KFPD



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Carmelite Monastery Appears Sold

Neighbor, Sande Waters updates us on 68 Rincon: "According to the MLS, 'Offers were received December 12, 2013. Seller is working with several. No further showings or other offers will be considered at this time.' It's believed the proposed buyer intends to sub-divide." Kate Rauch, District Coordinator in the Office of Supe. John Gioia, says "...the general plan designation for (that property) is something called 'Public-Semi Public,' which means a single residence is fine, but multiple homes are incompatible - (a) designation that's usually for hospitals, libraries, schools, and other public uses. If someone wanted to build multiple homes there, it would require a general plan change, which is possible, but quite difficult." Sande opined, "The zoning map we saw had the entire neighborhood zoned 'Single Family Residential.' Hard to imagine a 'Public-Semi Public' designation for a property that's fenced and locked, with no public contact offered or intended, and physical access only by easement over University property. And, until sale, this property continues to enjoy tax-exempt status, despite its total absence of public benefit or service. It has been vacant and unused since 2010. We think the designation is, at least, questionable."

In Memory



Ronald Sterling Egberman
Feb. 2, 1944 – Jan. 8, 2014

Ronald Sterling Egberman, 69, passed away with grace and dignity, surrounded by his family on January 8, 2014 at his home in Kensington, after a two-year battle with cancer.

Ron is survived by his wife, Shelle Wolfe, his two daughters, Dara Joy Royer and Rachael Faye Lopes, sons-in law, Brent Thomas and Nat Hale, four grandchildren, Nina Linden Royer, Marley Gwyneth Royer, Eli Graham Royer, and Dimitri Hale Lopes, brother Lee Egberman, sister-in-law, Sandy Egberman, and several nieces, cousins, and extended family.

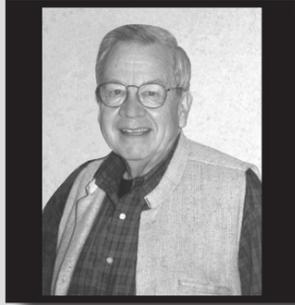
Born in Chicago, Ron moved to the Bay Area in 1963 to study Architecture at UC Berkeley, where he became certified. He practiced architecture in San Francisco, served as Deputy Director of the De Young Museum and Legion of Honor and University Art Museum at Berkeley and Pacific Film Archive. He then became the Executive Director of the Ansel Adams Center for Photography in San Francisco, changed careers to become a real estate agent for Templeton Company, Grubb Company, and finally co-owner of Marvin Gardens East Bay.

Ron was community-minded and volunteered his time and talents. He served in the Peace Corps, created the Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP), was one of the founders of the Kensington Education Foundation, President of the Berkeley Conservatory Ballet, and President of the Kensington Fire District Board; he served on the City of Albany Planning Commission, chaired El Cerrito's Environmental Quality Committee, and served on the Board of the West Contra Costa School District Ed Fund.

Ron touched countless lives with his generosity of spirit and deep love. He was a leader, family man, humanitarian, mentor, and friend, with a commitment to being the change he wanted to see in the world.

Memorial services were held last month at Congregation Netivot Shalom in Berkeley. Donations can be made in his memory to "The Sterling Youth Arts and Ed Fund" to support one of his passions: youth arts and education in the East Bay. Contact the Berkeley Association of Realtors, 1553 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94709.

**Rest
in
Peace**



Gerald Duane Berreman
Sept. 2, 1930 – Dec. 23, 2013

Gerald Duane Berreman was born in Portland, Oregon to Joel Van Meter Berreman and Sevilla Ricks Berreman. He passed away in El Cerrito after a long illness.

Gerry spent his childhood in Oregon and California, graduating from University High School in Eugene and attending the University of Oregon, where he graduated with Highest Scholarship in 1952. He married Evelyn Marsh Berreman in 1952 and had three children with her before the marriage ended in divorce.

After serving two years in the Air Force in Montgomery, Alabama, Gerry entered graduate school at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He received his PhD in Cultural Anthropology in 1959. His doctoral dissertation was published as *Hindus of the Himalayas* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1963). His fieldwork was the start of a lifelong interest in South Asia, the Himalayas, and systems of social inequality (caste, gender, and class).

Outside South Asia Studies, he worked on the deconstruction of the "Tasaday Hoax" in the Philippines, and archeology and social change issues in an Aleutian village.

Gerry joined the Anthropology Department at UC Berkeley in 1959, and taught there until his retirement in 2001. He returned to India and Nepal numerous times to continue his fieldwork. He received honorary degrees from the University of Stockholm and Garhwal University in India, and taught in Sweden, India, and Nepal. As an anthropologist he was deeply committed to ethics of academics and remained politically active on the campus throughout his career. With smashing humor, he was also a popular and influential professor who had a lasting impact on many of his students.

In 1993 Gerry married sociologist, Keiko Yamanaka. Joined by family and friends, they celebrated their 20th anniversary in September. Keiko and Gerry were partners for those 20 years: in travels, academic interests, and leisure time. They were a familiar couple in their favorite dining spots in Kensington, Berkeley, and Albany, and were proud members of Jodie's Restaurant's "Breakfast Club."

Gerry is survived by his wife, Keiko, three children (Janet Berreman, Lynn Holzman, and Wayne Berreman), eight grandchildren, a great-granddaughter born in December, and by his brother, Dwight Berreman of New Jersey.

There will be a memorial gathering of family. A commemoration at the university is planned, with date to be determined.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, 2320 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 or <http://www.aseb.org/>.



David "Peter" Hughes
April 23, 1945 – Dec. 27, 2013

David "Peter" Hughes, of Englewood, Colorado, passed away at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, of complications from heart disease.

Born in Welwyn Garden City, Herts, UK, Peter emigrated with his parents and sister Susan to San Diego, California in 1957. He graduated from Pt. Loma High School in 1962, and then from San Diego State University, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, in 1967. Peter received his JD from Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley in 1971.

Peter is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Julie, their son Geoffrey, and their daughter Katherine. Over the years, Peter and family lived in Kensington, Silver Springs, Maryland, London, England and Englewood, Colorado. Survivors also include brother Jonathan (Allison), sister Susan Preston (Jack) and sister Michelle Cacace (Tony), two nephews, one niece, two great-nephews, and one great-niece.

During his forty-plus year career in construction law, Peter worked for Bechtel Corporation, stationed variously in San Francisco, Washington DC, and London; and then for CH2M Hill Constructors, Inc., in Denver, as Vice President and Chief Legal Officer. He specialized in contracts for industrial and heavy infrastructure projects with a focus on power and energy uses.

Power plants (fossil and nuclear), offshore oil production platforms, natural gas production, airports, transit systems, and municipal water/wastewater facilities were all within the realm of Peter's professional expertise. Peter's projects were in the United States, Canada, the North Sea, Scotland, Egypt, Qatar, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia, and New Zealand. He also spoke and wrote extensively on project risk management and development issues.

At his passing, Peter was Executive Director of the Water Design-Build Council and was of counsel at the Polsinelli law firm. Peter was a member of the national Legislative Committee of DBIA, for whom he drafted and managed the passage of Colorado's Integrated Project Delivery legislation in 2007.

Peter was a life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a member of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, and a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers. He was licensed to practice law in California and Colorado, and was admitted to the US, California, and Colorado Supreme Courts, the US Court of Appeals - 9th Circuit, and US District Court-Northern California. A Rotarian and past President of the Denver Tech Center (DTC) Rotary Club for 2010-11, he chaired the Water & Sanitation Task Force of Rotary District 5450 (N. Colorado). >



Karl Strnad
Nov. 25, 1947 - Nov. 1, 2013

Karl Strnad lived his entire life on Yale Avenue in the house in which he grew up. He loved his town of Kensington and contributed richly to the lives of his Yale neighbors and beyond. Though he graduated with honors from UC Berkeley in political science and earned a law degree, Karl chose a non-traditional path in his characteristically unique and eccentric way: He elected to stay in Kensington and work in his neighborhood.

Love of animals, particularly canines, inspired him to dog-walk; general compassion led him to attend elderly neighbors with their physical and financial needs; concern for nature fostered his beautifying of Kensington residents' gardens; and a loyal, appreciative nature impelled him to assist with whatever needed to be done at a moment's notice for anyone – no matter what the hour. In a sense, Karl was "on-call" 24/7 for several blocks of Yale Avenue and environs.

Over fifty friends and Kensington neighbors attended Karl's memorial gathering at the Yale Avenue home of Marge Glicksman on Sunday November 22nd, three days before Karl's sixty-sixth birthday; he was remembered affectionately and gratefully by those whose lives he touched, whose dogs he walked, whose mothers and fathers he assisted, whose gardens he cultivated, and to whom he was genuinely a kind and loyal friend. His passing leaves a deep void on Yale Avenue.

Karl is survived by a brother, Brian, of Washington State, and a cousin, Kathy Tracy, of Michigan. His parents were Mary Nugent Strnad and Stanley Strnad of Kensington.



> Peter was also a happy member in good standing of the Rocky Mountain Region Morgan Owners Group. He loved to motor the roads of Colorado in his brilliant red, 1972 Morgan Four, 4-seater, the top down, wind in his silvery mane. A voracious reader, student, and lover of history, Peter's personal library could easily serve the needs of a small city! Educated, worldly, wise and kind, a cross word rarely escaped his lips: Peter will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service was held in January at St. Gabriel The Archangel Episcopal Church in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado (www.stgabriels.org/). Donations in Peter's name to the DTC Rotary Foundation (www.dtcrotary.org/) are welcome and greatly appreciated.

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Feb. 2 Kensington Symphony Orchestra and guest soloists perform. Ben Rust Memorial Classical Music concert. 2pm, ECHS Performing Arts Theater, EC. \$10/door. Adv. tix at 508-6830 or houserini@sbcglobal.net. Proceeds to the ECHS Archiving Project.

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 Kensington Farmers Market. Live produce & live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm. Free. Colusa Circle.

Feb. 3 "Castoffs" Knitting Group. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Feb. 3, 5, 7 (M-F-W) Jazzercise, 8-9:15am; Ongoing – drop-ins welcomed. At the Community Center.

Feb. 4, 6 (Tues/Thurs) Body Sculpting, 9-10am. Ongoing – drop-ins welcomed. At the Community Center.

Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25 Family Storytime. Picture books, songs, and rhymes. Kensington Library. 6:30pm. Free.

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 Taize Meditation at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 7:30am.

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 Yoga at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. All ages. 4:45-6pm. Drop-ins welcome, small fee. Call 525-1881.

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 Potluck Community Dinner at Arlington Community Church. 5:30pm. Adult study, 6-7pm.



The Music Party: Bryan Baker (piano) and Friends (soprano, mezzo, tenor) – See Saturday, February 8th

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 Food Ethics and Sustainability class at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 10-11:30am. 6-wk class thru 3/6. \$35.

Feb. 6 Women's Fellowship at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 6:30-9pm. Bring a dish to share.

Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs & rhymes for children and caregivers. Kensington Library, 10:15am & 11:15am. Free.

Feb. 7 Qi-Gong for Adults. Fridays, 9:30-10:30am, at the Community Center.

Feb. 8 The Music Party: Bryan Baker & Friends. 8pm, UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Includes dessert reception. \$20/\$15/door or at <http://bryan-bakerandfriends.bpt.me>.

Feb. 8 - 9 Chinese New Year Celebration. \$10-\$15. 10am-5pm. 10979 San Pablo Ave., EC. 592-3002 www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org

Feb. 9 Knitting at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 11:30am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves, and mittens for those in need.

Feb. 9 Scottish Music Concert at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 2:30 pm.

Feb. 10 EC Art Association. Larry Cannon demonstrates Plein Air Watercolor Technique. EC Comm. Ctr., 7007 Moeser Lane, 7:30pm. Free. 277-6996

Feb. 14 String Quintet Chamber Concert at Arlington Community Church, in partnership with Bay Area Classical Harmonies, 7:30pm. Info 526-9146.

Feb. 16 Create! at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave, at 11:30am. With Artist/Theologian-in-Residence, Renee Powell.

Feb. 17-22 KCC/KASEP Closed for President's Week

Feb. 18 Berkeley Garden Club Lecture Program. "Propagating Fruit Cultivars by Grafting." Ellen Lewis, Member, California Rare Fruit Growers. Garden sale table, meeting, and lecture. 12:30-3pm. Albany Community Ctr., 1249 Marin Ave. www.berkeleygardenclub.org. Public welcome.

Feb. 21 Memoir Writing Group at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Fireside Room, 10am.

Feb. 22 – 23 Winter Olympics. \$10-\$15. 10am-5pm. 10979 San Pablo Ave., EC. www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org

Feb. 28 Bridge at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Potluck at 6pm. Info 526-9146.

Feb. 28 Decoupage – an Evening of Creative Reusable Art, 7-9pm. Recreation Bldg. \$25 per family; call KCC to register 525-0292.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington
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KCC - February 3rd
Kensington Community Council
1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

FKL - February 4th
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

KPSC - February 10th
Kensington Public Safety Council
Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

KFPD - February 12th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395
This month at the Public Service Building, 217 Arlington Avenue

KPPCSD - February 13th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays, 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - February 24th
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC (Tentative) - Feb. 25th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia's office to confirm: 231-8691)

KARO/ECHO - March 10th
Amateur Radio Operators
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...Cheese, from Page 1

occupied by the Kensington Pharmacy, on Arlington and Amherst. Word has it that they’re awaiting refrigeration units, now on order, before they can open; and, pending approval by the Postal Service, they will keep the post office. (The post office is temporarily closed, and residents are directed to deposit outgoing mail in the USPS mailbox on the corner.)

Long-time Kensington residents report that this corner location had been a soda fountain and also a butcher shop prior to its inception as a pharmacy in 1928 by Louis Stein, who sold it to Bruschera’s father in the early 1960’s, who passed it to his son (also a pharmacist), Don. Don handed it off to Wing Gee, the most recent pharmacist/business owner in the space, after Don opened Arlington Wine and Spirits next door, in 1978 (selling “the real drugs,” smiles Todd Hodson).

According to the Country Cheese website, the Hopkins Street store offers a wide selection of cheeses, teas, chocolates, salumi products, and house-roasted coffees. While requests to the owner for information did not yield a response, we can probably expect a similar selection on the corner, here in Kensington, soon.

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