



...wear your mask...wash your hands...

and ho ho ho all over the place like nobody's watching

AHS63 December 2020 Newsletter
Shrödinger's Magical Cat Edition

Northern Outpost, 01 December. There's no accounting for the imagination of a quantum physicist in 'splaining things. Like how something can be there and not there at the same time. Except every kid who believes in Santa could explain it. And we all know people who are both *there* and *not there* shopping the shelves at the grocery—a truly surreal experience for everyone these days. But these quantum people are worth playing with—they deal with things like "standing waves" (not quite like Moses, but then ...) and other magical things, and we're always ready to be entertained. The best quantum kind of fun is currently enjoying a reprise: an experiment umptyump years back that was purely to spoof the very idea of this state of bothness: both alive and *not alive* at the same time ... an experiment called [Shrödinger's Cat](#). The quantum guys theorize that particles mind their own business, mostly being nonexistent, until they are ... *observed*. And at that point, magically, the observer and the observed are *one*. Yup. We know this effect. As kids, we were usually not doing anything until somebody caught us out, and

suddenly we were *one* with the idea of being busy as hell. Natural cause and effect of observation. Especially during the holidays. Every woman knows that you *look* at a piece of pecan pie and presto-chango it's on your hips. Whatever. Shrodinger had a cat. Why he picked on his cat is a total mystery. But he theorized that his cat—in a closed box, with a rubegoldbergian trap of deadly things that may *or may not* go off and kill the cat—is both alive and dead. Can't be known if his cat is upright or flat until you open the box—in the meanwhile, he's *both*. [Where's the ASPCA when you need 'em?] We bring this up because for many years we have been accused of believing in things that can't be observed—angels, particles, they all look alike. It troubles us not at all. We have observed the absurdity of today's world ... it just makes us clap harder to make Tinkerbell's tiny light glows brighter with life. In much the same way, we live to play carols for people who will stand in thirty-degree weather and sing their hearts out on the Common ... muffled with masks, "alone together" among the luminarios. It's the sound of hope. And *that* cat *lives*.



Queenie

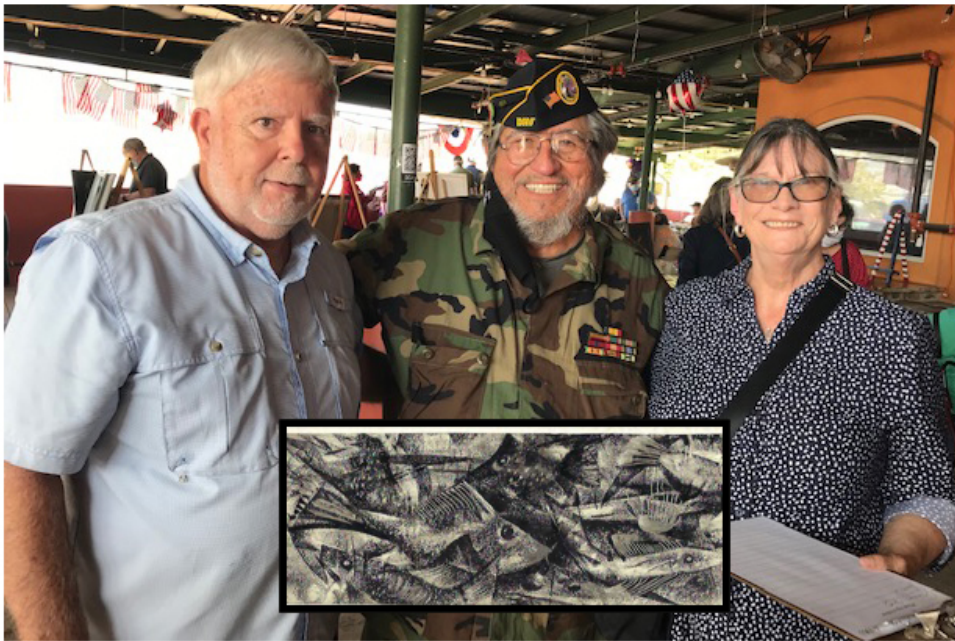
Franklin Mendez writes...

Terry, I'm running a bit late here. But I would like to include this very moving presentation by Kelly to me in our Newsletter. It brought tears to my eyes, and to Kelly's I'm sure. I also would like to thank the alums who showed up to support me on this effort. They made my day. Just seeing my classmates in attendance was very inspiring and moving. If

you can and if it is appropriate could you also please include their names with a big Thank You from me, please: Jimmy Raup, Jim and Kelly Luedeke, Nancy Williams, Ray Andrade. Also, if anyone else attended and did not sign in, Thank You.

The presentation Kelly made was one of her Mom's last pieces of art. It was moving and very emotional for both of us.

Kelly, Presenting me her Moms last Drawing.



I'm putting together a Power Point presentation so you can see the entire show. It'll be a week or so before I have it polished up and ready to show.

Thank you and Loyal Forever

Franklin

Frank! You are so gifted as an artist, and such a remarkable person, it's pure pleasure to pass this along. Congratulations!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Randy Pauer (45) —Randy! Travelin' Man! You have reached your next destination, with many more to come! Happiest 75th!

03 Mary Goggans Hermann (45) — Mary, you were Pres of the Future Teachers—hope your 75th is full of class!

05 Mike Paggi (44) — Run that 75th birthday for 100 yards and score that touchdown, Mike!

05 David Wood (45)— David, you worked on the Comet, now ride it! Happy 75th!

06 Ed Fomby (45) —Ed, get out the golf clubs and hit a hole in one—off the 75th tee!

06 Dale Lovell (44)—Dale, you don't look a day over 75—so celebrate it all over again! Happy 76!

08 Martha Sansom (45)—Sweet Martha, you're as good as you ever were—Happiest 75th!

08 Meiling Lung Newman (45)—Meiling! Still the Homecoming Queen! Hope your 75th is just as special as you are!

08 Nancy Carroll Ogden (45)—Still Miss Beautiful, inside and out—wonderful Happy 75th, Nancy!

09 Terry Hobbs Heller (45)—Not slowing down yet, and going for

at 103 and beyond —Ha!

10 Mary Schattenberg Delaney (45)—Mary, so active in high school, 'bet you haven't slowed down either! Happy 75th!

12 Linda Stevens Menn (44)—Linda, as a math teacher, you know the 76th is gonna be more than the 75th! more better!!!

15 Peggy Powell Welch (44)—Peggy! missed your 75th, but you don't look a day older! Happy 76th!

16 Joe Holt (45)—Long-time birthday month pal, Happiest 75th—Tura and Helen are still proud, eh?

16 Diane Cottingham Mercer (45)—Such a bright star in school and life—shine, girl! Happiest 75th!

18 Jackie Moon Gannaway (44)—Aw, missed the happy 75th, but you've never missed a beat, Jackie—be a hot 76!

18 Tina Stohl Nagel (45)—Happiest 75th, beautiful Tina!

19 Sandra Kirk (44)—Speaking of stars, you're one, Sandra, and bet the 75th was nothing compared to what's coming...see you at 100!

19 Barbara Huber Ward (45)—Wonderful friend, happiest 75th birthday—and maybe another great limo adventure!

22 Kathy King Oldenburgh (44)—Kathy! Happy 76! Hope it's even better than the 75th, and lots lots more!

22 Ann Musselman Downing (45)—Wonderful Ann, you're one of the reasons Austin arts (especially ballet!) thrived! Happiest 75th!

27 Ronnie Peterson (44)—Missed your 75th, but bet the 76th is awesome...and bet you're still a great red-headed kid inside!

27 Al Staehely (45)—Music man, lawyer man, Houston celeb, Happiest 75th, Mr. Staehely!

28 Alyson Evans Anderson (44)—Happiest 76th to a great nurse

and childhood friend...hope each year is better than the last!

29 Tommy Lewis (44)—A military leader, from Viet Name to Saudi Arabia—Happiest 76, Lt Col Lewis, and thank you for your service.

30 George Allen Perry (44)—Allen, you were a photo guy and sang in the choir ... bet your 76th is in focus and well tuned! Happiest Birthday

30 Diana Roberts Cooper (45)—Diana Leigh, dance like nobody's watching, and have a beautiful 75th birthday!

31 Brenda Klein (44)—Beautiful Brenda, inside and out, hope your 76th birthday is beyond fabulous, just like you!

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FOREVER, Y' ALL!