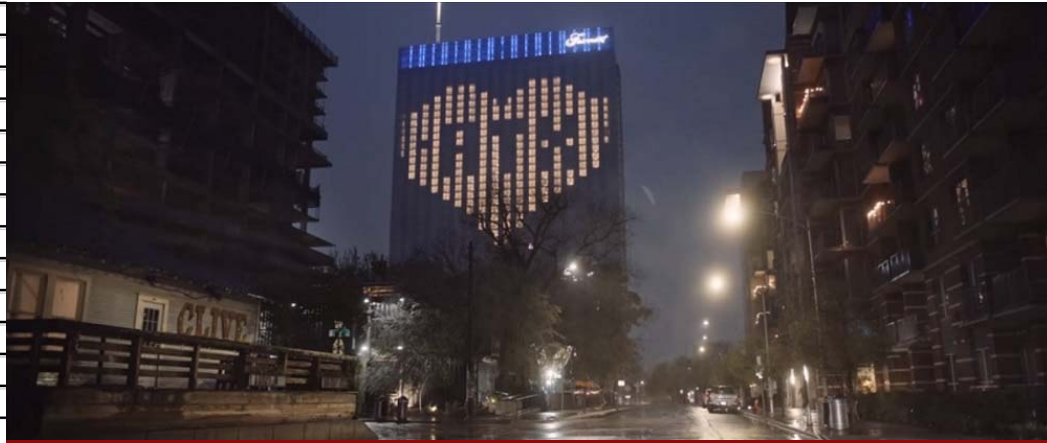




## **...a little love in the time of coronavirus, part 2**

*Keeping the faith has a whole new meaning. Palm Sunday just came and went, church doors were locked ... nothing but the sound of no palms waving, and sans heysannahosanna. Seder is later in the week. Ramadan later on in the month. But the Enlightenment movement is full on, 24/7 ... those lightworkers don't know holiday from scholiday, and the virus has them in a fever of the 500z kind to promote world healing. Good luck on 'em! But here at ahs63 hq, the sound of your emails hitting the etherpan is ... "wow." Just wow. Y'all know how to make an editor feel like a queen. We are downright amazed at all of your responses, and we're not even sure we found them all for this edition. Not to worry ... there's apparently plenty of time for part 3. Meanwhile, we heard that the bluebonnets were outstanding. Here, the tulips are at six inches, the daffys are tuning up their little trumpets, and the forsythia are about to flat rocket off. The show will go on ... without tourists. We know many natives here who glance up from their laptops where they are filing for unemployment and find a moment to breathe in the natural beauty. And, as many of you have found, there is time for home projects, for putting teddy bears in windows, for long walks and reflection. Thank you all for keeping the faith and telling your stories. Queenie ~tRh~*



We found this amazing clip of what our hometown looks like these days, but the message at the end is worth the whole trip. Just click on the ATX heart..

BRUCE LINDSEY

Everyone OK here thus far. Hope you all are well.

RICHARD (BILL) ENGLE

Starting to get cabin fever here in spring time Austin. Feel the need to make connections and you come to mind. Thanks for the entertaining newsletters and helping us all feel united. Stay strong and LOYAL! *[Aw, Bill, y'all are just the sweetest!]*

KATHLEEN SHIVE MATTHEWS

Houston is weathering the storm of Coronavirus pretty well — the Mayor shut down the rodeo (which draws so many people together) two weeks ago and restaurants and bars about 10 days ago, and we are now under a strict “shelter at home” order. Rice closed two weeks ago just before Spring Break and then took one additional week to give faculty time to convert to online class presentations. I had moved my office a year early to my “emerita office” in a newly-renovated suite of

JOAN LIGHT

We are here in Thrall, Texas watching the cows eat grass. Lots of walks with the dogs and quilting, quilting. Want to tell you all - people are so aware and so considerate. One of our schools will not open until much later, much later. The teachers got together and went around the neighborhoods in their cars with big waves and signs telling their students they loved them and to mind their NEW TEACHERS - their home school teachers. I thought this was a great move on their part.

JOE DALE MORRIS

Jo Nell and I are doing just fine. We'll celebrate our 53rd anniversary in July. Thanks so much for asking. It's always nice to hear from you. You know that your Dad and my

offices (to make needed room for students/staff in the building I had occupied for over two decades..... :- ( .....and just got it set up when Rice closed.....So it's been a bit crazy.

I think this video tells the tale pretty well for what is happening with my colleagues (I have been doing other things this semester and did not have a class this spring):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCe5PaeAeew>

Given the number of viewings, I think this wonderful video spoke deeply to those struggling to learn new ways to communicate with each other and with students. *[Great video and great performer!]*

Next year is my last year, and it is uncertain whether I will have to teach or not ... I would prefer completing my "sabbatical project" of last semester —research a history of biosciences at Rice where I spent most the semester in the University archives (interesting, exhausting, and yielded several file boxes of papers to integrate and think about and write about.....we shall see). It will take a long time to sort through all the materials and write a coherent history, but at least it is a project that i can do at home.

I think it is unclear when this plague will pass and whether normalcy will come before the fall semester — this event is unprecedented in our modern times where so much that we use/need comes from far places. As it goes on, I think that things will become harder...

Granddad worked together for many years. *[We did know, and it is a special thing that you mention it.]* I think of your dad often...what a great guy he was. *[You are so good to remember him!]* How in the world do you like living in New England territory? *[We love it, and it surprises and confounds just about everyone.]* You wouldn't recognize our ol' hometown. *[True!]* Take care of yourself! *[You too, Joe Dale!]* -jd

MINA HAWKINS DOSHER



JOE HOLT

Terry,  
I so enjoy reading all of your Queenie posts, thank you for doing this for so long. *[We love doing this, and love you, too..]* Wini and I are fine, no symptoms, just quarantine

Kathy

PATRICIA MORRISON

I'm in remission from Stage IV Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma so I'm REALLY hunkered down in Austin. Tina Lawson was my guardian angel during my MD Anderson and Austin treatments ... plus Linda Burk Kemp, Sidney Brient, Lucy Ross McFarland, Nancy Williams, Nancy Lawson Kessler, and other '63 Maroons. Old friends are the best!!! And Georgia Lochridge who is taking care of her 101 year old father!! *[You stay hunkered down, Patricia, we're rootin' for you, girl!]*

BARBARA WARD

Getting a lot done at home. Made an Easter wreath for our door...however, Episcopal church has cancelled Easter! Finally finished house renovation due to black mold attacking my house this summer while I was in Colorado.

Reading Erik Larson's new book *The Splendid and the Vile* (nonfiction about Churchill before and after Blitz). Enjoying sitting on porch in evening with toddy. It was 93 in Austin yesterday! Flowers are good. Doing some gardening. Look forward to next AHS happy hour whenever!

P.S. I brought the travelling plants back from Colorado and they are blooming on my front porch here in Austin. *[Barbara has a famous pair of red bloomers that we keep up with ... uhhh...]*

LUCILE PUETT

by order of the governor. We live in Covington on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, not in New Orleans any more. We moved 10 years ago. Too crazy in New Orleans.

Wini spends her days reading, watching movies, playing with our dog Gracie. I still have a couple of small jobs in construction, so I make site visits every week. I also am sorting through 4,000 photographs I shot when I went to Egypt in November 2019. That was my fourth Egypt trip (1971, 2006, 2010, 2019). I am obsessed with Egypt, what can I say. No problems with security or anything else. Good food, good accommodations, good trip. We went to Maine a couple of years ago due to a good friend renting a house on Deer Island, and inviting us up. It was beautiful, relaxing, and the lobsters we bought were a nearby co-op for \$6 per pound. The cheapest thing on the restaurant menus were lobsters. Amazing. *[Yes!]*

We were going back to Austin to see my two kids, but that got derailed since Austin is on lockdown as well. Otherwise all is well and not too boring. Thanks again for your

I think this just absurd. We are old and going to die of something soon. This is the young ones' times to live. The thing that really makes me happy is our flower garden. We are doing fine and very happy.

Best,  
AHS 63 Lucile Puett

JEANNE KITTREDGE

In sunny, 83 degree, Austin, I am in shorts and tee shirt mowing my .9 acre yard jogging behind my self-propelled mower! My husband doesn't allow me to touch his zero-turn riding lawn mower so I went out and bought my own! Love being out in the beauty of the springtime. Neighborhood has started a "bear hunt" for kids by placing bears in windows.

Keeping positive reading from Psalms each day, praying for family, neighbors and friends. Enjoying good health, plenty of food and toilet paper! Haven't got bored enough yet to do any deep cleaning, serious book reading or meaningful projects!

Stay safe everyone. "In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid." Psalm 56:4

Jeanne Ross Kittredge

KEN ROBERTS

Hi Terry! You're a strong woman, putting up with all that yucky weather in this time of stress. *[Haaaa! You don't like snow?]* It finally turned warm and beautiful here, so if you're lucky enough to

dedication in putting the newsletter out, hope you guys are OK...

Joe

BRENDA WARNER

OK, Terry! I hit reply:):). *[Yaayy!]* So here goes:

I live in Austin, and a small condo community of 109 homes called "Courtyard @ Anderson Oaks, off Anderson Mill Road & 620 in far northwest Austin, and it's the best place EVER! The demographics are from young single people to young families to "old" people (like me?). *[Nooo!]* We have a neighborhood facebook page and people are posting on "who can help" and "who needs help," offering to make grocery store trips, deliver meds, etc. Everyone is sharing - posting if they have extras (toilet paper, paper towels, basics like eggs, dried beans, etc). There is a large common area behind my house, and last night about 10 of us grabbed lawn chairs and sat and visited - yes, safely 6' apart, but got everyone outside and around other people.

I still work part-time from home (have 2 "QuickBooks clients), but also staying busy with long overdue

have access to the outdoors it really helps. Beats competitive shopping. To paraphrase Cicero, with a freezer and a good library, what more does a person need? Well, we are going to do one thing—get a puppy! Kenny

*[N.B. We held Kenny accountable for that Cicero crack. He responded:]*

"The quote is: *If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.* Being no vegan, my freezer has half of one of my steers, a Colorado lamb, a deer I shot, and a wild hog. Set up for the Paleo diet!" *[Smart rascal!]*

JOE HARPER

I'm sure a lot my classmates don't know but I was diagnosed with ALS in August 2018. I have a full disability from the VA. I spent 14 months (two tours) in Vietnam with the Navy SeaBees. I only spent 4 years of active duty and discharged in 1967. In 2003 I had prostate cancer and had a radical prostatectomy. I had been receiving a 10% disability for that until I was diagnosed with ALS and then got 100%. The VA says the prostate cancer and the ALS are possibly linked to the Agent Orange used in Vietnam.

The VA recently sent me a letter asking that I donate my brain and spinal column upon my passing to further research for ALS. I am a donor anyway so I will. I have what they call Bulbar ALS. It affects my swallowing and breathing. I do my feeding through a peg tube and only take pills that I can't crush with thickened water. I can still

projects (cleaning out closets and donating stuff I don't need to Salvation Army) and taking walks with my best canine pal, a standard poodle named Maggie. Thank goodness the weather in Austin is great right now and not screaming hot!!

Hope all is well with you and yours in Maine. I have to admit I'm a little jealous - I have a friend that has a home in Castine, Maine, and Tom & I have been up there many times and LOVE that area! *[Y'all just come on back!]*

Keep the newsletters coming!! And stay well!!!! *[We're good for another 100 miles with that! Thanks!]*

Brenda (Rogers) Warner

DIANA COOPER

We are staying home pretty much. Went to our Chiropractor a few times so we can keep our immune system up to speed and we take a lot of Vitamin C.

We live in a gated community and I am captain of our neighborhood watch. So early on I sent out an email to ask our 8 houses on our block to let others know if they

walk with aid of a walker ... must be from carrying the mail door to door for 20 years. I don't get out much except for going to the VA, doctor's appts, relatives, and church, but even those are limited due to Covid-19 scare. I can't talk very well and wear a mask hooked to a ventilator.

I could ramble on and on but I'll close with...

LOYAL FOREVER,

Joe Harper

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*[We are keeping you close to the heart, Joe, and bless you good for writing in to let us know.]*

FRANKLIN MENDEZ

Terry, we are faring rather well. Our kids have jobs that they can work from home so they are enjoying the closeness of family, and actually getting creative with the home schooling. Gigi and I are just hanging out. We have always been readers, so reading is a past time we can enjoy for extended periods of time. The Tube stays off all day long. So we are not sitting in front of it waiting to hear more bad news. Instead, we are busy doing what we enjoy and not giving the "Lock Down " much thought. Gigi harvested a deer this past season, so we have plenty of meat in the freezer. We'll be getting some chickens in a week or so, and we'll have plenty of eggs very soon.

I'm working on a project that will keep me busy for months. So the added time is God sent. What I decided to do came after watching the Ken Burns series on Vietnam and not liking it. I decided to paint portraits of my friends with whom I've had

needed anything. One neighbor, who has small children, said she couldn't find eggs, milk or bread. I have a friend who works at Sprouts, so I asked him to let me know when they got some in and I went and got them for her and delivered them to her curb. She opened the back door where I had everything and I never got out of the car!

I am still working from home these days preparing taxes. I am an Enrolled Agent, licensed by the IRS, and have been doing taxes since 1988. Initially it was only part time, as I worked for Union Bank of California full time and had to get permission from them to work part time preparing taxes, We moved to Las Vegas from Southern California in 2004, when we retired from banking, so most of my clients are in CA and just scan or fax or mail me their documents.

The clients here put everything in an envelope, let me know they are dropping off, I unlock my courtyard gate and they leave the envelope just inside the gate. I pick it up, take out the contents, throw away the envelope and wash my hands before I do anything else. Then when they

breakfast for over ten years. To the last man, these Veterans came home, went to work, raised a family, became role models for their kids, and raised successful children. These Veterans are the silent ones who never get a plug in any media or discussion in any Vietnam Veteran Magazine. The important part of this project is that all of us either joined the military or were drafted from barrios all across the country. There are several artists that have painted portraits of Veterans. President George Bush did an outstanding job with his Portraits of Veterans Killed in Action during his watch as Commander in Chief.

I've read of another artist doing the same thing with his buddies who were KIA in Iraq. My project is different. I want to bring the voices of the men who struggled against the adversity of achieving the dream they had fought for, but who in many cases were denied these rights. Those are the Voices of the Barrio I am painting—a portrait and a voice to tell each story to kids in schools, colleges and universities—an art show of 20 Vietnam Veteran Portraits that can speak to the viewer and talk about each man's success and what it took to get it in the face of adversity. Here's an example of a real life story. Early in my career, when I asked my boss what I needed to do to get into management, his reply to my face was "This company has no room for people like you." What he did not know was he was talking to a Marine Platoon Sgt. and a Combat Veteran. I retired as an Art Director for that same company. This story is prevalent, and I know I'm not alone. So the

need to sign efile forms, I email them a copy of their tax return to review, print their copy and put it in an envelope. I put the forms I need signed on a clipboard and leave it just inside my courtyard gate. They come by, sign the forms I need and take their copy of the return that is in the envelope. I pick up my clipboard, wipe down the forms, then wash my hands, It works to get the job done.

All the casinos are closed in the entire state, so it seems very weird on the strip and downtown. We live about 20 minutes north of downtown, just before you would arrive at Mount Charleston. So far here in Las Vegas, we still have restaurants open for pick up or delivery only, but that works quite well for us. Biggest problem for me is both my nail girl and my hairdresser have been closed down. Good thing I don't need to go anywhere for awhile.

Stay Safe Everyone!!!

Diana (Roberts) & Jim Cooper

DICK WILLIAMSON

In Sun City, a part of Georgetown, Texas we were given the Stay Home order today which takes affect tonight at midnight. We are a community of the highest risk,



lockdown will provide much needed time to accomplish my project. I just finished my first portrait and I'm attaching it here.



Ray was a career Marine, retired as a Master Sgt.(E-8), then went to work for the VA and is now retired. He joined the Marines in Laredo and was from the barrio known as "El Quatro" or 4th Ward, as it was known in Austin. The whole idea of a portrait artist doing portraits of barrio residents is unheard of in the history of portrait painting. The best part of it all is that I'm doing it for free.

They have all signed agreements to allow me to showcase their portraits, and the originals are mine. But they have an opportunity to get canvas copies of the art if they wish. So that's where I'm at these days of the modern Bubonic Plaque. It's probably more than you wanted to know or read. You asked. I replied. *[And we think you are flat amazing, Franklin. Keep up the good work!]*  
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over 60. My wife and I are staying inside, reading, and we walk 3 miles every day (the only outside activity that is allowed). We will get through this, so wishing all classmates, Stay Well!

Dick Williamson

JOHN BODE

I learned recently how much control the commies had over Warsaw education process. Marzenna went K thru 8th in an "elementary" school with government-mandated courses; no electives. After that, each student had to pass tough tests to go to "high school." Since she excelled at math and science on those tests, she was sent to a science high school. For four years every course was chosen for her; no music; no arts; no history *[N.B. Mz is a very fine pianist!]*. Each year she had to take (both semesters) increasing advanced courses in math & chemistry & physics & Polish & Russian. No electives; all other courses also dictated by government. Then to advance to any college, a much tougher oral exam (in front of 10-member panel) + written exam + thesis to be written on topic chosen by government. She passed and was sent by communist government to a

Franklin Mendez

P,S.

Just yesterday I received news that my painting "Standing By" had won 1st Place in the Oil Painting category of the Austin Out Patient Clinic Art Contest. I now advance to the National Veterans Creative Arts Competition & Festival to be held in late October and early November. Almost to the Day—April 8, 1963—I won 1st place in the Wellesley Junior Art Show as a senior in our Class. I have been very blessed to be able to continue doing what I enjoy the most. I'm attaching a picture file and story supporting the art. I thought this could be something you could write about in our newsletter if you think it's worthwhile.

Franklin

*[We found it more than worthwhile, Franklin.]*

*MAINTENANCE LOG BOOK LVT P5*

*8/26/65*

*We are assigned to evacuate the listening post if the Viet Cong attempted to overrun the position.*

*The Village is about 2 clicks from the island.*

*My orders are to evacuate the Lt., his men and all the radio's to prevent capture by the enemy.*

*I am to return them to Battalion Headquarters.*

*So we are on Stand By for the entire night.*

3-yr science college. After that she worked for two years in a famous chemistry research institute. After that she worked in a microbiology research lab for two years; it was one of the biggest research labs in Poland. She did research on growing microbes of different kinds, and then using various techniques to kill them.

Based on all of that, Mz calls the USA with its current president a "petri dish." I vaguely remembered from Mrs. Fowler's chemistry class what that was.

About one month ago, we bought supplies for about 2 months before the 1st case in Austin or Travis County was announced. Be safe. On a positive note—I should say NOTES—we are doing music at home, communicating with band members on songs for our delayed GIG for McCallum reunion, and using You Tube Karaoke videos trying to sing along.

RICH ADAMS

You are truly our Mother Hen - Mother Goose, caring Class of '63 queen and matriarch. *[We are far too young for that latter, bucko!]*

The sun will come up, tomorrow...bet



As I filled in my Log Book for the day I had no idea what was in store for us that long night. Shortly after midnight as we sat in our seats ready to start the engines, drop the ramp, and load the "Listening Post," a barrage of rocket propelled grenades started to hit the huge bamboo trees above us.

We had no idea that the peaceful looking villagers we had seen earlier in the day would now be the enemy. We were ordered to "Stand By," meaning we had no other defensive orders to retaliate.

The barrage breaking the tops of the trees did not warrant an evacuation. So far we had not heard any small arms fire, meaning that the enemy was not advancing on our position.

The barrage lifted about 4 AM, in time for the village to regroup and head back to the rice paddies to tend to their rice. Our mission complete, we headed back to our battalion compound to await further orders. Maybe now we could get a little rest.

your... ☐ [...Cluck cluck?]

Rich Adams

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MIKE MARTIN

Hi Terry - Mike Martin here in Grayson County north of Dallas. I have turned into a hermit but have plenty of food, toilet paper, and enough wine and scotch to last me for at least a month. Have to take care of the important stuff!! *[We'll be right over!]*

JIMMY WILSON

OK, you asked for it, so here goes:



I'm sitting at my computer in my shop (the wing behind the house) enjoying the peace and quiet on this our 14th day of a self-imposed quarantine at our home in Salado, 45 miles north of Austin. Unfortunately, the need for the quarantine forced the early termination of a visit to our son and his family in South Carolina where he is the commanding officer of a Marine Corps F-35 squadron, but we needed to get home while we had the chance.

Living in a small town in a rural setting makes the word "quarantine" almost seem like an oxymoron. My daily routine hasn't changed during the panic of 2020. I hoist my US and Texas flags on the pole in front of the house each morning before breakfast soon after sunrise (when it is not pouring down rain) and take them down before sundown. I retire early most nights ... as my grandson told his dad "Don't call Grandpa after 8 PM because you will wake him up." To keep busy when I am not cooking and washing the dishes that I mess up in the process (I made a deal with Amy when we got married 48+ years ago when she had a job and I was a graduate student at UT, and she has never released me from those responsibilities.) I mow the lawn, work in my shop, and read a lot of non-fiction. I restrict my involvement with social media to the Weather Channel and ESPN, the Internet and a few text messages.

My social highlights and violations of normal quarantine protocols are quick trips to the Post Office and the local grocery store, but only when there are only a few cars in the parking lot. I did venture out this morning to the Home Depot in Temple before it got busy to get some attachments for my power washer so I can clean the oak leaves and crud out of the gutters around the house and my shop.

I have no exciting plans for the future other than to keep on doing what I'm doing as I don't think the coronavirus ordeal is going to end any time soon. At this stage of the game I am prepared for it to last indefinitely .... and yes, we have plenty of toilet paper and paper towels thanks to my

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monthly visits to COSTCO. Amy has a trip to New Orleans in May planned for her and a friend, but I'm betting it ain't gonna happen and will be staying home either way. We are booked on a cruise from Copenhagen to Murmansk and Archangel, Russia, and back to London in August but I don't think that is going to happen either. Miss Amy is sure it will, but we haven't made any wagers on either event.



OK, now you know almost all there is to know about the current life of Jimmy Wilson ... and by the way the only two things that would make me any happier would be for my grandkids to move closer to Salado and the damn stock market to end it's recent decline before Amy completely cuts off my allowance. Oh yeah, My dog Jamie is my best friend and constant companion:

# LOYAL FOREVER, Y' ALL

*...and the force be with you, but stay safe and stay hunkered down out there!*



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