



Upper West Side Afternoon



Museum of Natural History

February

Meaningful Photos and/or Memory Snapshots

Members brought pictures (actual or in the mind's eye) that capture meaningful events, persons or insights in their lives.

Meaningful pictures

- The innocence of childhood
- Significant accomplishments at later stages in life
- Photo that prompted a member to lose a significant amount of weight and maintain that weight loss
- Children and the pleasure of seeing them as adults
- Connection with the loss of someone dear to them
- Aspirations of youth and early forays into a future career path
- People important in a member's life when there was no family around
- Pictures of self at a younger stage in life where they saw themselves as unattractive and in retrospect they can't understand why.

Pictures 'can lie' because of how the viewer perceives the image.

- Some brought images – post cards or paintings that impacted them daily
- Moments of life when the structure of family was intact and the comfort of that time
- An image of the future involved being free from constraints of current medical problems