



Holiday Newsletter 2010

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Dear Friends,

Marguerite retired fully from the University of California San Diego on April 30, 2010 after 33 years of service (half of her life!). She continues with various volunteer activities and no grass is growing under her feet!!

In July she began spending three days each week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) in Orange County taking care of her granddaughter, Grace, while her mother works at home. Marguerite is absolutely thrilled that Grandma and Gracie have so much time together and they spend it going to the library, parks, and walking all over Corona del Mar!

On June 27, Grace was baptized at the Quogue (Long Island, New York) Presbyterian Chapel where her grandparents, Ralph and Karen Neubauer, are active members. The service was followed by a lovely reception at the Neubauer home. Marguerite made Grace's christening dress from the bottom of her mother's wedding dress and smocked it herself! She also added handmade lace from Italy to the bottom and angel sleeves.

In October the whole family celebrated Grace's birthday in New York and George took beach photos. You can get an electronic copy of this and previous newsletters at:

<http://members.cox.net/dill-jac/xmasnewsletter.htm>



The NIH Project:

The NIH Project ended April 30, 2010, when the NIH funding was depleted. We are very pleased to have contributed substantively to improving knowledge of tuberculosis among health professions students and our website will continue to do so for at least a couple of years. More info on the NTCC at: <http://ntcc.ucsd.edu/>



Attic Remodel:

Marguerite has been agitating for years for attic storage space in the garage. George has half of one closet, Marguerite has the rest. Marguerite also has a storage room in our 3 car garage. We also added a sewing room, but this did not fix her storage needs. The key to Marguerite's successful manipulation of the husband was the input from Chandi's mother that folks in the Hamptons have a lift to get stuff to and from the attic. This pushed George into agreeing to the project. The lift and the attic stairs and Marguerite funding the \$8,500 addition then made sense. Marguerite, now on her own, can put stuff into the garage attic and take it down, husbandless. More info at: <http://members.cox.net/dill-jac/attic.htm>



South of France & Med. Cruise:

This was our official May 2010 vacation. We started off in Nice, France, and toured the local area, then Monte Carlo, then Cannes, then Genoa, Italy, and ended up in Venice, Italy, to pick up our cruise ship. By this time we were already tired.

We toured Venice, then cruised to Split, Croatia, then to Athens, then cruise to Istanbul, then cruise to Mykonos, Greece, then cruise to Ephesus, Turkey (the photo at right shows us at the Library at Ephesus), then cruise to Santorini, Greece, then cruise to Olympia, Greece, and then back to Venice. We stayed another night in Venice and toured the Lido and by this time neither of us could walk. More info at:

<http://members.cox.net/dill-jac/medcruise.htm>





Orange County Activities:

In March Marguerite attended a one-month 60-hour Gourmet Chef Crash Course at Laguna Culinary Arts School near Gar, Chandi, and Grace. The course was terrific and yielded lots of gourmet leftovers too. Marguerite intends to take another advanced course in 2011. More info on the school at:

<http://www.lagunaculinaryarts.com/>

This year Marguerite and Chandi also formed a woman-owned small business S-Corporation. Gar came up with the name "Jack & Dill" and we custom sew items for new mothers and children. So far we are only marketing to friends but will have an e-commerce website up and running soon. Marguerite is the "Chief Manufacturing Officer" and Chandi is the "Chief Financial Officer".

We are having lots of fun! More info on Jack & Dill at:

<http://jackanddill.com/>



Turkey Tour:

In September Marguerite joined her Vanderbilt friend and travel buddy, Gretchen Turner, on an Overseas Adventure Travel trip to Turkey. There were only 12 of us on the trip -- eleven women and one husband -- and we saw many interesting sights and ate delicious food. Also on the trip was Marguerite's friend Renee Walter from Phoenix who is the mother of Gar's friend Rob Walter. All the other travelers were from Atlanta. More info at: <http://members.cox.net/dill-jac/turkey-mj.htm>

Midwest & New York:

Marguerite had the opportunity to do a talk at an infection control meeting in October on Long Island. George took this opportunity to do his final tour of the USA, he has seen everything else he wants to see.

We started off in Chicago and visited George's sister Leona Silvestri. We then went to Auburn, Indiana, to visit the Auburn/Cord/Duesenburg museum (to the right we are viewing Frank Lloyd Wright's Auburn automobile) and then on to Detroit to visit Motown Records, GM Corporate HQ, and Ford Heritage Museum. We then went to see the Neil Armstrong Space Museum in Ohio followed by the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. The highlight of the Midwest tour for Marguerite was when we went to Springfield, Illinois, to visit the Lincoln home and museum. Following our Lincoln tour we went to the Chicago airport and on to New York City.

It just so happened that the Jackson 3 (Gar, Chandi, Gracie) were visiting Chandi's parents in Westhampton Beach, Long Island. So we all had dinner at Chandi's parents' home and took some photos at the beach. The next day Marguerite gave her talk and then it was on to New York City for us where we toured and saw the musical "Memphis" on Broadway. More info at: <http://members.cox.net/dill-jac/mw-ny.htm>.



Aunt Marguerite's 90th Birthday Party:

On October 31 Marguerite's aunt Marga was 90 years old. The Statesboro, Georgia family gave a birthday party for her and about 25 relatives attended. Marguerite and her sister Betsy (back row, middle) attended and then went together to Betsy's cabin in the North Carolina mountains for a few days. Betsy and her husband are adding on to their mountain cabin to accommodate their growing family (4 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, and 4 grandchildren so far). While visiting, Marguerite and Betsy made slipcovers for about 25 cushions for Betsy's wicker furniture that will be divided between the NC cabin and their home in Winter Park, Florida. When finished, the mountain "cabin" will have over 4000 square feet of living space! More info at: <http://members.cox.net/dill-jac/marga.htm>

Marguerite, George, Apollo, and Dreyfus