



# Holiday Newsletter 2012

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## Dear Friends

2012 has been another eventful year. Marguerite now has two grandkids and enjoys seeing them often. Travel has been another important part of the year with several trips here and there. Health is stable with Marguerite fully recovered from her breast cancer surgery and subsequent wound infection. She sees her oncologist regularly and so far, so good, with daily Arimidex pills. George's Type II diabetes is under control with insulin and oral medications. Both of us are happily retired, too chubby, and doing our best to enjoy life to the fullest! George's sister, Marie, will visit for the Christmas holidays. Her husband, Gus, has to work and sadly won't be joining us. Of course, holidays are always special with little kids around!!



## Christmas 2011/New Years 2012 in Boston & New York

After Christmas last year, Marguerite went to Boston to spend a few days with Betsy and Brent and her Nephew Neville and his family. From there, the sisters went to New York City for Marguerite to do some legal consulting and also for us to see some Broadway shows. We saw Sister Act, Porgy and Bess (with Audra McDonald), and a three-part comedy with a Woody Allen skit that was a hoot! Betsy also saw Memphis while Marguerite was working. The weather was cold and crisp and the decorations were still up and lovely. We also did some shopping for the grandkids.

## Birth of Crawford Gardner Jackson IV

Marguerite was supposed to be back from New York before CGJ IV was born (due date was January 17) but he made his appearance early! On January 2, he arrived weighing over 9 lbs. Both mom and baby breezed through the delivery just fine and were home in two days. Grace was thrilled with her baby brother and continues to be a very good big sister. Of course, Marguerite went to see them as soon as she returned from New York! The family is very well settled in a nice two-story home on Lido Island, a neighborhood in Newport Beach, CA. It is about 75 miles from the Dill home to the Jackson home, a trip Marguerite makes often. For photos and narrative of the birth see <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/crawford.htm>. For photos of grandchildren growing up see <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/grandchildrenphotos.htm>.



## Vacation in Santa Fe and Taos, NM

In May Marguerite, her Vanderbilt friend Gretchen Turner, their travel buddy Veronica Thighe, and Gretchen's old friend Margaret from Tucson got together in Santa Fe, NM, for five days of playing tourist! We stayed in a lovely old cassita, enjoyed lots of good food and drink, and got to know the Santa Fe area quite well. For more photos see: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/santafetrip.htm>.





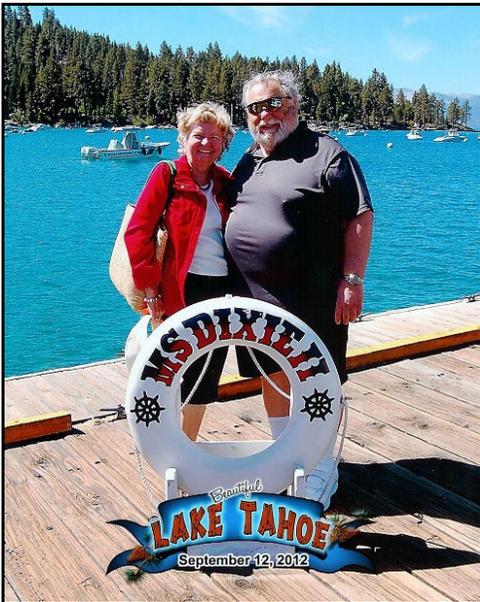
### Trip to Visit Betsy in Orlando and North Carolina

Betsy's grandson, Cannon McMillan McCaghren, was christened on June 3 in Orlando. Cannon is the son of Betsy's youngest son Grant and his wife Liz. The left photo is Peggy, Betsy, Marguerite, and Aunt Marga (now 92). Marguerite and Betsy then took a road trip via Savannah and Charleston that ended up at Betsy and Brent's cabin in Mars Hill, NC.



### Crawford's Baptism and New York City

On September 2, Crawford Gardner Jackson IV was baptized at the Presbyterian Chapel in Quogue, Long Island, New York by the same minister who baptized Chandi years ago. Grace is wearing a locket given to Marguerite when Gar was baptized back in 1969!! After the baptism, Marguerite and Betsy went to NYC and saw 4 shows in 3 days: Book of Mormon, Evita with Ricky Martin, Once, and Newsies. See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/crawfordbab.htm> .



### Road Trip to Tahoe and San Francisco

In mid-September, George and Marguerite embarked on a week-long road trip to northern California. The purposes of the trip included checking out Marguerite's new Prius, visiting Tahoe and Reno, having lunch with George's cousin Sara in Sacramento, then staying with our friends, John and Barbara Warner in San Jose. While there we spent the day in San Francisco and ate great food at Fisherman's Wharf. Then we went to Monterey where Marguerite was giving a talk at a conference. The Asilomar Conference facility is very rustic with no TVs in the rooms. George had a fit!! Had to make do with the iPad for an evening or gone in adjoining meditation Yoga room. See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/monterey.htm> .



### Vacation in Thailand and Myanmar (Burma)

Marguerite's "girls trip" this year was to Thailand and Burma (Myanmar). Six of the Atlanta travel group went first to Bangkok for three days, then joined 9 other Overseas Adventure Travel group members for two weeks in Myanmar. It was a very interesting trip with hundreds of Buddhist temples, shrines, and Buddhas -- visiting all of which required us to remove our shoes and socks and walk bare footed on filthy floors! After days of dirty feet, travelers' diarrhea, and overexertion in high heat and humidity, we decided this would be our last Third World Country trip!! For more photos see <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/burma.htm> .



### Grace, Crawford IV & Orange County Activities

The grandchildren are a delight and MJ sees them as often as she can. Grace will be starting Montessori school in January and Crawford will soon be walking! George gave the family Kathy's old piano and Grace will take piano lessons before long. They are very involved in neighborhood activities and Chandi and Gar have become very active members of the Lido Island Yacht Club.



*Marguerite, George, and Dreyfus*