



Holiday Newsletter 2013

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Dear Friends

Our 2013 has been a good year with reasonably good health, considering we are officially "Seniors" and make regular visits to various physicians!

For the past two and a half years Marguerite has consulted as an expert on a large corporate legal case about health care worker safety products. The case finally went to trial in Texas in September after several trips to NYC for trial preparation during which Marguerite and her sister Betsy also saw almost all of the shows on Broadway! The results of the trial were favorable for "her side" and the next trips to NYC will sadly not be on OPM (other people's money)!!! Oh well the grandkids continue to bring us great joy and Marguerite was the sewing queen for Halloween costumes this year -- Grace was a mermaid and Crawford was a cave man. She also made costumes for their cousins, Griffin (a leaf man) and Miriam (also a mermaid).



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Trip to Vegas to see Celine for our Anniversary

We have a tradition of going to Las Vegas for our anniversary (February 11) every couple of years. This year George wanted to see the new bridge and MJ wanted to see Celine's and Donnie and Marie's new shows. George reserved a room at Caesars Palace. Well...what an adventure this trip turned out to be. We drove our new red Prius and arrived mid-afternoon. Celine was ill - show was cancelled, and no reservation at the hotel, Caesar's Palace, but they would take us in for \$700 per night. Per recommendation of Prius Navigation, we went to Quality Inn instead. Turned out George had used a new Chinese on-line site that

didn't work very well - they forget to notify the hotel of the reservation. In the future, we only use Hotels.com which has worked great all over the world. See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/vegas.htm>

Adventure with Sister In Monterey

Betsy came for a long visit in March. The primary objective of the trip was to create a "Heritage Album" for Gar. Gar's Great Aunt Elizabeth was a genealogist for the Jackson family and had collected four large suitcases full of information. When she died in 1993, the suitcases went to Gar's dad, Crawford. When Crawford died in 2003 the suitcases went to Gar. They eventually ended up on our attic! After being stored for twenty years, Marguerite and Betsy opened them and found a treasure trove of good information. Over the course of 3 weeks and 250 cumulative hours, we created two volumes for Gar's heritage album. With the help of all the accumulated papers and photographs and Ancestry.com, we found 6 ancestors who had served in the Revolutionary War and one ancestor born in Scotland in 1699! Putting all of this together was quite an interesting journey. As a reward for our hard work, Marguerite and Betsy took a road trip to Hearst Castle and Monterey. We stayed in "Betsy places" that included The Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo, Bluebird Inn in Cambria, The Victorian Inn in Monterey, and Happy Landings in Carmel. It was a glorious five days that ended at Gar and Chandi's home in Newport Beach.

See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/monterey-betsy.htm>



Florida APIC Tribute and Stanford Graduation

June was a very busy month for Marguerite that began with a trip to Fort Lauderdale for the 40th Anniversary of APIC (the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology) and the Annual Conference. Marguerite has been a member of APIC for 40 years. The Conference Committee invited 12 leaders in the field to participate in a Keynote Panel Discussion of changes in the profession over the years. Marguerite, Barbara Soule (editor of the first APIC Curriculum to define practice) and Julie Gerberding (at UC San Francisco during the 1980s and now President of Merck Vaccine Division after serving as head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) during the Bush Administration) represented the Decade of the 1980s. During that time Marguerite, Barbara, and Julie were developing strategies to reduce risks for infections in patients and health care workers that have been adopted throughout the world. Betsy went with Marguerite to the Conference for 4 days and then they went back to Orlando. After the visit in Orlando, Marguerite flew to San Jose, California, to attend the Stanford graduation of Hong Van Pham, one of her mentees from the UCSD Preuss School. She stayed with our friends, John and Barbara Warner, and enjoyed participating in a marvelous graduation celebration with Hong Van, her mother, and grandmother. See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/florida-stanford.htm>



Dream Trip to Galapagos

On August 16, Marguerite and Gar flew to Quito, Ecuador, followed by a flight to the Galapagos Islands for 7 days on the Celebrity Xpedition ship. This trip was to remember Gar's dad, Crawford, who studied turtles but never got to visit them in the Galapagos, and to celebrate Marguerite's 70th and Gar's 45th birthday years. We went first class all the way with an outstanding cabin on the top deck of the ship. There were 97 passengers and 60 crew so we got lots of personal attention! See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/galapagos1.htm>



Big 70th Birthday Party

On September 1, Marguerite turned 70 and celebrated with a Birthday Pot Luck with about 30 friends. A good time was had by all! Our neighbor, Irv Erdos, made a spectacular birthday cake that was the hit of the party! More photos and details are on our website: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/mjbd.htm>



Adventures with the Grandchildren

The year has been filled with a variety of activities with Grace and Crawford IV, including several trips to LegoLand and the Wild Animal Park. For her 4th birthday we celebrated at LegoLand with several of her little friends and their families. In October the family was joined by a lovely young German woman named Christina who is serving as an Au Pair so that Chandi can return to the workforce. See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/2013gc.htm>



Marguerite, George, and Dreyfus