



Holiday Newsletter 2018

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<http://georgeandmarguerite.net/xmasnewsletter.htm>



Dear Friends:

This has been a challenging year for George. After several weeks of increasing shortness of breath and limited energy, he went in the end of April for a semi-emergency placement of a pacemaker for "sick sinus syndrome". He had the procedure at the new Kaiser hospital and was there overnight. Crawford 4 says that Grandpa George is now "A robot with a battery-operated heart"!! George's recovery has been slow and steady and he is feeling much better, although still limited in energy and activities. He says his traveling days are pretty much over, but he is happy for Marguerite to travel so she does!! When Marguerite is away, we are grateful to have our dear friend, Misty Dawn Newton, who puts George's compression leg wraps on in the morning and off at night and keeps Marguerite informed about how he is doing.

The year has been full for Marguerite with her continuing volunteer activities at the UCSD Retirement Association and UCSD Emeriti Association. In recognition of her volunteer efforts, she was awarded a Dickson Award by the UCSD Emeriti Association in May of 2018. The award of \$10,000 funded two \$5000 scholarships for UCSD students.

Marguerite's other major volunteer activity is to serve as Recording Secretary for The Globe Guilders, the auxiliary of The Old Globe Theatre. In August, she also served as co-chair for the Silent Auction that supports the Guilders major fundraising activity: Celebrating Couture, an elegant fashion show for over 500 attendees. This year over \$100,000 was raised including about \$30,000 from the Silent Auction. Marguerite is known as "the master basket maker" for this event!



Jacksons Visiting San Diego Summer 2018

In late July, Gar and family visited Southern California for several days while Grace attended synchronized swimming camp in Orange County and Crawford attended sailing camp. While in San Diego, the family had front row seats for *The Lorax* at The Old Globe and also spent time in Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo. Marguerite is a member of the Old Globe Guilders in San Diego:
<https://www.theoldglobe.org/get-involved/globe-guilders/>



New Mexico

Southwest Car Trip

In April, Marguerite's dear friend, Nedra Johnson Mathis, her brother Mac Johnson, and his wife Marcy, embarked on a 2500 mile trip throughout parts of the Southwest. Marguerite and Nedra loaded up the Prius in San Diego and picked up Mac and Marcy at the Phoenix Airport. Each of us was limited to a small suitcase and tote bag and all fit nicely in the hatch back of the Prius! We made many stops on the trip that are enumerated on our website
<http://georgeandmarguerite.net/southwest.htm>. Highlights included Taliesen West in Phoenix and the Museum of Musical Instruments, as well as a day learning about Georgia O'Keeffe at Ghost Ranch and her home in Abiquiu, New Mexico. Marguerite arranged for a private tour with the Program Director from the trip there with Betsy in 2015. Marcy had found wonderful AirB&Bs in Flagstaff and Santa Fe so we were able to cook, relax, and do laundry!! Nedra and Marguerite dropped Mac and Marcy at the Albuquerque airport, then drove back to San Diego. Another great trip for this terrific foursome who are taking a Grand Circle Tour river boat trip in France in April 2019!

East Coast Car Trip

In the middle of June, Marguerite flew to Asheville, North Carolina, to join her sister, Betsy, for a road trip. The goal of the trip was to attend a five-day program by Road Scholar that focused on the "Great Camps" of the Gilded Age of the United States. The program was held in the Adirondacks at the Sagamore Lodge, the summer home of part of the Vanderbilt family in the early 1900s. Marguerite and Betsy had the best room, Mrs. Vanderbilt's suite, and always enjoy everything Vanderbilt since both of them graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Following the program they drove to Long Island to spend the Fourth of July with family. The trip included many interesting stops that are enumerated on our website:

<http://georgeandmarguerite.net/eastcoast.htm>



Lunch at Neubauer's on Long Island



Marguerite with Birthday Cake

75th Birthday Party

On September 1, 2018, George feted Marguerite for her 75th birthday with a wonderful luncheon at Vintana Wine & Dine. We had the private dining room and 25 dear friends in attendance. Our wonderful neighbors, Irv and Barbara Erdos, created a delicious and beautiful birthday cake. George welcomed everyone and Marguerite introduced everyone with their special relationships to G&M. Then several attendees gave lovely tributes. A terrific time was had by all. Then the regular "Summer Pops" group of eight went to the Symphony together that night for the annual performance of the Eighteen Twelve Overture complete with canons! More photos of the birthday see: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/mj75bd.htm> .

Vacation in Hawaii

To continue the birthday celebrations, Marguerite took Gar, Chandi, Grace and Crawford to Maui for a week in October. This trip was also to celebrate Gar's 50th birthday and Gar and Chandi's tenth anniversary. We stayed at the Maui Westin Resort Villas in a wonderful timeshare made available to us by one of Marguerite's friends. While there, there were surfing lessons (Crawford 4 is now a quite good surfer for a 6-year-old!), lessons for making leis, a terrific luau, lots of swimming in the pools and at the beach, and several outstanding meals. More information is at <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/hawaii2018.htm> .



Maui, Hawaii

Little Trips with a Purpose

In January, two of Marguerite's Atlanta friends -- Martha Shepherd and Chris Davis -- came to San Diego for a visit. Marguerite, Martha, and Chris have traveled together several times with "Gretchen's Atlanta Group" that last year included a river cruise in Europe. A highlight of the visit was a night on the Queen Mary with dinner at the ship's gourmet restaurant, and a day at the Getty Museum.

In September, Marguerite went again to Asheville to make Halloween costumes with Betsy for the grandchildren! That visit included a couple days with Gar and family who were passing through on their way from Long Island back to Texas (see right, stop at Mt. Vernon). We spent a wonderful day at the Biltmore and enjoyed the Chihuly Exhibit that was there for a few months.

Marguerite went to Dallas several times this year to see Gar, Chandi, Grace and Crawford, and to continue with many sewing projects to make their Dallas house a wonderful and comfortable home. George keeps the website updated as the children continue to grow: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/grandchildrenphotos.htm> .

Grace is 9 now and Crawford will be 7 on January 2. Grace has braces and Crawford has lost his 4 front teeth! The children are being Home Schooled and Chandi is a very good teacher. They participate in a Home School Collective called "Classical Conversations" that meets together once/week to review the week's work. Marguerite attended one of these sessions in November during a visit and was most impressed!

Both children are learning lots, reading well, doing lots of math and science projects. Crawford is on a basketball team, Grace is taking ballet, both kids are taking gymnastics and playing golf. One of the fun things they also do is participate in a local little theater that is presenting "Seussical The Musical" in December. Grandma EE helped make the costumes!!



Visit to Mt. Vernon Virginia



Marguerite Jackson Award

Marguerite has been giving the Marguerite Jackson Award for Professional Nursing Excellence for over a decade. The award was established when she retired from UCSD in 2003. This is the 15th year the Award has been given and this year's recipient is Mary Hellar, MSN, RN, CRRN who has been at UCSD for many years. She has assumed progressively more responsible positions over the years and is now the Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Jacobs Medical Center/Thornton ICU. She also teaches and facilitates many different classes, has published several professional papers, and mentors staff. Mary, like the 14 Awardees before her, exemplifies Marguerite's interests in pursuing nursing excellence. See website for more info: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/jacksonconsulting/ponindex.htm> .

Marguerite and George