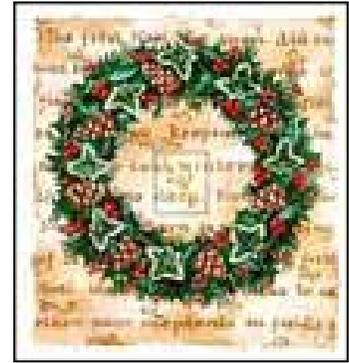




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Dear Friends,

This has been a year of wonderful happenings and also great sadness. We are grateful to our family and friends who have been participants in the good times and the sad times. Here is a recap of 2003. You can also visit our websites listed above to see some of our adventures.

Last winter months found us celebrating our Anniversary on February 11 – we have been married 4 years legally and 7 years “virtually” -- how time does fly by! March brought the annual “Shopping and Shows” trip to NYC for Marguerite, her sister Betsy, and her cousin Peggy. This year, Gar and his dad, Crawford, also joined us and we had an especially good time on the “hop on/hop off” bus seeing the sights. We also saw a couple of Broadway shows, but didn’t do much shopping (George, Brent, and John were all pleased about that!) March also marked the deadline for a UCSD proposal to the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health for over 6 million dollars (for 5 years) to improve knowledge of tuberculosis (TB) in health care professional schools in the USA – Marguerite was invited by her colleague, Antonino Catanzaro, MD, to participate in the proposal to be Director of the Administrative Unit – a part-time position for “life after retirement” if the proposal merited funding by the NIH.

Spring brought many activities, including a traditional Easter dinner for friends and family on April 20, and lots of tennis for George and his tennis buddies. On May 19, Marguerite and Betsy left for two weeks in Australia – Melbourne and Sydney. Marguerite gave a few talks, and Betsy’s son Neville and his wife, Dune, joined us for several days. What a wonderful time “down under”! In June Marguerite made a couple of presentations at the APIC Conference in San Antonio. Shortly after returning home, her dear friend, Leland S. Rickman, MD (age 47), died suddenly on June 24 while on a medical mission to South Africa. Marguerite was very involved in helping Lee’s wife with arrangements for a memorial service at UCSD, and helping with other details. It was a very sad time for Marguerite and her many colleagues who had worked with Lee for a number of years (he was Hospital Epidemiologist when she ran the Infection Control program at UCSD Medical Center).

Summer brought with it several dinner parties and the Annual Summer Party on August 3 for 75-80 guests. Marguerite’s mother, Jessica, and her twin sister, Marguerite, were with us for a few weeks during this time. Crawford was most helpful in “entertaining the twins” and we all went to Lawrence Welk Theater together. The twins also went to Ashland, OR, for an Elderhostel Shakespeare festival.

Fall was fully scheduled to include a vacation and Marguerite’s retirement. In September, George and Marguerite embarked on a three-week trip. The first week was to Ireland on a Globus tour (with our friends and neighbors, Ron and Deb Martin), followed by driving through Scotland (including finding “McMillan Country” so Marguerite could visit her father’s family roots) and visiting England (including a visit with Phil and Bev Davies in their Manor Home outside of Oxford), and of course we saw a play in London. It was a wonderful trip! While we were in Ireland, we learned that the NIH NHLBI Contract was funded! Marguerite was so thrilled, and started work on the project as soon as

we got home mid-October, while finishing up her long-time job as Director of Education, Development and Research at UCSD Medical Center.

November was Marguerite's "*Retirement Celebration Month*" after 26 years at UCSD. On November 1, her staff gave an elegant dinner party in her honor at Wendy Hansbrough's home; November 5, her boss, Mary Middleton, gave a reception for her at UCSD Medical Center (George, Gar, and Crawford also came); November 22, Carol Archibald hosted a dinner buffet for out-of-town friends coming to the retirement party; and on November 23, we celebrated with a gala and festive event on the Ferryboat Berkeley – over 200 people were there, and there were many tributes to Marguerite's career (George has put pictures and commentary on our website at <http://members.cox.net/dill-jac>). Family came from all over (Marguerite's mother, aunt, sister, cousin, 2 nephews; George's sister and her cousin), as did a number of friends. Marguerite established a *Patrons of Nursing Award for Professional Nursing Excellence*. Over \$13,000 has been raised, so far, for this fund. It was a very special day! Marguerite's family stayed through Thanksgiving, and a very good time was had by all.

Marguerite is now officially retired from her full-time job at UCSD Medical Center, and is working part-time for the UCSD School of Medicine with Dr Tony Catanzaro. She is thoroughly enjoying this new adventure and her return to academia.

Gar is doing well, and continues in his position with Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for Oakley, Inc., the sunglasses people, in Orange County, CA. Gar has provided sunglasses and prescription eyewear to family and friends throughout the year, and has traveled so much he is now a United Airlines 1K Frequent Flyer! .

Just when the year was finishing up on a high note, much sadness hit again – on December 9, Crawford died of a massive stroke. He had been so vital and alive, and we were all very shocked. Gar, Marguerite, and some close friends were with him to the end at Scripps Memorial Hospital, and mercifully, he passed on very quickly. On December 13, Pam and Norm Estabrook hosted a Celebration of Crawford's Life to which many friends came. On December 16, Gar and Marguerite buried Crawford in Port Angeles, Washington, where there is a cabin in the woods that he and Gar and friends have enjoyed since 1990. To honor him and his work, we have established the Crawford Jackson Memorial Fund (*Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093-0210*). Christmas was a quite time this year, with many fond memories of Crawford who had participated in almost all celebrations with us for many years.

Thanks to so many of you for your congratulations cards for retirement, contributions to the *Marguerite Jackson Award for Professional Nursing Excellence* (a fund established with the Patrons of Nursing to recognize a nurse each year for professional activities Marguerite values), and for your sympathy cards as well. It has truly been a year of great joy and great sadness. Best wishes for 2004 to you and yours, and we hope it will be a year filled with joy and happiness for us all.

In loving memory:

Crawford Gardner Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.

1931 - 2003



Marguerite and George and Zeus and Apollo