



# Holiday Newsletter 2016

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## Dear Friends:

The very big news this year is that Marguerite's son, Gar Jackson, and his family moved to Heath, Texas (20 miles NE of Dallas) in April of 2016! See below for details.

We decided to stick to domestic travel this year and forego a big trip. Both of us were about "done in" by the trip to London and Iceland in 2015 and needed a rest! Marguerite has joined the Globe Guilders Auxiliary for the Old Globe Theater, a group of mostly women who share the love for theater and also love to cook and provide food for actors and crew for the 15 productions the theater does each year. She also continues to be very active in the UCSD Retirement and Emeriti Associations. This year she is Chair for the Chancellor's Scholars program for 40 first-generation low income Freshmen. This program includes assigning each student an emeriti faculty mentor who meets with them regularly. For Marguerite, it is a continuation of the mentoring work she has done for over a decade with seniors at the UCSD Preuss School.



## Gar's Family Home in Heath, Texas

This newsletter is easier to read on-line at:

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

## Statesboro, GA Reunion



## The Cousins

In March 2016 Marguerite went to visit her sister Betsy in Winter Park, Florida. This was done in part to attend a Neville family reunion related to the long-ago sale of the family farm. In 2006, 69 acres of the Neville Family Farm (owned by Marguerite's and Betsy's maternal grandfather) was sold to the Bethany Foundation, a not-for-profit arm of the group of Primitive Baptist Churches that are throughout the Southern United States. Several family members belong to the Primitive Baptist Church of Statesboro. The Lodge at Bethany was completed in early 2016 with space for 48 residents. On March 13 they held a Dedication and Open House. The Neville family was invited and gratefully acknowledged for selling the land to them. Since much of the family still lives in or near Statesboro, GA, it was the perfect time to also have a family reunion. Of the twelve first cousins, nine were in attendance. Details can be seen on our website at:

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

## Gar and Family Move to Texas

The move to Texas was partly for Gar's work and for quality of life. They were able to buy a big house on a big lot on a big lake for less money than a small condo in Orange County. Marguerite has been to visit three times since they moved and anticipates visiting often in 2017. Each visit has included lots of sewing for their new home, helping with Grace (7) and Crawford (5 on 1/2/17), and getting to know the area and the neighbors.

The first big sewing project was to make drapes for the living room with 10 foot ceilings! Chandi had selected a lovely fabric in shades of blue and white. It took about 4 days to construct 6 panels, fully lined. Gar and Chandi put up the hardware and we were all delighted with the results. Marguerite also covered cushions for dining room chairs and a banquette custom built by their favorite carpenter. Other sewing projects include bed skirts for Grace and Crawford and teaching Grace how to sew!





In November, Marguerite spent a few days helping Gar with the kids while Chandi was in New York at a business meeting and also to load a POD with furniture from her parents. Marguerite stayed on through Thanksgiving to roast a turkey on Gar's Green Egg!

More information about the home and family is on our website: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/gartexas.htm>.



### Little Trips with a Purpose

**August trip** to Port Angeles, WA to clean up Gar's "Cougar Ridge Hilton". Betsy and Brent went on a Holland America Alaska cruise from the Seattle Port and returned to the same port. At the end of their cruise Brent went home and Marguerite joined Betsy to help Gar clean up his "trailer in the woods" in Port Angeles. The trailer had not been used for over 3 years and had been vandalized twice during that time. It was in need of a good cleaning and purging. Gar joined us for part of the time and after the week together, lots of cleaning, organizing, and shipping had been completed! Gar wanted several things for his home in Texas so we packed up his dad's chair from his retirement, Gar's grandmother's Haviland china from their wedding in 1923, Aunt Elizabeth's umbrella stand that she painted almost 100 years ago, and a variety of pictures and books. A total of 275 lbs of treasures were shipped to Dallas by FedEx ground. Another adventure!! Now the place is cleaned up and ready for Gar to perhaps sell at some point.

**October trip** to Asheville, NC. A tradition established several years ago is for Marguerite and Betsy to make Halloween costumes for the grandchildren. Marguerite flew to Asheville, North Carolina, for 10 days in the mountains! We made costumes for 10 children, attended two performances at local theaters, and enjoyed the ambiance of the changing leaves of Fall. Beautiful! Halloween Costume orders included: Batman, a "real" bat, characters from several kids' shows, a cupid, and an emoji character.

**October trip #2** to Santa Cruz, CA. Marguerite and George took a brief road trip to the Monterey Bay Area for her to attend a meeting of the UC Retirement Associations (CUCRA and CUCEA) and for a brief visit with our friends, John and Barbara Warner in San Jose.



### 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 13th year the Award has been given to an outstanding nurse at UCSD. Esther Lee was the recipient and follows several other recipients who have gone on to teach in schools of nursing and participate in leadership positions in their professional associations. View award info at:

<http://georgeandmarguerite.net/jacksonconsulting/>

### Grandchildren

The children are also adapting very well to their new home and community. Grace is in first grade at the neighborhood school and Chandi is active in volunteering there. Crawford is attending a small Montessori pre-school at a church near their home. Grace is involved in synchronized swimming and swims several hours each week at an Olympic-sized pool where many swimmers train. Crawford is learning to play golf with his Dad. He has his own set of small clubs! Both Grace and Crawford attend a wonderful program called CORE that focuses on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for children ages five and up. The teachers are engineering students and young graduate engineers and kids can attend after school and on weekends. Grace is already learning computer coding!! A very exciting experience for the whole family was when Gar's Dallas client, First Cash Financial Services, joined the New York Stock Exchange in early September. Gar was one of the 14 on the NYSE stage and Chandi, Grace and Crawford were in the front row! After the ceremony the family had a photo by the old bell. View children info at:

<http://georgeandmarguerite.net/2016gc.htm>



*Marguerite and George*