



# Holiday Newsletter 2017

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## Dear Friends:

This has been a good year with not too many health challenges for George or Marguerite. We continue to keep Tonga the dog whenever her family (the O'Hearns) is out of town and that seems to satisfy our dog needs. George mostly takes it easy and spends a lot of time on the computer; Marguerite has several volunteer activities that she enjoys along with travel and trips to Texas to visit the grandkids.

Marguerite was a key participant in the data analysis and interpretation for the University of California survey of retirees 2016. This gave her an opportunity to use her survey analysis skills and also work with some wonderful people throughout California who are active in the state-wide Retirement Associations. She continues to be active in the local UCSD Retirement Association and in October did a lunchtime session on "Holiday Appetizers" that was a big hit! See:

**<https://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/benefits/financial/retire/join.html>**

Marguerite's most recent volunteer activity is the Globe Guilders, **<http://www.globeguilders.org/>**, the auxiliary for The Old Globe Theater. The Old Globe does 15 productions each year. She is actively involved in a variety of activities including the "Meet and Greet" luncheons for the cast and crew for new shows. This involves lots of food that the Guilders make (Marguerite is the salad maker) and a good time is had by all! In August, the Globe Guilders and Neiman Marcus had its annual first class fashion show attended by over 600 people. It brought in over \$120,000 for The Old Globe. Marguerite's job was to "stage" the displays for the silent auction items. She has made many wonderful new friends through this organization and continues to be a regular season subscriber.



## The Cousins in New York Summer 2017

*From left to right: Granddaughter Grace, Chandi's (Gar's wife) Nephew Griffin, Chandi's new Nephew Henry, Grandson Crawford, and Chandi's Niece Miriam*

This newsletter is easier to read on-line at:

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

## Monterey, California

In March, Marguerite's friend Nedra Johnson Mathis from Douglas, Georgia, spent a week in California. They did a wonderful road trip that included Solvang, the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo, the Hearst Castle (the Designing the Dream is a new tour that was outstanding), Carmel, Monterey, and a night on The Queen Mary in Long Beach. We had lunch on the Queen Mary with Ralph Kephart and his wife Annette. Ralph was a classmate at PK Yonge with Marguerite and Nedra and a member of the football team with her late husband, Clayton Mathis. See: **<http://georgeandmarguerite.net/monterey-nedra.htm>**



**Carmel Mission**

## Eastern Danube Cruise

In May, Marguerite and a group of traveling friends did a two-week trip to Eastern Europe that included a river boat down the Danube from Budapest to Bucharest. On this trip were Nedra Mathis, Gretchen Turner (Marguerite's Vanderbilt classmate and travel buddy for many years), several friends from Atlanta, and many other people. We were on a Vantage tour that included visits to many cities. The most poignant part of the trip was a visit to Auschwitz and Burkenau where over 1.5 million people perished during WWII. This was Marguerite's second River Cruise, the first was in China down the Yangtze River. See: **<http://georgeandmarguerite.net/danube%20mj.htm>**



**Krakow, Poland**

## Central Italy Tour



Sorrento, Italy

In October, Marguerite, Nedra, Nedra's brother Mac Johnson and his wife Marcy, and 23 other travelers embarked on a Grand Circle Travel trip to central Italy. It was an off the beaten path trip as all of the travelers had visited Europe many times. The trip started in Rome and continued on to Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, the Isle of Capri, Tuscany, and Florence. We saw many interesting things and, of course, had a visit with Michelangelo's David in Florence. George and Marguerite visited many of the same locations in the late 90s. Unlike Marguerite, George has run out of "trip gas" and would just as soon stay home. See: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/italy%202017.htm>

## Little Trips with a Purpose

In February, Marguerite and George spent a weekend in Phoenix/Scottsdale enjoying Renee Walter's 70th birthday bash! We enjoyed visiting with her son, Rob Walter and his wife Rebecca, and many friends and family from San Diego and Phoenix.

In August, Marguerite spent a few days in Atlanta with her friend Gretchen Turner, then the two of them drove to Asheville, North Carolina, to spend some time with Betsy and Brent at their cabin in the mountains. We saw a wonderful regional theater production of "Joseph and the Amazing ...Coat" and enjoyed excellent food at the Wolf Laurel Country Club, see: <http://www.wolflaurelcountryclub.com/>. After a couple of days, Gretchen returned to Atlanta and Marguerite and Betsy turned their attention to making Halloween costumes for the grandchildren and cousins. This year we made the following: a large black mustache for Anne (age 12); Cleopatra for Alida (age 7); Cleopatra for Emmerson (age 8); Eloise of the Plaza Hotel for Grace (age 7+); Yoda for Henderson (age 1); an ugly man with a mohawk for Lach (age 9); and superhero costumes (with lots of help from Amazon) for Cary (age 9), Cannon (age 5), Haynes (age 6), and Crawford (age 5). All of the costumes were delivered well before Halloween and the kids looked great in them. Thanks to our friend Ron Martin's *Sewing Machines Plus* stores, <https://www.sewingmachinesplus.com/sewing-machines.php>, Marguerite has major sewing centers in her home in Escondido, at Gar's home in Heath, Tx and Betsy's home in the mountains of North Carolina.



## 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 14th year the Award has been given to an outstanding nurse at UCSD. This year's recipient is Heather Warlan, PhD, RN, who is with the regulatory affairs department at UCSD. She and her husband also had dinner with us during the summer. View award info at: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/jacksonconsulting/>

## Marguerite saw the grandkids several times this year.

In March, the Jackson family came to Southern California for a visit that included a day at LegoLand and another day at the Safari Park followed by a BBQ at George and Marguerite's home.

In May Marguerite spent a week with the Jackson family in Texas and Grace and Marguerite did a lot of sewing.

In June, Marguerite went to Texas again and helped take care of the children while Chandi was out of town.

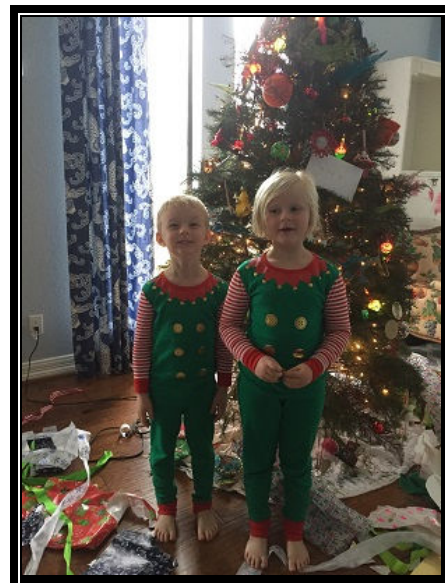
In July, the Jackson family came to Orange County for Grace to attend Synchronized Swimming Camp and Crawford to attend Lido Isle Sailing Camp. Marguerite and George went up for brunch one day and Marguerite went up for the Synchro recital at the end of the week. Grace was one of the stars with her solo rendition of "Over the Rainbow," She was clearly very well trained after spending a year on a synchro team in Texas!

In September, Marguerite spent a week in Texas with Gar helping get the kitchen and family room packed up for the painters. The family was in New York for the summer. The painters finished the job before they returned in October.

In November, Marguerite spent a week in Texas serving as a visiting professor for Home School! Chandi was out of town for several days but left detailed instructions. Both Grace and Crawford did very well with their assignments and Marguerite passed muster as a Home School teacher!!

The Jackson Family will spend Christmas in New York with the Neubauer family. They will spend a week in Southern California in January 2018.

To view grandchildren photos of the year see: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/2017gc.htm>



Christmas in Dallas 2016

*Marguerite and George*