



Holiday Newsletter 2019

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Dear Friends:

We have a new member of the family. A 2019 Toyota Prius Prime Advanced Plug-In automobile. George's retirement Cadillac was 8 years old with only 12,000 miles on it. Marguerite could not drive it since it was so big. So Marguerite decided to give it to Gar, so he could pull his boat, and Marguerite would get a new Prius (she drives a lot). Marguerite's 2012 Prius has 120,000 miles on it so the new Prius becomes Marguerite's car and George gets the old Prius (it should last 250,000 miles, much longer than George). We both love the Prius so it was a no-brainer what we would buy. Plus because the new Prius is a plug-in we got a lot of tax assistance in its purchase and we have solar power on our roof. Also we get free HOV use for 2.5 years. Win-win-win for the Dill/Jackson families.

George not walking well, bad spine, so Marguerite cancelled future trips and is staying home. George had fallen when taking opiates for pain. Since he has stopped the pain pills he has not fallen. When a 380 pound person falls getting back up is problematic.

After ten years as the UCSD Retirement Association representative to the state-wide Council of UC Retirement Associations (CUCRA), Marguerite turned over the responsibilities to another Retirement Association member. That means she is no longer on the Board of Directors but continues to participate in a variety of fun activities and events. She also continues with the UCSD Emeriti Association and the Chancellor's Scholars program.

In March of 2019, Marguerite was Co-Chair for the Globe Guilders Silent Auction which is part of a major fundraising event, the annual Celebrating Couture, otherwise known as the Fashion Show. The Silent Auction raised almost \$25,000 for a contribution to the total proceeds of about \$100,000 to go to the Old Globe Theatre Arts Engagement Program. She is also on the Globe Guilders Executive Committee and has served as Recording Secretary the past two years. The Guilders bring Marguerite great joy. The people are positive and mostly retired. What everybody has in common is a love of theater. She is also a Circle Patron that provides many nice benefits in exchange for a significant financial contribution.

In September when Betsy was visiting they both helped out with the Globe Gala, a major fundraiser for the Theatre. Along with two other women, they managed the "See's Candy Extravaganza" tables. Over 450 donors attended the Gala and almost one million dollars was raised during a Live Auction, Paddle Raise, and through ticket purchases.

The Jackson family continues to enjoy living near Dallas and spending summers on Long Island with the Neubauer family. This year Marguerite visited Texas twice. The second time was to be the "costume maker" for Grace's little theater performance of *Honk, the Musical* (an adaptation of *The Ugly Duckling*). There were 6 children in the show; Crawford was the Ugly Duckling; Grace was a couple of parts. Grace was the Costume Designer and had taken an on-line course to learn how! In 5 days we made several costumes, thanks to Amazon Prime for little dresses and yards and yards of feather boas! The show was a big success and the costumes were "over the top". The next performance of the little theater group is *Alice in Wonderland* in December. Since EE couldn't go to Texas this time, Grace has designed the costumes and directed their construction by EE in Escondido. Thank goodness for FaceTime along with Amazon Prime!! There were 9 costumes this time that all turned out very well.

Grace (10) and Crawford (almost 8) continue to do well with Home School. Crawford is becoming a very good golfer (a blond/blue eyed Tiger Woods?? We can hope!!) and both kids will be playing tennis soon. Grace loves theater and will be in a large city-wide production of *The Lion King* in the Spring. The Jackson family will be in Southern California for a few days before Christmas this year.



Jackson's New (Used) 2012 Cadillac SRX

George's retirement Cadillac is now an official Texas resident.



MJ's Prius Prime Advanced with Personalized Plates



MJ and the Kids during Texas Visit



Brittany, France

French River Cruise

In April, Marguerite's dear friend, Nedra Johnson Mathis, her brother Mac Johnson, and his wife Marcy, embarked on a trip to Western France. They have made several trips together in the past three years. George is "tripped out" so he would rather stay home.

This trip was with Grand Circle Travel and included a seven day river cruise on a couple of France's lesser rivers. We also spent four days in a pre-trip visiting beautiful sights in Brittany. The ship was the MS Chanson and Nedra and Marguerite shared a very nice cabin. The food was quite good and each day was a different adventure. Marguerite was particularly impressed by the fresh fruits and vegetables plus breads and cheeses in the wonderful markets in all of the towns. It is no wonder that France is the culinary capital of the world!

For more information see: <http://georgeandmarguerite.net/france2019.htm>

Statesboro Reunion

Over Memorial Day Weekend, Marguerite, Betsy, and five other first cousins got together in Statesboro, Georgia for a "Cousin's Reunion". There were 12 first cousins total. Two have died and three could not attend. The reunion was held at the home of Lovett and Missy Bennett. Lovett was recently appointed to the bench as a Judge for several counties in South Georgia. Our one remaining Aunt, Sara Bennett (now 88), also attended the festivities. One day we had lunch at Bethany Village, the retirement community where Aunt Sara lives. It is built on the farm land where Marguerite's grandparents lived for many years. Several of the cousins are retired and enjoying grandchildren, travel and other fun things. A couple of the younger ones are still working. It was nice to see everybody while we are all still vertical!



The Cousins and Aunt Sara



Visits

Since George is ill and Marguerite is not traveling anymore, we had a lot of visitors this year. Among them were George's sister Marie and Gus her husband, John Warner and wife (George's friend since Junior High), Marguerite's sister Betsy, and Marguerite's friend Nedra. Also the Jackson family visited twice.

Marguerite worked out itineraries that included several theater performances and tours of the harbor and the Midway museum, as well as many good culinary experiences at San Diego restaurants.

Also, during the September visit with Betsy, the two of them made several Halloween costumes for grandkids -- an annual event!



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 year the award went to JoAnn Daugherty, PhD, whom Marguerite hired many years ago. JoAnn left UCSD to join the faculty at one of the local Universities and is now back at UCSD working with nurses on research projects and advancing their clinical skills. As part of the Award, Marguerite also takes the recipient and their spouse or guest to dinner at Vintana, the restaurant where George hosted her 75th birthday party last year.

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Marguerite and George