



Cliff Garrett Retirement Club Newsletter

Southern California

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Greetings From Your New Club President

As I begin my new role as the Cliff Garrett Retirement Club president, I want to thank you very much for your good wishes and support. For those of you who are not aware, I would like to take a moment to let you know a bit about my years at Garrett. I started in 1968 at the Main Plant as a rookie secretary, working in Sales and Contracts. In 1970, I transferred to the Torrance office in Contracts. In the years that followed, I worked as a senior secretary for the VP/Sales and VP/International Sales at the Corporation, then back in Torrance Sales, VP/Planning, VP/Sales and VP/International Sales, and finally as the executive assistant for the AES president and, as titles changed, for the VP of the Torrance division. After 33 years with the company, the executive leadership team was relocated from Torrance to Phoenix, and since I didn't have a "boss" after that, I was laid off. I had a good run, wouldn't you say?!

Many thanks to Dick Smisek and Maxine Wiggs for all they have done the past two years; we wouldn't have had such wonderful get-togethers had it not been for them. Thank goodness Dick has graciously agreed to be our "acting" treasurer, and Maxine has once again decided to stay on as our social director. I also learned a great deal from Scott Manatt, Dick Wenker, Virginia Bliven, and Kim Linnett along the way!

Our very first luncheon held in April was a huge success. We've had numerous compliments – not only about the meals, but how much everyone enjoyed getting together in the afternoon. We look forward to another fun luncheon on August 5, where we will have a very interesting speaker. Alan Miyamoto has arranged for Alison Bruesehoff, Executive Director, Dominguez Rancho Adobe, who will give a brief presentation on the Centennial Aviation Day Celebration of the first International Air Meet in Los Angeles held at the Dominguez Air Field.

Important! Your Board has incorporated two new club policies. These are our BAFOs, so to speak, regarding RSVPs and dues: (1) if you do not send in your RSVP/meal choice by the requested due date, a meal will not be available for you; if the restaurant has extra meals after everyone has been served, you may get a meal, but it may not be your choice; we can no longer change selections at the door. (2) if your dues are not up to date, you will be removed from the roster after the August luncheon, and you will no longer receive our newsletters. Remember - our dues have not been raised in years, and that is what helps pay for newsletter mailings (repro, stamps, and envelopes). We don't want to lose you, so please renew your membership, otherwise we will be forced to take you off the club roster!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Have a great summer, and see you in August!

Carolyn Weyant

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Notes From Your Secretary

Dues for 2010 were due in March. Please send in your dues and fill in all “required information” on Page 3, even if you cannot attend the August luncheon. The mailing label on this newsletter will indicate the year your dues are paid through; some members have paid in advance. E-mail recipients will be notified of all members who have paid for 2010 and beyond - if you are not on that list, then you need to send in your dues. If you have questions, please contact Dick Smisek at 310-540-4240, or Djeda@aol.com.

I attended Mel Gee’s memorial in April - Garrett was very well represented and recognized. There were three tables of us, as well as numerous Garrett folks in the “standing room only” portion of the room. Ellen, Mark, and Karen were very happy to see us there. The centerpiece at each table was a glass of Mel’s favorite Scotch with a golf ball and flag in each glass!

Joe Bonchonsky, Jr. reported that 10 AiResearch engineers were honored via the City of Torrance award to AiResearcher Joe Bonchonsky for pioneer work via the American Youth Soccer Organization founded in west Torrance for 1964-65. The engineers noted in Joe's acceptance speech became AYSO regional commissioners in various cities of the South Bay. Jim Crawford made oil well tubings available for the manufacture of 200 soccer goal posts. Hundreds of AiResearch employees had their sons and daughters join AYSO during the 60s and 70s, and now they are coaching their grandsons and granddaughters. Many sons went on to play in high school, college, and professionally as well. Don Hazzard was the first commissioner of girls’ soccer in the 70s. On July 8, West High and South High had a "Renew the Rivalry" annual soccer game. Many RTR graduates played in the 1960s and later. Presently Joe, Sr. is compiling an AYSO pioneer story to be completed and presented to the City of Torrance on August 15, 2014, in the city’s celebration of AYSO’s 50th anniversary.

Paul and Mary Kearney continue their travels - here is a brief rundown of their latest: Chose Suffolk, in East Anglia, northeast of London for a May walk; spent a few days in London, Victoria & Albert Museum, and Suffolk; visited Sandringham, and many other great manor houses, castles, and other historical or natural sites. Went to Phoenix for spring training and the Phoenix Art Museum; attended the Cubs-Padres game in Mesa; had breakfast one day with the Elstons, and went to the Dodgers-Reds game in Goodyear; visited the Heard Museum of Indian culture in Phoenix, and had dinner with another friend from Allied-Signal. Southeast - started with a visit with friends from Allied-Signal in Hot Springs Village, AR. Nashville - toured the Frist Center for Visual Arts and an extraordinary exhibit of paintings from the Museo de Arte de Ponce in Puerto Rico; toured the Vanderbilt campus. Stayed at the Opryland Hotel and attended the Grand Ol’ Opry, then on to Walland, TN, to stay at the Blackberry Farm near the Great Smoky Mountains NP; visited the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center; then off to Fearington Village in NC - visited with Mary Hawkins and saw Chris in Alexandria, VA; went into DC for a visit to the Newseum, a museum of journalism, containing numerous modern, very well-done exhibits, and on to Mt. Vernon.

I had a delightful visit and lunch with Mills and Mary Spangberg at Kincaid’s on the Redondo Beach Pier this summer; it was wonderful seeing them again. They asked me to send everyone their best regards, and they hope to be here for my next Attitude Adjustment Meeting.

Barry Tyson is recovering from a “hit and run” with his neighbor’s dog! Barry walked his and Irene’s dog Scooter one day in May, and the neighbor’s dog decided to go after Scooter, knocking Barry off his feet breaking Barry’s femur - he had to have three screws placed into the bone! Barry is recovering nicely, but I’m sure he would love to hear some encouraging words from you (pvbarry@cox.net).

Remembering our colleagues who have passed on since our last newsletter:

<i>Don Anderson</i>	<i>Evelyn (Evie) LaRue</i>
<i>C. C. Chi</i>	<i>Alice Postlewaite</i>
<i>Doug Dewar</i>	<i>Richard Robinson</i>
<i>Bill Hamley</i>	<i>Uwe Theden</i>
<i>Tony Gomez</i>	<i>Dave Tyce</i>

Mark your calendars – our annual holiday dinner/dance will be the evening of Thursday, December 9, and the next newsletter will be distributed in November.

Carolyn Weyant

**** Lunch Selection/Reservation ** Annual Dues ** Directions ** E-mail Information ****

Date/Time: *Thursday, August 5 – Cocktails 11:30 AM (cash bar) – Lunch 12:30 PM*

Location: *Ports O'Call Restaurant, Bridgeview Room – 2nd Floor, Berth 76,
Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, CA 90731 – Phone 310-833-9280*

Price: *\$25.00 per person (includes dessert, tax, and gratuity); parking is free*

Entrees: *Boneless breast of chicken filled with basil, mushrooms, spinach, and mozzarella, topped with a Chardonnay cream sauce; or
Fresh sea bass grilled and topped with saffron butter; or
Pasta*

Directions: *South on the I-110 (Harbor Freeway) to Harbor Boulevard (Harbor Boulevard and Vincent Thomas Bridge share the same off-ramp). Turn right (south) on Harbor Boulevard to 6th Street. Turn left (east) on 6th Street into The Village. Look for the Ports O'Call sign on the wall on the left. From San Pedro, take Gaffey Street to 6th Street, then east into The Village as above*

Make your selections, clip along the dotted line, and mail with your payment for Dick Smisek to receive no later than Friday, July 30 (or Friday, July 23, if badges are ordered):

Dick Smisek, 21003 Tomlee Ave., Torrance, CA 90503-4064

Checks payable to the Cliff Garrett Retirement Club

**** PLEASE DO NOT MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM/CHECK TO CAROLYN WEYANT ****
**** DICK MUST RECEIVE YOUR RSVP BY JULY 30 ! ****

**** REQUIRED INFORMATION**

- PLEASE PRINT -

08/05/10 LUNCH

**** CGRC Member:** _____ **Guest:** _____

**** Newsletter distribution preference:** Surface (U.S. Mail) E-Mail Change from last newsletter?

**** E-mail address (please print):** New? _____

Comments: _____

**** Mailing address (if it has changed):** _____

**** Entrée Selections:** Chicken Qty _____ @ \$25.00/each \$ _____

Sea bass Qty _____ @ \$25.00/each \$ _____

Pasta Qty _____ @ \$25.00/each \$ _____

Badge Order(s): Qty _____ @ \$10.00/each \$ _____

Names (please print): _____

Annual Dues: \$6.00 (per household) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

- *E-mail will only be used for official club business.*