



Cliff Garrett Retirement Club Newsletter

Southern California

November, 2010

*Season's
Greetings*

Greetings From Your President

*Happy
New Year*

My goodness . . . here we are about to celebrate the holidays, which means that our dinner/dance is right around the corner! You won't want to miss all the fun, friends, and festivities. Once again, Time Machine will provide music for our listening and dancing pleasure. We would like to contribute to the Helping Badge organization, and request that you bring an unwrapped toy (value \$10 or less), cash, or check payable to L.A.P.D. (Tax I.D. #237368470) to help children in the harbor area have a memorable holiday season.

We had a wonderful time at the August luncheon, and missed seeing those of you who weren't able to attend. Thank you for sending your RSVP, dues, dinner choices, and checks to Dick Smisek on time!

As most of you are aware - much to our chagrin, our Garrett medical coverage "is-a-changin'." Due to the fact that plans vary a great deal and Extended Health Coverage is so complicated, the Board is not in a position to offer recommendations. Therefore, we hope you have reviewed the packages you received, and that you send in your choices by the due date requested.

I contacted the Cliff Garrett Retirees Club of Arizona a few months ago to see if they would be interested in including our club on their website. I'm happy to report that they thought it was a great idea! This is a good way for our Arizona counterparts to see what's going on with us, and hope they (many of whom worked in Torrance and L.A.) will attend our luncheons and/or dinners - and visa versa. Please go to <http://www.garrettretireesaz.com/> and select the "links" button on the left - that will take you to a page with a link to "Garrett Retirement Club of Southern California" at the bottom of the page (for now). Click on that link, and you will get to the next link that takes you to our newsletter. I plan on sending them some photos of our get-togethers to post; and if you would like to do the same, just email those photos to me.

We look forward to seeing you at the holiday party - let's ring out 2010 and ring in 2011 together! Please remember that if you do not RSVP by the date requested, a meal will not be available for you that evening.

Carolyn Weyant

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Notes From Your Secretary

Help! I've been getting a lot of failed-mail messages due to bad e-mail addresses, so please send in the reservation form with your current e-mail address, as well as all the "required information," even if you cannot attend the December holiday party.

Head's up – dues are due in March of 2011. The mailing label on your envelope will indicate the year your dues are paid through; some members have paid in advance. E-mail newsletter recipients will be informed of those members who have paid their dues for 2010 and beyond. If you have questions regarding your dues, just give Dick Smisek a call at 310-540-4240, or e-mail him at Djeda@aol.com.

Charlotte Logemann attended a fabulous surprise ??th birthday party for Joanna Spiller in October. We understand that Joanna's family really put one over on her, and that she was totally shocked when almost 50 of her closest friends and family surprised the heck out of her. We'd love to see those pictures, by the way. Happy birthday, Joanna!

Looks like Don Barsumian tried to out-do Barry Tyson . . . Don slipped and fell on his driveway last month, and had to have surgery to repair the vertical gap in his patella, which is now screwed together.

Not to be left out, Larry Neville had hip surgery in November. Needless to say, we hope you both have a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Gerry and Joyce Amarel, who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary!

Several of our Garrett friends are involved with Providence TrinityCare Hospice, now in its 20th year. Ann LaFranchi, Toni Perpall, and Arline and Rick Grotz have been chairs for the "Sunday by the Sea" events with the hospice organization. They have helped coordinate many very successful and well-attended fundraisers, proceeds of which provide comfort and care to children and adults with life-limiting illnesses. You can visit their website at trinitycarehospice.org.

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

*John Hutchens
Vera McCallick
Mary Mason
Jim Riple
Emmanuel Rosales*

Mark your calendars – our next luncheon will be Thursday, April 7, 2011, and the next newsletter will be distributed in March.

Carolyn Weyant

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

Date/Time: *Thursday, December 9 – Cocktails 6:00 PM (cash bar) – Dinner 7:30 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: *\$36.00 per person (includes dessert, tax, and gratuity); parking is free*

Entrees: *Prime rib of beef au jus with horseradish sauce, or
Pan roasted king salmon with dill butter sauce and caramelized onions, or
Pasta primavera*

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 to receive no later than Friday, December 3 (or Friday, November 26, if badges are ordered), to:
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 DECEMBER 3 ! ****

**** REQUIRED INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT - 12/09/10 DINNER**

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

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

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

Comments: _____

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

**** Entrée Selections:** Prime rib Qty _____ @ \$36.00/each \$ _____

Salmon Qty _____ @ \$36.00/each \$ _____

Pasta Qty _____ @ \$36.00/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.*