

# GARA News

## Fall Luncheon

Thursday, September 19, 2019

MCAS Miramar Officers' Club 11:30 to 2:30

Served Luncheon, \$30 per person

Speakers: Tony Veca, Junaid Razvi, and Liz Drees

"60+ Year History of TRIGA"

### Menu

#### Texan Style

Tossed Green Salad with House Ranch

Southern Style Cole Slaw & Baked Beans

BBQ Chicken and Pulled Pork with Texas Style BBQ

Dinner Roll and Butter

Vegetarian: TBD

Iced Tea and Coffee with Dessert

### Cash bar

Directions and reservation form on Page 8



From the President, Jim Zgliczynski

From the President, Jim Zgliczynski. Our summer luncheon was held 7-10-19 at the Bernardo Heights Country Club. The Speaker was Tibor Varga P.E., international water treatment and

distribution expert, presenting the topic "The Global Water Challenge". His presentation was loaded with interesting and surprising facts on both local and worldwide water supply. One amusing comment he made was "water doesn't flow downhill, it flows toward money." Which implies if you want to plan for a reliable and sustainable water supply you have to commit to investing to make that happen. There was much interest by members to receive copies of the presentation, so the PDF of the presentation is posted on the GARA website. Mr. Varga agreed to let you use the material as you wish as public release. There was also member interest in touring the Poseidon reverse osmosis seawater to fresh water supply plant located in Carlsbad. The Poseidon plant has regularly scheduled tours: just sign up on their website [www.carlsbaddesal.com/visit.html](http://www.carlsbaddesal.com/visit.html) for a tour convenient for you.

Our next GARA luncheon is **THURSDAY, September 19, 2019 at 1130 am -2 pm at the MCAS Miramar Officers' Club. Remember to send in reservation and check to**

Nancy Hitchcox **AND email to Nancy: for MCAS base access please send: FULL NAME WITH MIDDLE INITIAL, DATES OF BIRTH, AND DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID NUMBERS; by September 6. Don't delay. – see last page for info.**

Topic: A panel of TRIGA veterans, including Tony Veca, Junaid Razvi, and Liz Drees will discuss the storied 60+ year history of TRIGA worldwide, in honor of the recent, final decommissioning of the GA TRIGA site after many long successful years of service.

Save the date, Wednesday, December 4, at the Butcher Shop for the final GARA luncheon of the year, which will include the annual business meeting, GARA Board Election, and the ever popular door prizes. We are working to confirm an interesting speaker for this meeting to be announced in the next newsletter. Please consider volunteering to be a new board member! We would like your help and participation.

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Remember GARA membership is open to retired AND ACTIVE GA employees (with 5 years' service). So in our effort to increase membership, please give your colleagues that are still slaving away at GA, a call and invite them to join. Hey, maybe they'll buy you a drink. We strive to have fun luncheons with good fellowship and interesting speakers, so why miss out?

Our long-time GA HR rep, Pam McMann retired June 7 – so when you see her – buy her a drink! Our new HR GARA contacts are:

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Manager, Retirement

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***(NOTE: All dues payments go to Niles Johanson at 6083 Via Regla, SD 92122. If you haven't sent in your \$10 annual dues please do so now. Consider paying several years in advance so you don't forget.)***

## Message from the Editor:

The newsletter appreciates contributions from the members regarding their exploits since retiring. Please send any contributions you have for the newsletter, including pictures, to me. I will accept input in any format, yes even cursive on a yellow pad, for future newsletters. Send them to [jim.mcnair@cox.net](mailto:jim.mcnair@cox.net) or by snail mail to Jim McNair, 734 Ridgemont Circle, Escondido, CA 92027.

## In Memorium

**Louis Johnson.** We received word that Lou passed away at home on July 12, 2018. I was privileged to work for Lou several times during my career at GA, ranging from Torrey Pines Technology to Advanced Process Systems.

## Sailing the Adriatic Sea

by Nancy Hitchcox



I went on a great Road Scholar trip in April 2018 to Croatia and Montenegro. We spent time on land and on a 135-ft. sailing ship. I arrived in Dubrovnik, Croatia in the afternoon after a very long travel day with plane changes in Chicago and Munich, where I met up with a friend from Massachusetts. From

Dubrovnik we took a car service 40 minutes south to a beachfront hotel in Igalo, Montenegro. We had arrived a day early to get over the worst of jet lag and I'm glad we did. I spent a good part of the next day napping until we joined our trip leader, Jana, and the rest of the 16 people on the trip. Jana, who is Slovenian, was a wonderful trip leader – she knew so much about the former Yugoslavian countries and her English was perfect.



In Montenegro we visited the beautiful Bay of Kotor and learned all about that region. Then we headed to the walled Old Town Dubrovnik, where some of the

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outdoor scenes of Game of Thrones were filmed. The heartier ones in the group walked on top of the walls all around Old Town, which dates back to Roman times. The Old Town was filled with shops and restaurants. We had a guided tour and a lovely lunch in a restaurant away from the crowds.

We then boarded our sailing ship MS Barbara for a 5-day trip up the Adriatic (using the motor almost all the time), docking in a different place every day. The coast of Croatia and Montenegro is a popular resort area frequented mostly by Europeans looking for a less costly but upscale vacation. In each port a local guide showed us around and discussed the history of the area. Speakers and entertainers were brought onto the ship while in port. We ended our journey in Split, Croatia where we spent two nights in a hotel and returned home from there.

## Antarctic Adventure

By Jim McNair



Judy and I had the opportunity to travel to Antarctica and visit our seventh continent this January. The journey began with a flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina to catch a charter flight to Ushuaia on the Beagle Channel. From there our ship Ocean Endeavour made a two day voyage across the Drake passage and its notorious 50 ft swells to reach the Antarctic continent. The ship would list as much as 17 degrees. The

tables in the dining room were bolted down and the chairs tethered so they couldn't leave the table. Thank goodness for seasickness medications.



All touring on the continent was done by boarding a small Zodiac boat and making a "wet" landing on



shore. We were provided heavy coats and knee-high boots to keep us dry during the landings. The penguins feed mainly on a diet of krill. They efficiently turn these small sea creatures into a foul smelling mess that takes some time to get used to.

The weather ranged from almost white out snow conditions to brilliant sunshine. Temperatures in the



summer on the peninsula ranged from 30 to 40 degrees F. Because of the heavy coats it was very warm at 40 degrees.



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Wildlife was abundant. We were privileged to see humpback whales, orcas, many varieties of seals and three different penguin species.

We truly enjoyed this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. We wouldn't go back, not because we didn't love it, but because we still have many more places on our bucket list.





**SUMMER MEETING – BERNADO HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB - JULY 7, 2019**



**Susan & Jim Zgliczynski**



**Woody Snyder & Edna Gallix**



**Linda Parise, Donna Oellien & Patricia Simmons**



**Woody Snyder, Edna & Remy Gallix & Harlan Horner**



**Douglas Simmons, Terry Powell, Kate Young,  
& Robin Luby**



**Harlan Horner, Bill Coleman & Mike Dunlap**

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**David Hanson, Pat Connors & Frank Warner**



**Virgil Barbat & Fritz Dahms**



**Vojin Joksimovich & Tibor Varga (Speaker)**



**Al & Betty Haboush & Ken Holko**



**John Bauer & Roger Schlicht**



**Francis & Richard Moore & John Neill**



**SUMMER MEETING – BERNADO HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB - JULY 7, 2019**



**John Neill, Mary Hartley & Nancy Homeyer**



**Nancy & Bill Homeyer and Nancy & Phil Newman**



**Carmelo Rodriguez, & Dale & Beverly Busch**

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**Return this completed form by September 6, 2019, with your check for \$30.00 per person for paid members and guest, or \$35.00 for non-paid members/guests payable to G.A. Retirees Association Inc. to:**

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