

GARA News

Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Ballast Point Miramar

9045 Carroll Way, San Diego, CA 92121

11:30 to 2:30

Speaker: Mickey Wade

The Quest for Fusion Energy – Incredible Potential,
 Extraordinary Challenges

Menu

A buffet with Santa Maria Tri-Tip
 salad, bread, beans, macaroni & cheese
 and Ice cream sandwiches

Cash bar

Directions and reservation form on Page 8

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS TO NANCY HITCHCOX BY FEBRUARY 26 – SEE LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER FOR RSVP FORM.

Speaker and Topic: Mickey Wade, deputy director of GA Fusion, will be talking about "The Quest for Fusion Energy – Incredible Potential, Extraordinary Challenges". GA Fusion just completed significant upgrades to the D-IIID tokamak. GA continues to be the leading center of global fusion research. A point to ponder: Does DIIID use SDG&E solar power to power their experiments?

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?

(Continued on Page 2)

From the President, Jim Zgliczynski

Our winter luncheon and annual business meeting was held December 4, 2019 at The Butcher Shop Restaurant.



The Speaker was Dr. Brian Zgliczynski (Dr. BZ), marine biologist, coral reef expert, and project scientist at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. He talked about the "100 Island Challenge" of important worldwide coral reef research. Coral reefs

provide the important habitat for fish and are essential to ocean health and the fisheries industry. While many coral reefs are facing challenges, in other cases, reefs have shown remarkable recovery and regrowth from natural or man-caused damage. Hopefully the data from this research will help and encourage all nations to work to protect coral reefs.

During the annual meeting the current GARA Board of Directors was reelected for 2020. We all thank them for serving. At the end of 2020, several board members plan to "retire" from the board – so start thinking on how you can join the board and contribute.

Our next GARA luncheon is Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 1130 am -2:30 pm at the Ballast Point Brewery, 9045 Carroll Way, San Diego 92121 (in Miramar area – off Miramar Road to Carroll Road to Carroll Way). Menu will be a Santa Maria style Tri-tip BBQ buffet. **PLEASE**

GA Retirees Association, Inc. www.garetirees.org

President: **Jim Zgliczynski** 619 237 9812

zgliczynski@outlook.com

Vice President **Vojin Joksimovich** 760-489-0156

simbasimon@mail.com

Treasurer: **Niles Johanson** 858 752 4327

nilesjo@yahoo.com

Secretary: **Pat Simmons** 858-748-4569

psimmons0105@gmail.com

Social Chair: **Nancy Hitchcox** 858 335 4839

nancy.hitchcox@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: **Open**

Jim.mcnair@cox.net

Members at Large:

Tom Tasker 858-369-0671

ttasker103@aol.com

Al Zimmer 619-475-0153

alandsuezimmer@cox.net

Carmelo Rodriguez 760 436 2342

carmelo.rodriguez@att.net

Ken Dawson 619-445-4648

kendawson@mac.com

Past President: **Liz Drees** 858 945 2942

Dreesea2016@gmail.com

Website: **Tom Tasker** 858-369-0671

ttasker103@aol.com

From the President

Continued from page 1

Our new HR GARA contacts are:

Joel Hyde
Manager, Retirement
Human Resources
General Atomics
858-455-2202
3550 General Atomics Ct.
San Diego, CA 92121
Email: Joel.hyde@ga.com

and

Emma Mariano, Benefits Specialist, 858-455-2221,
emma.mariano@ga.com

Jim McNair has done a super job as our GARA newsletter editor, but unfortunately Jim needs to “retire” from that position in order to concentrate on battling health issues. All of us wish Jim the best and pray for his improved health. We love you Jim!

(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.)

IN MEMORIAM



John Waage, 86, passed away at his home in Longmont, Colorado on December 31, 2019. John was born June 6, 1933 in Elko, Nevada. He was married to his high school sweetheart Pam Waage for 61 years and had three children. They shared a long life of love, learning, music and outdoor

adventure. They inspired their children and grandchildren to do the same.

John graduated from Elko Nevada high school where he was the football quarterback, basketball forward, and baseball pitcher. He also played trumpet in the high school bands.

John and Pam married in 1954 while students at the University of Utah. After receiving a Mechanical Engineering degree in 1958, the couple moved to Idaho Falls and welcomed the first of three children. John worked as a nuclear engineer at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and later became recognized as one of the first nuclear engineers in the nation.

The family moved to Solana Beach, California in 1968 where John became the engineering manager for the General Atomic Company, designing a variety of nuclear power generation applications.

In 1975, John became the project manager to build a new concept nuclear power plant in Colorado. He later worked for Stoller Corp in Boulder, consulting for electrical utilities across the US.

John and Pam moved to Grand Junction, Colorado in 1991 where John worked on environmental clean-up of uranium milling. The couple joined the outing club and enjoyed many outdoor excursions with family and friends. When John retired, he served as a volunteer park ranger and tutored young students.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center, St. Labre Indian School, Doctors without Borders, the Sierra Club or KUVO Jazz Radio Denver.

John M. Dixon died July 27, 2019 at the age of 92. He was an Analytical Chemist in the HTGR Fuel Fabrication Quality Control Laboratory.

ANNUAL MEETING – THE BUTCHER SHOP –DECEMBER 4, 2019



Peter & Sari Gantzel



Bill & Nancy Homeyer



Thomas Tasker & Carmelo Rodriguez



Betty & Al Haboush



Jane & Cyril Tammadge



Rose & Burt Burley



Brian Zgliczynski (Speaker)



Victor Van Lint

Spring Luncheon at Ballast Point Miramar, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 11:30 am.

Directions: From I-805 take the Miramar Road exit and proceed Eastbound to Camino Santa Fe, then proceed Northbound to Trade Street, then right on Carroll Way. Ballast Point Miramar in on your left,

From I-15 take the Miramar Road and proceed Westbound to Camino Santa Fe, then proceed Northbound to Trade Street, then right on Carroll Way. Ballast Point Miramar in on your left.

Return this completed form **by Wednesday February 26, 2020**, with your check for **\$35.00** per person for paid members and guests, or **\$40.00** for non-paid members/guests payable to G.A. Retirees Association Inc. to:

Nancy Hitchcox
12302 Old Stone Road
Poway, CA 92064
nancy.hitchcox@gmail.com
858-335-4839

Name: _____

Guest Name: _____