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**Summer Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, July 10, 2019**  
**Bernardo Heights Country Club**  
 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway  
 San Diego, CA 92128

**11:30 to 2:30**

Served Luncheon, \$32 per person

**Speaker: Tibor Varga, PE (CE)**

**“The Global Water Challenge”**

**Menu**

Jack Daniels Chicken Breast

Applewood Smoked Pork Loin

Mediterranean Penne Pasta (Vegetarian)

**Cash bar**

**Directions and reservation form on Page 8**

Club in RB. We are trying to find convenient locations for all and we haven't been there for several years due to remodeling and change of ownership. Remember to send in reservation and check to Nancy Hitchcox – see last page for info. (Note we've had to slightly increase the luncheon cost to \$32 since prices are going up). Speaker: Tibor Varga, PE (CE), water treatment and distribution expert, topic: “The Global Water Challenge”. This is a timely topic since we've just came out of a drought, and Gov Newsom proposed a \$140 water tax that the state legislature has tabled for now. As a follow up extra event, we may be able to take a small group to tour the Poseidon reverse osmosis sea water to fresh water facility in Carlsbad.

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## From the President, Jim Zgliczynski

Our Spring Luncheon was held 3-6-19 at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside. The Speaker was Dr Mehdi Saram, international nuclear consultant,

speaking on “Global Nuclear Waste Management”. Dr Saram gave a comprehensive view of the large quantity of spent nuclear fuel that needs disposal worldwide. With the US postponement/abandonment of the Yucca Mountain spent fuel storage facility, spent fuel from US nuclear power plants, like San Onofre, has nowhere to go other than on-site interim storage. Maybe surprisingly, Finland seems to be the country moving forward with permanent storage plans with all other countries far behind, other than France where they reprocess their fuel.

**NOTE: The GARA Summer luncheon had to be postponed until Wednesday, July 10 to accommodate the speaker's overseas travel plans. So put that date in your plans.**

**Our next GARA luncheon is Wednesday July 10, 2019 at 1130-2 pm at the Bernardo Heights Country**

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***Save the Date for the GARA Fall Luncheon, THURSDAY September 19, 2019 at the MCAS Miramar Officers Club.*** Topic: A panel of TRIGA veterans discuss the 60+ year history of TRIGA worldwide, in honor of the final decommissioning of the GA TRIGA site after many long successful years of service.

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 is retiring June 7 – so when you see her – buy her a drink!

***(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 Ridgmont Circle, Escondido, CA 92027.

## In Memorium

### Curt A. Perry

9/27/1932 – 1/25/2019

Sixty-nine-year San Diego resident and retired nuclear engineer, devoted husband and father, Curt A. Perry, 86, passed away peacefully in his La Jolla



home on Friday, January 25, 2019.

Curt was born in New York City and his family moved to California when Curt was 13. He loved living in California, especially enjoying the beaches and sunshine. Along with his siblings, Lois and Cyrus, he attended La Jolla Junior Senior High School where he first learned tennis. After commuting daily to San Diego State University from Carlsbad, working several jobs, and doing homework during the many hours while waiting for public transportation, he graduated as a chemical engineer. His diligence in balancing work and education proved to be vital in the large responsibility he would have as a U. S. Naval Officer. Joining an air intelligence unit in the Navy, he was stationed mainly in Rhode Island and Tennessee. Having served for 4 years, and anticipating military discharge, he applied early and was thrilled to be hired at the new General Atomics (G.A.) in La Jolla.

Curt met his wife, Jackie, while both attended San Diego State and then after graduating they met again at a party. After a couple of years of dating, they married in 1962. G.A. - related business provided them the wonderful experience to travel in Europe, including a visit to his extended family in Norway. After serving at G.A. for 25 years, which included being on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, he retired early, at 51, to start his own consulting business in 1983.

Curt was a longtime leader in several local churches. As a key figure on mission boards, he was an invaluable resource to steward business and finance issues for missionaries and other ministries. His selfless and sacrificial service to missionaries made an immense difference in forming a lifeline from America to the foreign fields in which they were serving. His humorous and insightful observations were unique and appreciated by those who knew him.

He enjoyed tennis, bicycling and skiing until his late 70's. Curt was such an able tennis player, that he often played opponents half his age in order to keep

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the game challenging. In addition, he enjoyed leading Bible studies and entertaining his two granddaughters. Curt is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jackie; daughter, Michele (Jay); son, Craig (Annemarie); sister, Lois Perry Lynn; granddaughters, Natasha and Kendall; great-granddaughter, Lilly; and a host of extended family and friends.



## Patricia A. Miller

9/27/1941 – 5/22/2019

Surrounded by loving family, Patricia Audrey Miller, ne Leary, age 77, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Born in Brainerd, MN, to her parents Clifford A. Leary and Audrey M. Leary, nee Haller, she moved with her family to San Diego as a toddler. The family settled on Mount Helix and Patricia had a happy childhood that included many animals (cows, chickens, goats, dogs, cats, and even a monkey). She also owned and showed horses with friends. She attended local schools, including Madison and Chase elementary schools (she loved riding her horse to school!), El Cajon Junior High School, Grossmont High School, and San Diego State University.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, stepmother Goldie, sister June Pogue, and twin brother Robert Leary. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Michael Miller, three brothers, Clifford, Frank, and James Leary; her six children, David, Laura, Bill, Linda, Michelle, and Michael; and four grandchildren, Della, Stevie, Miles, and Madison. Patricia was a dynamic, loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother.

While raising a large family, she also successfully pursued a full-time career. She started working at the age of 17 for Ryan Aeronautical as a records clerk. She then went to work for General Atomics in

La Jolla for more than 22 years, where she proudly became the company's first female manager and was admired by many. She eventually retired in 2001 as an Executive Vice President at Hansen Quality in San Diego.

Outside of her career and spending time with family, Patricia enjoyed travelling, riding motorcycles, making photo books, and getting the best deals when shopping! Patricia practiced kindness and sharing, providing guidance and wisdom to many. She was always there to help anybody in need, her sound guidance and encouragement positively impacting many family and friends during tough times. She was often referred to as "a second mom" by her nieces and nephews and many of her kids' friends. Pat's great sense of humor and always-on smile could bring immediate happiness to all. She is dearly missed, but left behind a wealth of knowledge and unforgettable words of wisdom that will continue to be shared with others.

## Donald Paul Giegler

4/25/1936 – 4/13/2019

Received news from Phil Newman that Don Giegler passed away On April 13. He had bladder cancer that showed up last fall before wife Lu Ann passed away in December, and he's gone downhill fast the last couple of months. Apparently the cancer spread quickly through his system in the last few weeks. He's been cared for by Lu Ann's daughters.

## Robert Dalry

Robert Dalry ended his journey on May 15, at home with his family at his side. He lived a full and productive life that left the world a better place. He will be remembered at a family celebration of life. Bob was the manager in the HTGR programs in the seventies and later became the Facilities Director at GA.

SPRING MEETING – EL CAMINO COUNTRY CLUB - MARCH 6, 2019



**John Baur & Randy Hager**



**Jana Hubler & Terry Powell**



**Pauline Hager & Mercedes Stankowski**



**Katie Young & Linda Parise**



**Dan & Jane Goodin**



**Linda Parise & Donna Oellien**

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**Nancy Homeyer & Joyce Quade**



**Alan Zimmer & Patricia Simmons**



**Robert Stetson, Sharon McKinney & Richard Pepper**



**Patricia & Douglas Simmons**



**Chris & Vladimir Nicolayeff**



**Harlan Horner & Robin Luby**

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**Niles Johanson & Virgil Barbat**



**Dr. Mehdi Saram (Speaker) & Nahid Dehpour**



**Carmelo Rodriguez & Phil Newman**



**Stephanie & Ed Smythe**



**Ken Dawson \* Thomas Tasker**



**Susan & Jim Zgliczynski**

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**Jim Zgliczynski & Vojin Joksimovich**



**Mary Hartly, Robert Quade & John Neill**

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**Directions:** Take Interstate 15 south. Exit Bernardo Center Drive and turn left. Turn right onto Bernardo Heights Parkway (1st signal after the freeway). Continue up the hill for 0.8 miles. Entrance is on the right.

Take Interstate 15 north. Exit Bernardo Center Drive and turn right. Turn right onto Bernardo Heights Parkway (1st signal after the freeway). Continue up the hill for 0.8 miles.

Return this completed form **by Friday, June 28 2019**, with your check for **\$32.00** per person for paid members and guests, or **\$37.00** for non-paid members/guests payable to G.A. Retirees Association Inc. to:

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