

GARA News

Annual Meeting Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Butcher Shop Restaurant
5525 Kearny Villa Road
San Diego, CA 92123
Valet parking available for a small fee
11:30 to 2:00

Served Lunch
\$35 for members & guests
\$40 for nonmembers

Speaker: Dr. Brian Zgliczynski
"The 100 Island Challenge"

Tri Tip
Salmon
Mediterranean Pasta (Vegetarian)
Cash bar

Directions and reservation form on Page 8



From the President, Jim Zgliczynski

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consisting of Liz Drees, Junaid Razvi, and Tony Veca. They summarized the history of success of the GA TRIGA programs, which covered more than 60 years, on the eve of the final decommissioning of the GA TRIGA facilities at Torrey Pines, scheduled to complete this year. The TRIGA program has been arguably the most successful, innovative GA nuclear program with worldwide deployment of more than 60 TRIGAS, with the last facility commissioned in Morocco. There was much interest by members to receive copies of the presentation, so the PDF of the presentation is posted on the GARA website. The presentation includes a short video of a TRIGA pulsing and a montage of the Morocco construction. **Our next GARA luncheon is Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 1130 am -2:30 pm at the Butcher Shop in Kearny Mesa. Remember to send in your reservation and check and menu selection to**

Nancy Hitchcox – see last page for info. The final GARA luncheon of the year will include the annual business meeting, GARA Board Election (see ballot included in this newsletter), **and the ever popular door prizes.** Thanks to all 2019 GARA Board members who have agreed to run for another one-year term. We are still looking for more participation – so volunteer if you can.

If you cannot attend the winter luncheon, you may send in your GARA Board Ballot by email or mail to Pat Simmons at psimmons0106@gmail.com or 13504 Old Sycamore Dr, San Diego 92128.

Speaker and Topic: Dr. Brian Zgliczynski (Dr. BZ), marine biologist, coral reef expert, and project scientist at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography will be talking about "The 100 Island Challenge" of coral reef research. (Continued on Page 2)

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Yes, Dr. BZ is my son (smarter and better looking than me). Dr. BZ has surveyed reefs throughout the world from Okinawa, Palau, Tahiti, Northwest Hawaiian Islands, Florida Keys,



Curacao, and as far away as the Maldives. He'll have a lot of interesting science, pictures and videos and he will explain their project team's innovative 3D computer-generated mosaics and maybe some mermaid stories. (Somewhere in this newsletter is a pix of Dr. BZ

discovering the wreck of Amelia Earhart's plane?)

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?

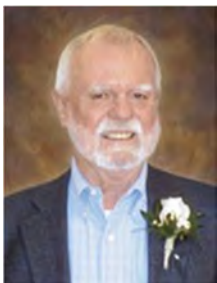
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(NOTE: All dues payments go to Niles Johanson at 6083 Via Regla, SD 92122. If you haven't sent in your \$10 annual dues please do so now. Consider paying several years in advance so you don't forget.)

In Memorium



G. Patrick Pat' Connors, Jr.

January 17, 1936 - October 12, 2019

G. Patrick Connors, Jr., 83, was born on January 17, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, the first born of 8 children to George and Sylvia Connors. Pat grew up on the

East side of Detroit, attending Annunciation and St. Matthew grade schools, and then graduating from St. Joseph High School in 1953. Pat went on to attend the University of Detroit as a mechanical engineering major and later obtained his Professional Engineer license. Pat also joined the Army

Reserve, where he received his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Pat married Norma Taylor, also a Detroit native, on January 31, 1959. Shortly after marriage, Pat and Norma moved out west to Rancho Cordova, California (near Sacramento) after Pat got a job at Aerojet General, and they started their family of six children. While there, the family was active in the St. John Vianney Parish and School. In November of 1973, Pat got a new job at General Atomics in La Jolla, California, and the family moved to Encinitas, California, where Pat remained for 46 years until his passing. In Encinitas, Pat's growing family through marriages and grandchildren has been active in the St. John the Evangelist Parish and School.

On May 18, 1984, Pat and Norma suffered the tragic loss of their beloved son, Jim. Although their hearts were broken, they continued being the same incredibly loving and supportive parents to their children. On February 2, 2013, Pat lost Norma due to cancer, his cherished wife of 54 years.

Pat was a man of strong faith and deep conviction. God and his family meant everything to him. He had an incredible work ethic and was extremely loyal. He was a highly intelligent man and was very fine company to be with. He took care of his family and set a strong example for his children and grandchildren concerning devotion to God, willingness to volunteer and support worthy causes, and having the courage to stand up for what is right. He was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus and he very much valued the sharing of his faith with his friends at the Catholic Men's Fellowship at St. John Church. Pat also loved his Irish heritage and enjoyed the camaraderie of his friends in the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

On October 12, 2019, after being diagnosed with cancer only a couple months before, Pat passed away peacefully at home surrounded by the large family he loved so much. Pat is survived by his daughter Colleen Bethea (husband Pete, grandchildren Peter, Mary (Matt Bolton), Michael (Alyssa Bethea), and Danny (Jen Bethea)), son Pat Connors (wife Trish, grandchildren Patrick (Ashley Connors), Kelly (Dustin Hawkins), and Kaitlin), son John Connors (granddaughters Natalie and Taylor), daughter Kasie Lindberg (grandson Johnny), and daughter Maureen Auer (husband Hans, grandchildren Sarah and Johann), along with great-grandchildren Mason, Weston, Coralie, Olivia, Will, MacKenzie, Rylie, George and Jack, with two more on the way.

A Visitation will be held at El Camino Memorial-Encinitas Chapel (formerly Encinitas Mortuary), 340 Melrose Avenue, Encinitas, CA, 92024, on Sunday, November 17, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the Rosary being said at 6:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas, CA, 92024, on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception immediately following in the Parish Hall.

GA Retirees Association (GARA)
Ballot for 2019 GARA Board Members

PRESIDENT –

- Jim Zgliczynski
- Write In _____

VICE PRESIDENT –

- Vojin Joksimovich
- Write In _____

SECRETARY –

- Pat Simmons
- Write In _____

TREASURER –

- Niles Johanson
- Write In _____

SOCIAL CHAIR –

- Nancy Hitchcox
- Write In _____

NEWSLETTER EDITOR –

- Jim McNair
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE –

- Carmelo Rodriguez
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE –

- Ken Dawson
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE –

- Tom Tasker
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE –

- Al Zimmer
- Write In _____

A vote of the membership will take place at the annual business meeting to be held December 4th, 2019 at the Butcher Shop Steakhouse (see November newsletter). If you are unable to attend and would like to cast a ballot, please submit it by mail before December 1st to **Pat Simmons at 13504 Old Sycamore Dr, San Diego 92128**. Or email to psimmons0106@gmail.com

GA Retirees Association

October 30, 2019 GARA Board Meeting

TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP REPORT QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

BofA CHECKING ACCOUNT SUMMARY (9/30/19)

Beginning balance on August 1, 2019		\$ 9,008.59
Deposits		\$ 1,540.00
Membership dues received during 3rd Quarter:	60.00	
Proceeds from lunch payments (49 paid)	1,480.00	
Debits:		\$ 1,680.39
Deposit to Butcher Shop Rest. - Winter'19 Luncheon:	300.00	
Reimb's to McNair:	64.00	
Reimb's to Hitchcox:	1,316.39	
Ending balance on Sept.30, 2019:		\$ 8,868.20

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Sept. 30, 2019</u>
B of A Checking Acct Balance:	\$ 8,868.20
Fixed Assets, Digital Projector:	\$ 132.39
Winter Luncheon Down Payment - Butcher Shop Rest.:	\$ 300.00
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 9,300.59

GA Retirees Association

October 30, 2019 GARA Board Meeting

TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP REPORT QUARTER ENDING SEPT 30, 2019

PROFIT & LOSS, 3Q2019

Income

3rd Quarter Meeting Income :	\$ 1,480.00
Membership dues & misc. (thru 9/30):	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
Total Income:	\$ 1,540.00

Expenses:

3rd Quarter Meeting Costs – MCAS O.C.:	\$ 1,140.39
Newsletter & Cake cost reimbursements:	\$ 240.00
Down Pmt (Dec.Luncheon) - Butcher Shop Rest.	\$ 300.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 1,680.39

Net Income/(Loss): **\$ (140.39)**
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Current Members as of Sept 30, 2019: 178 (177 Paid + 1 Free)

Member Dues Status – Sept 30, 2019:

Members paid up through 2019 & beyond:	107 (104)
Members paid up through 2018:	21 (23)
Members paid up through 2017:	18 (18)
Members paid up through 2016:	16 (16)
Members paid up through 2015:	15 (15)
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	177 (176)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
FALL LUNCHEON



Betty & Al Haboush



Sharon & Richard Pepper



Liz Drees & Junaid Razvi



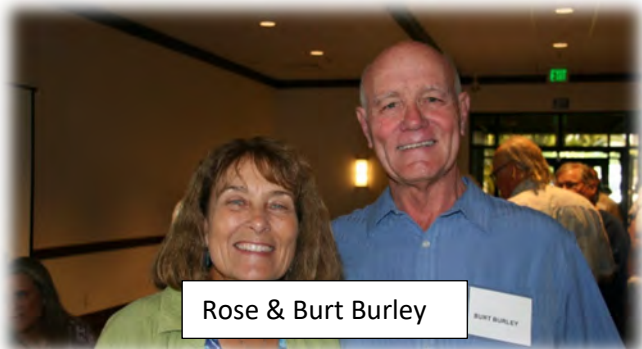
Jim Zglicznski & Bruce Trumbo



Tom Tasker



Sari & Peter Gantzel



Rose & Burt Burley

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

FALL LUNCHEON



Vlaimir Nicolayeff & Alan Zimmer



Katie Young, Jana Hubler & Terry Powell



Lindsey Bier & Robert Stetson



Frank Warner & John Bauer



Susan Zgliczynski & Carmelo Rodriguez



Jane & Dan Goodin



Woody Snyder



Donna Oellien & Linda Parise

Annual Meeting at Butcher Shop Restaurant, Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 11:30 am.

Directions: From the west on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, cross highway 163 and turn right on Kearny Villa Road, proceed south for ½ block to Butcher Shop, 5255 Kearny Villa Road, on your left. From south or north on highway 163, exit CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD EAST to Kearny Villa Road and proceed as above. From EAST of highway 163, on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, turn left (south) on Kearny Villa Road and proceed as above. Valet parking is available for a small fee, free parking is very limited.

Return this completed form **by Friday, November 22, 2019**, 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:

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858-335-4839

Name: _____ Tri Tip Salmon Mediterranean Pasta (veg)

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Tri Tip Salmon Mediterranean Pasta (veg)