

## OCT '95 NEWSLETTER

Dear Cousins,

With considerable trepidation and abundant confusion, I shakily begin to take the reins so confidently held all these years by our mother June. I had dimly imagined that I might enjoy carrying on the tradition at some point in the distant future, preferably after my retirement from fulltime employment - but here I am, unprepared but ready to try.

When I agreed to take over the newsletter, it seemed a fairly simple task. I have already discovered that there is much more to it and realize that I will need a lot of help from all contributors to avoid piling errata upon errata. Please help me if you can by typing info and including number and page references when you contribute. I hope Robbie and I will be able to continue the work so capably performed by Mother.

My job as a building inspector for the City & Co. of San Francisco keeps me quite busy. My current primary assignment is to formulate and train to a plan for emergency response and earthquake preparedness.

After supervising the post-earthquake inspection following Loma Prieta, my past 5 years with the City was spent coordinating special inspection (structural welding, concrete, masonry, etc.). As an adjunct to this work, I'm on several national committees and liaison between the International Conference of Building Officials and the American Welding Society. I'm especially active in this capacity now as we develop a national certification exam for structural steel/welding special inspectors to pilot this spring in anticipation of the merger of the 3 major U.S. model building codes into a single national code.

My free time is divided among my 4 children with their various mates (Damon & Mary Ann, Ange & Dave, Pam & Kirk, Bryan & Elena) and my soon-to-be-6 grandchildren (Devon via D&MA; Josh, Jairus, Jordan, James, & to-be-named Kirk via P&K), photographing auto races, and other pleasures. I'm fortunate that all of my youngsters live within an hour's drive; it's a constant joy to watch my grandchildren grow and change.

Robbie keeps active working part-time as a concrete post-tensioning detailer, spending time with husband Wayne (an enthusiastic novice genealogist) and their fledglings Jason and Jennifer, and hitting the nearby and distant ski slopes and golf courses with frequent fervor.

Together Robbie and I will try to figure out how to make this work, albeit with many phone calls to Mother. We welcome your info and suggestions.

Sincerely,  
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