



# GETA NEWSLETTER

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## ***WINTER DINNER MEETING***

***"Environmental Health on the Brink of....  
Opportunity, Collapse, New Science, What?  
The 21st Century and Toxicology"***

**Speaker: Richard Joseph Jackson, MD, MPH  
Adjunct Professor**

**Division of Environmental Health Sciences, UC Berkeley**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2006**

**Casa Orinda Restaurant  
20 Bryant Way, Orinda**

**Reception: 6:00 pm (no-host bar)**

**Dinner: 7:00 pm**

Dr. Jackson will discuss his thoughts on the big challenges of the 21st century. "As much as information management has changed in the last 25 years, the next 25 will bring just as much change in climate, living conditions, governance, biomonitoring, regulation, epidemiology, and infectious diseases. Will GETA get it?"

***Registration Deadline is Friday, March 17th!!***

# Directions to Casa Orinda Restaurant:

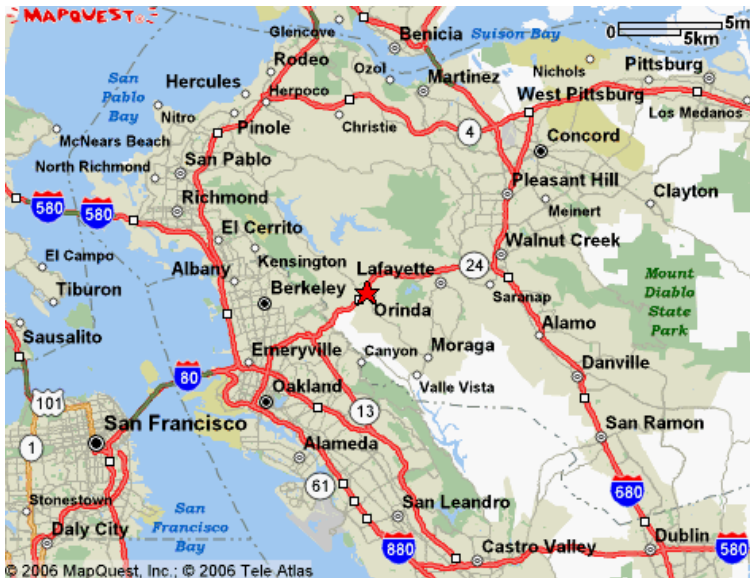
Casa Orinda is located at 20 Bryant Way, Orinda, (925) 254-2981

- (1) via BART: take the Pittsburg/Bay Point line to the Orinda station. Turn right when exiting the station. Walk up the ramp that goes over the street and turn right at the first right. Go about 1.5 blocks and turn left onto Brookwood (at the stoplight). Go 1 block and turn left. Go ½ block and turn right. Casa Orinda is the 2nd or 3rd building on the right. (about 4 blocks total walking).
- (2) via Car: take Hwy 24 east. About 1 mile past the Caldecott Tunnel, exit at the Orinda exit. Go straight through the stoplight at the bottom of the exit ramp. (Parking option #1 is just past the stoplight on the left side). Go 1 block (Parking option #2 = turn right and look for parking) – to go to restaurant turn left. Go ½ block and veer right. Casa Orinda is about 1/8 block up on the right side. (Parking option #3 = valet parking in front of Casa Orinda)

Parking option #1: underground parking with good likelihood of available spaces, there will be a fee (Casa Orinda does not validate)

Parking option #2: Street parking wherever you can find it (e.g., turn right rather than left from Brookwood to more likely parking down by Nations).

Parking option #3: Valet parking in front of Casa Orinda (no fee but please tip)



## GETA Election Results

Our new Board members are:

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| President-elect:           | Amy Arcus-Arth   |
| Secretary:                 | Linda Rausch     |
| Member at Large:           | Hanna Ng         |
| Government Representative: | Steve DiZio      |
| Student/Post-doc Rep:      | Rebecca Erickson |

Thanks to all who ran and all who will serve on the Board. Without the GETA Board, the organization doesn't exist.

## NATIONAL MEETINGS

### Society of Toxicology (SOT)

#### 45th Annual Meeting

March 5-9, 2006

San Diego, California

[www.toxicology.org](http://www.toxicology.org)

### Environmental Mutagen Society (EMS)

#### 37th Annual EMS Meeting

September 16-20, 2006

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

[www.ems-us.org](http://www.ems-us.org)



# President's Comments

.... *by Inge Ivens*

**G**ETA is moving into the new year 2006 with an exiting program for our three annual meetings. Amy Arcus, our new GETA Program Chair and President Elect is planning the upcoming Winter Dinner meeting for March 21 and has recruited Dick Jackson. He is a great speaker and will discuss: "Environmental Health on the brink of...opportunity, collapse, new science, what? The 21st Century and toxicology." Please make sure to confirm participation soon. This will help us plan details of the meeting.

Let me welcome and congratulate the new and returning GETA Board members and thank them for their participation. The GETA Board is now discussing upcoming GETA items monthly by teleconference. Please contact me (cell: 510 225 5813) or Amy by telephone or e-mail if there are topics you want to have the Board address this year. I encourage members to contact us and also start thinking about the fall election (this is never too early). Lastly, I encourage everybody to work on recruiting new members to our group.

One of the first actions resulting from our last teleconference in January is the re-design of our current Web Page (<http://www.ems-us.org/geta/>). It will reside in the same place, but will be updated and extended. We will announce its completion by e-mail.

In the past year we have held two very successful meetings, our speaker at the winter dinner meeting discussed the breast cancer rate in Marin during the dinner at H's Lordships in Berkeley. The spring meeting on Stem Cell Research was hosted by SRI. The planned third meeting in fall was canceled since it

collided with scientific meetings and may have been to close to the holiday season. We have to work on a more suitable time this year.

Finally I wish to thank the outgoing board members and specially Tom MacDonald, our outgoing president for their dedication and excellent work this past year.

I am looking forward to working with Amy and our board and wish you and your families all the best.

**GETA WEBSITE**

**T**he Environmental Mutagen Society (EMS) is generously hosting our website. To get to the site, first go to the EMS website at [www.ems-us.org](http://www.ems-us.org) and click on the link for **GETA** on the Information Power Page. Watch for the new webdesign coming soon!

**GETA NOW HAS YAHOO GROUPS**

GETA now has a YAHOO group. The URL for the GETA group is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/getamembers/>

Using the links to the left members can post messages, list files, create polls, etc. It's easy and best of all it's free. Using the "Members" link on the left members can access and edit preferences. Contact Laurie Monserrat [LMONSERR@oehha.ca.gov](mailto:LMONSERR@oehha.ca.gov) if you have questions.

## 2006 GETA Executive Board

The Executive Board is given the responsibility of determining all policy and business related to the Association. To this end, you are urged to contact any Board member with any suggestions you may have, concerns, meeting topics, and general business to be considered.

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(New or Renewing Members)

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please give the above information as you would like it to appear in the On-Line Membership Directory.

## RENEWING MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS!!

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if above address is new \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Member, 1 year	\$15
Regular Member, 2 year	\$25 ( <i>save 5 bucks!</i> )
Regular Member, 3 year	\$35 ( <i>save 10 bucks!!</i> )
Student/Postdoc, 1 year	\$ 7

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed form and check made payable to **GETA** to:

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