



**2011 FWS
Retiree Reunion**

**The Fish & Wildlife
Service Retirees
Association
2011 Reunion**

February 27, 2011

to

March 2, 2011

at

San Diego, California



at

**A luxury waterside resort on
Mission Bay**

Special negotiated lodging rate - \$109 + tax

Includes a cooked breakfast

Complimentary airport/Amtrak shuttle

The Association of Retired Fish & Wildlife Service Employees has scheduled the 2011 retiree reunion in San Diego, California, February 26 through March 5 (core dates 2/27—3/2) -- a week of exciting activities that begin with a Saturday night early arrival and a no-host informal get together followed by an after meeting extension caravan trip to view desert wild flowers. Here is a snapshot of the planned schedule of events:

DRAFT AGENDA - Final Still Being Developed

- Sat. 2/26** 6-8 p.m. Early Arrivals , An informal No-Host Social Get Together. For drinks? Dinner? See Message Board
- Sun. * 2/27** Morning Church – San Diego Old Town State Historic Park – Birthplace of California
11 a.m. Brunch - *Casa de Reyes*, a courtyard restaurant in the center of Fiesta de Reyes, Old Town.
2-6 p.m. Regular Arrivals, Registration table – lobby area
- Mon. * 2/28** 8:30 a.m. Meeting for partial day; Welcoming, Presentations
p.m. Retirees - Free time
6 – 10 p.m. Icebreaker Social – *Ballroom Terrace*- Featuring a variety of cheese & veggie plates with bread/crackers, plus hot hors d'oeuvres, cash bar w/2 complimentary drinks.
- Tue. * 3/01** 9:30 a.m. Day Trip to a San Diego major attraction - planning stage, Catered Lunch
- Wed. * 3/02** 8:30 a.m. Meeting - Presentations continue, Annual membership business meeting; p.m.: free time
6- 10 p.m Evening Banquet – *Mission Bay Ballroom* Rosemary Chicken, full course; Vegetarian options
- Thu. 3/03** 9 -10 a.m. The farewell gathering, remembrance of departed colleagues, open chair seating
10 a.m. Reunion Extension - Depart by private vehicle caravan – to Borrego Springs & Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. View desert wildflowers, the westernmost extent of the great southwestern geographical region known as the Sonoran Desert.
Overnight - **BORREGO SPRINGS RESORT** – AARP rate \$153 [Apr. 2010]
- Fri. 3/04** More touring and return trip. Airports at - San Diego [90 mi]; Palm Springs [86 mi]; Ontario [125 mi]; LA [150 mi];

* Core Reunion Dates

DETAILS

INFORMATION WE NEED NOW !! Reserved space was negotiated on the best estimate by your Association Board members of people who might attend We urge you to make your reservations as soon as you can. However if you know you will likely be attending but will be making reservations a little later, we still need to hear from you. We need a head count as soon as possible. A quick call or note to the Event Chairman, Jerry Grover is all that is needed. This will allow us to assure that the negotiated best prices and space will be available for all attendees. Your assistance here would be very much appreciated . Just let us know the following:

- Names of all Attending in your group - Best Contact e-mail/phone #
- Which nights will you be reserving a room at *The Dana*? Do you plan on the desert trip extension?

LODGING Rates + tax are \$109 run-of-house; \$139 Bay View; \$169 Bay View Suite ; single/dbl; cooked breakfast included. Individual attendees are responsible for their reservation and payment satisfactory to policies of *The Dana*. These special group rate prices assured until January 27, 2011 and honored 3 days pre/post reunion; after that date you take your chances for availability and at current lodging rate.

RESERVATIONS Please call (800) 445-3339 or (619)-222-6440. To book online, *The Dana Resort* exclusive link for FWS Retirees is at: https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=480348&hotelID=6545

REGISTRATION The Association will collect a registration fee from each attendee to cover all the organized costs of the reunion. The Retiree Association has negotiated for an all-inclusive group rate package for lodging, to provide an icebreaker social (includes 2 complimentary drinks): a full dinner banquet; a lunch; complimentary airport/Amtrak shuttle service between 8 am and 8 pm (a \$20 value each way); event transportation, entrance fees, and all gratuities and hotel charges, and a full set-up of meeting rooms to include water/coffee/tea service, sound system, etc. - all inclusive.

THE PER PERSON COST *FWS Attendees* - \$100 before 1/27/2011; \$105 after; *Separate* - Icebreaker only \$25 (2 comp drinks); Banquet only \$50.

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CONTACT: The Event Chairman is Jerry Grover, 503-684-1809 or Grover@FWSRetirees.org If you have any questions or comments, please let him or any Association Board member know.

For the latest information updates and a list of attendees, keep checking the official retiree web site: <http://www.fwsretirees.org>