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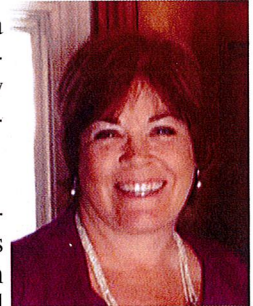
## President's Message

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It was certainly an exciting, shaky summer for Ridgecrest, China Lake and the surrounding areas. We were pleased that the Ridgecrest location of the museum suffered no damage other than a few broken cups in the gift shop. The outstanding design of the exhibits by Scott Millett kept all of our hardware intact. Thanks Scott!



The base location of the museum was not spared and some hardware damage did occur. Due to a team of foundation members and officers who put the displays back together and support from base personnel (Thanks Beth Emmons and team) the museum will reopen for tours and events on Sept 27th. Contact us at (760) 677-2866 to arrange a tour or event.

We were sad to lose Leo Grosbier this summer. Leo, a retired Navy CPO and retired civil servant, was an outstanding volunteer and served on the Board over the past year. He will be greatly missed.

The CLMF Board has decided to proceed with the next phase of construction with existing funds. Please see the article on page 2 for more information about this exciting development.

Our "Celebrating the 60's" dinner and dance is coming on Saturday November 16, 2019. Join us for trivia, games and lots of surprises from 5 PM to 10 PM at the Kerr McGee Center. **Get your tickets now— only 350 will be sold. Come in 60's attire for lots of fun.**

Come see us at The Petroglyph Festival Saturday and Sunday Nov 2nd and 3rd. Museum parking lot will have Petroglyph Festival vendors and bandstand. The T-39D will be open for tours on both days. Volunteers are needed for this event and others.

### Support Your Museum!

Shop at the gift shop. New items arriving weekly.

You can find us at:

Facebook - [@ChinaLakeMuseum](#)

Instagram - [@chinalakemuseum](#)

Website - [chinalakemuseum.org](#)



26 years strong

130 E. Las Flores Ave  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
[www.chinalakemuseum.org](#)  
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Grab a place in history at the China Lake Museum with a memorial brick.

From Patriot's Day (September 11<sup>th</sup>) to Veteran's Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>) you can purchase an 8x8 memorial brick for \$250 and add a 4x8 brick for an additional \$25, saving \$75.

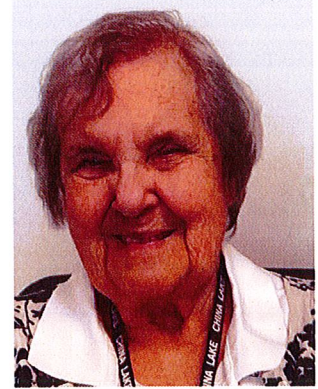
These memorial bricks will be placed around the museum until our memorial brick wall is completed.

Stop by the museum for a brick order form today.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT– ROSE DAVIS

Hi, I'm Rose Davis. I have been a Hostess at the Museum since the summer of 2004. I love meeting people from all over the country and all over the world. The best thing about being a volunteer is meeting people and finding out their story.

All of the volunteers have their own stories to tell. Some like me grew up here and others came as young professionals or even as young wives. My folks came here in June of 1949 when I was 11 years old. I attended Burroughs Junior High School (later Murray) and was a 1955 graduate of Burroughs High School. After a few years away I returned to Ridgecrest in 1969 and worked on base managing budgets for the range. That is where I met my husband Kenny.



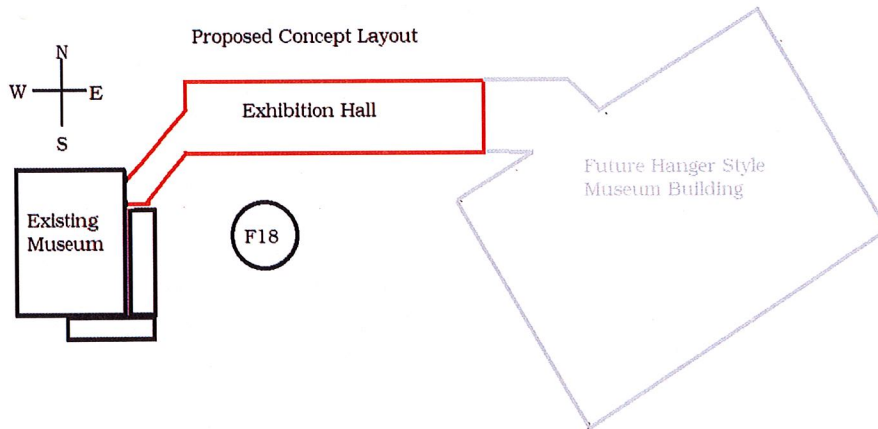
## NEXT PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION

The recent earthquakes have demonstrated the need to take the next step and move ahead with construction of a 4,000 sq. ft. addition to the museum using existing construction funds. This 30 Ft X 130 Ft addition (Exhibition Hall) to the existing museum will allow relocation of missiles and other hardware of significant size as well as provide for new and improved exhibits.

This design will facilitate integration with existing as well as future construction projects.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE - FOUNDERS PROGRAM

For the last two years Building Founders with \$5,000 or more in contributions have been awarded Life Membership. After December 31, 2019 future Life Memberships will be awarded only at the \$10,000 Founders Level. If

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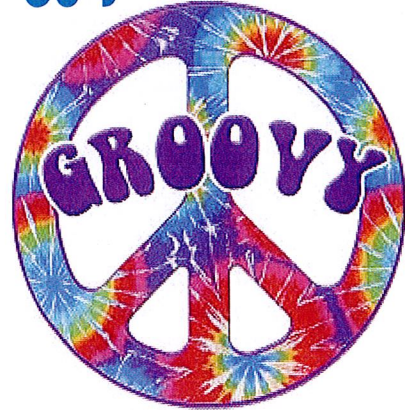
**\*\* Donation will be made to CLMF upon completion of sale.**



# It's time to "Celebrate the 60's"

When: Saturday, November 16, 2019

Where: Kerr-McGee Center  
100 W. California Ave.,  
Ridgecrest, CA



5:00-6:00: Happy Hour with Groovy  
Retro Cocktails

6:00-7:30: Dinner and 60's Music

7:30-8:30: Blast from the Past -  
games, skits, trivia and a bit of  
fun history

8:30-10:00: Dancing to the 60's  
with DJ Mike Rylander

Games

Dancing

Dinner

Photo Booth

Retro Dessert "Can" Raffle

You are encouraged to dress in period  
clothing whether that be Engineer,  
Mod, Sailor, Scientist, Hippie, Twiggy, bell bottoms, or whatever  
is (was) hip!

Open to ages 21 and up

Tickets \$40 per person

Table Sponsorships:

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Program

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and recognition in program and  
corporate banner



Tickets on sale at China Lake Museum - 130 E. Las Flores Ave, Ridgecrest or by phone  
(760) 677-2866

Limited tickets available - Please purchase tickets ASAP for planning purposes. Ticket  
sales Now to November 8. Table assignment may be chosen at time of ticket purchase

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