

## WHAT'S CAROL BEEN UP TO IN 2011?



What an awesome **adventure 2011** was ... and still is! As I am finishing my mini-



vacation **Thanksgiving weekend in Tucson** with my son, Matt and my in-laws, Chris & Mary and their 3 young adults, I am thinking about all of the good times I have had this past year. I started the year with a goal - everything I would participate in, would bring me **JOY**. These are some of the events and activities that were **JOYFUL** for me this year!



In May, I was in **Lake Arrowhead, California** for a Retreat with my Spiritual Center from Redondo Beach. A time of introspection and self-growth ... and yes, I cried at the end! Looking forward to next year!

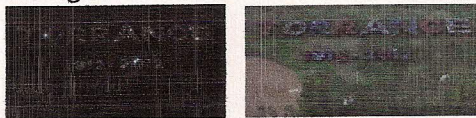
In July, I celebrated my 61<sup>st</sup> birthday with my son, Matt. He took me to see "**Cars 2**". I am a fan of Pixar Animation! My kind of movie! I also attended "**The Pageant of the Masters**" in Laguna Beach with Carolyn Jurgelwicz and Dena Bricker – two of my close friends!

As you may remember, I am on the Board of Directors with the **Friends of the Torrance Theatre Co.** During this Spring and Summer, we had a fundraiser at the CSL in Redondo Beach. So I blended my two favorites and **HOSTED** an Opening Night Performance for "**CHICAGO**" at the James Armstrong Theater in Torrance. For the **DIVINE DINING** fundraiser – 12 people bid on the privilege of having a light dinner, pre-show "**Chicago Speakeasy**" entertainment and **FRONT ROW CENTER** seats. I am considering doing this again next August. Everyone loved the show!

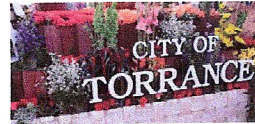


The **USS Abraham Lincoln**, an aircraft carrier, was docked in San Pedro in September. My **South Bay HOG Chapter** Harley friends got a private tour... and my dear friend, Tim, put me on the back of his Harley, for the trip over. What an awesome event! We got up to the bridge; most visitors are not invited. About 5000 people are onboard when deployed; a regular floating city.

**The city of Torrance is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2012.** So a bunch of us, 3000 to be exact, got together to immortalize Torrance in lights ... **I WAS IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> R IN TORRANCE** – upper right corner!



And now for my **TA-DAH MOMENT!** To start the **NEW YEAR with a BANG!** I will be one of 17



passengers on the **City of Torrance's** entry in the **ROSE FLOAT PARADE!!!** So in between your football games on **MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012, around 9-9:30 am,** the Torrance Rose Float will be on your TV. Watch me **WAVE!!**

So 2011 has been a year of Spiritual growth, new friends, awesome clients, an abundance of love and appreciation for everyone I come in contact with. So bring on 2012 - **I AM READY!!**

Check in with me when you get a chance ... email is best at [Carol@CarolGilles.com](mailto:Carol@CarolGilles.com).

*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah & Happy New Year*  
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