

Oakland World Wings Chapter April 1, 2020
Newsletter a bit early from President Louise Diracles

I'm sending this out early as **all our events are on hold because of the Corona Virus**. Be safe; be well. Let me know when you receive this: louisediracles@comcast.net

Thank you Jennie Young! \$230 was raised at the Uncle Yu's lunch (as Jennie put in \$100 so she won't pay \$10/event this year.) \$110 was raised to support our charities from the Delancey St. lunch that Gloria Reid arranged. There was also a \$200 donation from the Kaplans so we're starting the year off with \$540 for our charities: A Friendly Place and Doctors Without Borders.

Sallie Andersen reported on the SFO's museum with the Flying the Freedom Birds on exhibit and asked that we call 1-650-821-6717 to donate items for their aviation collections. They are also collecting stories from stewardesses. Sally may organize a trip to the SFO Museum.

Cancelled or Postponed: Lucy Hart and Suzy Proescher were planning a lunch on ~~Thurs., 3/26/20, 11:30 am~~, on the waterfront in Antioch. Suzy highly recommended Smith's Landing Seafood Grill in the old Humphrey's location on the San Joaquin river. They have a package for groups that is \$28 per person. Suzy is very impressed with their chef and thinks the food is top notch. The address is: 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch. ~~RSVP to me, Lucy Hart, at (925) 889-9656 or~~ lucyhart552@gmail.com

Cancelled or Postponed: Hetta Malone is planning a 3 course luncheon at the DVC Norseman Culinary School, 321 Golf Club Road, Concord, on ~~Thursday, April 16th at 11:30 am~~. Parking is \$3.00 and the lunch is \$15 cash which includes tax and tip. ~~PLEASE RSVP to Hetta: hetta.malone@gmail.com~~

Our chapter will be 40 years young this year. Please send me your ideas for a celebration. Marilyn Kaplan may host a pot luck at her home in June.

Emilia de Geer wants us to save May 5th for a Tamalie making Cinco de Mayo event. The date for this event is in flux.

Dues are due May 1, 2020. Liv won't cash your \$50 check until May 1st so you can send it to her before that.

Liv Milan: 4876 Waterbury Way, Granite Bay CA 95746-6423. Those that have already paid their dues include: Sally, Laurie, Kay, Lucy, Diana, Hetta, Liv, Margaret, Genie, Suzy, Linda, Solweig, Liz and Jennie.

If you like the international officer slate as is, you don't need to do anything. Biographies for Int'l. Board members are attached.

However, if you have a suggestion for us, please read the following slate of current Board Members, and make your suggestion to me Louise, louisediracles@comcast.net, and she will send it on to International.

Current Board Members

President	Nancy McAllister
VP Operations	Irene Schwartz
VP Ways & Means	Carol Crown
Treasurer	Liv Milan
Recording Secretary	Susan Denness

Interline Luncheon, October 10, 2020, this year sponsored by TWA. If you would like to attend, please send your first and last name and email address to honeypettigrew@yahoo.com. She will put you on the email list and send additional information via Evite as soon as it is available. Please share this with anyone else interested in attending.

From Janet Bisbing:

To my friends at World Wings:

It is with some sorrow that I will be leaving you all as of May 9. These many years with all of you (since my retirement) has been a delight and joy. From day one, you welcomed me with open arms and ...I jumped right in. Thank you for being my friends and my companions and thank you for reuniting me with the international world that is such an integral part of my life. As a farewell, Hetta will be planning a luncheon at the Creekside Grill in Rossmoor on Friday, May 1st if the shelter in place order is lifted. Of course, this will depend upon the health of our nation/area at the time. However, I am hoping that all will be well by then, and that I can see as many of you as possible before I leave for my new home back east. With much gratitude, Janet: jbing1024@gmail.com

Sylvia Ortlieb who now lives at Atria Valley View shared the experiences of her “flying days 1955 - 1961 with the residents there this past February. The presentation was part of the Career Corner program where residents share activities, travels and professional memories.



Pam Feack reports about A Friendly Manor:

After a very successful January lunch we are back to our usual hot lunch schedule the 4th Wednesday, of every month, on Feb. 26th turkey pasta, fresh fruit, rolls and fresh salad were served. Pam, Peggy, Else, Welsh, our new member Patrice Otten and Hetta served. Thank you to all who continue to support The Friendly Manor, every penny counts towards helping women in dire straits to have a hot meal, shower & needed essentials to ease life on the streets. Thank you a thousand times for your

generous donations. Please call or e mail Pam if you can volunteer for this worthwhile project:
pamelavo1@sbcglobal.net or call: 510-655-5675 Pam Feack.



Hetta Malone, Else Welsh and Pam Feack serving a hot lunch to homeless ladies at A Friendly Place.

Nominations for Chapter Officers are now open. Please e mail me: louisediracles@comcast.net if you're willing to nominate yourself or someone else for President or other offices. Also, e mail Louise with your event ideas for 2020.

2020 ALASKA CRUISE CONVENTION

Alaska Cruise Web pages: <https://worldwingsinternational.net/alaska/>

Questions? Email Monique for info: alaska2020regis@gmail.com

Dear World Wings Members,

Remember rolling delays? The worst was being a passenger and not receiving any information. Passengers were calmed even when they heard the announcement telling them minimal news. Everyone one of us is acutely aware of the Covid-19 situation with the rapidly changing news as we wonder what the future will hold. Since no one has a functioning crystal ball, we will proceed with caution, just as our Pan Am emergency training taught us to do. Monique Rounsavelle, SEA, 2020 Alaska Cruise Chair, and I were on a lengthy conference call with Celebrity Cruises today. The Alaska departure date is 11 September - 6 months from now. Our cruise is currently scheduled to take place as planned. Many World Wings members have expressed a positive attitude to us about global health improvements enabling safe travels in September while holding their reservation firmly in place. In fact, only a couple of cabins have cancelled as a result of Covid-19. So, keeping the next 2 months in mind,

we offer a reminder of the minimal penalty for cancelling now or even until mid-May. Here's the announcement you may be waiting to hear –“Ladies and Gentlemen:Our cruise contract with Celebrity is in place for our 11 September Alaska sailing of the Celebrity Solstice. Please take careful note of the following close-in times and dates: Cancel via email until **NOON Pacific time on Sunday, 15 March** - \$50.00 cancellation fee. Cancel via email until **NOON Pacific time on Sunday, 14 May** - \$100.00 cancellation fee. Monique's email – alaska2020regis@gmail.com Feel free to reach out with any questions!" World Wings members love getting together to have a great time – thus, we are expressing an optimistic outlook over the coming months. With enthusiasm, we hope to be sailing away on our 51st consecutive convention for a week's worth of friendship and fun in September! 2020 Alaska Cruise Crew.

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Nancy Gillespie McAllister
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Pan Am History in a nutshell:

<https://www.facebook.com/businessinsider/videos/187123969298296/>

The Manhattan W.W. luncheon is CANCELLED.

Be safe; be well,
Louise