

**Oakland World Wings Chapter November, 2020  
Newsletter from President Louise Diracles**

**Don't miss the OAK WW zoom meeting:**

Oakland Chapter Meeting

Monday, Nov 2, 2020

1:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting:

Thank you to Emilia de Geer for setting up yet another Zoom meeting!!!

Liv Milan will explain our December fund raiser. We will buy chances to win a Pan Am beaded evening bag.

If you weren't able to see the OAK WW 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary slide show at the October Zoom meeting, you are welcome to stay after the November meeting to see it. Thank you again to Laurie for half of the photos!!!

Thank you to all who attended the WWI Zoom Meeting 10/24/20: Lucy Hart, Phelps Euler, Sally Andersen, Liv Milan, Marilyn Kaplan, Laurie Barton and Louise. Did I miss anyone? There were about 134 participants. It was announced that WWI donated \$42,000 to MSF (Doctors Without Borders.) Also, \$87,460 was donated to local charities. WWI lost 205 members and we are 1,699 strong. Almost a half a million dollars has been contributed over the years to our charities both international and local. Our World Wings average age is now 75. The International Charity Drawing went smoother than ever before. Diana Kennedy won the purse set from David Jeffrey Designs. Next year the convention will be a Caribbean Cruise on the Equinox of the Celebrity Cruise Line. "Tropical dreams." Stops will include Ft. Lauderdale, Grand Cayman, Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. In 2022, there will be a St. Lawrence Seaway Cruise. In 2023, there may be a land convention in Phoenix. If you missed the meeting, here's the link to the recording:

<https://youtu.be/9JmtES53zVI>

It will only be available until 12/1/20.

OAK was awarded a certificate for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chapter.

The following photo is from Harriet Hiram with Swedish men on March 8, 1992. Ladies from Harriet Hiram, Lisbet Olssen, Tina Koehler holding the tray, and Tina's daughter.

Please send me YOUR Pan Am stories; we love to read them. [louisediracles@comcast.net](mailto:louisediracles@comcast.net)

WW SFO asks their members the same:

"We're still asking our members to submit biographies, or anecdotes from flying days. You may think your experiences were not notable, but if you think about it, we were ground breakers. We saw places rarely seen by citizens of the USA. We saw Kalakaua

Avenue before it became the Miami of the Pacific. We slept in palm thatched huts by a lagoon in Tahiti. We sat in the bar at Raffles sipping our Singapore Slings.

We had midnight meals in bars who had resident “girls” in places like Anchorage and Papeete. We were often the only plane at an airport on a

Pacific Island. We watched the progress of the building of the Sydney Opera House, we flew into dangerous war zones, and helped rescue hijacked planes that had been overtaken in a coup. These are all things that we took for granted, but in retrospect, we were pretty special. So put on your Pulitzer Prize winning eye shade, sharpen that HB pencil, and go for it. We can help with composition if you just want to write bullet points.”

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Nominations for Chapter Officers are now open. Please e mail me: [louisediracles@comcast.net](mailto: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 2021.

Stay safe; be well,

Louise

**“See” you on Monday at 1:00 ZOOM.**