

June 2022
OAK WW June 2022 Newsletter from Louise Diracles

**Be there or be square:
Tuesday June 21 at noon:
2410 Royal Oaks Dr.
Alamo, CA**

Sonja Vukasin has again offered her beautiful estate for a pot luck lunch. Don't miss this event! Bring a hearty luncheon item AND a bottle to drink and share. Any OAK World Wings member who is double vaccinated and boosted is invited and welcomed. Please RSVP to: louisediracles@comcast.net



Sad news: Nonna Cheatham has passed away in Pacific Grove. She served as World Wings International President for six years: 1968 to 1974. That was before the OAK chapter even existed. Here she is in 1995:



Nonna Elaine CHEATHAM
December 26, 1930 – November 11, 2021

From Liv Milan:

Nonna was way ahead of the Womens' Lib Movement. She retired as Lt. Commander in the US Navy. She was well respected and admired by fellow Navy personnel. Nonna flew for Pan Am, unfortunately we do not know when she flew, she was World Wings International president from 1968-1974. She joined the Oakland Chapter of World Wings in the early 80s. She attended almost all our meetings and events. She stayed active and informed about all the happenings in her Navy group; always educating us. She moved to assisted living in Pacific Grove a few years ago. Nonna was a woman full of knowledge and wisdom, I just wish I had paid more attention and asked more questions. A lesson to us all.

From Linda Reynolds

Nonna Cheatham spent her early childhood in Hawaii. The family relocated to California after surviving the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. She was a member of the Girl Scouts and, in later years, became an executive with the organization. She received her Associate Degree in Arts from the University of California at Berkeley in January of 1950, and in 1952, a Bachelor of Arts in social welfare and child development. In 1980, she was awarded a Master of Arts in women's studies at George Washington University.

Nonna joined the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1950 while still an undergraduate at Berkeley, and after graduation became a flight attendant for Pan American Airways. She regularly flew to destinations around the world, and was on the crew of one of the first regular flights over the North Pole. Nonna was a proud member of World Wings International, and served two terms as the president of the organization.

During her naval career, Nonna rose to the rank of Petty Officer before being admitted to the Naval Officer Candidate School. After graduating, she became the communications officer at the Boston Naval Shipyard and, later, recruiting officer in New York City and in the Navy Office of Congressional Relations, Washington, D.C. She retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve with the rank of Lt. Commander.

A conservationist, Nonna was a field representative of Earthwatch, and was involved in archaeology and ecology projects in Tonga, Hawaii, and Manchuria. She was also a member of the Society of Woman Geographers, an organization "for women who know no boundaries."

Nonna was a woman ahead of her time, achieving much in an era when women were expected to adhere to the boundaries of social norms. We will miss her.

Lucy Hart put on a gala at Buchanan Airfield on May 14, 2022. Members who joined included: Marilyn and Drake Grega, Norma Corbin and Peter de Vries, Liz Turlington, Dorothy Megeath, & Lucy Hart



\$50 dues were due May 1st

You can pay by check made out to World Wings Int'l.

Send to our treasurer Liv Milan

4876 Waterbury Way

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Thank you from the bottom of my heart to those who have already paid their

dues and most recently: Margot Van der Capellan and Francisco

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If you don't see your name on the list, send your \$50 check made out to World Wings Int'l. to Liv Milan: 4876 Waterbury Way
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Let me know if you receive this and **see you June 21 at Sonja's.**

Hugs from

Louise Diracles,

OAK WW President