

Exciting News:

All Oakland World Wings are invited to a high tea hosted by Susan Leech, at her Orinda home on *Sunday May 19, 2024, at noon*. If you would like to attend, please wear a hat and bring \$40 (correct cash) that will be collected upon entry. Susan will share her knowledge of the history behind silverware, crystal and china through the centuries while we are enjoying her home baked goods of scones, clotted creme and jam, and assorted tea sandwiches, and delicious deserts.

Please text Marilyn Kaplan at 925 286-7248 to RSVP.

For the future:

- Sonja Vukasin's summer party in June or July.
- Netty Kilgour is planning an outing on Sat., Aug. 31st to visit the Farmer's Market at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. We will take the ferry (\$4.60 roundtrip senior Clipper Card rate) from Marina Bay in Richmond. Free parking. After the Farmer's market we go for lunch in the Ferry Building.
- Marc and Marilyn can do Christmas party on (tentatively) Dec 8, unless someone else wants to host.

\$50 yearly Dues are due May 1st.

- Check the roster. If you don't see 25 or a larger number before your name, dues are due.
- Please make your check out to World Wings International and send to Liv Milan.

Send YOUR ideas for events to louisediracles@comcast.net

LONDON CONVENTION 2024 from Nancy Gillespie McAllister, President World Wings International

General convention registration is open. Our World Wings website will have all critical information along with events, hotel accommodation pricing, tours, and general "need-to-know"

- **The main convention dates are Friday, 20 September through Sunday 22 September; 3** exciting dinner events will occur each of these 3 nights
- Registrations will be processed in the order received
- Follow all instructions; carefully and fully complete the forms required for best results
- Do not prolong registering and paying as events are getting filled up.
- The newly selected hotel is in the Tower of London area
- On-site convention registration will begin at the hotel on Thursday afternoon, 19 September, followed by all day on Friday, 20 September

You will receive confirmation as quickly as our all-volunteer team can process them. As always, World Wings members and their guests are welcome along with other Pan Am friends.

Changes in the works:

Our international leadership is proposing an integration of Pan Am groups. This cannot happen without your vote which will happen later. The present proposal is the creation of a new entity with the Pan Am Museum Foundation. This integration would not happen until 2026 at the earliest. Thank you to Marilyn Kaplan for participating in the Zoom call.

In David Hinson's words:

"The Integration Team of three World Wingers and three Pan Am Museum Foundation Board Members would like to say "Thank You" for your time for those on the Zoom call and will commit to keeping you informed along this process. Our next step is to receive both positive and negative feedback from your chapter members. Please share those comments. Again, please ask any of the integration team for support should you require it.

The purpose of the new entity is to continue the work begun over 50 years ago and build on that work through the established framework of the Museum. The new entity's mission (if there is consensus agreement) will be to educate, celebrate, and inspire present and future generations by preserving historical and diverse personal stories of Pan American World Airways.

Next steps represent new beginnings, resetting of goals and objectives, a fresh start to ensure the legacy of Pan Am and its people is passed onto future generations. This is an exciting time to once again unite the Pan Am family. We have much to celebrate in the coming years, let's do it together!

Thanks

David Hinson and Linda Freire

Marilyn Kapan adds, "World Wings is a strong and powerful group of former committed stewardesses and flight attendants. We're older, yes, but dedicated to continuing the legacy of Pan Am and its aviation history. Together, "blending" with The Pan Am Museum Foundation, we can add our support and form a much stronger base while moving forward. In 2027, we will celebrate 100 years with the most prestigious airline that ever existed; Pan American."

Very fondly yours,
Louise Diracles

