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### **Happy New Year**

On behalf of the WACA Council, I wish all WACA members and their families a Happy New Year. May 2019 bring good fortune and happiness to all of you. This new year ushers in new exciting international events including the 52nd AGA to be hosted by the Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region Interline Club in Boksburg which is just outside of Johannesburg, South Africa. In addition, to date other interesting events this year will include a Sunny Winter Interline Event in the Holy Land hosted by the Israel Interline Club as well as the Grande Festa 2019, the Passarola Golf Cup Tournament and the Passarola Tennis Cup Tournament all being hosted by the industrious Interline Club of Portugal. Details on the above events can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: [www.waca.org/events](http://www.waca.org/events). Other packages currently being planned by Member Clubs will be uploaded as they become available.

### **Madeira Airport Charity Donation Box**

As reported by WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, in Membership Message 18/2018, following a meeting during the 51st AGA with the Deputy Director of the Aeroporto da Madeira, *Mr. Francisco Fernandes*, the Aeroporto da Madeira agreed to place a charity donation box in the airport. In collaboration with the Association Airline Ambassadors the charity donation box will be set up in the departure check in area of Madeira airport for departing tourists to leave donations which will support the efforts of existing non-governmental organizations (NGO's) in Madeira as they fight against exploitation of vulnerable children in the travelism supply chain. Maga has now advised that the box has been constructed and the Association Airline Ambassadors is in the process of preparing the air waybill, etc. prior to sending it to the Madeira airport. Further details will be provided once the box has been delivered and set up.

### **Grand Venture Bonanza**

#### ***Member Clubs***

Member Clubs are reminded that when individual members of their Club renew their membership, they should also be requested to buy tickets for the Grand Venture Bonanza to generate revenue for the Association. Clubs requiring tickets for this purpose should order them from Headquarters and sell them as soon as possible as the first draw is tentatively scheduled to be held in March.

#### ***Members-at-Large***

Members-at-Large are also actively encouraged to purchase Grand Venture Bonanza tickets for a chance to win one of the great prizes that will be available this year. Tickets cost USD 1.00 each so simply send a cheque, money order or bank draft for the number of tickets you require to WACA Headquarters.

A list of graciously donated prizes will follow in due course.

*Can your Club, or you as a Member-at-Large, donate a prize to assist WACA in 2018? All prizes big or small will be greatly appreciated.*

### **WACA Facebook Site**

The WACA Facebook site has now grown to just over 580 interliners from all parts of the world. WACA Representatives of Member Clubs are reminded to ensure that *all members* of your respective Club are told about this social media way of communicating. *This is the best communication tool to attract new, young, members into our Association so your cooperation to advise all your members about the WACA Facebook site will be greatly appreciated.*

To be accepted as a “friend” on the site, you have to be affiliated with an airline or related industries as well as with WACA. The administrators of the Group page will allow for healthy and constructive two-way exchanges of communication and ideas. It is, however, at the discretion of the administrators to determine which posts are inappropriate and those which must be removed: [www.facebook.com/waca.hq?hc\\_location=timeline](http://www.facebook.com/waca.hq?hc_location=timeline).

Yours in interlining,

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