

Dear Members,

Mandatory Office Closing Continues

The Quebec Premier has issued a further directive for all businesses in the province to continue closing their offices due to the COVID-19 pandemic until at least the beginning of May. This means that I still cannot work from the WACA office or receive any post until further notice. I am now in the third week of home isolation but continue to access some of my WACA office documentation from home as well as viewing and responding to e-mails.

53rd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2020 Interline Celebration

As a reminder, due to the current situation that we are all facing, it will no longer be necessary to send your deposits at this time only the completed AGA and post-AGA (Package B) tour registration forms to ensure you are registered accordingly. I will be able to confirm your participation from my home. Your deposits would then need to be sent once "normal" business practices are resumed.

Detailed brochures and Registration Forms for the 53rd AGA, the pre-AGA and post-AGA (Package B) tour can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: www.waca.org/events.

WACA Facebook Site

Take a trip down memory lane by viewing a “WACA Retrospective” of pictures that have been recently posted on the WACA Facebook site which is now proving to be an important link in these difficult times for interliners from all parts of the world. As a reminder, 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: www.facebook.com/waca.hq?hc_location=timeline. A further reminder is also sent to WACA Representatives of Member Clubs 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.*

Grand Venture Bonanza

First Draw of 2020

Due to the office lockdown, the first draw of 2020 is now expected to be at the end of May for a USD 100.00 cash prizes graciously donated by the Sydney Interline Club. Five other cash prizes of USD 100.00 each are being donated by WACA and, in addition, a fabulous prize of a package for one based on double occupancy to attend the 53rd WACA AGA: The 2020 Interline Celebration to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 18–23 October is also being donated by WACA making a total of seven prizes to date to be drawn throughout the year.

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.

Don't delay, get your tickets now!

WACA Relief Fund — Blue Dragon Children's Foundation

WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, and WACA Ambassador for Vulnerable Children, *Anneline Hetland*, received the following message from the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, Donor Relations (Sponsorship), Ms. *Nhung Hong Nguyen*:

Due to COVID-19 In Vietnam schools have been closed for more than two months and last week travel and non-essential services are restricted. Tuyen, Van and Kiet are still safe now. I will keep you posted about their situation soon. I hope the very best for all of you and that the chaos will end soon.

Obituary

On 4 April the following was posted on Facebook by the New York Interline Club WACA Representative, *Gladys Keller*, I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My young nephew from Albany, Georgia, made his transition and will be missed by the family and Albany University. Please pray for everyone. The novel coronavirus does not know the difference between young and old.

Membership Messages

Communicate

“Membership Messages” are sent out on a regular basis to WACA Member Clubs, Members-at-Large and other individuals closely connected to WACA. Recipients in Member Clubs are requested to forward these messages to all members of their respective Club or direct their members to the News and Press Releases section of WACA's website where the messages are posted: www.waca.org/news/Pages/index.aspx.

Contribute

If any WACA member has anything they would like to contribute to the next “Membership Message” please send the information to the attention of the WACA Administration Manager at WACA Headquarters.

KEEP WELL. STAY SAFE.

Yours in interlining,

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