

Dear Members,

**52nd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The WACA Africana Festival 2019
Pre-AGA Tour: Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park**

The organising committee of the Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East (AIM) Region has now managed to secure additional rooms at another hotel in Victoria Falls, the Elephant Hills, to accommodate everyone that was on the waiting list as well as additional participants so registrations are once again being accepted. Participants at the Elephant Hills Hotel will join participants who will be staying at the Kingdom Hotel in the activities published in the programme.

Post-AGA Tour: Kruger National Park

As with the pre-AGA tour, the organising committee of the AIM Region has managed to book a second lodge in the Park so registrations for this tour are once again being accepted.

Post-AGA Tour: Cape Town Following the Kruger National Park Tour

Following requests from participants wishing to visit Cape Town following the Kruger National Park tour, the organising committee of the AIM Region has now arranged for the customised to commence on 2 November not 4 November as published in Membership Message 8/2019. The amended itinerary as follows:

2 November. Arrive in Cape Town with a transfer to hotel. Dinner at V&A Waterfront. Commodore Hotel, deluxe rooms.

3 November. Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour including lunch. Dinner and drumming at Gold Restaurant. Commodore Hotel, deluxe rooms.

4 November. Full Day Cape Winelands Tour including lunch and two separate wine tastings. Commodore Hotel, deluxe rooms.

5 November. Robben Island Excursion. City orientation and Table Mountain. Commodore Hotel, deluxe rooms.

6 November. Transfer to airport for departure.

The package cost (*based on ten participants*) remains the same, i.e. USD 1,130.00 per person double occupancy (*includes the WACA fee*) and USD 160.00 single supplement.

Post-AGA Tour: Sun City

The organising committee of the AIM Region has now confirmed that a post-AGA two night package to Sun City and Pilanesberg from 31 October–2 November will now take place. The package will include transfers to/from Johannesburg and a game drive. The cost has been established at USD 680.00 double occupancy and USD 325.00 single occupancy. A detailed brochure is being prepared and will be issued in due course.

Brochures about the 52nd AGA, the pre-AGA tour to Victoria Falls, the post-AGA tours to the Kruger National Park and Cape Town, as well as the relevant

registration forms, can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: www.waca.org/events.

Grand Venture Bonanza

And the Winners is ...

The third draw of 2019 for a USD 100.00 cash prize donated by the Vancouver Interline Club was made today by IATA Assistant Director, Corporate Planning, *Steve Walker*. There were 692 tickets in the draw and the lucky winner is *Gladys Keller* from the New York Interline Club with ticket number 11941.

Congratulations.

Next Draw

The remaining 691 tickets will now be included in the next draw scheduled to be held at the end of June for a fabulous prize of a package for one based on double occupancy to attend the 52nd WACA AGA: The WACA Africana Festival 2019 to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 27–31 October graciously donated by the WACA Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region *Don't delay. There's still time to buy your tickets for a chance to win the great prize above or one of the other wonderful prizes in the draws that will be held throughout the year.*

Sustainable Cabin Forum

As part of our collaboration with the University of Kassel, WACA was pleased to be represented by our two researchers at the Sustainable Cabin Forum held in Lisbon, Portugal, on 16 May. The project on cabin waste that was presented at our last AGA by Katharina Raab and Professor Ralf Wagner was shared with the Forum delegates. The Forum was sponsored by Hi Fly and the Mirpuri Foundation in partnership with IATA and under the patronage of European Commissioner Karmenu Vella.

WACA was highlighted at the Forum with our sustainable environmental initiatives and our social actions. A film on zero plastic flight was also launched at the forum by Hi Fly which can be viewed on the WACA Facebook site:

www.facebook.com/waca.hq?hc_location=timeline.

Obituary

Vancouver Interline Club member, *Sharon Revel*, has sadly advised that 24 year old Eric Francis Desouza died tragically on 10 May. Eric was the son of Joaquim (Joe) Desouza a long time member of the Montreal Interline Club and who is well known to many WACA members through his participation at numerous AGAs. Sincere condolences are sent to Joe and his family at their loss.

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.

Yours in interlining,

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