

Dear Members,

**52nd Annual General Assembly (AGA): The WACA Africana Festival 2019  
Balance of Payments**

A reminder that, due to new banking regulations in Mauritius, it is regrettably no longer possible to send payments by cheque, money order or bank draft. Balance of payments and WACA fees can *only be made by bank transfer to Mauritius* as outlined in the brochures which can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: [www.waca.org/events](http://www.waca.org/events). Should this be an issue participants are requested to contact me at WACA Headquarters: [millerk@iata.org](mailto:millerk@iata.org).

**Flight Arrivals and Departures**

Participants are reminded to advise Lucie Forget: [Lucie.forget1@gmail.com](mailto:Lucie.forget1@gmail.com) copied to Joyce Pierrot: [jpierrot@airmauritius.com](mailto:jpierrot@airmauritius.com) and me: [millerk@iata.org](mailto:millerk@iata.org) with their intended days of arrival/departure, the airline flight numbers and times of arrival/departure for the pre-AGA tour, the AGA or any of the post-AGA tours if this has not already been done. This information is most important for the organisers to arrange transfer times airports–hotels–airports.

**Passport, Visa and Health Requirements**

Participants are reminded they are responsible for ensuring their passport meets the requirements to enter the Republic of South Africa and to obtain an entry visa if required. A list countries whose citizens require a visa can be found on the Republic of South Africa, Department of Home Affairs, website:

[www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/apply-for-a-south-african-visa](http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/apply-for-a-south-african-visa).

Additional visa and important information on health requirements to enter the country can be found on IATA's Travel Centre website:

[www.iatatravelcentre.com](http://www.iatatravelcentre.com).

**Pre-AGA Tour: Victoria Falls and Chobe National Park**

Participants are advised that the balance of payments deadline for the tour and WACA fee has now passed. Any payments still outstanding should be paid as soon as possible as shown in the Balance of Payments item above.

**AGA Package**

**Public Relations**

Public Relations Coordinator, *Linda Lenters*, writes as we get closer to our exciting adventure in Africa, I have a few more reminders and details about our fund raising activities to be held during the 52nd AGA festivities.

Both the 50/50 tickets and the tombola beads will be sold in United States dollars. This is the common currency used by WACA and it's a currency that we hold a bank account. There will be a one winning bead in every five beads sold. The popular 50/50 draw will have two or three winners splitting 50 percent of the amount collected in ticket sales with the remaining 50% going to WACA. Tickets and beads will be sold at USD 2.00 each, USD 5.00 for three tickets or beads and USD 10.00 for seven tickets or beads. Before sales of the tombola

beads commences we need to know how many gifts have been donated. With this in mind please bring your gift with a value of at least USD 10.00 to the registration room when you register. Hopefully all the gifts will be received at that time and we can start selling the tombola beads the next day.

Volunteers are required to help sell both the 50/50 tickets and tombola beads as well as to assist setting up the display of tombola gifts for all to see what gifts will be won as prizes. At this time I would like to thank again all those who helped me at the 51st AGA and once more request anyone who is interested in stepping forward and helping out at this year's 52nd AGA to send me an e-mail: [yycic@hotmail.com](mailto:yycic@hotmail.com). Also, if anyone has any questions regarding any of the above please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

#### *Dress Code (Welcoming Ceremony and Gala Dinner)*

For the Welcoming Ceremony the men are requested to wear a jacket and tie. For the Gala Dinner all participants are requested to please wear black and white attire for this always special occasion.

#### *Programme Change*

As indicated in Membership Message 14/2019, 28 October will be a free evening so participants can take the opportunity to visit the Emperors Palace should they so wish. The Boma Dinner "African Night" has, therefore, been moved and will now take place on 29 October followed by the All Regions Night which brings WACA's wonderful world together in this always special event.

#### *WACA Change Can Help*

This is a further reminder that we will continue with our successful initiative: WACA Change Can Help at the 52nd AGA. In the registration room on 27 October WACA Auditor, *Chris Orton* and WACA Ambassador for Vulnerable Children, *Anneline Hetland*, will collect any unused foreign coins and banknotes that you would like to donate to raise more money for the WACA Relief fund. The unused coins and banknotes that are collected are sorted into different currencies and then resold to participants from those countries in exchange for United States dollars. Part of the Fund goes towards WACA's five year programme supporting, through the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, three children (Tuyen, Van and Kiet) in Vietnam up to the time they reach the age to attend university.

#### ***Post-AGA Tour: Cape Town***

Participants are advised that the balance of payments deadline for the tour and WACA fee is 1 September. Any payments still outstanding should be paid as soon as possible as shown in the Balance of Payments item above.

#### ***Post-AGA Tour: Kruger National Park***

##### *Payment Deadline*

Participants are advised that the balance of payments deadline for the tour and WACA fee is 1 September. Any payments still outstanding should be paid as soon as possible as shown in the Balance of Payments item above.

##### *Malaria Risk*

Participants should be aware that during the rainy months in the Kruger National Park (October–April) there is an increased risk of contracting malaria although the risk of infection is low but, as a precaution, it is highly recommended to take malaria prophylaxis. Further details can be found on IATA's Travel Centre website: [www.iatatravelcentre.com](http://www.iatatravelcentre.com).

#### *Departure to JNB*

It is important for participants to be reminded that, as noted in the brochure, the schedule on 2 November is an early morning game drive (when the animals are most active) followed by breakfast and a 10:00 departure to Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB). The drive from the Mjejane River Lodge to JNB is expected to take around 4½–5½ hours so an estimated arrival would be expected between 14:30–15:30. This means that no reservation should be made for a flight that is scheduled to depart before 17:00.

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

Places are still available for participants on the Kruger National Park tour wishing to visit Cape Town on the customised tour from 2–6 November details of which 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.

Any participant interested in this tour can contact me at WACA Headquarters: [millerk@iata.org](mailto:millerk@iata.org). As indicated above, it is important to note that participants taking this customised tour should not make a flight reservation to Cape Town that is scheduled to depart JNB before 17:00.

#### ***Post-AGA Tour: Sun City and Pilanesberg National Park***

Places are also still available for the post-AGA tour to Sun City and Pilanesberg from 31 October–2 November. The package includes transfers to/from Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport to Sun City where Disneyland collides with ancient Egypt in Africa's version of Las Vegas. The four day, three night, package includes a game drive away from the glamour of Sun City in the Pilanesberg National Park. The cost is USD 680.00 based on double occupancy and USD 325.00 single occupancy.

Brochures about the 52nd AGA, the pre-AGA tour to Victoria Falls, the post-AGA tours to the Kruger National Park, Cape Town and Sun City, as well as the relevant registration forms, can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: [www.waca.org/events](http://www.waca.org/events).

## **WACA Relief Fund — Blue Dragon Children's Foundation**

WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, and recently appointed WACA Ambassador for Vulnerable Children, *Anneline Hetland*, together undertook a WACA Social Mission visiting the Vietnam Blue Dragon Foundation in Hanoi and met with two of the WACA sponsored children: Van who is now 15 years old and Kiet who is 16 years old. The children told them how grateful to WACA they are for supporting them in their education after they were taken from the streets. They now follow a full educational programme with their future aim of being welcomed and fully integrated into society. The programme seems to be a very good sustainable initiative which WACA initiated in 2014 at our AGA held in Ho Chi Minh City.

## **Grand Venture Bonanza**

### ***And the Winners is ...***

The fifth draw of 2019 for a USD 100.00 cash prize donated by WACA was made today by IATA Assistant Manager, Service Desk, *Nadir Sbiti*. There were 816 tickets in the draw and the lucky winner is *Stuart Reed* from the Sydney Interline Club with ticket number 14060. ***Congratulations.***

### ***Next Draw***

The 815 tickets that remain will be in the next draw scheduled to be held at the end of October for a USD 100.00 cash prize donated by WACA to be followed by two additional USD 100.00 cash prizes donated by WACA scheduled to be drawn in November and December.

## **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](http://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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