



VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 2



WORLD TRAVELLERS

FOR AIRLINE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



See Poster inside for VIC 50th Anniversary Party May 5th

Presidents Message for the Vancouver Interline Club

I am pleased to say that the 50th Anniversary Committee is working hard on all aspects of the Gala Dinner and Boeing Tour.

There has been a lot of advertising since our last meeting. Posters, letters to all airlines, handouts have all been distributed around Vancouver Airport. Many thanks to Inge and Claude for setting up the Tours; Pat L. and Sharon R. plus Ann S. for keeping track of all the attendees and also Fred B. for creating and maintaining the Website. Ann H. for securing a nice venue at the Richmond Curling Centre with catering for the Gala.

Another thanks goes out to Judith G. for letting me know about Evite. Have you been seeing messages from Evite? That was thanks to Judith.

On the Internet we have posted our 50th Gala on WACA also on Facebook for CP Airline Employee, PWA Employees, Air Canada.

I mentioned in the last President's report about wanting to increase our membership with more employees and reaching out to past members and retirees to let them know we are still a very active group. With that in mind, I was invited to talk at the White Rock Pionairs Coffee Group. Five new members joined VIC. I also gave another talk at the Richmond Pionairs Coffee Group 6 new members and on the 10th May I will be speaking to the West Vancouver Pionairs Coffee Group.

We had a membership drive at the Air Canada Ops Centre on the 5th of April. Thanks to Inge and Claude for their help.

My goal is to have a another membership drive this year in the Fall. This drive will be held at Vancouver Airport.

I would also like to see about arranging a Wine Tour similar to the tours that were held in the 90s to the Okanagan. I hear they were a great success."

Hope to see each and everyone of you at the 50th Gala on the 5th of May. It will be a night to remember!

Yours in Interlining,

Freddie Whiting

President, Vancouver Interline Club

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FROM THE EDITOR

We are always happy to receive your travel stories and pictures for publication in the newsletter.

Check out the new updated WACA website.

www.waca.org

Please note our new address: Vancouver Interline Club, 14067 113A Avenue, Surrey, BC V3R 2K6 or use the e-mail on our new web site

<http://www.vancouverinterlineclub.ca>

To sign up for the e-mail version of the newsletter, send your e-mail to

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The Vancouver Interline Club has joined Facebook. You can now follow us and WACA on Facebook, as well as on our website. www.facebook.com/

VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB



New members Welcome
Active and Retirees

1967 - 2017

Now accepting E-Transfer

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2017

1700-2230

RICHMOND CURLING CLUB

5540 HOLLYBRIDGE WAY,

RICHMOND, BC

Cash Bar

Buffet

Live Entertainment

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To reserve tickets, contact Sharon Rowel (604) 739-3848
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Tickets \$35.00

Highlights of Southern France Tour

Day 1

The post AGA tour was well attended with 58 people on 2 buses leaving Cannes for Nimes on the first day. Our first stop was Avignon, with its massive medieval fortress and 800 year old ramparts surrounding the Papal Palace and Cathedral. We had a walking tour of the Papal Palace, the largest Gothic Palace in the world; impressed by the well preserved architecture and art work. The view of the famous Pont d'Avignon on the Rhone River from the top of the ramparts was stunning.

After lunch in Avignon we drove to Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct bridge still in existence. This amazing engineering feat, originally 50 km long took 10 years to build. We walked on a road beside the aqueduct across the River Gardon, marveling at the intact 275 meter section of the structure which remains today. A short freeway drive to Nimes where we checked into the stately and historic Hotel Emperor just in time for dinner.



Day 2

Our day began with a morning drive through picturesque farmland. Arriving in Arles we met our guide for a walking tour of the town where Van Gogh drew inspiration for some of his most famous paintings. The huge Benedictine cathedral and cloister of St. Trophime, a 1st Century A.D. Roman Forum and a massive amphitheater where gladiators performed almost 2000 years ago, were some of the highlights of the tour.

A short bus ride to Les Beaux de Provence, a medieval village built into the rocky hills. We enjoyed walking the cobbled winding streets of this walled fortress and taking in the beautiful view of surrounding landscapes below.

The last stop of the day was to the little town of St Remy de Provence, where we walked the narrow streets and squares and viewed the historic buildings. St. Remy is the hometown of Nostradamus, the seer whose prophecies are famous. St. Remy is also famously associated with Vincent Van Gogh, as he spent a year here in 1889 in an asylum, St. Paul de Mausole. Walking the beautiful grounds to the present day museum depicting the life and art work of Van Gogh was to many, the highlight of the day. During his time here Van Gogh managed to paint 150 canvases. Return to our hotel Emperor in Nimes for the night

Day 3

We began the day exploring the streets of Nimes, a city with beautifully preserved Roman architecture; the Maison Carree, the Roman Empire Greek style temple, beautifully preserved. The stunning

Amphitheater, 1st century BC, holds 25,000.

Remodeled in the 19th Century, one of Europe's best preserved Roman arenas.

After lunch in the hotel, we departed Nimes for Toulouse with a stop at the spectacular Millau Viaduct enroute. The Millau Bridge is a spectacular 343m, the highest road bridge in the world, an awe-inspiring engineering marvel. A brief stop in the historic city of Albi for dinner, then on to the Novotel in Toulouse.



Day 4

A morning drive through beautiful countryside of rolling hills, farmland, arriving at one of the world's most important pilgrimage sites, Lourdes. The town of Lourdes although not large, has the second most hotels in France, after Paris. Our tour leader guides us through the sacred site where 6 million visitors arrive each year to see the miraculous grotto, where Bernadette was visited 18 times by the Virgin Mary; the towering neo-Gothic basilica of the Immaculate Conception with its beautiful stained glass windows; the Romano-Byzantine basilica of the Rosary, with superb mosaics, and the modern underground basilica of Pius X, a huge building (holds 25,000) in reinforced concrete in the form of the hull of an upturned boat. Truly a memorable visit. Overnight in Toulouse Hotel



Day 5

An early morning start to visit Airbus, with 20,000 employees in Toulouse. We viewed the A380 final assembly hall followed by a bus tour past all the production facilities at the Toulouse airport. Then an hour's bus ride to visit the fortified medieval city of Carcassonne. Driving along, it looms above the surrounding landscape, a massive structure, with 52 towers, turrets, and enormous walls. UNESCO listed Carcassonne as a world heritage site in 1997. It is unique in Europe for its size and is exceptionally well-preserved.



Walking through the Cite, on cobbled streets lined with numerous restaurants and shops, we stopped for lunch and enjoyed the local specialty cassoulet, an excellent stew of white beans, sausage and duck drumsticks in a spicy sauce. We continued our walking tour to the church of Saint Nazari, with its beautiful stained glass windows and gargoyles protecting from above. Upon our return to Toulouse we celebrated our last night together with a sumptuous many course dinner, complete with a rich chocolate dessert, fine wines and espresso, a celebratory and memorable ending to our fantastic tour of Southern France!

A. Buchi

VIC 2017 EVENT CALENDER

May 5	50th Anniversary Party
June 14	Walk Rally TBA
Sep 14	Pitch & Putt after meet at O'Hare's
Oct	TBA
Nov 25	Silent Auction at Buck N Ear

St. Patrick's Day Party at O'Hare's Pub

The VIC St. Patrick's Day Party was held on March 16th. All the participants had great fun and many came dressed for the occasion. Prizes were awarded for best costumes.



49th AGA Meeting Report.

After being prorogued for three years, elections were finally held again. Maga Ramasamy was the only candidate for president and was elected with 19 out of 21 votes.

Several candidates for auditor were nominated and while most declined to run, Chris Orton and Anja Koshinen accepted the nomination and were elected. Chris received 19 out of 21 votes and Anja 20 out of 21.

An updated bylaw and constitution were passed by the assembly.

The financials were also passed and WACA has now a surplus.

Member clubs have decreased from 34 to 30. 19 clubs were present.

Members at large were represented by their regional coordinator at 1 vote per region. Europe selected Rosemarie Mamede to replace Frank Miller as regional coordinator. Linda Lenters NA region and Yousef Yousef Africa, Indian Ocean and Middle East region are the other coordinators. Latin America and Far East and Australia have not selected a coordinator and therefore the council will look after these regions. The new council members as selected by Maga are:
Administration Manager: Keith Miller, Financial Officer: Valerie Welling, Marketing: Julian Chau.

Over the last few years there has been a yearly increase of attendees to the AGA which is very encouraging. We are all working hard to support the remaining clubs with the goal of increasing the membership.

Fred Buchi

