



VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Issue 5



WORLD TRAVELLERS

FOR AIRLINE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Fill out the Nomination Forms for 2018 Board of Directors

Presidents Message

I am writing to let you all know that at our executive meeting in the fall, the Executive voted to change the term length of both the President and Vice President from a two year term to a three year term.

I'm happy to announce The Vancouver Interline Club was chosen Club of the Year by The World Airlines Clubs "WACA" for 2017. This was a great honour for the club and for your Executive who has worked so hard throughout the year to bring exciting events and our 50th Anniversary Celebration which was held in May at the Richmond Curling Club.

I want to thank our past Events Chair, Ann Harward, for all her hard work in planning events and arranging venues in which we have played and partied. Our Social Events have been great fun. Ann has announced she will not be able to continue as the Events Chair but will continue to come out to events and Socials.

Like all volunteer organizations, we are always looking new members and their ideas. I am asking all members to please consider putting your name forward and join the VIC Executive Team. An Election form for all positions except for President and Vice President is included in this Newsletter. We want to hear from you all. This is your club.

Is there an event you would like to see or would attend? Perhaps a Karaoke Night, Tapas Night, Movie Night with Dinner, Wine Day Tour or extended tour, St. Patrick's Party, Christmas Party. We want to come up with ideas to raise funds for the club in order to put on larger events.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Freddie Whiting
President, Vancouver Interline Club

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VIC 2017 EVENT CALENDER

Dec 6 Elections for 2018 VIC Board of Directors

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	Freddie Whiting	307-1909
VICE-PRESIDENT	Inge Hansen	465-4153
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ASSISTANT		
PAST PRES	Fred Buchi	581-5508

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 maxpat@telus.net

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

Western Cuba Pre AGA Tour 18-22October 2017

25 Interliners including 5 from VIC met at the Miramar Memories Hotel in Havana.



Day 1: With our local guide, we departed for downtown Havana at 9 am in a new Chinese-built bus. We started the day with a walking tour through old Havana, admiring the beautiful Spanish style architecture. We stopped to visit the Hotel Ambos Mundos which was home to Hemingway from 1932-1939. Today his former hotel room # 511, is presented as if he might have just left it, complete with the typewriter he used to write "For Whom the Bell Tolls" in 1939. We enjoyed drinks and a lovely view from the rooftop bar overlooking Old Havana and the harbor/sea where Hemingway used to fish. Next a short drive to Cojimar town, a picturesque fishing village where Hemingway docked his boat, El Pilar. Lunch was at Las Terrazas de Cojimar, overlooking the water. We were welcomed with aqua-blue colored daquaris and serenaded by a local quartet.

After lunch we visited a former cigar factory, now museum, followed by a stop at the Christ of Havana statue, built of 67 blocks of carrara marble imported from Italy. Situated 60 meters high, on a hilltop overlooking the bay in Havana; the view is outstanding. Our next stop was Revolution Square, a massive plaza where Castro addressed more than 1 million Cubans on many important occasions. The square is dominated by a 109 metre memorial tower and 18 metre statue of Jose Marti, a much revered Cuban revolutionary.



We all stopped to smile, take photos and just admire the many old, lovingly-restored cars parked around the plaza. Oh, the stories they could tell! Dinner at the Jardines restaurant followed by the famous Tropicana floor show, a two hour musical and costume extravaganza, under a warm night sky. Spectacular entertainment in a lovely setting, not soon forgotten.



Day2: Checking out of Miramar Memories Hotel our first stop was to tour Cuba's second largest cigar factory, where rooms of 50 employees sat in hot, crowded conditions to roll 90-100 cigars each per day, all by hand. Traditions and techniques in making and packing the cigars have remained unchanged over the years, however now instead of someone reading to the employees to pass the time, most employees wear their own headphones for entertainment

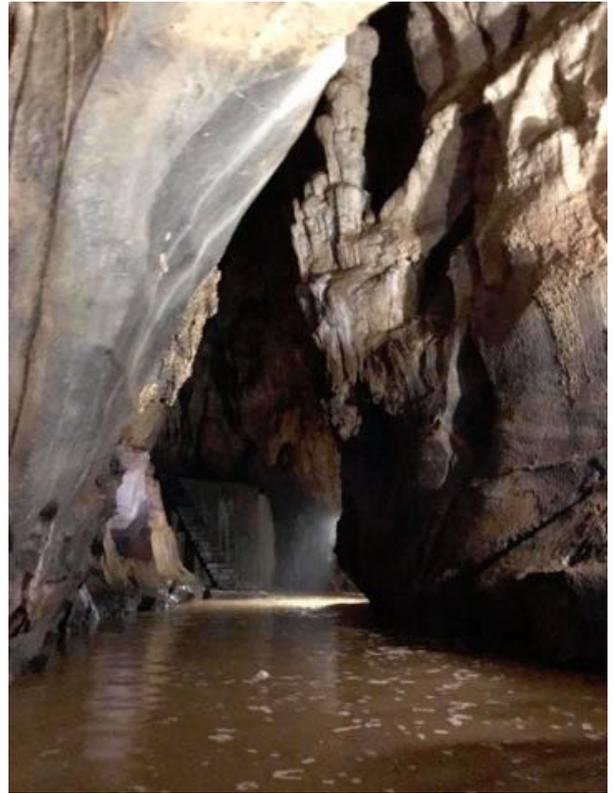
Heading towards the western outskirts of Havana, we stopped at the fishing town of Jaimanitas to visit the artist Jose Fuster's delightful outdoor ceramic fantasyland "Fusterlandia." Over 30 years, Cuba's most celebrated ceramic artist has transformed his own home and 80 of his neighbors' homes into a unique and magical work of public art; covered with brightly colored, ornate murals and sculptures using images such as mermaids, fish, palm trees, roosters, all hand made.



Still heading west we proceeded up the mountain to Las Terrazas, a Unesco biosphere reserve for lunch at Buena Vista Restaurant set amid the lush forested landscape. After lunch we toured the nearby site of the earliest coffee plantation in Cuba. 126 slaves worked here on the former coffee plantation (19th Century) and now a historic site. The large, rough wooden wheel that grinds the beans is still functioning and a good workout for those who tried it! We stopped for coffee down the road in a little hillside village, all ordering different coffees, some with alcohol. We relaxed and sipped our coffees undercover, while awaiting the passing of a rain, thunder and lightning storm.

An afternoon drive through the countryside, a beautiful, hilly landscape and rural area of goats, horses, pigs and turkeys, and farmers tilling soil as our driver navigated the narrow, winding road, skillfully avoiding stray dogs, horse and buggy carts and other vehicles along the way. A quick look as we drove through the colorful little town of Vinales and on to our lovely hotel, Rancho San Vincentes, a welcome respite after a full day of sightseeing.

Day 3: An early morning visit to the Indian Cave situated in one of the mogotes (limestone hills in the area), starting with a 300 meter walk through a narrow, winding passage before reaching an underground river. A short boat ride on the river with local guide pointing out fascinating limestone formations that you can imagine as faces, animals, or even Columbus' ships!



Then on to Los Jazmines Hotel and lookout over Vinales Valley with its distinctive limestone monoliths(mogotes); a beautiful view of the rocky outcroppings and flat iron-rich red farmland below. A visit at a small tobacco farm with a demonstration of making cigars, followed by a visit to the Mural de la Prehistorica, a 120 m high by 160 m long mural painted on the face of a limestone hillside showing the evolution of life in a natural sense of Cuba. In the mural are represented the Guanahatabeyes Indians, species of mammals, prehistoric animals as well as some mollusks.



. A final visit to Vinales, a picturesque small village of mainly one-story w houses with front porches. Many of these colorful, well maintained homes are private residences tailored and licensed to operate as B & B's. Back to our hotel in time for a swim in the pool before dinner.

Day 4: A 9:00 a.m. start on our last day of this tour. We are returning to Havana, a 3 hour drive. Checking in and registering for the AGA at the Miramar Memories Hotel.

Alfred Buchi

WACA 50th AGA Cuba Oct 22 -27, 2017

As the Vancouver Interline Delegate, I was lucky to attend the 50th Annual General Assembly (AGA) & the 2017 Interline Celebration organised the WACA council. 168 Interliners participated at the 50th AGA held in Havana and Varadero, Cuba from October 22-27th. The Grand Opening Ceremony held on the first night at Memories Miramar Hotel was an outdoor event by the poolside. Welcome cocktail with dinner and a Salsa Show with dancers was enjoyed by all.

The second day we all enjoyed a full day city tour of Havana including a delicious lunch. In the evening we enjoyed dinner at the Habana Cafe of Melia and were entertained by the Buena Vista Club Music Show. The show was awesome!



Members of WACA delivered school supplies donated by various Interline Clubs around the world.

On day 3 we drove 2.5 hours to the Sanctuary Grand Memories Resort in Varadero. Cuban Dancers performed for us while we all received a Welcome drink upon arrival. While waiting for our room to be ready we all enjoyed a buffet lunch. In the evening, everyone enjoyed the President's Cocktail at the Cuban Bar in the Resort, before heading for a delicious sit down dinner with live music for our entertainment

On day 4, many enjoyed the optional Catamaran Tour while others enjoyed the Resort facilities or went into town for shopping and sightseeing. In the evening we all enjoyed another delicious sit down dinner. We were treated to more live entertainment of singers and dancers before we participated in the ALL REGIONS NIGHT.

During dinner the last Tombola tickets were sold and there were many lucky winners. The lucky winners of our Tombola gift donation of the Native Design Salad Servers were won by Geraldine Safinuk who gifted them to her daughter Sharon Slessor (WACA Council Chief Finance Officer) and both members of the Winnipeg Interline Club.



The rest of the evening was enjoyed by visiting all the tables set up by the Clubs promoting their cities and countries to visit while dancing to the DJ Music!



Day 5, the AGA was held in the morning with an afternoon presentation by the Interline Club of Portugal. The 51st AGA will be in Madeira, Portugal in Oct 2018. The Gala Night was amazing with more excellent entertainment and more delicious food!

Closing Ceremony included announcing Club of the Year and passing of the WAGA Banner to the Club of Portugal as the next Hosting Club. What a big Surprise when I heard that the Vancouver Interline Club was chosen as Club of the Year!! As the VIC Delegate, I had the honour of being presented Certificate for the Club of the Year for 2017! What an awesome way to end the 50th AGA!

Congratulations to the Members of the VIC!!!

Cheers
Judith Guevara
VIC Treasurer



ELECTIONS FOR VIC 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Vancouver Interline Club's Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec 6/ 17
Location : 1300 Hunter Road, Richmond A. Senko 604 948-0810. All current members are urged to vote for the new executive. Nominations for the new Executive must be sent in to the club VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB 14067-113A Ave. Surrey B.C. V3R2K6 , or given to a current director by December 4, 2017 The position of President is a 3 year term automatically filled by the Vice President in 2020. The following positions are open for nominations. (assistants required also!)

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President will assist the resident in coordinating the general affairs of the club and acts as liaison between the executive and various appointed committees. The Vice President automatically takes over the position of President in 2020 therefore this is a three year term position.

SECRETARY: The Secretary will take the Minutes at each executive meeting, will deal with all correspondence as needed. Must be able to work without direction, and be able to compose own letters and initiate follow-ups, etc. Also records names of prize winners at events.

TREASURER: The Treasurer is the Club's "banker". Must be good at figures and budgets. Will prepare a monthly statement of assets / liabilities.

SOCIAL DIR.: The Social Director will set up and coordinate all the Club's monthly events.

PUBLICATION: The Publications Director will write and produce the newsletter, coordinate mailing of same, and produce any other publication required.

MEMBERSHIP: The Membership Director will keep the Club's membership and newsletter mailing list up to date, issue new membership cards and be available at interline functions to accept new memberships.

TOURS & INFO: The Tours and Information Director will advise the Publications Director of interline tours available to members, keep records of same and be responsible for answering queries from members.

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2018 EXECUTIVE

I hereby nominate

for the position of _____

for Vancouver Interline Club for the 2018 term of office, on this date

signature of
nominator _____

I hereby accept the above
nomination _____

Nominees name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Airline _____
