



# ***VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB NEWSLETTER***

Issue 1



***WORLD TRAVELLERS***

**FOR AIRLINE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES**

*WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS*



See Poster inside for **Valentine's Day Party** , Feb 16,2017

## Presidents Message for the Vancouver Interline Club

My name is Freddie Whiting and I am the new President for the Vancouver Interline Club.

A brief chronological history about myself:

I started with Pacific Western Airlines in 1981 at Vancouver International Airport as a Ramp Service Agent. After a brief layoff I accepted a position in Regina Airport as a ticket agent and then returned back to Vancouver as a CSA ( Customer Service Agent), back to Calgary in Reservations, and then was accepted to open the Beijing China City Ticket Office and worked at the Beijing Airport for Canadian Airlines, returned to Calgary Airport as the Baggage Lead and after approximately two years transferred to Vancouver Cargo as Customer Service Lead.

While in Vancouver I was seconded to work in the Canadian Airlines Training Departments instructing BAHAMAS ( Lost baggage handling system) and on the conversion from Pegasus (Canadian Airlines computer system ) to Sabre (American Airlines computer system) and training Cargo to Canadian Airlines Employees. After my secondment I returned to Vancouver Airport as a Customer Service Agent and Health and Safety Co-Chair for Air Canada.

I was employed just over 35 years for three airlines and never quit my job and finally pulled the pin and retired this past August.

I've been a member of the Vancouver Interline Club, (VIC), since 2012 and I've had fantastic time and have enjoyed meeting and socializing with the members. I've have had the opportunity to go on two WACA (World Airlines Clubs Association )tours, one to Bali, Indonesia and more recently, I attended the WACA 49th AGA / 50th Anniversary as an alternate delegate in Canes, France, November 2016 with pre and post tours in Italian Rivera and Southern France. The tours were wonderful!!!

In February 2017 the Vancouver Interline Club reached a milestone of 50 years. The club will officially celebrate this momentous occasion on May 05th 2017.

My goal as President is increase our membership by bringing back past members as well as active employees and retired members to our club.

I'm very excited to serve as your President and pleased to have such a hard working Executive Team.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of our events or monthly potlucks.

Freddie wushuyvr@gmail.com

## VIC 2017 EVENT CALENDER

Feb 16	Valentine's Party ANAF Richmond
Mar 16	St Patrick's Party O'Hare's Richmond
May 5	Party at Mylora Golf Course
June 14	Walk Rally TBA
Sep 14	Pitch & Putt after meed at O'Hare's
Oct	TBA
Nov 25	Silent Auction at Buck N Ear

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## FROM THE EDITOR

We are always happy to receive your travel stories and pictures for publication in the newsletter. If you come across any good deals or anything that may help your fellow interliners in their travels, please let us know.

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](mailto: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. [www.facebook.com/vancouver.interlineclub](http://www.facebook.com/vancouver.interlineclub)

# VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB WISHES YOU ALL A



Date: Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 1700 - 2000 hours.

Place: Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans Hall, Unit 284  
#105 - 11900 No 1 Road, Richmond.  
South of Steveston Hwy  
Turn left at the light on Chatham.  
Drive down the lane to  
rear of the premises for parking.

Menu: 284 Beef burger or chicken breast club served with  
fries or salad

Cost: \$16.00 per person, including gratuity and taxes  
for the meal. Drinks are at your own cost

Gentlemen, please remove your hats before entering the ANAF 284, in honor of  
our fallen comrades. Thank you.



## AGA Pre Tour to Italy

Bravo to Julian and the WACA team for delivering yet another great tour. It was well thought out, great guides, nice hotels, convenient and the right mix of interesting sights and fun.

As pre-tour participants we were offered a great rate at a Milan airport hotel. Many of the 13 of our VIC members stayed 3 nights; giving us time to explore this beautiful city. As our tour left Milan we stopped in Piva where I had a chance to explore the Gothic Visconti castle, the well preserved museum was very interesting.

Once in Genoa we had 4 nights allowing time to explore. By coach we travelled the Ligurian coast, by train to magical Cinque Terre, by boat to picturesque Portofino, and by foot we explored Genoa and the medieval city Noli.

The trip from Genoa to Cannes was breathtaking in it's beauty, the southern Italian Riviera, where the Alps meet the Mediterranean Sea. The warmth of southern France was welcoming as was the opening ceremonies of the AGA.

Inge Hansen, VP - VIC 2017



#### 4 NIGHTS AT THE AGA – WOW

After a wonderful WACA tour of the Ligurian Coast including Cinque Terre, our group boarded the bus to Cannes for a 4 night stay to attend the AGA (Annual General Assembly).

Upon arrival in Cannes at the gorgeous Htl Gray D'Albion we hurriedly changed into suitable attire to rush over to the famous Majestic Htl for the Opening Ceremony of the AGA.

After introductions, special mention was given to 3 former WACA Presidents: Marjorie Homenuik of Winnipeg, Keith Miller of WACA Hdqtrs in Montreal and Ramzi Shuweihat of Jordan. It was such a happy surprise to see Ramzi as he had been ill for some time and here he was in Cannes and he looked wonderful. A special guest, Robert Tabac was introduced, who in 1966 was a founding member of WACA (World Airlines Clubs International) right here in Cannes at the famous Majestic Hotel.

It was a great night...with wonderful entertainment: South Pacific dancers; a Mauritian dance group; local show girls and of course a great dance band with an entertaining singer. Our own WACA dancers were also very interesting - thanks PJ, Mario & Maga for their excellent moves.

There were about 205 attendees at the AGA and we were up at dawn the next day and out the door to board buses for a tour of Monaco/Monte Carlo...where we walked where royalty and celebrities have walked. We saw the palace that Prince Ranier and Princess Grace lived in, watched the "Changing of the Guards".. went to the Casino where we had pictures taken in the lobby but no time for gambling. Some of our group went to the church nearby the Casino to view the place that Princess Grace was laid to rest.

If that wasn't enough for the day, we were whisked off to Eze, a rocky little village, perched on an impossible peak...a medieval village with winding lanes and many interesting shops. On the way back to the hotel we visited the famous Fragonard perfumery ... we said we weren't going to buy "a thing" but of course most of us did. We heard many WOWS this day.

The next morning was all business ...THE AGA...for the many delegates from Waca clubs to meet, discuss, plan and decide what happens to Waca this year and the future (full report of meeting will be advised by Fred Buchi).

The rest of us had a free day to explore Cannes. Our group started out trying to get entry to the theatre where the Cannes Film Festival is held each year, but we were turned away by some charming fellows who were setting up for a musical "People's Award Show". They did let us walk on the Red Carpet though. We then walked towards the "Old City".. on the way walking by the huge harbour where we saw yachts belonging to billionaires, then down a notch to millionaires, then lastly the fishing boats that bring the freshest fish to the great restaurants of France. We walked up the hill to the Old City..interesting buildings to view but no shops!! On the way back to our hotel we did manage to drop a few Euros.

Back at the hotel we just had time to eat and rush to the large room to setup for the "All Regions Night" where many WACA clubs offered their signature drinks, some had regional foods and giveaways. Our Club served the famous "Moose Milk" accompanied by moose "droppings". Three Canadian clubs had booths.. Calgary, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Well done everyone. Wow, what fun.

The next morning we left by buses for a tour of Cannes, then to Nice (Capital of the French Riviera) where we walked through the fabulous outdoor market with goodies like tapenades, olive oils, spices, lavenders and more. WOW! If only our suitcases and luggage restrictions didn't dictate, we would have left with a lot more purchases than we did. Lunch was at a wonderful Medieval restaurant...crowded by all of us but very good. Then on to St. Paul de Vence, a very artistic place, many art galleries; a few of us even went to see where Chagall is buried.

Back at our hotel we just had time to prepare our "look" for the "Gala Dinner". Dressed in our fineries we had a wonderful dinner with live music and dancing shared with great friends old and new. After a few goodbye speeches, our group of 4 retired early as we would join up with the other participants to go on a tour.."The Highlights of Southern France".

I want to thank Julian Chau, his team, and Executive Council for arranging these fantastic tours. I now know that the "WOW" stands for "WORLD OF WACA"....come and join us on any tour offered by a Waca Club or Waca Council...you will have a wonderful experience.

Sharon Revel



## 49<sup>th</sup> 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

