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To unite, coordinate, advise clubs throughout the world

To publicize, encourage, promote Interline Clubs

To unite the members of Interline Clubs in friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding

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President's Report

Hope you all had a nice summer.

We have many events coming up in the fall - hope to see you there. The first event will be the annual Pitch and Putt in September. The poster will be out soon.

Fred Buchi

VIC 2016 EVENT CALENDER

September 22 Annual Golf Tournament

October 27 Halloween

November 26 Silent Auction

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

More details will be emailed before the events take place.

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 web site <http://vancouveric.weebly.com>

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ABU DHABI UAE

After attending the Jordan Adventure we stopped at Abu Dhabi to visit the Masdar City project, a city built for the future with emphasis on renewable energy.

While still in its early stages with only a few buildings such as housing, medical center, resource and technology centers, one can see and feel the difference modern designs and layouts can make. On a hot 39C day it felt a lot cooler walking through the city. A passive wind tower adds moist cool air to the narrow streets. The facades are also designed to maximize the light for the interior without adding heat to the building.

The highlight however was the first workable PRT system using Personal Rapid Transit vehicles. Sitting in an electric-powered, automated single-cabin vehicle which offered privacy, comfort and the non-stop travel of a taxi service was a glimpse into an impressive mode of future transportation. More details about Masdar can be found at www.masdar.ae A visit to Abu Dhabi would not be complete without a visit to the Sheik Zayed Grand Mosque. Built between 1996 and 2007, it has the capacity of 40,000 worshippers. Truly magnificent!

Fred Buchi



Jordan Adventure May 2016

23 Interliners met in Amman Jordan for the Jordan Adventure. A reception at Yousef's home followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant acquainted us with our travel companions. Our group from 7 countries got an early start in our comfortable air-conditioned coach. We headed north to the ancient city of Jaresh which dates back more than 6500 years. Jaresh was hidden for centuries in sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years. It is acknowledged to be one of the best preserved Roman provincial towns in the world.



Continuing on to the northern border we explored Umm Qays (former Gadara), renowned in its time as a cultural centre, home to classical poets and philosophers. Exploring the ruins, we were impressed by the design and acoustics of the ancient theater, where "friends, romans, countrymen" could be heard from any seat! Perched on a hilltop, 1240 feet above sea level, we took in spectacular views overlooking the Jordan Valley, Sea of Galilee and the Goalan Heights. We enjoyed a delicious lunch on the outdoor terrace restaurant overlooking the panoramic view of three countries.

A scenic drive through the hilly landscape heading south took us to our next destination; situated below sea level, the luxurious Crown Plaza Resort on the Dead Sea. We arrived just in time to settle and enjoy a beautiful sunset over the Dead Sea. We relaxed with a free day at this large resort with several pools and access to the Dead Sea. Floating in the 30% mineral salt water and taking the mud bath treatment was an experience not to be missed!



An early start for a long bus ride to Petra. Words cannot describe this awe-inspiring treasure. Now a UNESCO world heritage site, we saw just a small, but very impressive part of this large ancient city. We walked down through the narrow red sandstone winding gorge which opens up onto Petra's most magnificent facade: The Treasury, a stunning 40 meters high, intricately carved out of a sheer rock face, dating back to the first century B.C. Following along the road through the ancient city past the royal tombs, temples and theatre it was fascinating to imagine the thriving city that once prospered here.



In the afternoon we were off to Wadi Rum, also known as Valley of the Moon, a desertscape that is one of the most colorful and unique in the world. You can't help but be in awe of the maze of red sandstone rock formations rising up out of the desert to heights of up to 1,750 meters. We arrived just in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset over this spectacular desert setting. After checking in at the camp we had a delicious roast lamb dinner, cooked in a pit dug in the sand. The evening was spent singing and dancing around the open camp fire. Some choose to sleep in the open under a dazzling star-filled sky while others rested in the goat hair bedouin tents provided. An early rise to see the sun come up for some, and a cool, clear blue sky morning for breakfast in the open. A morning drive over the sand we wound our way around the fantastic array of giant rock formations with a stop at a bedouin tent for tea. This concluded our amazing stay in the desert, a very special place, not soon forgotten.

On the road again heading back to Amman; a stop at Madaba, "the City of Mosaics." A visit to St. Georges Greek Orthodox church, where a beautiful 6th century Byzantine floor mosaic map was unearthed in the early 1900's. Made of two million pieces of colored stone, showing Jerusalem and other holy sites, the map depicts hills and valleys, villages and towns, as far away as the Nile Delta; an amazing masterpiece. On to the near-by Mount Nebo, believed to be the place Moses was buried. Six tombs from different periods have been found hollowed out of the rock beneath the mosaic floor of the church. From here we took in the stunning views of the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and Jerusalem. After lunch a visit to the craft shop where we learned the intricate artistry of working with tiles and watched the women making beautifully-crafted mosaics large and small, and most interesting, a mosaic on an Ostrich egg. Back to Amman and our farewell dinner with members of the Jordan Interline Club. Sitting outdoors on the balcony of the Zuwwadeh restaurant in a modern suburb of Amman was a wonderful ending to our fabulous Jordan Adventure. We were so well taken care of by the Jordanian interliners from pick-up to drop-off at the airport and throughout the tour, that it was hard to say good-bye and we hope to meet again at future WACA events.

Loretta Buchi VIC

MARIE SCOTT KOSICK

Marie Scott Kosick, a long time member of the Detroit/Windsor Interline club and the World Airlines Clubs Association, passed away suddenly and recently in her home town of Detroit. We (some past and present members of V.I.C.) met Marie and her Detroit entourage at the 1981 A.G.A in Athens, Greece. While walking arm in arm with Eric Moilliet down a stairway with some steep and sharp steps at the Plakaa historical neighbourhood of Athens, Marie lost her heel and they both tumbled down those steep stairs. She forever accused Eric of pushing her down those stairs. She however landed on top of Eric and was not hurt badlynot sure of Eric, though! A few too many Ouzos may have also contributed to this mishap. From then on, she was forever a great friend and supporter of the V.I.C and attended all events that they had like Spring Fest and The Wild and Wet. She was also an avid supporter of W.A.C.A. and attended many of the world events, but especially the A.G.A.'s. Her famous Tail Light drink was a standard and a must at the nightly Regional Evenings. At the A.G.A. meetings, she always spoke her piece and kept the Clubs' interest at hand. She was also an auditor for W.A.C.A. for a few years.

However, when she had some time off, she would shop,and shop and shop and shop! Also, you could be sure she would stop in at a Casino if there was one nearby. Marie had a great sense of humour. At the 1982 A.G.A. in Portugal, she was determined, as she put it to 'drink everyone from Vancouver under the table', and she almost succeeded. The thing we didn't know that while on our bus trip to the Algarve, she was drinking water, not White Wine like the rest of us. Pretty darn clever she was! Marie was just a great person to be around, be it on a tour bus or at a gala evening. She really was a great Interliner as she would get newcomers involved and welcome, something that too many of us rarely do.

Marie, you will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have known you. Paul T

WALKING RALLY JUNE 16TH

The Walking Rally was a huge success. We were joined by several interliners from other clubs in North America who were here for a regional meeting. A great time was had by all.

