



VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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SILENT AUCTION

at

The Canadian Brewhouse

Nov 15,2024

See poster for details

Register bby Nov. 13,2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Vancouver Interline Club members,

The Vancouver Interline Club was well represented at the recent 54th World Airlines Clubs Association (WACA) AGA in Mauritius, with 15 of our members attending. Although I was unable to be present, I am proud to report that our club was in good hands. Judith Guevara, our VIC Treasurer, attended as our official Delegate, and Lalit Lal, VIC Secretary, served as the Alternate Delegate.

I am also pleased to share an important update regarding our club's financial contribution to WACA. The funds we had originally donated were allocated to the Elton Cleford Travel and Trust Fund, which was designed to assist World Airlines Clubs members with travel costs to AGAs. After three years of discussions and appeals, the World Airlines Clubs Association has agreed to return these funds, and we have now reached an agreement to repurpose them for charitable use.

The Vancouver Interline Club has chosen Hope Air as the charity that will receive these funds. We are proud to support this organization, which provides vital air transportation for Canadians in need of medical care far from home.

Additionally, I have been in contact with Keith Miller, Office Manager at WACA who has informed me that a cheque in USD, made out to Hope Air, has been mailed to my attention. It will be a pleasant surprise for both Hope Air and the Vancouver Interline Club, as we have no idea how much the cheque will be for.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support and engagement with the Vancouver Interline Club and the World Airlines Clubs Association.

Yours in Interlining,
Freddie Whiting
President, Vancouver Interline Club

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 15 Silent Auction at the Canadian Brewhouse

Dec 1 Sunday brunch

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FROM THE EDITOR

.Please do send us your articles, jokes and interesting items that you would like to be included in the newsletter. If you send a travel article, please include pictures.

! Check out the new updated WACA website. www.waca.org

Our new address is: Vancouver Interline Club,
106-15153 98th Avenue

Surrey, B. C. V3R 9M8

or use the e-mail on our new
<http://www.vancouverinterlineclub.ca> Our new email

is: vancouver_ic@yahoo.com

To sign up for the e-mail version of the newsletter, send your e-mail to maxpat@telus.net

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Vancouver Interline Pitch & Putt & Pizza Aug 16,2024

We held our annual Pitch & Putt and Pizza event on Friday with 40 people in attendance.

Our Men's low score went to Terry Sunar with a score of 29 and our women's trophy went to Nami Stewart with a score of 29, congratulations to both of you and a big THANK YOU to all the other great golfers who came out to support our Club.

Again, one of our members came forth and offered their back yard for our pizza party and we are very thankful to Ron & Ronnie Wosk who have a beautiful back yard and it was all set up for us when we arrived after golf. A special thanks to our "Chef" (without his Chef hat) Claude for serving up the pizza in style as he always does. Thank you to Betty Shewchuk who made a delicious dessert which everyone enjoyed.

The winner of our 50/50 draw was Mike Smalley, who took home \$107.00 and our charity will get the other half. We had several door prizes and the winners were Janice Whiting, Betty Shewchuk, Mike Smalley, Marianne Szabo, Gord Wooley, Ian McLeod, Steve Lacon, James Fong, Judith Guevara, Ron Wosk, Ramona Korfman, Doreen Hazel, Mila Chee, Lalit Lal, Jeannie Hunt, Judy Vitek, Sharon Revel, Marguerite Silvain, Jeff Laufer and Rositta Greeting. A special thanks goes to our local Thrift Store (DYSL) in Tsawwassen for supplying all the prizes.

Our next event is planned for October 29th at the Bowling Alley in Richmond, we will be sending out the poster in plenty of time for you to register, but you can start work on your costumes.

A big THANKS to everyone who came out and made our event a success, and to Ron & Ronnie suppling their nice back yard. Hope to see you all at our next event.

Yours in Interlining

Sue & Ann



October 29, 2024 Halloween Bowling Event

We had 34 people registered for bowling and the costumes were great and after bowling there were 42 people go for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Best costumes were won by Margarete Silvain and Rod McMillan, a special thanks to everyone who came out in costume, you were all great and very much appreciated for joining in the fun.

Our 50/50 winner was Dennis Tarr and he took home \$117.50 and the other half went to our Charities. We had several door prizes and the winners were, Lois Beckett, Jeannie Hunt, Laurie Tarr, Joyce Barr, Freddie Whiting, Nami Stewart and Janice Whiting.

Our next event is the Silent Auction on Nov. 15th 2024 at The Canadian Brewhouse in Richmond, hope to see you all there as this is our main fundraiser for the year.

Yours in Interlining

Sue Laufer & Ann Senko





Atticus' story

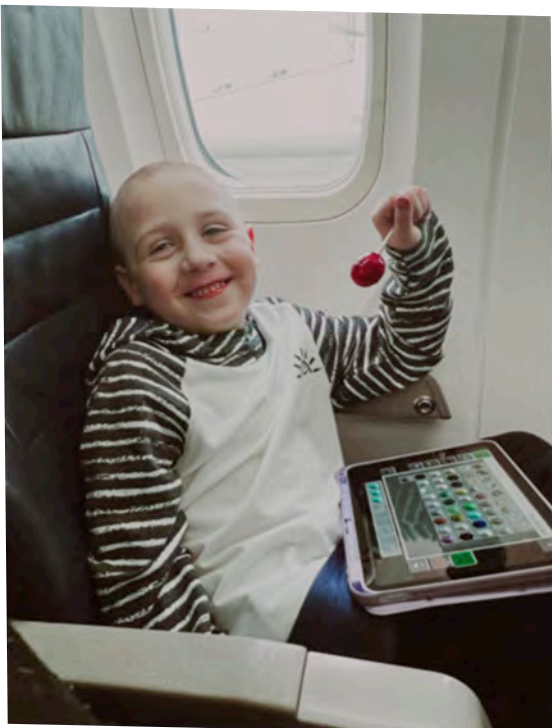
In August of 2020, when Atticus was just three years old, he went through an unresponsive episode and the next morning he was struggling to speak.

It was not until Atticus and his mother travelled to BC Children's Hospital, where more tests were conducted, that he was diagnosed with what doctors presumed to be myasthenia gravis (MG).

Atticus' diagnosis meant he and his mother, Brittney, would have to travel from Kelowna to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, regularly for frequent treatment and follow-up visits to ensure the treatment plan would help manage his myasthenia gravis.

Brittney had first heard about Hope Air when they were air transported to Vancouver and had no vehicle to get home. With so many uncertainties at that time, she had her sister pick them up in Vancouver. But later when they learned they would have to travel to Vancouver more regularly, especially in the winter months, Brittney decided she would try Hope Air.

Hope Air has been able to provide Atticus' family with flights and accommodation for their travel to Vancouver. When the Hope Meals and Hope Rides programs launched in spring 2022, they were also able to utilize those programs and receive meal vouchers and Uber vouchers to assist with the cost of their travel.



DONATION TO HOPE AIR NOV 4

The Vancouver Interline Club was delighted to donate the remaining funds from the Elton Cleford Travel and Trust Fund to Hope Air. Hope Air is Canada's only national charity dedicated to providing free flights and accommodations for healthcare to those who need it most. Its mission deeply resonates with the Club's values and commitment to supporting communities across Canada.

There was USD 1,874.91 in the Fund and a cheque was issued in that amount and sent to the Vancouver I.C. to be presented to Hope Air. The cheque was duly presented to Stephanie Aldridge, Executive Director of Hope Air by the Vancouver I.C. President, Freddie Whiting, accompanied by members of the Club's Executive Committee.



Gord Woolley, Ann Senko, Pat Lindeman, Judith Guevara, Claude Hewitt, Lalit Lal, Freddie Whiting, and Stephanie Alderidge from Hope Air.

MY MADAGASCAR TRIP by Zdena Daicar

Madagascar, the world's 4th largest island, lies off the SE coast of Africa. It's population is 32,000,000, 69% of whom live below the poverty line...only 21% have electricity. It is the 9th poorest country in the world.

The majority of people heat by coal...for lighting they use either candles or battery operated devices. It was interesting to see in villages tiny solar panels that are used to power up the batteries! Power shortages are common...our first night we stayed at the Radisson Hotel and had 2 brief blackouts. Laundry is done in the rivers and clothes hung over shrubs or on the ground to dry.... I asked our guide, Tai, who is married with 2 children and lives in the capital city of Antananarivo, where his family do their wash. He said his wife does it in a bucket and it was only 2 yrs ago that they got a stove!



Our tour days were long. We would be on the road by 7 am, not arriving at our next hotel till about 7-730pm. The reason for these long days were the atrocious roads! Actually calling them roads is being generous, they are crater strewn paths with patches of asphalt here and there. Traffic would be weaving all around to avoid these holes. Those were jaw breaking ,bone shattering days. On a funny note, one night I took off my Apple watch and saw I had done 13,439 steps ...hardly left the bus that day!! We did 320 kms and it took us 81/2hrs

We were lucky one day to visit a village and meet with their Shaman. Interestingly enough, the local medical clinic and the Shaman work together. The children are vaccinated, and for certain illnesses the Shaman sends the people to the clinic. But also the medical clinic will send people to see the Shaman for natural healing in some cases! For some reason, the Shaman wanted to make me his 3rd wife but I told him I was retired and don't work in fields anymore



In the rural areas, bus service is non existent. People walk everywhere and mainly go barefoot. We would pass children walking to school. Tai said they walk anywhere from 5 to 14 km one way . Classes are from 8am to noon and 1-5pm. They go to school only for a few years as they are needed to help either at home or in the fields.

Everything is so manually done. I never saw any construction machinery. Rock breaking is done by hand, agricultural work is done by hand, mine digging is done by hand! Unbelievable....



One of the people in our tour had brought candy to give out. Tai said thank you, but what he would suggest is giving out bars of soap. At our next stop at a little store, we emptied the shelves of soap bars and stopped at one very poor village where they were gratefully received.



I am so glad I had the opportunity to visit this country. It was an amazing experience. Whenever I come home from places like this, I fall on my knees and kiss the ground of Canada. I am so grateful for where I live.

“Be Prepared” Girl Guides

“Nobody Expects the Spanish Inquisition” Monty Python

While visiting Mauritius during the 2024 AGA, I had the misfortune to trip mid-way through a shop looking for a bag of potato chips. It was day two in Mauritius and AGA was starting the next day. Luckily, I had enjoyed 3 days in Paris and 8 days in the Seychelles prior to this. Back to the accident...the floor was dark grey slate and had a two inch lip right in the middle of the store where no one would expect a rise. I missed seeing this because I was focused on the bags of chips at the back. I fell heavily on my left shoulder taking down a whole rack of souvenirs trying to save myself. I did not think anything was broken but the pain was bad enough that I visited the hotel clinic the next day. The clinic took one look and put me in a cab to a private clinic. I was told my shoulder was broken in three places and would require immediate surgery with a further three days hospitalization; being strapped up and flying home was not an option.

I paid the clinic a deposit of \$500 CDN with my Visa and had them call Pacific Blue Cross Insurance. I had their phone number along with my policy number in my wallet. (I also keep a copy of same with my passport in the hotel safe). The Clinic conversed with the insurance company, who also talked to me and everything was arranged for payment. I had no further out of pocket expenses for phone calls or medical expense. This was a private clinic and not a public hospital. It was quite posh. I had a private room with bath, phone and a spare bed for a guest. It looked out on the Indian Ocean and had a private lanai with table and chairs. Had a big screen TV (with only BBC News in English).

The operation was performed the same day that I arrived. My shoulder was pinned up (expertly, I found out when I returned home and the local radiologist and surgeon were extremely impressed). I did require a special release form in order to travel/fly as aircraft cabin air pressure can cause problems with certain injuries.

I was able to cancel my confirmed flights from Mauritius to Madagascar and Madagascar to Paris for a minimal fee. Still waiting on WACA to hopefully refund a portion of the \$2,200 US Madagascar trip but we'll see...

Blue Cross sent me an email on my return home that asked how I was doing, if there were any out of pocket expenses and requested I fill out some forms. It was all pretty easy and I have claimed the \$500 deposit. Everyone, check your insurance policies, some include trip cancellation, trip interruption, flights home, etc. My policy is 30 days, \$10M, trip interruption/cancellation not so much for \$400/year. This comes in handy as I go to Blaine, WA several times a year, also out of province.

Anyway, keep you travel insurance up, read the fine print, keep their info handy when you travel and Watch Your Step!! Check out prices because they vary, BCAA is expensive, AC has an insurer but I found PBC to be the best fit for me. Length of coverage (days per month) makes a big difference in pricing as does your age and medical history.

(I flew from Mauritius to Paris, bulkhead seats for invalids, with a couple from Holland. He had torn his hamstring getting out of a kayak while on their anniversary holiday in Mauritius; they were flying home early for medical attention.)

Safe Travels!

FYI, Betty from Vegas was on our trip. She is 94 years young and had no problem in spite of the steps to toilet, shower, living room, etc., also, their room was about three blocks from the main resort. She was with us when I had my tumble. Age is not an issue.

Marcy Watt

ELECTIONS FOR VIC 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Vancouver Interline Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at **5641 Wellsgreen Place Delta V4L 2M8** at 12:00 PM on December 1, 2024. 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 106 - 15153 98th Ave, Surrey B.C. V3R9M8**, or given to a current director by December 1 2024

The following positions are open for nominations. (assistants required also!)

PRESIDENT: The President will coordinate the general affairs of the club and acts as liaison between the executive and various appointed committees.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President will assist the president 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.

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. The Treasurer will prepare a monthly statement of assets / liabilities.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: 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

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2024 EXECUTIVE

I hereby nominate: _____ for the position of:

for Vancouver Interline Club for the 2025 term of office, on this date: _____

Signature of nominator: _____

I hereby accept the above nomination: _____

Nominee's name: _____

Address: _____

SILENT AUCTION FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 15
5:00-8:00PM



THE CANADIAN BREWHOUSE
1305 - 4755 MCCLELLAND ROAD
RICHMOND
50 people maximum

Ticket includes Burger (Beef, chicken or veggie) with fries and a drink

Price:

\$25.00 members

\$30.00 guest



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