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PICNIC/BBQ

Thursday, June 19, 2025

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Cat Tail Picnic Shelter, Centennial Beach, Boundary Bay Regional Park

See Poster for details



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope I am finding you all in good health. First and foremost I would like to thank the 2024 executive committee for all their hard work in making 2024 a fun and successful I year for our Vancouver Interline Club. A big thank you to all our members that contributed to this success by being a member and taking part in events etc.

I would like to introduce the new executive committee for 2025.

President – Lalit Lal

Vice President – Alfred Buchi

Secretary – Christine Carey

Treasurer – Judith Guevara

Pat Lindeman - Membership

Tours and Information – Gordon Woolley and Claude Hewitt

Publications –Janet and Mark Glowacki

Entertainment - TBA

Paul Tyrkus – Auditor

I am very grateful to Freddie Whiting and Ann Senko for the continued support they provide to our executive team.

Please note we are still looking for members who can take on the entertainment (planning events) responsibility on our executive team. We currently are trying our best to put on events besides our own responsibilities.

I am very excited to report that we have 27 members registered for our AGA 2025 in Malta. I am looking forward to seeing our big WACA family in Malta as we create new memories in the “Jewel of the Mediterranean” (Malta).

I hope to see you all at our June 19th picnic event. Until then take care and keep smiling.

Regards,

Lalit Lal_____

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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 he 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,
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“Our Trip of a Lifetime” to Egypt and Jordan

I had the pleasure recently of giving a PowerPoint presentation to the Pionairs meeting in White Rock, detailing my daughter Nicola and my WACA and VIC trip to Egypt and Jordan in 2023. The event was very well attended and appeared to be well received.

The WACA - AGA that year was in Amman, Jordan and the pre tour in Egypt was documented in the Oct/Dec 2023 newsletter by Fred and Loretta Buchi, so I will just cover the Jordan part of our trip.

Following a flight on Royal Jordanian from Cairo to Amman on Oct 1st we were met at Queen Alia International Airport by the WACA host who drove us to the Amman Marriott Hotel. There we had a Welcoming Ceremony and Cocktail Reception. The next morning, we were given a tour of the city and had lunch at the Citadel, followed by a visit to the Al Hakaya Museum and a sunset dinner at their Restaurant.

The next day after an early breakfast, we boarded luxury buses and made the long journey south to Petra, Jordan’s most valuable treasure and voted as one of the new seven World Wonders. Petra was buried under the desert sand for centuries and it was amazing, to learn about its Nabatean and Roman history. It was a very exciting day!

Another full day followed with visits to the Dead Sea, and the Baptism Site on the Jordan River when Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. From there we went to Mt Nebo where Moses concluded his exodus from out of Egypt and where the Hebrew tribes could see Canaan, their promised land!

On our final day in Jordan, Oct 5th, 2023, we visited the Roman city of Jerash, and an Islamic fortification build by Saladin to ward off the crusaders in the 12th century. The day finished with a wonderful Gala Dinner and entertainment, they helped celebrate my birthday, but most of us were starting to think about plans for our long journey home!

My daughter and I were planning to visit Israel and Tel Aviv by road and the Hotel Travel Agent was arranging it for us. He would have a Jordanian drive us to the West Bank border at the River Jordan, we would then take ourselves across to the Israeli side and another driver would be waiting to take us through Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. It sounded perfect and another couple in our party, Monica and her mother, said they would like to join us if they could cancel a flight to Tel

Aviv and they had already booked. During the dinner that evening, Monica informed me that they could not cancel their flight and would be going by air. I was now not comfortable about just the two of us going by road and suggested to Nicola we also go by air, but on contacting Air Jordan I was told their flight was full. We then decided not to go to Israel this time and decided to fly home through Frankfurt. At this time there was no indication of any trouble in the region. In the early hours of Oct 7th as we were flying home Hamas launched over 4,000 rockets into Israel, broke through the Gaza-Israel defences, attacked military bases and massacred thousands of civilians in the surrounding communities. Many young people were killed at the Nova Music Festival and about 250 Israeli civilians and soldiers were taken to Gaza as hostages. The war continues to this day and over 50,000 Palestinians have been killed and are now facing famine in Gaza. When will it ever end?



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VIC is supplying

- ☐ Hotdogs
- ☐ Soft drinks
- ☐ Chips
- ☐ Games
- ☐ Prizes

Free Parking

Bring a dish to share
Favorite lawn game
Lawn Chair
Bring your bathing suit
for the beach

RSVP by 12th June, 2025

To help us plan how much food to prepare, kindly register by contacting Freddie Whiting:

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