

Has WACA changed your life? It certainly has ours!

In the early 1980s, my eldest daughter, Nicola, and I worked for CP Air in Vancouver and were members of WACA. At that time, the members were mainly a young group of active employees, and each year, the club organized a pageant in Miami, Florida. Most clubs worldwide chose a girl from their members to send to Florida with all expenses paid; the event was held at the prestigious Eden Roc Hotel on Miami Beach. In 1983, Nicola attended the three-day event as Miss Vancouver Interline. While attending the pageant, she met a young attorney, and after an engaging cross-border romance, they were married. Forty years later, they still live in Florida with their three grown children!

My wife and I enjoyed travelling the world until an unexpected turn of events, shortly after my retirement 28 years ago from Canadian Airlines, curtailed her ability to fly and travel. After many years of travelling alone and seeking to reestablish old and new friendships, I rejoined WACA and the Vancouver Interline Club! A few years later, my daughter Nicola did the same. By 2022, we had become well acquainted with the club members and enjoyed many of their local events. When we had the opportunity to attend the 54th WACA AGA in Jordan and Egypt, we jumped at this opportunity to visit such an incredible part of the world. Our "Trip of a Lifetime" did indeed surpass all our expectations. It was wonderful to see and feel the warmth and camaraderie of the members of many races and religious beliefs from the many airline clubs around the globe; this impressed us very much!

We again reconnected with the fantastic WACA team at the AGA in Mauritius in 2024 and hope to attend this year's meeting in Malta!

My wife and I have documented our amazing life together in our book "Our Fine Romance", available from Amazon, together with an e-book and audiobook!
Regards, Michael Harbott.

