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If You Take Our Hand We'll Chase Your Dreams Across The Sky For We Can Fly Up Up And Away .. TWA



## TWA AMBASSADORS LAX

Next Luncheon: Wednesday, 14 June, 2017
Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Drive ... Northridge 91326
Social Hour Begins At 11am .. Luncheon At Noon

#### **Club Personnel:**

President:
Mary Christine Pitko
Vice Presidents:

Richard Jewell Kozy Kozachenko

Secretary:

Barbara Force

Treasurers:

Sam Medina Denise Spellman

Past President:

Terrie Masters

Event Coordinators: Joan Burd

Barbara Jewell Linda Kozachenko Loretta Roberts Mel Roberts Lorna Williams Ted Engelbert

Webmaster & Newsletter: Paul Ellmore

50/50 Drawing Winners:



Bob DeWees w/ Mary Christine



Carlin Papp w/ Mary Christine

Hello My Lovelies.

Our Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon in March, at Park Avenue Restaurant in Stanton, a new venue, was Intimate & Delightful. It seems everyone loved strolling through the grounds and seeing where they grow their herbs and vegetables. The food was excellent. The gifts and centerpieces were totally Irish. Thanks to Judy Vavrek for making the wine bags with the Irish Themed material (which covered the Jameson Whiskey Fifths). "Cheers."

The 50/50 was won by Carlin Papp & Bob DeWees. Each won \$102. We welcomed a new member, flight attendant Betty Ford. So Delighted to have you aboard.

I am most Grateful to Our Past President, Joan Burd and husband Norm, plus Paul Ellmore, Patricia Clode, Joyce Sysak, Dan Cook and Randy Davis for representing Our Chapter at this year's National AGM in San Antonio April 4th-7th. Hopefully they will share the events with us in June.

Our next Luncheon will be Wednesday. June 14th 2017 at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge. The Theme will be "A White Elephant Gift Exchange". And so, if everyone brings one item, everyone will win something. Its your chance to relieve yourself of that which you never wanted! Ha! All, it seems, loved this venue, the food, the grounds, and the service, all spectacular. *The Country Club does require the head count by Saturday June 3rd. No flexibility here.* SO, if you want to TEE OFF to this event, don't Dilly Dally. Have You got that Marshall!!

I must Thank Ted Engelbert who saved the club \$300 by bringing his Karaoke Machine so that my voice could reach every ear. This of course is extremely important, when calling the winning numbers. I know how exciting it is to "Win" Also, Thanks to Marshall for the Flag and TWA sign which directed us to the entrance. And, to Our Norman Burd for bringing a back up Flag. What a Great Team we have.

Until we meet again, I shall hold You in My Heart. With Great Love, Mary Christine ..."Your President".

From Joan Burd:

The 2017 AGM in San Antonio was held April 4-7 and Norm and I gladly represented the LAX (So Cal Chapter). We had never been to SAT and were awed by the Alamo and enchanted by the Riverwalk. Temperature was nice outside; but, inside the hotel ... Brr-r. I'm still thawing out. Despite the record low attendance of 39, the TWAers who were there made the most of it. Saw some old friends and made some new ones.

The National TWA Seniors Club is celebrating 50 years this year and if you got your Skyliner, it was a nostalgic review of all those past years. Editor Carl Barley worked very hard to bring it all together. Despite the expected declining membership overall and dissolution of some groups, chapters are still getting together, enjoying each others company and keeping the memories alive. We are looking forward to the 2019 AGM at the new TWA Hotel at JFK. Save your pennies so you can re-visit (and stay at) the iconic terminal where almost everyone who worked for TWA has fond memories. President Fran Daino has been negotiating with the powers that be and it promises to be an unforgettable experience.

The General Meeting and Banquet members enjoyed the presentation and video of Jim Thompson, Aviation Historian and son of a CMH PRR. We did some "table karaoke" and all had a great sing-along with Paul Ellmore. The membership voted in the current Board members again and enthusiastically voted upon the return of webmaster Marc Brecy (PAR). The website will once again be something to enjoy. Members voted to send annual donations to Flight #800 (\$1500) and TWA Museum 10 Richards Rd (\$500).

We'll have a printed sheet available at the June 14th luncheon with updated phone numbers, pass info, retiree website info. Make sure you are up to date on all.

#### March Luncheon Photos ... Park Avenue Restaurant, Stanton California Photos By Richard Jewell, Club Co-Vice President



- Row 1: Alphonso & Pricilla Collins ... Darwin & Theresia Ufford ... Pat Games, Ed Winders, Karen Sikora ... Bob Joosten, Mary Christine Pitko
- Row 2: Mary Wycho, Jean Augustine, Betty Hagen ... Roxanne Pumphrey ... Toni Tersigni, Judy Rogers, Jan Tersigni
- Row 3: Sam Medina, Cheryl Durazzo ... Gingi Kadvani, Marshall Pumphrey, Janet Bracken posing for Paul Ellmore ... Betty Ford, June O'Mahoney, Pat Sullivan
- Row 4: Carlin & Mike Papp, Al Seth ... Mary & Frank Wycho ... Marshall Pumphrey, Patricia Clode ... Terri-Le Hohman
- Row 5: Jim & Betty Hagen ... Gail Walter, Theresia Ufford, Lorna Williams ... Jeff Sasine, Bev Sasine
- Row 6: Felix & Jean Augustine

# Next Luncheon: Wednesday, 14 June 2017 Porter Valley Country Club, 19216 Singing Hills Dr, Northridge 91326 11:00a Social Hour, 12:00n Luncheon

THIS IS OUR ANNUAL "WHITE ELEPHANT" GIFT EVENT. BRING THAT "UNWRAPPED, <u>NEW</u> & UNUSED" GIFT THAT YOU HAVE NO USE FOR. SAVE ANY TWA MEMORIBILIA FOR THE LUNCHEON AT THE PROUND BIRD ON TUESDAY 12 SEPT.

## ARRIVE EARLY TO SECURE A SEAT AT A TABLE WITH FRIENDS, ... THEN SOCIALIZE WITH EVERYONE.



#### **Driving Directions:**

This location is in the North Central part of the San Fernando Valley. Use Freeways 5 north, 210 north, or 405 north until you reach Freeway 118.

Go WEST on Freeway 118 and Exit at Tampa Avenue (Exit #37).



- [A]: Exit onto Tampa Avenue and go NORTH.
- [B]: At the traffic light, Rinaldi Street, Turn RIGHT and get into the LEFT (Center) lane.
- [C]: Turn LEFT at your very first opportunity, Porter Valley Club Drive.
- [D]: Turn Left into the Club's parking lot.

#### Indicate Your Entrée Preference On The Reservation Form Below:

Salad: 360 Salad, with Balsamic Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing

Entrées: Almond Chicken, with Champagne Sauce

Grilled Salmon, with Lemon Herb & Caper Sauce

Vegetarian Mushroom Ravioli

Dessert: Chef's Special Surprise

Included: Fresh Brewed Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea

Check must be received by (not mailed by) 03JUN. No refund for cancellations after 03 JUN.

After deadline communication: Sam Medina (310) 715 6882.

We can not guarantee a seat after the deadline.

#### **Luncheon Reservation Form**

# Make checks payable to: TWA Seniors Club — So Cal Mail to: Sam Medina, 17314 Glenburn Avenue, Torrance, CA 90504

| Name: | Entrée: | \$ 30.00 |
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| Total Amount Enclosed: | \$ |
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#### Photos by Paul Ellmore



Row 1: Wally Hacket, Terry Bradley ... Ed Winders ... Joe Griffith, Larry Krone

Terrie Masters with a photo of recently deceased club member Bob Von Gorres

Row 2: Lou & Betty Merritt ... Clarence Johnson ... Peter Bennett ... Mike & Carlin Papp

Row 3: Norm & Joan Burd ... Sam Medina ... Pat McElwain

Row 4: Pat Games, Al Seth ... Janet Bracken ... Karen & Roger Sikora ... Sue Noden, Jane Kosanke

Row 5: Yvonne Ullenbeck, Ted Engelbert, Sonja Paulus, Elke Hillmann ... Pat Sullivan, June O'Mahoney ... Felix & Jean Augustine

Row 6: Don Nordike, Veronica Lee ... Greg & Amelia Corrizo ... Denise Spellman ... Gingi Kadvany

Apologies to our Ambassadors who were at this Luncheon; but, who's photos are not shown in this Newsletter.

Your Websites: laxtw.org & twaseniorsclub.org