

TWA SENIORS SKYLINER

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Due to the sudden incapacity of Carl Barley, the remaining 4 members have come together to

try to fill his very large shoes. We always new Carl made a very technical and difficult job look easy, but just how difficult it is we had no idea. This will be the **final publication** of the **TWA SENIORS SKYLINER—DECEMBER 2019**. I know this is not up to the standard of Carl's publication, but it is the best effort of this small group. We wish Carl and his wife Jo well and pray for his recovery. Sadly, age is not on our side at this time in life. A reality we all have come to accept.

On a happier note, I am proud to announce we had almost 600 people in attendance at our 2019 AGM at the new beautiful TWA Hotel at JFK. The terminal has been restored to its original condition, Chile Red carpeting, message boards have been imported from the original manufacturer in Italy, etc. The

sunken lounge is now a gathering place to enjoy a cocktail with friends as is the Connie aircraft which is parked outside its window.

This was the first time we ever united with other TWA Retiree groups and it was wonderful. We were joined by members of the Clipped Wings and Check Airmen, thus we had representation from both Flight Attendants and Pilots along with all of our own groups, Mechanics, Passenger Sales, Management, DCS , etc. as well as our International representatives from Canada, France, Israel, and Portugal. I hope I haven't left out any groups, if so I do apologize.

On Tuesday, Clipped Wings had a private cocktail party for their members while the Check Airmen had an awards dinner for their members, and we had our Board of Directors dinner and meeting. Wednesday was a free day, some people went out to Flight 800 memorial, some to toured New York City, close to 100 of us went to see the Broadway Play, "Beautiful" the Carol King Story, while others just hung out and

enjoyed the hospitality suite we had at the hotel.

Thursday morning was our All General Meeting, and sadly it was a long and difficult meeting. As per our Constitution in June, Richard Boyance, the chairman of the nominating committee, reached out to all Chapter Presidents advising them that the current Executive Board, who's members had served between 15 and 20 years was going to retire in its entirety, and that we would be in need of 7 people to serve as Executive board members. He also advised them that we need to have nominations by September first, or the club would prepare to sunset. . A vote was taken at the AGM on how to disburse the remaining funds the club has after all bills are paid in December, the results were 75% to Flight 800 Memorial and 25% to the TWA Museum in Kansas City. Thus all club business was completed.

That evening we had our Banquet with 440 people, all who enjoyed a lovely meal

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along with music provided by a talented DJ who provided great music for both listening and dancing.

Sadly, on September 3rd Richard advised me no one was willing to step up and serve on the board, not one person had expressed an interest. Without a complete slate of names to fill the 7 executive board positions, it was apparent the TWA Seniors Club was facing dissolution after the conclusion of the 2019 AGM (due to lack of an executive board). The current board officers were the apprised of the club's upcoming dissolution.

On October 3, I received an e-mail from Madeline Bohannan, with a list of 4 names to fill the executive board positions which she stated she would nominate from the floor. She was advised she needed a complete slate of 7 officers for the club to continue. She was advise of the 4 names she had sent me 2 were not members of the club, thus not eligible to hold office, and the third person had accepted a position on the board a number of years ago, but failed to ever accept the duties of this office and after 8 months, he was voted off the board for lack of participation by the then board members. She did lack a VP Public Relations (Editor

of the Skyliner), VP Webmaster, and an International VP. It was explained to Madeline several times that if she had a full slate of names, her slate would have been accepted to put to vote from the floor. When Madeline indicated she wanted the club to be called the "TWA AMBASSADORS", it was suggested that she form a new club when she had the necessary personal to run it.

On November 13, via e-mail the board received an e-mail "Letter of Intent" from Madeline threatening to take us to court if we didn't turn the club over to her, supposedly 2 lawyers were willing to represent her.. We had 10 days to reply, in which I did explaining again why her slate was not accepted and brought to the floor for a vote.

Sadly, after better than 50 years, 19 of which TWA had not existed, the TWA Seniors Club will sunset on December 31, 2019. It has been both my honor and joy to serve the members of this club for almost 20 years. I thank you all for your kind words and support over the years. I now look forward to the next chapter in my retirement, spending time with my family and relaxing.

Up, Up and Away, Fran



Sadly the time has come for all of us to say "Good-Bye" to the TWA Seniors Club. I would like to say, "It has been my pleasure and privilege to server as first Secretary and then President of the TWA Seniors Club for 20 years. My only job has ever been for TWA first in Passenger Sales and then as part of this wonderful organization which for over 50 years has provided information and assistance to TWA Retirees. I joined TWA in January 1968 and have never looked beyond this wonderful family for both work and camaraderie. I thank you all for allowing me to server for all these years and for the invaluable friendships I have formed. As the song goes "Thanks for the memories", my heart will always be with TWA and

it's employees."

UP, Up and Away

Francine Daino

At the TWA Seniors Club AGM in Seattle Washington in 2004, I had the good fortune to be elected to fill a vacancy of V.P. Public Relations of the TWA Seniors Club. My main responsibility was producing the club's newsletter. This was a time when the membership was declining at the rate of about 900 members per year, due of course to the recent demise of TWA and the end of the TWA Skyliner.

The TWA Seniors Skyliner was updated in 2004 for a purpose badly needed at the time. To stop an enormous exodus from the Seniors Club



after the demise of TWA and the TWA Skyliner. Who could imagine that over the next sixteen years such an enormous amount of attention would be given to keeping TWA in the limelight and that our TWA Seniors Club and TWA Seniors Skyliner and website would once again be there to bring you the latest in the world of TWA.

After completing my first newsletter for September 2004, I said to myself, "that will be a hard act to follow". Little did I know that the continuing activities by TWA retirees and so many more were about to fill the pages of our TWA Seniors Skyliner with new adventures and memories for the next 16 years, climaxing in 2019 at the final TWA Seniors Club AGM taking place at the restored TWA Terminal, TWA HOTEL at JFK. the TWA Seniors Skyliner served to keep you updated throughout with multiple issues distributed to your home each



year. It was my greatest pleasure to have served the TWA family from my beginning with TWA in 1962 being hired at 10 Richards Road, Kansas City. Later going on to serve the TWA Seniors Club until 2000 which gave me the tool to express what TWA meant to me. It will be greatly missed.

Carl Barley, Editor TWA Seniors Skyliner
2004 through 2016

**Good-Bye - Farewell - Aloha - Au Revoir -
Adeus - Auf Wiedersehen - Arrivederci**

**It was my pleasure & privilege to serve as
the TWA Seniors Club's Secretary & Treas-
urer for 20 years.**

**TWA was a major part of my life since 1942
(my Dad 1942-1965), my 36 years (1964-
2000) in revenue accounting then Internal
Audit and my husband John's 37 years
(1964-2001) at the MCI & KCI airports.**

Many cherished memories with TWA.

Thank You and regards to all.

Loretta Hammers



AU REVOIR , Dear Friends ,

Thank you for your friendship ,I have served 14 years as International VP for the Srs Club .I have met the most wonderful people ,made many friends .It has been my pleasure to visit the different Chapters and present the 50 Year Pin to many of you.My 39 Years working for TWA, first with Inflight then with the Ambassador's Club at Orly and CDG have been nothing but great memories!

Warm Regards.

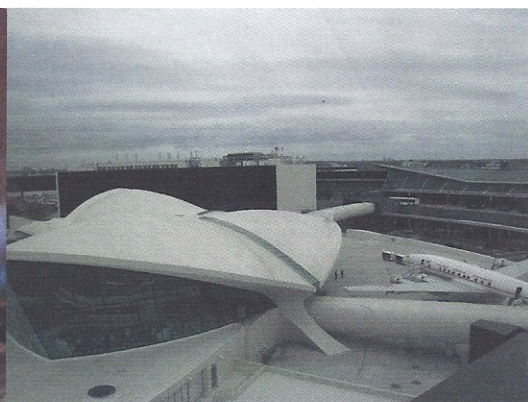
Annie PICARD

Dear Fran, Loretta, Annie, and Carl

I am proud to have worked with you for all his years. I will never forget your kindness, and your friendship towards us.

Thank you again for all these great years. I wish you all the best and hope to keep in touch. God bless you.

Sincerely, Marc and Lily TWA Paris
France.



TWA Arizona Seniors President – Richard Boyance

On October 18, 2019 a spectacular affair equivalent to the Academy Awards took place at New York's JFK airport. Restored to its former glory, TWA and its terminal once again become the jewel of the airline industry. The star of the event was none other than the TWA Flight Center. A frequent TWA traveler, singer Tony Bennett once remarked to my question, "Tony, "Why do you always fly TWA?" He remarked, "It's the architecture of this wonderful building." While other celebrities who have graced the Flight Center have included Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Sophia Loren, Liz Taylor and too many more to mention, it was the passengers, however, who flew TWA that created TWA as the premier airline.

The culmination of the three day celebration was a spectacular display of our own airline personnel modeling their uniforms throughout the decades.

Cocktails and a fabulous pageant of TWA's glorious heritage preceded a gala dinner. There was music and dancing for over 500 dinner guests. It was a night that will be long be remembered.

It is with heartfelt appreciation and sincere admiration that I and all those who attended, acknowledge the effort that the Executive Board undertook to ensure the final AGM would reflect the pride the TWA family has always felt for Trans World Airlines. The Executive Board, President Fran Daino, Secretary/Treasurer Loretta Hammers, VP Public Relations Carl Barley, VP Webmaster Administration Marc Brecy, and International VP Annie Picard have kept the spirit of TWA alive. Throughout their tenure, they have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Club and the welfare of Club members. To the entire Executive Board I say, "Some people give

hugs, some people give help. YOU GAVE YOUR ALL".

Presently, I, Larry Hilliard, and Barbara Goldstein, plan to continue the Phoenix Chapter. Our Christmas party will have been held when this Skyliner has been published. If you are in town, call or e-mail me for future luncheons.

Richard Boyance

TWA AMBASSADORS LAX

Mary Christine Pitko

The current Senior's Club board members all gave a two year notice that they would not be seeking re-election for 2020. Since no one wanted to be part of the six member board, the current club has now notified the IRS that the Senior's Club will no longer exist in 2020 and that the club is returning their IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt status. All branch clubs operate under that umbrella. This December 2019 issue of the Skyliner will be the last.

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