

**2017**



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## NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Horn welcomed 31 members and guests. He reminded everyone that it is time to renew memberships and newsletters (if you receive via US mail) for 2018.

Christmas luncheon tickets are available today so we can join Santa on a shopping spree. We also need an accurate headcount for meals. We have a deadline to meet with the number of guests attending.

Once again, if you do not see your name in the newsletter wishing you a happy anniversary or birthday it is because we do not have an information form from you. Please see Karen for your form.

John wished the Quagliata's a happy 63rd anniversary and birthday wishes to Ed Boyd and Marie Fudala.

The Share the Wealth was won by Monica.

John introduced our guest speaker, Dave Kariolich, TUS AA supervisor.

Dave brought us up-to-date with the airport remodel, new restaurants, TSA and security. He also said that in February AA TUS will have 21-22 flights a day. This includes a red-eye non-stop to CLT with an airbus A320 equipment.

Experience training will be elevated to employees who now earn \$31 an hour.

He said it's all about employees with recognition and profit sharing.

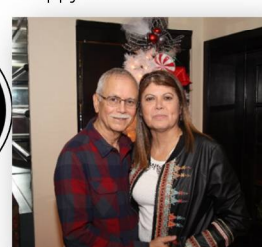
TUS has 39 employees that include 1 compliance coordinator, 1 admin, 1 CSM and 1 GM. There are 60 ramp employees including 1 GM and 1 ramp manager.

John thanked Dave for being our speaker and wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Don't forget...it's renewal time for 2018 for membership and newsletters.

Please be sure to renew by January 2018. There is a form on the National web site or contact Karen and she will mail one to you.



*Happy  
Holidays*

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 \*Flight listings & ZED fare PNRs  
 1-800-433-7300

\*American Airlines Benefits Service Center  
 AON Hewitt 1-888-860-6178

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 phone contact  
 for retirees  
 844-543-5747**

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 Go To: [retirees.aa.com](http://retirees.aa.com)  
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 ficer) if you have information you  
 wish to share regarding sickness,  
 hospitalization or death of a Van-  
 guard member or family member.



Any address, phone number or  
 email changes.....please ad-  
 vise Karen Shudy. We would  
 like to keep all information up-  
 to-date.



**Patricia Murray Jensen**

**May 16, 1947 - December 12, 2017**

**Our sincere condolences to the Jensen family**



## We're on the web:

[www.aavanguardscities.com](http://www.aavanguardscities.com)

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to All**

## DECEMBER

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|-----------|----------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Ed Lopez</b>      |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Dot Peers</b>     |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Karen Shudy</b>   |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>John Carlson</b>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Pat Waite</b>     |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Billy Griggs</b>  |
| <b>25</b> | <b>Carol Collier</b> |
| <b>25</b> | <b>Linda Mencil</b>  |

## 2018 SCHEDULE

**February 21**  
**April 18**  
**May 16**  
**October 17**  
**November 14\***

**\*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday  
 We will meet one week earlier.**



# 2017 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



### **American Airlines to unveil new control center in Dallas**

On Wednesday, October 25th, American Airlines will officially unveil a new \$10 million hub control center at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. The 10,000-square-foot facility features cameras that give workers a complete view of the carrier's operations, allowing them to better coordinate activities such as catering, cleaning and loading planes. The Business Journals (tiered subscription model)/Dallas (10/23)

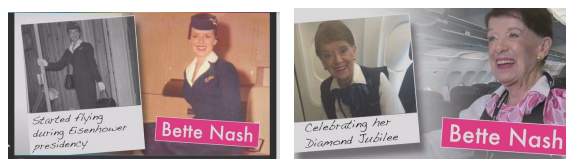
### **American Airlines helps build home in Charlottesville, Va.**

American Airlines donated \$150,000 to Habitat for Humanity and volunteers from the carrier pitched in to help build a home in Charlottesville, Va. "With all the stuff that's been going on, we want to show that working together side-by-side, we can do something great here and help rebuild the community," the airline's Dede Francis said. WVIR-TV (Charlottesville, Va.) (10/28)

### **American Airlines honors flight attendant for 60 years of service**

American Airlines threw a party last week at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to honor Bette Nash, a flight attendant who has been with the carrier for 60 years. Nash was 21 when she began her career with Eastern Airlines, now American Airlines, in 1957.

WTVT-TV (Tampa, Fla.) (11/3)



### **American Airlines to offer Dallas-Iceland service**

Starting June 7, 2018, American Airlines will launch service between Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Reykjavik, Iceland.

Reuters (11/14)

### **American Airlines and TSA join to test 3D scanner**

The Transportation Security Administration is working with American Airlines to test a 3D scanner at its John F. Kennedy International Airport passenger checkpoint in New York. The CT scanner can digitally "unpack" travelers' carry-on bags, speeding up the screening process.

USA Today (11/16)

### **American Airlines Sky Ball raises record \$3.1M for veterans**

American Airlines' Sky Ball XV raised a record \$3.1 million for the carrier's AirPower Foundation, which helps veterans with health problems. A reported 1,500 company volunteers pitched in to put on the ball, handling everything from decorating a maintenance hangar to waiting tables.

The Dallas Morning News (tiered subscription model) (11/16)

### **American Airlines president confident about carrier's future**

Robert Isom, president of American Airlines, says in this interview that the carrier is making five-year plans that will allow it to produce returns of about \$5 billion per year. "We are going to provide steady careers that people can depend on and have a view that when they sign up for American Airlines they can sign up for American for life," Isom says. "We're going to be incredibly competitive especially when it comes to defending our hubs and gateways. We serve the full spectrum of customers' needs -- those that are the most-frequent flyers and those that are really leisure-oriented."

The Washington Post (tiered subscription model)/The Associated Press (11/26)

### **American Airlines moving engine work to Tulsa, Okla., facility**

In October 2018, American Airlines will move its CFM56-5B engine maintenance work from Brazil to Oklahoma's Tulsa Maintenance Base. "This announcement is great news for the American Airlines Tulsa Maintenance Base, which is the world's largest commercial airline maintenance facility, and for the Tulsa community," Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin said.

Tulsa World (Okla.) (11/30)

### **American Airlines to add extra-large storage bins to Airbus A321s**

American Airlines will retrofit 202 planes in its fleet of Airbus A321s with extra-large storage bins, called Airspace XLs, that are designed to provide 40% more storage space for carry-on bags.

Air Transport World (12/6)