

**TUS VANGUARD  
NEWSLETTER  
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**2017**



**COWBOY BBQ  
MAY 17, 2017**

**Special points of interest:**

- April Meeting Highlights
- Cowboy BBQ
- Rummage Sale
- New Non-Rev Travel Site

**DUST OFF YOUR HAT AND SHINE UP  
YOUR BOOTS**

**FOOD, FUN AND A SEND OFF TO SUMMER!**

**TIME: NOON TO 3 PM  
American Legion Post 36**

**If you will not be joining us,  
We'll see you in October  
Have a Great Summer!!**

**CHAPTER FUND RAISING EVENT**



**Sale date: Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**Please contact ELLIE PUMP @235-4141  
TO SIGN UP TO HELP. SHE WILL ALSO COORDINATE THE  
SCHEDULE IF YOU NEED US TO PICK-UP YOUR DONATIONS.**

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We will hold the rummage sale at the corner of **Silverbell and Camino de Oeste** from 7am till?????

- ♦ ***Time to start cleaning out your cupboards, closets and garage for your unwanted treasures to donate.***

Judy Hunter has graciously agreed to store any donations at her house until the day of the sale since this is close to her home.

- ♦ Please call Judy (743-3717) if you wish to bring your items to her home or call Ellie Pump @235-4141 to schedule pick-up. You can also call John (869-1288) or Karen (883-8030) .
- ♦ You can bring items to the May 17 social event and we will store them until the sale on Saturday the 20th.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS  
TO HELP OUT AT THE SALE!**

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## 2017 SCHEDULE

May 17, 2017 Social Event  
October 18, 2017 Meeting  
November 15, 2017 Meeting  
Christmas Luncheon  
December 6, 2017

**ALL MEETINGS ARE NOW ON  
WEDNESDAYS  
American Legion Post 36  
5845 E.22nd Street**



**May 3 Bob & Karen Losik  
48 years**  
**May 18 Ed & Zory Lopez  
21 years**



## Please contact :

**Judy Hunter, Ambassador**

Email: jahunter@cox.net or call 743-3717 (if you are unable to reach Judy, please contact any officer) if you have information you wish to share regarding sickness, hospitalization or death of a Vanguard member or family member.

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



## \*\*Helpful AA Telephone Contacts\*\*

\*A-9 Death/ Emergency Passes  
1-888-WE-FLY-AA (888-933-5922)  
\*Flight listings & ZED fare PNRs  
1-800-433-7300

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

**HR Services has a new "dedicated"  
phone contact  
for retirees  
844-543-5747**

To access the new **RETIREE JETNET**  
Go To: retirees.aa.com  
1-888-207-2607



**MAY**

**5 Art Holland**  
**7 Amy Carlisle**  
**9 Yvonne Seman**  
**12 Margie Appleyard**  
**21 Harold Stevenson**  
**23 Mickey Conway**

## We're on the web:



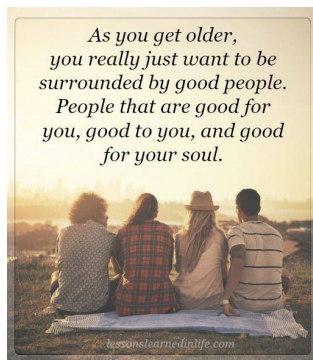
[www.aavanguardscities.com](http://www.aavanguardscities.com)

TWO THINGS  
TO REMEMBER IN LIFE:

"Take care of your thoughts when you are alone", and  
"Take care of your words when you are with people."

Inspiring and Positive Quotes

*As you get older,  
you really just want to be  
surrounded by good people.  
People that are good for  
you, good to you, and good  
for your soul.*



To **HAROLD STEVENSON** who donated \$25 that was used for door prizes.

## The lucky winners were:

Gary McCormick, Carol Collier, Bonnie Conway and Karen Shudy. Bonnie & Karen donated their winnings back to the Chapter.

Bonnie won the 50-50 and also donated her winnings back to the Chapter.

**THANKS**

To **PAT JENSEN** and **JOHN HORN**  
For providing refreshments at the April meeting.

**The 2017 NATIONAL VANGUARD  
REUNION-CONVENTION has been  
cancelled and is rescheduled for the  
fall of 2018.**

Chip-chip-chooray!  
Chip-chip-chooray!



## APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Horn welcomed members and guests to the last general meeting until October.

Today is sign-up for the May Cowboy BBQ social event. In lieu of tickets, upon arrival, each guest will receive a ticket for the door prize drawing.

The upcoming rummage sale plans are in place and members have been asked to contact **ELLIE PUMP @ 235-4141** to schedule pick-ups if they are unable to drop donations off as well as sign up to help with the rummage sale. Karen distributed flyers with information to all in attendance.

John welcomed Todd McClarren to his first Vanguard meeting and look forward to seeing him at future Chapter meetings.

John acknowledged April birthdays as well as condolences to Margaret Curtis's family and to Patty Gilbert on the death of her Mother.

David Kariolich, AA TUS Supervisor, was our scheduled speaker, however due to an unforeseen business commitment, he was unable to be with us today.

In his absence, we were delighted to have **DR. JUDE JOHNSON** as our guest speaker. She talked about the history of Tucson that included very interesting facts as well as some humor about folks from the wild west era.

**JUDE JOHNSON** is a "native by proxy" to Southern Arizona: her mother graduated Tucson High in 1942. Her first novel was independently published in 2004, and is part of the American Welsh Collection in the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth (ab-er-IST-oo-ith). Her other books and short stories are now with four different publishers.

**JUDE** is a member of Gecko Gals Ink, a group of five sassy local authors who help other writers through writing seminars, and hold the All-Zona BookFest in October, focusing on authors who live in-state. She has Spoken at Welsh Festivals in Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tucson, the National Day of Wales in Los Angeles, the Arizona and Sierra Vista Historical Societies, as well as participating in multiple interviews on BBC Radio Wales.

She believes in the "multi-faceted" life concept of Leonardo DaVinci. That is, one should continually develop new skills, interests, and adventures solely to avoid housework.

We thank Dr. Johnson for a fascinating presentation.

### American CEO outlines the need to reform ATC system

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker joined CNBC's "Squawk Box" to discuss the benefits of air traffic control reform. "We have an antiquated ATC system that costs Americans lots of time and is worse than we have in other parts of the world," said Parker, who advocated to shift the operational piece of ATC outside the federal government into a non-profit corporation, with the FAA continuing to regulate safety. "What this is about is being much more efficient, having much fewer delays and lower flight times.

### American Airlines grows by 30% in Asia ahead of China Southern deal

In recent years, American Airlines has grown by 30% in Asia, an expansion capped by the airline's plan to buy a 3% stake in China Southern Airlines. Anticipated agreements between China Southern and American will provide American's customers access to 70 Chinese destinations.

Travel Weekly (4/4)

### American Airlines adds capacity on Cincinnati-Dallas route

American Airlines' increased seating capacity for direct flights to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport from Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport will add 52 more seats per day in Cincinnati, giving customers the choice of first class seats, increased legroom options and enhanced Wi-Fi on select aircraft. The Lane Report (Lexington, Ky.) (4/4)

### Southwest, American, United carried close to 400M people in 2016

Southwest had the highest passenger count of all US airlines in 2016, with 152 million, followed by American Airlines with 144 million. United Airlines was No. 4, crossing the 100 million mark for the first time. BusinessTraveler.com (U.K.)

## **Summary of meeting between AA and representatives of AA Retiree Clubs & Organizations, Gray Eagles Organization, Three Diamond Society , National Vanguards , The KIWI Club, TWA Seniors Club & LUS Retirees. (April 18, 2017)**

Representatives met with Cari Ulrich and Misti Jerrfyes. Cari is Director of Human Resources and Misti is the Manager of the Retiree Service Center.

A thorough review of the new Travel Planner's functionality and booking procedures was given in real-time by Cari, and the "reasons" that new functions were added and changed from the current Legacy Travel Planner (NRTP) (which will be discontinued in June).

The reason that AA has introduced a new Travel Planner is because the Legacy system (currently in effect) is not compatible with "SMART" technology and the programming cost are too high to continue to maintain it. AA wants to move to a "MOBILITY" type of system that can be used by Smart phones and other smart electronics while traveling. Also, the current APPs, Jetaway and Mobi.aa will disappear because APPs also require update for them to be used with the current travel functionality.

I cannot stress enough that you should become familiar with the new Travel Planner functions. Play around with it and click on different Headings to learn all the functionality now available. Please Note: the new Travel Planner does not have a separate system for employees and another for retirees -we now use the same system. The Legacy Travel Planner (NRTP) which employees and retirees currently use will shut down for everyone, probable by the end of June.

For those who have used the new Travel Planner, AA will be making and considering the following updates:

- 1.)AA will be eliminating the 'white space' on May 4th which will allow for more flights to be displayed on one page.
- 2.)They will also consider adding the canceled flights to the flight list display. Currently if a flight is cancelled , it is not included in the display.
- 3.)They will also consider a "print" function for those who print their available flight options prior to traveling.
- 4.)Corp.comm@aa.com is email address where you can submit suggested changes for the new system. You WILL NOT receive an acknowledgement email after sending a recommendation as there is not sufficient manpower to respond to them.
- 5.)A credit form of payment (including PayPal) will be added later this year and the invoice distribution system (IDS) for retirees will be discontinued. The credit-card form of payment option will be like the functionality of when/how you make an on-line retail purchase.

The presentation was very informative and the new Travel Planner contains more functionality than is in the current Legacy Travel Planner. Hopefully this will be helpful to everyone as the changes occur.

This information has been shared by participants of the recent meeting with Ms. Ulrich and Ms.Jerrfyes who have

### **American Airlines employees go above and beyond**

American Airlines' Chairman's Award event highlighted the work of more than 100 employees who volunteer in their communities or have gone above and beyond the call of duty for customers. "I've met people from all around the world who are working to make American better with all they do each day," said George Robinson, a lead aircraft technician.

Frequent Business Traveler (4/6)

### **Airlines experiment with document-free boarding procedures**

Passengers may soon be able to board airplanes paper-free, thanks to the use of facial recognition software. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines joined British Airways and Air New Zealand in February to experiment with a biometrics system, which allows passengers to board without documents.

### **American Airlines releases latest update to mobile app**

American Airlines has launched version 5.0 of its mobile app, with new features including a "sliding action menu." The updated app has 11 terminal maps and new notifications for users when flights change.

Frequent Business Traveler (4/10)

### **American, Southwest recognized as top brands**

American Airlines has been designated Full Service Airline Brand of the Year in an annual study by The Harris Poll. Southwest Airlines was named Value Airline Brand of the Year for the sixth consecutive year.

The Business Journals (tiered subscription model)/Dallas (4/19)