



Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter **AA TWA** **U-S AIR** October 2017

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Please submit membership donations to Kay Bays, Vanguard Treasurer, 5038 September Street, SD. CA 92110



Happy Columbus Day



---5 September 2017 Vanguard Meeting---

We had no guest speaker for our September meeting. Irene brought up the subject of flooding in Texas and said we had some members living there. Rose Elrod was able to talk to some Vanguards in San Diego and said she was safe without damage to her living quarters. Irene also told us about the passing of Fred Chabot who died in the morning on Sunday, 3 September 2017 due to complications from his diabetes and leg amputation. Irene also told us that Walli Stebel will take over the 3 October 2017 meeting while Irene and Bob take a New England/Canada Cruise. We were also told that Senior Abuse Attorney Paul Greenwood would be the speaker at our 7 November 2017 meeting. Irene read us parts of Azriel Blackman's 75 year anniversary as an American Airlines mechanic and crew chief. Blackman was recognized by Guinness World Records as the longest serving aircraft mechanic in the airline business. When Mr. Blackman started his career in 1942, he was 16 and a recent graduate of Aviation High School, which at the time was in Manhattan. According to the airline, after a teacher sent a note explaining his aptitude for metal fabrication, he earned 50 cents an hour as an apprentice in the sheet metal shop. Azriel had both past president of AA, Bob Crandal and current president Doug Parker at his 75th Anniversary celebration at JFK airport. He was honored by having a 777 bear his name. One of our San Diego mechanics, Jim Annunziata, worked with Blackman at JFK some years ago and was pleased with the 91 year old's honoring. Blackman has not retired and may break further national records before he leaves the work force.

We had 20 some people at the meeting. Tony Paradowski won the birthday drawing and yours truly, Steve Jahn won the 50/50 drawing. At the end of the meeting, Jorge Benitez asked if we could send flowers to Fred Chabot's funeral (from our Vanguard chapter) Most members voted to do that but one suggested a monetary gift instead. Irene said the proposal would be tabled and looked into.



---Vanguard Christmas Party---

Yes, Christmas is just around the corner and the Vanguard Christmas party will be held Tuesday, 5 December 2017. Please Keep that date in mind and mark it on your appointment calendar. We will again be holding the party at the Holiday Inn Bayside at 4875 North Harbor Drive (not at the Embarcadero). The price this year is \$32 dollars per person. The parking fee of \$5 dollars was eliminated by a hand stamp last year and we believe it will be so again. Send in your reservation as soon as possible so we can get a head count. The reservation form is on page 3 of this newsletter, so fill it out and send it in with your check to Kay Bays, our treasurer.

Roster Change:

Please copy or cut and paste these changes into your Roster Booklet.

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Galveston, TX 77551

Bob and Laurie Crowder
Tel: 619 670-5442



---Vanguard Beach Clean-Up---

If you are ready for some outdoor adventure this is an opportunity for you to get some fresh air, sunshine and Vitamin D for your immune system. We generally have nice weather for our monthly beach clean-up. You are cordially invited to the October beach clean-up. It will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, October 17th, 2017 at Ventura Cove. (Accessible from the Bahia Hotel Entrance – make a right turn into the parking lot and continue past the end of the parking area and into the smaller access road which winds around and ends at the beachfront picnic tables.) A mystery chef will provide the entree. We meet at 10 a.m. You will need to bring with you gloves and a plastic bag or bucket for trash plus a plate and silverware and a beverage of your choice. Bring your favorite treat and join us for Lunch.. We recommend getting a Pick-up Stick to avoid bending excessively while cleaning the beach. **Check with Irene before coming out to make sure the outing is still on.**

---Possible new ID Requirement for 2018---

One of our members sent me this short notice that was posted on a Cruise Line Webpage. Driver's Licenses may not be sufficient to take a cruise. You might need a Passport or Passport Card for entry into Canada or Mexico and perhaps even for a domestic flight.

“ I just ran across this on a cruise line website. It looks like the normal state-issued driver's license might no longer be adequate ID for travel, starting next year. Kind of thing frequent travelers might find useful.”

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/news/real-id-not-needed-for-domestic-flights-until-2018.html>

---Retiree Contact Numbers---

In the event of a death of an employee or spouse the surviving member is to call **800-447-2000** in order to change the pension benefit information and to acquire the death benefit, which for most of us will be \$ 5,000 dollars. The maximum benefit is \$ 30,000 if you die within the first year of retirement and declines by \$ 5,000 each following year until the \$ 5,000 amount is reached.

AA VANGUARD CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

For Vanguard members, their family and friends, and active AA employees

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. Cocktails/Social
Noon: Luncheon

Location: Holiday Inn Bayside (NOT at the Embarcadero)

Address: 4875 North Harbor Drive (at Nimitz Boulevard) 619-224-3621

Room: Harborview Room – 5th floor of Back Tower

Menu Choices: Includes salad, rolls, potatoes/rice, fresh seasonal vegetables,
Kahlua Nut Crunch Cake plus coffee or tea.
* Macadamia Nut Chicken
* Halibut

Gift Exchange: “Give-A-Gift, Get-A-Gift” (wrapped gift)

Price: \$32.00 (includes tax & tip)

Parking: \$5.00 in Hotel Parking Lot – paid on departure

--- **ADVANCE PAYMENT ONLY - SUBMIT WITH FORM BELOW** ---

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Vanguards Christmas Party Reservation Form **December 5, 2016**

Check payable to: “San Diego Vanguards” \$32.00 per person
Mail to treasurer: Kay Bays, 5038 September Street, San Diego, CA 92110

Name/s: _____
Print

Telephone: _____

<u>Menu Selections:</u>	<u>Number</u>
Macadamia Nut Chicken	_____
Halibut	_____



---October Birthdays - Happy Birthday Vanguard---

Oct 3 – Ernie Blanchard	Oct 16 – Diane Rogers
Oct 6 - Lucile Huffine	Oct 17 – Frank Walkenhorst
Oct 7 – Mary Solsbak, Dennis Kaptain	Oct 22 – Bill ‘Willy’ Schumka
Oct 9 – Richard Miller	Oct 24 – Judi Cooper
Oct 13 – Raymond Marsh, Herbert Nelson	Oct 26 – Robert Garrett, Verval Bjork
Oct 15 – Deborah Smith, Rosemarie Wosewick	Oct 28 – Rita Stasio



Oct 6 - **Bill and Arleen Billings (1979)**
Oct 8 - **Paul and Mary Jane Delaney (1969)**
Oct 12 - **Larry and Marjorie Johnson (1965)**
Oct 23 - **Mike and Marcy Davitt (1988)**
Oct 27 – **Steve and Margaret Jahn (1967)**



Sep 3 - **Fred Chabot Jr.**

Fred Chabot Jr., longtime member of the Vanguard and regular attendee at our meetings until his health no longer allowed his attendance and served as 1st Vice President of the San Diego Vanguard Chapter, passed away on the morning of 3 September 2017 of complications (kidney and heart failure) resulting from his diabetes and recent right leg amputation. Fred was born 16 October 1942. His sister worked at Midway airport, on the south side of Chicago as did his father, Fred Chabot Sr. who was an aircraft maintenance mechanic for American Airlines and later became a maintenance foreman at O'Hare airport. When Fred looked for work, he also went to Midway airport and was hired by American Airlines as a Fleet Service Clerk. Fred was later drafted by the US Army and was stationed in Germany as a fuel truck driver, a very dangerous job, which he performed without incident. When he was about to finish his draft assignment, the Army extended his service by a year and Fred served a further year in Germany. On completing that year, he returned to Chicago and expected to return to his job at American Airlines. The company however told him that since he extended his service, they were not obligated to rehire him. Fred did not take this denial as final but collected all his paperwork showing that the Army had extended his service and that he himself did not volunteer to do so. Fred was then rehired by AA at Midway airport and went on to serve in Chicago and later in San Diego. Fred met his future wife Julita 'Julia' while working in San Diego. He told me that when he wanted to marry Julia the pastor at Good Shepherd would not marry them as it would be a mixed marriage. (Julie is Philippine). So again, Fred had to overcome an unwarranted denial to his own plans. Fred and Julia decided to apply at a different church and they married on 23 June 1985.

About 10 years ago we had a pilot named Anderson in our Vanguard chapter, who lived in La Jolla. He was 98 years old but still drove to our meetings and I made his acquaintance because he would ask me about some article in our Vanguard newsletter. He was very spry and alert and I guessed he was in his 70s. Then we received word that he had passed away and we learned his true age. Many of our Vanguards attended his service which was held at a church in La Jolla. Both Fred and I were both in that group. When the service began Fred got somewhat excited as he recognized the priest at the altar. It was the same priest who declined to marry Fred some years earlier. After the service Fred went up to the altar with his wheelchair to talk to the priest. I listened while Fred asked him if he remembered him. The priest said no. So Fred said, you refused to marry me at Good Shepherd and I had to go to a different church. And the priest then asked "and how did the marriage turn out?" "Wonderful" answered Fred, I have been married (17 ? years) and have two wonderful children. "Well, I am happy to hear that" said the priest and he quickly exited.

Fred and Julia raised a daughter Rissa, who lives with her husband Jacob and daughters Tria and Audrey in Pittsburgh and a son, Fred who now lives with his wife Justine and their infant son Sawyer, in Long Beach,. Fred and Julie attended Good Shepherd Church, in Mira Mesa, where Fred was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. After his workplace accident, he operated from a wheelchair for many years. He attended our Vanguard meetings regularly and took the job of First Vice President for one hitch, which required him to find monthly guest speakers. As time went on Fred's diabetes deteriorated his health further and he lost his kidneys, requiring him to take kidney dialysis treatments several times a week. So Fred was no longer able to attend our meetings regularly unless he had no treatment scheduled. About a years ago he got a kidney transplant but had a hard time adjusting to the required physical routines to overcome bodily rejection. He was making good progress when poor circulation in his legs led to gangrene in his right foot. Amputation of first his big toe, then most of his right leg below the hip was required to save his life for the moment. After contracting pneumonia his health deteriorated further and God finally put a stop to his suffering on 3 September 2017. Fred's wife Julia was a visitor to Fred's room for 2 to 3 hours daily. She deserves praise and recognition for her loyalty, and Fred must have been very grateful for her company during his last days on earth.

---BOC Aviation Orders 10 Boeing 737 MAX 10s---

3 Aug 2017 Airwise

Aircraft lessor BOC Aviation of Singapore has ordered 10 Boeing 737 MAX 10s in a deal worth \$1.25 billion dollars at current list prices. The order, first announced at the Paris Air Show in June, established BOC as a launch customer of the largest member of the 737 MAX family of single-aisle jets. BOC Aviation chief executive Robert Martin said the aircraft "offers airlines greater capacity combined with excellent operating costs and fuel efficiency." The Singapore-based lessor has ordered a total of 84 737 MAX aircraft, out of a fleet of 493 owned, managed and ordered jets.

---Boeing Takes \$1.79 Billion Dollar Air Lease Order---

8 Aug 2017 Airwise

US aircraft lessor Air Lease and Boeing have agreed to terms for a firm order for 14 aircraft including 12 737 MAX's previously announced at the Paris Air Show. The 737 order, for five MAX 7s and seven MAX 8s, brings Air Lease's total 737 MAX orders to 130. Air Lease also added to previous orders for 787 Dreamliners with an additional two 787-9s. The combined order for the 14 aircraft is worth \$1.79 billion dollars at Boeing list prices.

"These additional orders reflect ALC's highly successful placements to date of our MAX and 787 order book and the need to fulfil the incremental demand we are experiencing for these aircraft across both existing and new customers," chief executive John Plueger said. Air Lease owns or manages over 280 aircraft and leases them to almost 90 airlines worldwide

---Cathay Pacific To Buy 32 Airbus A321neos---

21 Aug 2017 Airwise

Cathay Pacific has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to buy 32 Airbus A321neo aircraft in a deal worth \$4.06 billion dollars at list prices. The A321s will be operated by regional unit Cathay Dragon, and will partially replace a mix of older A320s and A321s.

“The intention to purchase these 32 environmentally-friendly aircraft will allow us to add new destinations to Cathay Dragon’s network, increase frequency on some of our most popular routes and expand our network in the region in order to provide more travel choices and convenience to our customers,” Cathay Pacific’s chief executive Rupert Hogg said. Cathay Dragon has an all Airbus fleet, flying 23 A320-family aircraft and 24 A330-300s.

---JIA Orders 10 Boeing 737 MAX 8s---

25 Aug 2017

Airwise

Boeing has agreed terms with Japan Investment Adviser (JIA) for the sale of 10 737 MAX 8s in an order worth \$1.12 billion dollars at list prices. The order, the first direct purchase of aircraft by JIA, was announced as a commitment to purchase at the 2017 Paris Air Show in June. “We are excited to introduce the new 737 MAX 8 airplane into our single-aisle fleet and we are confident that this airplane will diversify our operating lease portfolio in the years ahead,” JIA chief executive Naoto Shiraiwa said. JIA is a financial solutions provider, which operates an aircraft lease business with a fleet of around 60 aircraft. The current fleet includes Boeing 737NGs and 777s.

---United Technologies To Buy Rockwell Collins---

5 Sep 2017

Airwise

United Technologies (UTC) has reached a definitive agreement to acquire Rockwell Collins to create “a premier aerospace systems supplier” in a deal worth \$30 billion dollars. The agreement values Rockwell Collins at \$23 billion, with UTC also assuming Rockwell’s \$7 billion debt. Each Rockwell share is worth \$140 under the deal, with \$93.33 of that in cash and \$46.67 in UTC stock.

“This acquisition adds tremendous capabilities to our aerospace businesses and strengthens our complementary offerings of technologically advanced aerospace systems,” UTC chief executive Greg Hayes said. “Together, Rockwell Collins and UTC Aerospace Systems will enhance customer value in a rapidly evolving aerospace industry by making aircraft more intelligent and more connected”, he added. The combined company, to be called Collins Aerospace Systems, is expected to have global sales of approximately \$67 billion to \$68 billion following the transaction. United Technologies owns Pratt & Whitney which makes jet engines, including the delayed geared turbofan for the Airbus A320neo family of aircraft. Rockwell Collins is a supplier of avionics, and through its takeover of B/E Aerospace, also manufactures aircraft seats and cabin interiors. The Rockwell Collins acquisition is expected to close by the third quarter of 2018, subject to shareholder approval.

---United Switches Airbus A350 Order, Adds 10 More---

6 Sept 2017

Airwise

United Airlines has modified and added to an existing order for Airbus A350s, bringing the new order total to 45 A350-900s instead of a previous order for 35 of the larger A350-1000. The expanded order brings the value of the deal to just over \$14 billion dollars at list prices. The A350s will now be delivered between late 2022 and 2027. United, which said the A350-900 was a better fit and size for its network, will use the aircraft to replace Boeing 777-200ERs as they reach their retirement age from 2022. “For the past year, United has done a complete review to ensure that we have the right long-term fleet strategy, and it was clear that the A350 aligns with our replacement needs and our network,” United CFO Andrew Levy said. “The combination of the range performance and efficiencies make the A350 an attractive aircraft for United.” United placed an initial order for A350-900s in late 2009, with a firm order for 25 following in March 2010, and entry into service scheduled for 2016. At the 2013 Paris Air Show, United and Airbus announced a change to the order from 25 -900s to 35 of the larger A350-1000 and a later first delivery. Wednesday’s announcement adds a further 10 aircraft and switches the order back to the 320 seat A350-900.

---Ryanair To Expand Frankfurt Main Base---

12 Sept 2017

Airwise

Ryanair will expand its Frankfurt Main airport base in 2018 with the addition of a further three aircraft and 34 routes. The Irish airline is a relative newcomer to Frankfurt Main Airport after concentrating its operations at the smaller and more distant Frankfurt Hahn. The additional aircraft will bring the Frankfurt Main-based fleet to ten next year.

Ryanair said it will add 34 new routes from Frankfurt Main, bringing the total to 38. It will also operate one additional route from its Frankfurt Hahn base in 2018, bringing that airport's destination total to 43. The additional routes will bring over 4.7 million passengers through Ryanair's two Frankfurt airports next year, the airline said. Ryanair operates a fleet of over 400 Boeing 737 aircraft, carrying a total of just under 120 million passengers in its last financial year.

---Sick Pilots Ground 100 Air Berlin Flights---

12 Sept 2017

Airwise

Some Air Berlin pilots added to the carrier's problems on Tuesday after 200 called in sick, causing the cancellation of more than 100 flights. The airline's chief executive Thomas Winkelmann said some employees are "playing with fire", as the number of short-notice sick days was much higher than usual. "Today has cost us several million euros. We are currently conducting final talks with potential investors. It is essential that operations be stable in order for these negotiations to go well," Winkelmann said.

Air Berlin is in preliminary insolvency proceedings and continues to operate only through an EU-approved €150 million Euro (\$179 million dollars) loan. The deadline for offers for the airline is Friday, with the creditors' committee hoping to make a decision on September 21. The airline's chief representative Frank Kebekus said in a statement the events "seriously endanger the entire insolvency proceedings under self-administration. If the situation does not change quickly, we will have to cease operations and thus any restructuring efforts." Air Berlin announced yesterday the cancellation of flights to Caribbean destinations as it is forced to reduce its long-haul fleet. That decision comes on top of a previous one cutting services to Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

---easyjet Launches Flight Connections Service---

13 Sept 2017

Airwise

Low cost carrier easyJet has announced a new flight connections booking service, initially at its London Gatwick hub, with launch partners WestJet and Norwegian. The 'Worldwide by easyJet' service will allow its passengers to connect with flights to Canada on WestJet and to Norwegian's destinations from Gatwick. The UK airline will also start selling tickets for partner airline's flights on easyjet.com.

In addition to the Gatwick launch, easyJet plans to extend the service to other European airports including Amsterdam, Barcelona, Geneva, Milan Malpensa and Paris Charles De Gaulle. "Around 70 million passengers flying through an easyJet airport each year are connecting on to other flights, mainly long-haul, and it is this market segment that Worldwide by easyJet will open up for us," chief executive Carolyn McCall said.

"Because of easyJet's strong positions at Europe's leading airports and our customer focus, long haul carriers have been asking to work with easyJet for some time and the new technology platform has now allowed us to do so." Currently, around 200,000 'self-connect' on easyJet, the airline said - booking separate easyJet flights and the GatwickConnects product in three different transactions. The new service will allow it all to be grouped under one booking. Scottish regional carrier Loganair has also been signed up for the service, with bookings available from next month. easyJet passengers will be able to transfer in Glasgow and Edinburgh to Loganair's Highlands and Islands flights.

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Next Vanguard Meeting
3 October 2017, 10:15 am
San Diego Air and
Space Museum