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happy new year

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interest:**

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**To Be Happy
In 2018
YOU MUST:**
Let go of what's gone,
Be grateful for what
remains,
And
Look forward to what is
on the way!

**THE FIRST MEETING OF 2018 WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

Our February guest speaker will be Adam Kingery, Energy Programs Manager with Tucson Electric Power.

This will be a 60 minute workshop including Q&A.

OUR THANKS TO ELLIE PUMP FOR SECURING THE FEBRUARY SPEAKER!!

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zation or death of a Vanguard mem-
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*American Airlines Benefits Service Center
AON Hewitt 1-888-860-6178

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for retirees
844-543-5747**

To access the new **RETIREE JETNET**
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Any address, phone number or
email changes.....please advise
Karen Shudy. We would like to
keep all information up-to-date.

2018 SCHEDULE**February 21****April 18****May 16****October 17****November 14*****December 5—Christmas Luncheon**

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



*I May Not Be The Most
Important Person In Your
Life... I Just Hope When
You Hear My Name, You
Smile And Say That's My Friend!*

**JANUARY**

2 Jack Appleyard
9 Patty Gilbert
12 Bonnie Conway
22 Lillie Johnson
22 Charles Johnson
30 Glenda Seidel

To all those people that
make me
laugh and
Smile:
I couldn't
live
without
you.



American Airlines to Offer Same Day Flight Change and Standby Via Smartphone App

By [Paul Riegler](#) on 13 November 2017



American Airlines announced the release of version 5.4 of its smartphone app, adding several new features including the ability to make a same-day flight change via the app.

The app supports the feature for passengers traveling by themselves who have elite status with the airline, are flying in first class, or are traveling on a Y fare. The feature is accessible by tapping the desired trip and accessing the travel tools menu.

The airline also updated the user interface in this release for check-in functionality for international flights.

In July, the Fort Worth-based airline added a new set of features to the app called Customer Baggage Notification. The new functionality notifies passengers shortly after landing via the app, text or e-mail message, of any irregular activity with their bags.

American Airlines to add 5 more destinations to Chicago lineup

American Airlines will add five more cities to its list of destinations from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, including Canada's Vancouver and Calgary. Other new destinations are South Carolina's Charleston and Myrtle Beach; and Bangor, Maine.

[Chicago Tribune](#) (tiered subscription model) (11/28)

American Airlines adds a new 737-8 to its fleet

American Airlines has debuted its new Boeing 737-8 Max passenger jetliner on the carrier's Miami-New York route. The new aircraft is a key part of American's fleet update.

[FlightGlobal](#) (U.K.) (11/29)

Therapy dogs spread goodwill at Conn. airport

Therapy dogs are on hand to help travelers relax at Connecticut's Bradley International Airport. "The canines walk around the airport and people just gravitate to them, it gives folks a good feeling," said Kevin Dillon, executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority.

[WTIC-TV](#) (Hartford, Conn.) (11/30)

American Airlines adds new destinations from Phoenix

American Airlines is adding new nonstop service to Oklahoma City and Amarillo, Texas, from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The airline will also offer another flight to Edmonton, Alberta.

[The Arizona Republic](#) (Phoenix) (tiered subscription model) (11/28)

American Airlines expands seasonal Dallas-Myrtle Beach, S.C., service

American Airlines will expand its seasonal service between Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and South Carolina's Myrtle Beach International Airport in 2018, with nonstop Saturday routes starting on April 7.

[WMBF-TV](#) (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) (12/5)

Travelers United, A4A oppose airport tax hike on passengers

Leading consumer voice Travelers United and A4A are urging senators to reject a proposal being pushed by airports to unnecessarily raise the passenger facility charge on everyone who flies. "It's easy to advocate for a tax increase when you don't have to own it," said A4A executive Sharon Pinkerton. Travelers United said airline passengers are already unfairly penalized with an excessive tax burden.

[Fox Business](#) (12/8)

American Airlines, JetBlue look to increase service to Cuba

American Airlines and JetBlue Airways have applied to the Department of Transportation for the right to offer more flights to Cuba.

[FlightGlobal](#) (U.K.) (12/8)

American Airlines to help sponsor Colonial golf tournament



American Airlines has stepped up to help sponsor the Colonial golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas. "Colonial is a Fort Worth institution, and as a Fort Worth-based company, American is delighted to support the tournament in 2018," the carrier said.

[KXAS-TV](#) (Dallas-Fort Worth) (12/11)

American Airlines, AirPortr partner for baggage delivery in London

American Airlines is partnering with AirPortr to allow its US-bound travelers using Heathrow Airport to securely check their luggage from any London address. The bags are sealed, screened and delivered to the airline for further screening and processing.
IncentiveTravel.co.uk (U.K.) (12/9)

American Airlines honors Gold Star families on Snowball Express

American Airlines flew several Gold Star families from Charlotte, N.C., to Dallas for the holidays as part of the airline's annual Snowball Express to honor fallen soldiers. Families were greeted in Dallas by actor Gary Sinise, who played Lt. Dan Taylor in "Forrest Gump."
WJZY-TV/WMYT-TV (Charlotte, N.C.) (12/11)

American Airlines to start daily Wilmington, N.C.-Washington, D.C., service

In May, American Airlines will launch daily, year-round service between North Carolina's Wilmington International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The carrier will begin daily seasonal service between Wilmington and Chicago O'Hare International Airport in June.
WECT-TV (Wilmington, N.C.) (12/18)

American Airlines' Flagship Lounge offers quiet luxury at LAX

The American Airlines Flagship Lounge, located near the Admirals Club at Los Angeles International Airport, is open to the airline's first-class and business-class travelers, as well as to Qantas Gold travelers and Platinum-grade frequent flyers. The lounge features a wide selection of complimentary buffet items, Champagne and a private restaurant-style dining area for first class passengers traveling to New York or on long-haul international flights.

Australian Business Traveller (12/22)

Airlines' fuel, labor costs are rising

The Wall Street Journal reports that costs are rising across the board for airlines, including expenses for labor, fuel and maintenance. Expenses for the nine largest airlines went up 8.1% over the first nine months of 2017.
The Wall Street Journal (tiered subscription model) (12/26)

TSA says old driver's licenses OK for air travel until 2020

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Mike England announced that driver's licenses from all 50 states will be acceptable identification for domestic US air travel until Oct. 1, 2020. Airport signs had previously warned that licenses from some states would no longer be acceptable as of Jan. 22, 2018. Alternative forms of identification, such as a passport, military ID or permanent resident card, can always be used.
KOAT-TV (Albuquerque, N.M.) (12/28)

2017 was all-time safest year for commercial aviation

Last year was the safest year on record for commercial air travel with no commercial passenger jet fatalities recorded by airlines, according to the Aviation Safety Network and the Dutch aviation consulting firm To70.
Reuters (1/1)

American Airlines, Southwest employees to get tax bill bonus

Reuters) - U.S. airlines American Airlines Group Inc AAL.O and Southwest Airlines Co LUV.N said on Tuesday that they would give their employees a \$1,000 bonus in light of the recent U.S. tax bill.

An American Airlines jet takes off from Washington National Airport in Washington, U.S., August 9, 2017. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts

The airlines join a host of other companies such as AT&T T.N, Boeing Co BA.N and Wells Fargo & Co WFC.N promising to pay bonuses or invest more in training after the biggest overhaul of the U.S. tax code in 30 years, which cuts the corporate tax rate.

American Airlines will distribute the bonus to each team member, excluding officers, at its mainline and wholly owned regional carriers, according to an internal memo seen by Reuters. The distributions will total approximately \$130 million and will be made in the first quarter of 2018, the company said.

Southwest said in a statement that as well as paying the bonus to all employees in January, it was increasing its fleet investment with Boeing BA.N and had donated \$5 million to charitable causes.

The new legislation would "result in meaningful corporate income tax reform for the transportation sector in general, and for Southwest Airlines, in particular," said Southwest's Chief Executive Officer Gary Kelly. U.S. President Donald Trump signed the massive tax overhaul into law in December. It cuts the corporate tax rate to 21 percent from 35 percent.