



**2019**

**Join us for the next meeting**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

**American Legion Post 36  
5845 E. 22nd**

**Social time: 10am**

**Business Meeting: 10:30am**

**Speakers: 11am**



**Special points of interest:**

- April Speakers/Bio
- Person of Interest (new feature)
- Celebrations

**Mark Gerrish and Joseph Molnar Border Patrol**



Border Patrol Agents, Mark Gerrish and Joseph Molnar, will be doing a follow up refresher on what border patrol agents do and what they have accomplished the past year.

Agent Mark Gerrish and I have both been with the United States Border Patrol for 10 years.

Mark Gerrish was an Acting Supervisor there and was a coordinator for criminal prosecution cases. He originally started his career with the Border Patrol in El Paso, Texas in 2009 and served there until 2016 when he transferred to Arizona. In Texas he was a member of the Anti-Terrorism Contraband Enforcement Team (ATCET) which was an operation targeted at the Ports of Entry to disrupt and dismantle narcotics and weapons smuggling organizations.

I have been with the Tucson Station my entire career and have participated in several details ranging from the Tactical Infrastructure team to the Silverbell Initiative, a special operation targeted with interdicting narcotics and illegal smuggling in Avra Valley area. We have both been members of the Tucson Coordination Center (TCC) which is the detention center where all individuals that are apprehended in the Tucson Sector are detained and processed. Together Agent Gerrish and I bring a wide range of law enforcement experience and I hope we can help your club understand the Border Patrols mission here in Arizona and at large.

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**2019 SCHEDULE**

May 15

October 16

November 20

\*December 11

\*Christmas Event

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

**We're on the web:**  
[www.aavanguardscities.com](http://www.aavanguardscities.com)



**\*\*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](http://retirees.aa.com)  
1-888-207-2607



**April 5**

**Bill Bens and Shari Rodgers 14 years**

**April 6 Tom Kaminski**  
**April 8 John Shudy**  
**April 11 Ellie Pump**  
**April 22 John Sundby**  
**April 24 Richard Curtin**  
**April 25 Zory Lopez**  
**April 25 Hy Reed**  
**April 26 Karen Losik**



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**Hate no one, no matter how much they've wronged you. Live humbly, no matter how wealthy you become. Think positively, no matter how hard life gets. Give much, even if you have been given little. Forgive all, especially yourself. And never stop praying for the best for everyone.**

(Do you feel the same way?)



# PERSON OF INTEREST

Reported by Judy Hunter

## Lovely Lola! (aka Lori Carlson)

Lola began her career with American Airlines in March of 1987, working for 25 years before retiring in September of 2012. Her entire 25 years was spent at TIA, working as an agent at the ticket counter, gates, and baggage service.



She loved to travel and still does, and took advantage of her airline travel benefits.

Before starting her career with AA, while in her twenties, she had spent one month in Panama, volunteering with Amigos de Las Americas, teaching dental hygiene to children in remote villages. She was fluent in Spanish and enjoyed engaging with the children as she handed out toothbrushes to them. In fact, she built many friendships with families there and returned a year later for a visit. She continues to keep in touch, and 30 years later she took her daughter Kelsey, with her for another visit. What a wonderful ambassador she is for our country!

Besides her connection with Panama, she has traveled to many countries in Central America and the Caribbean. Starting with Mexico, she has been to ZIH, PVR, MZT, GDL, Cabo, Los Mochis, and, of course, Rocky Point, a short drive from Tucson. Other trips to that area include Costa Rica, Jamaica, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, and Barbados. European adventures took her to Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, and France. Her most memorable trip and one of her favorites, was to China, traveling with her mother, just a few years ago. She was so excited to find that designer eyeglasses there were so inexpensive that that alone, was worth the trip. Maybe she'll be going back when her prescription changes!

Add a couple of cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean, and that about wraps up her international itineraries (Alaska exempted). Next on her bucket list is a trip to Australia and New Zealand, so don't be surprised to see her on Facebook, hugging a koala or straddling a kangaroo.

Last year, Lola and John sold their house and now live full time in their spacious motor home. They broke it in last summer, traveling for four months and 6300 miles on a tour of the western USA. They visited many hot spots including Mt. Rushmore, Glacier National Park, and Hell's Canyon on the Snake River. While in the Olympia area, Lola chartered a fishing boat on the Wynooche River and reeled in a ten pound steelhead salmon. They ate well that night!

They love living in their motor home. Lola says one of the best perks is NO YARD WORK! Also, it was a major "house cleaning" to downsize from a house to a motor home. Still, it's a difficult choice to make as to what you can do without. She made huge contributions to our AA Vanguard's Rummage Sale as a result of that. Thank you, Lola!

Our happy retired couple is now enjoying spending more time with their children and grandchildren. Kelsey is a student at the University of Arizona, and the twins, Trevor and Alexia, are both married with children, a total of six and one on the way. Being grandparents suits them just fine!

Almost forgot to mention another milestone for Lola....on February 11th this year, she celebrated her 60th birthday. Welcome to the Sixties, Lola!

### **American Airlines and China Southern announce partnership**

American Airlines and China Southern on Wednesday announced an agreement that allows American's AAdvantage and China Southern's Sky Pearl Club members to earn and redeem miles on each other's flights. Loyalty members can also book miles-earning flights on the other carrier's website.

### **American Airlines Cargo appoints new sales director**

Tim Isik, American Airlines Cargo Director, Cargo Sales – Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). American Airlines Cargo has appointed Tim Isik to the role of director, cargo sales – Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Isik comes to cargo from the American Airlines passenger team, where he led its leisure sales business across the UK, Ireland and Iceland.

Prior to this he worked in corporate sales, managing some of American's most important strategic accounts as their local point of contact in the UK and Ireland.

Before joining the American team, he also worked for an experiential marketing agency, where he oversaw major product launches for global brands at the 2012 Olympics.

"Over the years, Tim's hard work and passion for the airline industry has had a huge, positive impact on our business and the way we work with customers," said Roger Samways, vice president, Sales, American Airlines Cargo. "His experience and focus on the customer experience makes him the ideal person to lead such an important and integral part of our operation."

### **CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS**

**AA is Cancelling 90 Flights a Day as the Boeing 737 Max Remains Grounded. Flight Cancellations have been extended thru Wednesday, April 24th.**

**Non-Rev travel during this time-frame will probably be even more difficult.**

### **American looks to expand VIP lounges at Fla. airport**

American Airlines is seeking approval to expand its Admirals Club and Flagship Lounge at Florida's Miami International Airport. Miami-Dade County lawmakers are set to vote on the proposal April 9.

Miami Today (3/26)

### **"All eyes on" campaign promotes American Airlines Cargo's Critical PPS**

American Airlines Cargo has launched its "All eyes on" video to promote its Critical Priority Parcel Service, which monitors sensitive shipments from beginning to end. "The product provides priority boarding, the fastest transit time, proactive shipment monitoring, proactive notifications and a 100% money-back service guarantee of freight charges," said a company spokesman.

Air Cargo News (3/27)

### **United, American recognized for commitment to equality**

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation again recognized United Airlines and American Airlines for being leaders in LGBTQ workplace policies. "United is proud to receive this recognition as it speaks to our focus on building a more inclusive and caring workplace and customer experience," said Human Resources and Labor Relations Executive Vice President Kate Gebo. American Airlines Senior Vice President Patrick O'Keefe added that "American was the first major US airline to protect our LGBTQ team members by including gender identity and sexual orientation in our workplace non-discrimination policies."

TravelPulse (3/29)

### **Work on O'Hare's Terminal 5 expansion begins**

Work on the expansion of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport's Terminal 5 began Wednesday. The project, to be completed in 2021, will include adding 10 gates to the terminal and increase overall space by 350,000 square feet, as well as other services for passengers. This is the first phase of an \$8.5 billion O'Hare expansion plan.