

June 2019



GREETINGS VANGUARDS



The June newsletter will be the last one until October.

We are honoring and congratulating members that celebrate anniversaries and birthdays during our hiatus. See page 2.

If you do not see your name, please reach out to us and we will get an information form to you so we can send our wishes via newsletter.

As you many notice, there is a lot going on with the Company these days with more destinations being added.

If you have plans for the summer and would like to share your experiences we would like to hear from you.

Also, we always welcome ideas for speakers and/or events that can be planned for our group.

Be sure to keep us up-to-date with any information we can pass along as well as address, phone and email changes while we are off for the summer.

Be safe, be well and keep **COOL**.

John, Ron, Bonnie, Judy, Ellie and Karen

See you in October...have a great summer!

Special points of interest:

- Helpful Contacts
- 2019 Schedule
- Keep Information Up-To-Date

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Hugging is

The most beautiful form of communication that allows the other person to know beyond a doubt that they matter.

2019 SCHEDULE

May 15 *Cancelled*

October 16

November 20

*December 11

*Christmas Luncheon



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

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****JUNE****

9	Charles & Lillie Johnson	35 years
17	John & Rene Horn	30 years
22	John & Lori Carlson	34 years
29	Jack & Margie Appleyard	66 years

****JULY****

27	Bob & Linda Mencil	51 years
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****SEPTEMBER****

12	Ed & Kay Boyd	60 years
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****JUNE****

15 Al Hinterkopf
21 Ron Hackman

****JULY****

12 Dorothy Nasoni
13 Wayne Bayusz
19 John Horn
22 Ginny Quagliata
24 Sylvia Bayusz
29 Shari Rodgers

****AUGUST****

10 Kay Boyd

****SEPTEMBER****

10 Maxine Brown
18 Susan Cromwell
26 Renee Horn
27 Maggie Lederer

~ ~ It's a choice and well within your control ~ ~

Always stay
Humble and kind.



US airlines receive tentative approval for Tokyo flights

American Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines and United Airlines have received tentative approval to launch service to Haneda International Airport in Japan, Tokyo's downtown airport. American will offer an additional daily flight from Los Angeles and new service from Dallas; United will fly from Chicago International Airport, Washington Dulles International Airport, Los Angeles and Newark, N.J.; and Hawaiian Airlines will offer service from Honolulu.

Reuters (5/16), The Dallas Morning News (tiered subscription model) (5/16)

American Airlines launches new Flagship Lounge at Texas airport

American Airlines on Thursday opened its newest Flagship Lounge in Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport's Terminal D. The lounge is reserved for Flagship First and Flagship Business travelers and features showers, luxury seating, hot and cold foods, wine and a selection of craft beers. TravelPulse (5/16)

PFC hike not way to fund upgrades

Leading taxpayer advocate and president of the National Taxpayers Union, Pete Sepp, said Congress should look for other ways to fund road and bridge repairs, instead of diverting airline taxes for other uses. "The total government burden on an airline ticket is now exceeding an average of 20%," he said. "That's a higher tax rate than most middle-class travelers will pay on their 1040 tax return." KMA-AM/FM (Shenandoah, Iowa) (5/18)

Airports don't need more money, passengers don't need more taxes

Manchester, N.H., attorney Patrick Arnold writes that New Hampshire residents should push back on a proposed increase to the passenger facility charge, noting that airports already have plenty of money to fund their improvement projects. "Passengers are already paying their fair share in taxes and fees. Americans will pay \$3.6 billion in PFCs specifically -- and \$6.7 billion in airport-related taxes generally -- this year," he writes. SeacoastOnline (Portsmouth, N.H.) (tiered subscription model) (5/17)

Opinion: Increased PFC could keep travelers out of the air

Keith Hansen, vice president of government affairs for Allegiant Travel Company, urged Congress not to increase the PFC tax on travelers. Air travelers are already paying hefty taxes on airfares, and further increases could put air travel out of reach for many leisure travelers, writes Hansen. "The truth is this: Airports are flush with cash and enjoying record revenues. In 2017, airports collected nearly \$30 billion in airline rents and fees, rental car fees, concession and retail sales, and Airport Improvement Program funds. From 2000 to 2017, airport revenues per passenger grew 47%." The Free Press (Kinston, N.C.) (6/2)

A4A projects a record 257.4M passengers will travel on US airlines this summer

Airlines for America predicts that 257.4 million passengers will fly on US airlines between June 1 and Aug. 31, up 3.4% compared to last summer. Airlines are adding 111,000 seats per day to accommodate the expected 93,000 increase in daily passengers.

The Associated Press (5/21)

American, Texas airport announce \$3B investment to build terminal

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is planning to spend up to \$3.5 billion to build a new Terminal F and upgrade Terminal C, where American Airlines operates. "This is an exciting day for American and our more than 31,000 team members who call Dallas-Fort Worth home," American CEO Doug Parker said.

Fox Business (5/20), The Dallas Morning News (tiered subscription model) (5/20)

Airport vending machines sell foods, cosmetics, clothing and more

Airports across the US are embracing vending machines, which can offer an array of products that appeal to travelers while taking up relatively little space. The newly renovated Terminal B at New York's LaGuardia Airport, features a row of vending machines selling puffer jackets, upscale candy and trial-size toiletry kits. USA Today (5/22)

Lower aviation fuel taxes benefit local economies

John Heimlich, vice president and chief economist at Airlines for America, writes that state and local governments should recognize the value their economies derive from aviation operations and work to make airlines more welcome by keeping fuel taxes down. "Communities throughout the US compete aggressively for air service, given its critical role in economic development," writes Heimlich. "It is in the interest of their citizens to keep jet fuel taxes low to remain as competitive as possible." Air Transport World (5/9)

American Airlines CEO saw former Southwest CEO as a role model

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker revealed that he learned his most important lesson in management - the art of listening - from watching Herb Kelleher, the founder and former CEO of Southwest Airlines. "What I learned in watching Herb was and what I picked up upon fairly early on is what an amazing listener he was," Parker said. Business Insider (5/23)

American Airlines to launch service between NYC and Richmond, Va.

American Airlines on Nov. 21 will add three daily nonstop flights between Virginia's Richmond International Airport and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. "Richmond is a welcome addition to our various nonstop options and a very important city in our growing destination portfolio for New Yorkers," American's Jim Carter said. Richmond Times-Dispatch (Va.) (5/28)

US airlines eye untapped international markets

US airlines are looking at unexpected international routes to expand their service maps. For example, American Airlines last summer added flights to Budapest, Prague, and Venice, and United Airlines later this year will launch service to Cape Town, South Africa. Skift (5/30)

American Airlines to increase service to St. Kitts

American Airlines will on Dec. 18 launch a second weekly non-stop flight between New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and St. Kitts' Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport. The new flights will be offered on Wednesdays. TravelPulse (5/29)

American Airlines salutes its 28,261 flight attendants

American Airlines will celebrate its flight attendants with special events, prizes, gifts and meals in crew rooms across its network. The carrier receives 125 applications for every two flight attendants it hires, and flight attendants stay with American for an average of 21 years. The Business Journals (tiered subscription model) (5/30)

American adds new seasonal routes to European airports

American Airlines is adding nine seasonal routes to airports in Germany, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Scotland and Ireland this summer. The carrier in March added daily, year-round service between North Carolina's Charlotte Douglas International Airport and Munich Airport and between Arizona's Sky Harbor International Airport and London Heathrow Airport. Skift (5/31)

FedEx to launch year-round Sunday delivery in 2020

FedEx will offer delivery seven days a week starting in January to better accommodate online retailers and their customers. "Consumers want packages over the weekend," said FedEx President and Chief Operating Officer Raj Subramaniam. The Associated Press (5/30)

TSA screened nearly 2.8M passengers and crew on May 24

The Transportation Security Administration on May 24 screened a record 2,792,525 passengers and crew members. The agency said more than 96% of those screened waited in line for less than 20 minutes, and travelers enrolled in TSA Precheck waited an average of less than five minutes. The Examiner (Washington, D.C.) (5/30)

American Airlines CEO weighs in on what it means to be a chief executive

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker spoke with Business Insider about his leadership mindset and what led him to engineer two of the biggest airline mergers in the last 20 years. Parker said he focuses on providing "safe harbor" for his employees by building stronger companies. Business Insider (6/6)