



Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter    U-S AIR November 2019

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Happy Thanksgiving Vanguards



---The October 1st Vanguard Meeting---

The guest speaker at the October 1st Vanguard Meeting was Karen Scanlon and her topic was the Port of San Diego. I was not at the meeting as I had to go to urgent care but Nancy Day took such great notes at the presentation that I will leave them as she wrote them.

Karen Scanlon, San Diego Historian, gave a presentation about two of the original Port of San Diego Directors. The first Port Director was Joe Brennan. His father was the 2nd light keeper at the Pt. Loma Lighthouse. Brennan had a career as a tug boat operator and was responsible for pushing the Bennington Ship into the Bay when it was ready to explode. Part of his duty as Director was to have the bay widened and the shipping channel prepared for incoming ships with dumping spoils on a shoal in the bay.

John Bates became the 2nd Port Director and was there from the 1940's to the 1960's. He had a vision for Shelter and Harbor Islands in the bay which would be formed by the spoils in the bay.

During WWII the Navy stored ammunition at Shelter Island when it was newly formed as a shoal. John Bates fifth wife, Sylvia, who is now 89 remembers much of this period of time. She recalls that during WWII there were huge balloons on Shelter Island held by steel girders which would deter enemy aircraft approaching the City of San Diego. Once WWII was over, Shelter Island was formed to become a recreation island. Point Loma residents were concerned about views and high buildings on Shelter Island and formed a group to be sure that this never happened.

Later after the war, the channel was deepened and widened to 400 feet to allow aircraft carriers into the Harbor. There are photos of this period and of Joe Brennan in Jimmy Carter's Mexican Restaurant in downtown San Diego if you are curious.

John Bates was teased about forming Shelter Island and his activities were called "Bates' Folly" and he was humorously called "Commodore of Mud Flats." As it turned out, these islands brought a huge return on the investment. Later he organized the forming of the 10th Marine Terminal which again was a fruitful project.

In 1961 9 million yards of bay sludge was cleared to form Harbor Island. Again, a very profitable venture. Through all, he continued with his goal and created a successful Port of San Diego. Now we have 26 miles of waterway under the Port of San Diego jurisdiction including National City, Imperial

Beach, Coronado and Chula Vista.

Some history tied to this story is about Jack Davis and his activity on Shelter Island and his lunch counter which fed tuna canners and fishermen. Later the formation of The Red Sails Restaurant which was on the island for 50 plus years. He asked for the name from the restaurant at the foot of Market Street and when they closed, he acquired it. Jack Davis had many dealings with Port Director, John Bates.

On September 1, 1966, John Bates retired and many residents of San Diego are hoping that they can name the Port of San Diego Building after him for his contributions.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Louise Oliverio and the birthday drawing by Bob Garrett, but he donated it back to the Vanguard.



---Dec 3rd Vanguard Christmas Party---

Yes, Christmas is just around the corner and the Vanguard Christmas party will be held Tuesday, 3 December 2019. 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) Be sure to send in your reservation form, which is on page 3 of this newsletter. Include a check for \$ 34.00 dollars per person, made out to **San Diego Vanguards**. Send your reservation form and check to **Kay Bays, Vanguard Treasurer, 5038 September Street, San Diego, CA. 92110**. We were told there is a parking fee in the hotel lot of \$ 5.00, payable on departure. Last year the hotel stamped papers and did not collect the \$ 5 dollar fee, but have it handy just in case. You can also park free on the neighborhood streets near the Holiday Inn and walk to the hotel. Please don't procrastinate. We are running late with the party this year and need to have everyone turn in their reservation form now, which is on page 3. Prices and menu will be the same as last year.

Please submit your reservation right away!!!

---Verbena June Caldwell Memorial Service---

We want to inform all our members that the memorial service for June Caldwell will be held at the **United Methodist Church, at 8964 North Magnolia, in Santee, on Thursday, 17 October at 11 am** near her longtime residence. June was president of the Vanguards twice 1986-1987 and 2007-2008. She was very devoted to American Airlines and its employees and hardly ever missed a meeting of the Vanguards until she became grounded and had to go to a care facility in El Cajon. We hope that many of our members will be able to attend the service.

June was born 7 June 1926 and passed away in El Cajon on 17 September 2019 at age 93. She had a long career with American Airlines starting in St Louis and going to Los Angeles and then Phoenix where she worked for 20 years before transferring to San Diego and retiring. See her obituary on page 4 of this newsletter.

AA VANGUARD CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

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

Date: Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019

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: \$34.00 (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 3, 2019**

Check payable to: “San Diego Vanguards” \$34.00 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	_____



Vanguard Birthdays for November

Nov 4 - **Dorothy C. Lunt,
Joseph Rodriguez**
Nov 6 - **Eleanore Kusiak,
Peter Rizzo**
Nov 7 - **Eleanor Trolinger**
Nov 14 - **Fred Hefty**
Nov 16 - **Bob Smith**
Nov 17 - **Bill Sherlock**
Nov 20 - **James Scorey**

Nov 21 - **Joseph Ritacco**
Nov 22 - **Barbara Moore**
Nov 23 - **Melville Kling,**
Nov 25 - **Jim Annunziata**
Nov 26 - **Laurie Crowder**
Nov 28 - **Alice Stewart**
Nov 29 - **Mary Davis**
Nov 30 - **Jan Novak**



Vanguard Anniversaries for November

Nov 4 - **George and Sharon Crysler (1994)**



17 Sept 2019 - Verbena June Caldwell

June once gave us a review of her years with American Airlines. Thanks to Irene Garrett we found that her review was in January of 2014 and we published it in the February 2014 issue of our newsletter. (We know that June was born **7 June 1926** and got her name from that month and Verbena was her first name but often put second). I looked at the family search website and found that there was a June V Fritz born in 1926 in Rockford county Illinois, which is on the Mississippi in western Illinois. So this might have been our June. June started with American Airlines at St Louis as an air freight accountant, but she must have lived on the Illinois side of the Mississippi because she was very familiar with the area around Elsa, Illinois where a friend of mine came from. When June's parents moved to Oceanside California, June transferred to LAX and worked in reservations. Her parents next moved to Arizona and June transferred to Phoenix where she worked for the next 20 years. She met her husband Jim at an AA bowling tournament there. Because Jim worked in Los Angeles, June transferred there to be with him. Eventually they moved to San Diego and retired. June became involved with our Vanguard chapter and was president 1986-1987 and once more from 2007-2008. She lived in Santee until she had to go to a care facility in El Cajon. June faithfully attended our meetings and beach cleanups as long as she had her drivers license and after that attended when other members would pick her up and bring her to our meetings. Some of our members went to her care facility in El Cajon to celebrate her 93rd birthday. Although her birthday is on the 7th of June, we had the celebration on the 13th because more members were able to attend on that date. June was happy to open her birthday gifts and to share the birthday cake that Bob and Irene Garret brought for the occasion. We will miss June's positive spirit and her devotion to American Airlines and its employees.

---Ryanair's German Based Pilots Agree To Wage Deal--- 11 Sept 2019 Airwise

German union VC has reached a collective agreement with Ryanair covering the airline's German based pilots. The Irish airline, in a stock exchange submission, said the agreement, which delivers a new pay structure and rosters, will be in place until March 2023. Ryanair and the Vereinigung Cockpit (VC) union have also agreed a social plan covering German base closures or reductions. VC said the collective agreements "leave no doubt that German law as well as German employee protection rights will be applicable for Ryanair pilots in Germany."

The German based pilots will now transition to Ryanair's Maltese subsidiary Malta Air, but will be subject to the German collective agreements. "What was agreed to will mean higher basic salaries and higher net salaries, especially due to the transition to German income taxation," VC lawyer Tanja Viehl said. "Additionally, the framework social plan will provide measures to soften the impact of past and possible future base reductions."

Despite the German agreement, Ryanair pilots based in the UK and Spain are still due to strike later this month unless separate agreements can be reached with their unions. VC's Viehl said that "European pilot unions united under the motto 'Ryanair must change!' still have a long way ahead before our goal is reached - as was shown during recent industrial action abroad. "Coming to CLAs in Germany is an important step towards our goal of guaranteeing employment rights," she added.

---Embraer Delivers First E195-E2 Aircraft To Brazilian Airline Azul--- 12 Sept 19

Embraer has delivered the first of its new E195-E2 aircraft to Brazilian airline Azul. In a ceremony at Embraer's São José dos Campos assembly plant, Azul received the largest member of the E2 family of commercial aircraft from lessor AerCap. The Brazilian airline will receive a further five E195-E2s this year out of total orders for 57 of the type.

"Today's delivery is a momentous occasion," Embraer Commercial Aviation chief executive John Slattery said. "It's the largest commercial aircraft Embraer has ever built... It's absolutely ideal for Azul's low-fare business model." The E195-E2 can seat up to 146 passengers in a high density layout, but Azul has gone for a lower seat count of 136. It will use the aircraft on domestic and international flights. "With the E195-E2 we are ready to launch the next chapter in Brazilian aviation. We could not be more proud to bring this Brazilian aircraft, built with Brazilian technology and innovation to the Brazilian skies", Azul founder David Neeleman said. "The E2 represents the next significant step in Azul's fleet transformation, further powering our margin expansion story well into the years to come." Embraer has taken orders for 124 E195-E2s and 38 of the smaller E190-E2. Azul's E195-E2 adds to the six E190-E2s already delivered.

---British Airways Cancels Flights for Next Strike Date--- 12 Sept 2019 Airwise

Just a few days after flights restarted following a two day pilot strike, British Airways announced more flight cancellations. "Further industrial action by BALPA, the pilots' union, is planned for Friday 27 September, [and] as a result, we are reviewing our flying schedule and we will offer affected customers the option to receive a full refund or the option to re-book to another travel date or on an alternative airline." There has been no announcement of the number of cancellations, but during the two day strike on Monday and Tuesday this week, the airline cancelled around 1,700 flights. "We understand that BA has started cancelling its operations on the 27th of September today outside of the 14 day window to avoid having to compensate affected passengers," the British Airline Pilots Association (BALPA) union responded. "BALPA set a gap between the first and second periods of strike action to give BA time to work with us to settle this dispute with their pilots. We had today been exchanging new ideas to do that via (conciliation service) ACAS and so it is irresponsible and inconsiderate to its customers that BA has pulled out and decided to start cancelling flights now, just to save money on compensation." Flights operated by BA CityFlyer, SUN-AIR and Comair airlines are not affected.

---Virgin Australia To Buy Back Frequent Flyer Stake--- 16 Sept 2019 Airwise
Virgin Australia has entered into an agreement to buy back the 35 percent of its frequent flyer business owned by Affinity Equity Partners. In a stock exchange submission, Virgin confirmed it had signed a term sheet with Affinity to buy back the stake for \$700 million Australian Dollars (US \$479 million).

Private equity group Affinity acquired the stake in 2014 for \$335 million Australian Dollars. The airline said the transaction is subject to conditions including funding and Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board approval of the deal. The acquisition will give Virgin Australia 100 percent of its frequent flyer business, one of the bright spots of the group, reporting pre-tax earnings of \$122 million Australian Dollars for the year to end June 2019. Overall, Virgin Australia Group reported a \$315.4 million Australian Dollars net loss for the same period. Completion of the transaction is expected to occur before the end of the year.

---British Airways Pilots Cancel Strike To Allow Talks--- 18 Sept 2019 Airwise
The BALPA union representing pilots at British Airways has called off next week's planned strike "for a period of reflection." The British Airline Pilots Association has taken the initiative to call off the September 27 strike "before the dispute escalates further and irreparable damage is done to the brand." The union said it hopes the airline will now change its approach and negotiate seriously with a view to ending the dispute. BA cancelled around 1,700 flights last week as pilots walked out for two days in a dispute over pay and other remuneration. BALPA also gave notice of the 24 hour strike on September 27.

BALPA's General Secretary Brian Strutton said "Someone has to take the initiative to sort out this dispute and with no sign of that from BA the pilots have decided to take the responsible course. "In a genuine attempt at establishing a time out for common sense to prevail, we have lifted the threat of the strike on the 27th September." BALPA said it retained the right to announce further strike dates if the airline refuses meaningful negotiations. British Airways is considering flight schedule implications and will provide updates in due course.

---Air New Zealand Signs \$ 2.7 Billion 787-10 Order--- 23 Sept 2019 Airwise
Air New Zealand has signed contracts to buy eight Boeing 787-10 aircraft in a deal valued at \$2.7 billion Dollars at current list prices. The aircraft, to be powered by GE Aviation GEnx-1B engines, will be delivered from 2022. Air New Zealand currently operates a fleet of 13 787-9 Dreamliners and a mixed fleet of 777-200s and -300s. The airline initially announced the deal in May as it looks to replace its 777-200s.

---Thomas Cook Collapses, Seeks Liquidation--- 23 Sept 2019 Airwise
UK-based travel company Thomas Cook collapsed overnight and applied for compulsory liquidation after it failed to secure additional funding over the weekend. Talks with key stakeholders were unsuccessful with some lenders calling for additional funds to ensure operations were protected through the quieter winter travel months. The company said it had no choice but to enter into compulsory liquidation with immediate effect. "We have worked exhaustively in the past few days to resolve the outstanding issues on an agreement to secure Thomas Cook's future for its employees, customers and suppliers," Peter Fankhauser, Thomas Cook chief executive said. The collapse of the company that can trace its routes back to 1841 leaves around 150,000 of its customers stranded overseas. A fleet of 40 aircraft has been chartered from a number of airlines to take those affected by the liquidation back to the UK.

Thomas Cook group's German airline **Condor** has a different ownership structure and is currently still flying after applying for a German government loan.

---Ryanair UK Cabin Crew Accept Pay Deal---

24 Sept 2019

Airwise

Ryanair's UK-based cabin crew have voted to accept a four year pay and conditions deal with the Irish airline. In a ballot of members carried out by the Unite union, 80 percent voted to accept the collective agreement. The deal covers all of the low cost carrier's directly employed cabin crew in the UK. The airline said the agreement delivers a new pay structure with increased guaranteed income, and an "industry leading" five on, three off work roster. The agreement runs to March 2023.

The cabin crew deal is another piece of good news for the airline in the UK after the British Airline Pilots Association last week called off a series of five 24 hour strikes. BALPA said its decision would pave the way for meaningful negotiations under the auspices of the UK conciliation service, ACAS.

---Germany's Condor Airline Gets Government Loan---

24 Sept 2019

Airwise

Thomas Cook-owned airline Condor has received the backing of the German government and the state of Hesse with a bridging loan to secure its operations over the quieter winter travel period. The €380 million Euro (US \$418 million) loan, which is subject to approval from the European Commission, is for a period of six months. The German airline applied for the loan to prevent any "liquidity bottlenecks", resulting from the insolvency of its former British parent Thomas Cook group.

"Condor is a healthy and profitable company, which will also record a positive result in the current year," Condor's chief executive Ralf Teckentrup said. "Because our liquidity for the seasonal weaker winter booking period was used up by our insolvent parent company, we need this bridge financing for the coming winter season. This decision is an important step towards securing the future of our business." Condor intends to apply for a form of insolvency protection in Germany to allow it to restructure as an independent airline. "As a profitable company with a positive cash flow and good business development, we are using the shielding procedure to protect ourselves from possible claims of our former British parent company, Thomas Cook Group." Condor said its flights and ticket sales were operating as normal.

---Adria Airways Grounds Flights as Cash Runs Out---

24 Sept 2019

Airwise

Slovenia's Adria Airways has "temporarily ceased" flight operations for two days as it seeks funding to continue operations. The flight cancellations, on all but two Frankfurt flights, will impact almost 4,000 passengers with bookings on the Ljubljana-based airline. A company statement said it is intensively searching solutions in cooperation with a potential investor. "The goal of everyone involved is to make Adria Airways fly again according to the schedule and that ceasing of certain operations is indeed temporary."

In a sign of mounting difficulties for any restart however, leasing companies have started repossessing aircraft operated by the Slovenian carrier. The operator had a fleet of 20 aircraft prior to the suspension of flying. Adria's problems comes in the same week that UK-based travel operator Thomas Cook collapsed, including its Thomas Cook Airlines unit. Other European carriers, Aigle Azur, Germania, flybmi and WOW have also failed this year. In an optimistic note, Adria advised passengers to check that their flight is operating before leaving for the airport.

---Adria Airways Extends Flight Cancellations---

25 Sept 2019

Airwise

Adria Airways has extended its flight cancellations for a further two days as it seeks potential new owners. The Slovenian airline, which cancelled virtually all its flights on Tuesday and Wednesday, announced that there would now only be very limited flights operating on Thursday and Friday. Adria said it is still in active discussions with potential new owners and major creditors and remains dedicated to reaching a positive solution. The only flights still scheduled on the two days are a daily round-trip between its Ljubljana base and what it calls its most important hub, Frankfurt. Slovenia's Civil Aviation Agency has given the airline an October 2 deadline to come up with a financial plan to allow it to retain its operating license and resume full time flying.

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**Next Vanguard Meeting
5 November 2019, 10:15 am
San Diego Air and
Space Museum**