



# Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter    March 2018

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day



### ---The Feb 6th Vanguard Meeting---

The February Vanguard Meeting featured no guest speaker but we had 18 members in attendance. Kay Bays ran the meeting as Irene Garret had a Doctors appointment and arrived late for the meeting. Irene said that she did not want to terminate the Vanguards, even though we are getting slim in numbers. The three recent Final departures (Tony Paradowski, Grace Parrish and Karyn Mottern) were mentioned. Also Bruce Craig was reported to be recovering from his heart surgery at Sanford Asst Living care facility in Santee and we are hoping he will soon be at home. Bill and Gerry Sherlock were surprise visitors, as Bill has been in and out of the hospital several times the last month. We were very happy that these core members of our Vanguard Chapter were able to attend. Kay mentioned that we should be terminating the monthly Beach Clean-Ups for lack of members attending. We did not vote on it this time. We did however explore moving the meetings to another facility when the need arises. Louise Oliverio suggested a Mary Calendar located on I-8. They have a private meeting room, but they would require a total food purchase of \$100 dollars per meeting to use the room. Alice McCormick told us a sentimental story featuring a burned biscuit. We also had a guest member, Walter Freithaler attend the meeting, and he went home with the 50/50 Raffle prize of 30 some dollars. Willy Schumka was nice enough to bring Walter to the meeting. We hope to see him again at future meetings. Irene won the Birthday drawing as her birthday is 1 February. It was nice to see her again.

### ---Departed Members---

We recently lost two very regular attendees from our chapters. **Tony Paradowski**, (his obituary was in last month's newsletter) who used to print the mailing labels and had a service at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Bonita, on 19 January. His chaplain "Stosh" gave us a good background on Tony and his wife Helen (also interred at Glen Abbey) Tony often worked 3 jobs to support his family and he loved old automobiles and would restore them and sell them. His pride and joy was a 1934 Packard which he was able to provide for his daughter when she married. Tony's granddaughter Maryanne, told us a story of her last meeting with Gramps. Tony was sometimes brusque and did not like inefficiency or foot dragging, and most of the time he complained about others who did not come up to his standards. Maryanne asked him at her last meeting with Tony what he was going to complain about today. Tony thought a minute and then came back "**Well certainly not about you**" as he was very thankful for her visit.

**Grace Parrish**, one of the original members of the Vanguards, had a very busy and eventful life and our Vanguard Chapter was only one of her many varied interests. We attended her service in Bonita at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church on 25 January 2018, where we listened to her very interesting life story. I could not write fast enough, so I asked the speaker, Grace's nephew, Greg Hodgkins, to give me a copy of her story, which he graciously did, and I am including it in this newsletter on page 4 with only minor changes. Greg did a great job on his "aunt Gracie's" story.

### **---It's Renewal Time---**

In order for the Vikings to pay for their meeting facility at the Air and Space museum, they depend on your yearly membership contribution of \$ 20.00 dollars per person or family. We have paid our \$ 500 dollar rent for 2018 so your membership would replenish our kitty until we decide where we will hold our future meetings as our membership continues to decline in numbers. You can send your \$20 dollar renewal check made out to **San Diego Vikings**, to **Kay Bays, Vanguard Treasurer, 5038 September Street, San Diego, California 92110**. Or you can bring your check to the next Vanguard meeting and give it to Kay personally or to one of the other Vanguard officers.



**---Vanguard Beach Clean-Up---**Our monthly beach clean-up at Ventura Cove is scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2018. We are now pondering a cessation of the beach clean up, but until we vote to do so, we will assume that it is still in our schedule. 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. See you there. We recommend getting a Pick-up Stick to avoid bending excessively while cleaning the beach. Call Irene Garrett on Monday before you come out – **619 464-1250 (to make sure that we will be having the meeting)**

### **---Volunteering for Vanguard Office---**

We are asking any of you, who might be interested, to think about taking an officer's position in our Vanguard chapter. The present officers have been in harness for many years now and would love to have a replacement candidate. The work is not especially hard. It is basically just helping out your fellow retirees with a willing attitude. If you are inclined to do that, let Irene Garrett know. Most of the Vanguard chapters that have closed, did so for that very same reason (No volunteers for office) The original Vanguard chapter in Los Angeles had attendance of up to 90 members but no one wanted to take the reigns of the presidency and other offices, so they finally decided to close down. We would like to keep our chapter going, but we would need some volunteers to help retire some of our present officers. Please think about it. There will be changes coming to our chapter in the very near future and we would like to avoid closing completely. So we will be taking suggestions and hope to have some volunteers step to the plate. The next planned Vanguard meeting will be on **March 6th, 2018**. We hope to see you there.



### ---March Birthdays---

March 2	<b>Lonna Hefty, Molly Manning</b>	March 12	<b>Karl Ramsing, Mary Jane Scholl</b>
March 5	<b>Charlotte Larsen</b>	March 22	<b>George Benitez</b>
March 6	<b>James Paige, Julia Blanchard</b>	March 23	<b>Warren Stanley</b>
March 7	<b>Joanne Espinosa</b>	March 24	<b>Joseph Albo</b>
March 8	<b>Walli Stebel</b>	March 26	<b>LaMont DeCol</b>
March 9	<b>Thelma Ballard</b>	March 27	<b>Eleanor Lancey, Shirley Griffin</b>
March 11	<b>Lawrence Bartolo</b>	March 28	<b>Roberta Swanson</b>
	<b>Bruce Craig</b>	March 29	<b>Mary Kezon</b>



### ---March Anniversaries---Congratulations Vanguards

March 23    **Bob and Mary Solsbak** (1961)



#### **Jan 12 - Karyn Sueyoshi Mottern**

We were informed that Karyn Mottern, a former ticket agent for American Airlines (32 years) had passed away on Jan 12, 2018. Karyn was born May 28, 1959, so she had not yet reached her 59th birthday when she passed away. Louise Oliverio knew her some years back and told us that she had lived in Las Vegas for a certain period. (But she spent most of her career in San Diego.) She was married twice. A memorial service is to be held on March 24, 2018 at 12:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego 320 Date Street, San Diego, CA. 92101. Tel: (619) 232-7513. Karyn is survived by her husband Charles 'Chuck' H. Mottern and condolences can be sent to him at 6717 Friars Rd. Unit 60, San Diego, CA 92108.



## *In Memorium*

### **GRACE E. PARRISH**

**11 Jan - Grace E. Parrish** president of our Vanguard chapter 1998-1999 and our treasurer for many years thereafter passed away on 11 January 2018 at the Westmont at San Miguel Ranch. She led such an extraordinary life that I asked Greg Hodgkins, her nephew, who read the biography at Grace's service, for his information. He was very happy to provide it to me and I would now like to put it into our newsletter for all of you to read.

Grace was born Nov 30, 1926 at her parent's house in New York City. Folks back then did not believe in going to hospitals for birthing because it was too dangerous, so Grace was born at home.

In 1929, Grace's father, Pete Tiernan was offered a new job in a new territory. Reluctantly he took the job as chief chemist for the Nichols Copper Company and the family moved from New York City to what her pregnant mother, also named Grace, called the "Wild West of El Paso, Texas". Grace always said that although she was born in NYC and grew old in California, she would always consider herself a Texan.

In El Paso, Grace and her three siblings, Dick, Rita and Eileen lived in a little house on Hueco Street, with mother and father and their grandfather across the street from St. Joseph's church and school. The family was close and the kids grew up happily and participated in both school & church activities.

Right after high school graduation, Grace went to work at the El Paso Airport. There she met Edward Earle Parrish, who was working as a mechanic for American Airlines. They fell in love and Grace & Ed were married in April 1945. Grace always said that there were no photos of their wedding because film was rationed and her Mom sent the film to Grace's brother in the Marines. Grace's wedding dress got a lot of use-- Greg's mother was married in it and several other women from St. Joseph's church that needed a wedding dress also wore it. In later years, Grace's sister, Eileen joked that she had cut up Grace's wedding dress to use as dust rags. On a trip back to El Paso in 2012, Eileen brought out the dress to show to Grace and Greg, neatly wrapped in tissue in a box and beautifully preserved.

In February 1947, Edward Milton Parrish was born. Milton was the light of Grace & Ed's life. They were an easy going, relaxed family full of love and affection. **While in El Paso, Grace was active in PTA and The Girl Scouts organization. She had a Girl Scout troop for over 10 years and she worked as a unit leader for day camps and as a director.**

In 1960, American Airlines transferred Ed to San Diego and Grace, Ed and Milton moved, eventually buying a house on Osage Street in Spring Valley. While Milton was going to school, **Grace did volunteer work at the county library and for 19 years at Santa Sofia school Library. She also provided transportation (and cupcakes) for the Civil Air Patrol unit that Edward Milton belonged to.**

When Milton became a parachutist, Grace and Ed spent weekends at the local drop zone, meeting a group of their son's friends and forging a bond that has lasted for more than 50 years. **Grace made her only parachute jump at the drop zone, although she did try paragliding several years later.**

Grace & Ed's house on Osage Street became the gathering place for Milton's drop zone buddies. After a long day of parachuting, the drop zone gang would meet at Grace & Ed's house and eat hamburgers or pizza and share stories about jumping and have a good time enjoying each other's company. Sometimes the chat sessions would go late into the night and someone would end up sleeping in a bedroll in the living room.

Milton joined the army and was accepted into the Gold Team of the Army Parachute team **"The Golden Knights"**, a group that did demonstration parachute jumps and were goodwill ambassadors for the army. Tragically, in 1973, Milton was killed in an airplane crash along with all of his Golden Knights teammates.

**Grace went back to college in the 1970's and in 1977, she received her Bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.**

**In 1980, Ed retired and Gracie & Ed joined the Vanguard's American Airlines retirement club.** One of the men who organized Vanguard's was also on the board for San Diego Air and Space Museum. The museum wanted volunteers to lead tours of the museum and turned to Vanguard's. **Twelve people signed up, but Grace was the only one who actually became a museum docent.** Grace said "having kissed the Blarney stone on a visit to Ireland was supposed to help my presentation, but I'm not too sure about that." However, **it was Grace, with her Air and Space Museum connections that arranged for the Vanguard's to meet at the museum for ten months out of the year. (11 if you count the Picnics in back of the museum).**

Ed started working on airplane restoration first at the museum and later at Gillespie field. Ed was a great mechanic who volunteered his years of skills and knowledge and was a valued member of the group that restored and kept all of the museum's aircraft in tiptop shape. **After Ed died in 1985, Grace continued to work at the museum for a total of 30 years, proudly wearing her red blazer and doing many jobs.** Her main job was leading folks on tours and sharing with them her remarkable knowledge of the aircraft and the women and men who had flown them.

Grace and Ed always welcomed everyone to their house, whether it was the house in Spring Valley or the house in El Paso, Texas. They were a warm, loving couple that knew how to make anyone feel at ease--from relatives to friends and sometimes even friends' acquaintances. Almost every year for 30 years, Grace invited Greg and his daughter to visit with her for a week (longer if they could manage it). One day, after eating a signature Aunt Grace breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages and biscuits, Grace and Greg sat and talked for 12 hours, stopping only to run up for a Chinese food dinner. Late into the night they shared stories about work and friends and relatives and growing up in El Paso in the 1930's. This was an unusually long chat, but fairly typical of a visit with Grace. It is one of Greg's most cherished memories.

And so, at the end of her journey and adventures, Grace has found her own Hospitality House, that has been prepared for her. We hope that it is as open and gracious as her house always was to all her friends, relatives and visitors. We know that Ed and Milton were there to greet her and introduce her to the hospitality that she deserves, perhaps with a Dr. Pepper and maybe some Mrs. See's Bordeaux candies.. We know that Rita, Eileen, Dick, Mama Grace, Pete, Jake, Ruby and Eloise and many others will also be there. Nothing could be better.

I want to add that Grace never bragged about her accomplishments and was an excellent guide at the museum and a warm host to any folks lucky enough to enjoy her hospitality. Grace was associated with the Vanguard's since 1980 when our chapter opened and was involved in getting the meetings held at the Air and Space Museum. Living to the age of 92, most of the people who were her contemporary associates had already taken the Final Departure before her, but many of their children remember her well. A service for Grace was held on 25 January 2018 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 450 Corral Canyon Rd, Bonita, CA. Burial was at Glen Abbey. Condolences can be sent to Kris Inlow, 923 Sierra Park Lane, Sacramento, California 95864.

### **---Aeroflot To Lease 50 Russian-made MC-21 Aircraft---** 1 Feb 2018 Airwis

Aeroflot will lease 50 MC-21-300 aircraft from Russian state company Aviacapital-Service in an agreement the airline said is worth \$5 billion dollars. The airline will take delivery from the first quarter of 2020, with the order completed by 2026. The lease is for a term of 12 years for each aircraft.

The Irkut MC-21 is a Russia-designed and produced single-aisle commercial jet which can seat up to 169 passengers in a two class layout. The aircraft is currently undergoing flight testing with an entry into service expected next year. “The MC-21 represents a genuine breakthrough achievement for the aviation industry. The aircraft uses cutting-edge materials and the latest generation of systems, created by leading Russian companies,” Rostec chief executive Sergey Chemezov said. The first aircraft of the Aeroflot order will be powered by Pratt & Whitney PW1000G engines, with later deliveries using locally produced PD-14 turbofans.

The airline’s CEO Vitaly Saveliev said: “Russian manufacturers have created the first next-generation passenger aircraft, marking Russia’s return as a global leader in the aviation industry. “In today’s geopolitical context we believe it is essential that there is competitive Russian-made technology, and that it is of the highest quality and competitively priced.”

### **---UPS Orders \$ 6.5 Billion of Boeing Freighters---** 1 Feb 2018 Airwise

US logistics company UPS has ordered 14 additional Boeing 747-8F freighters and four 767Fs in a deal valued at \$6.5 billion dollars at list prices. The 747 order is a conversion from options the company took out alongside a 2016 order for an initial 14 747-8Fs. UPS said the new aircraft are additional to the existing fleet, not replacements for older freighters. The aircraft will be delivered on an “expedited schedule”, with order completion due by 2022.

“The new freighters will allow us to continue upsizing aircraft on routes and will create a cascading effect that will boost capacity on regional routes around the world,” UPS Airlines president Brendan Canavan said. The 747-8F order is a boost for Boeing as it seeks to maintain production of the slow selling iconic jumbo jet.

### **---Europe-Wide Airline Internet Service Set To Launch---** 5 Feb 2018 Airwise

The European Aviation Network (EAN), a Europe-wide communications network for airline passengers, is undergoing final testing and will launch during the first half of the year. EAN, a joint project between international satellite company Inmarsat and Deutsche Telekom, will be powered by an S-band satellite and a 300 base station Europe-wide LTE ground network. The base stations are located in all 28 EU member states plus Switzerland and Norway,

The network will initially provide aircraft connectivity of 75 Mbit/s, faster than many country’s terrestrial broadband speeds. It will allow airline passengers to use social media and stream high-bandwidth content while airborne. The company said airlines will be able to install the light-weight EAN equipment quickly, typically during overnight downtime for aircraft.

“EAN is the world’s first dedicated aviation connectivity solution which effectively combines space and ground-based components,” Inmarsat Aviation senior VP Frederik van Essen said. “Bringing connectivity to the skies is a complex effort and we could only realise this through strategic collaboration with our European partners.”

British Airways and Iberia owner IAG is the launch customer for the new service and has already started installing EAN equipment on its aircraft.

### **---IAG Wants Heathrow Monopoly Broken Up---**

5 Feb 2018

Airwise

British Airways parent IAG has urged the UK government to cap the cost of expansion at London's Heathrow Airport and wants the airport's terminals to be run by separate companies to encourage competition. In a submission to the UK aviation regulator, the CAA, IAG says Heathrow expansion "provides a great opportunity for independent companies to design, build and run commercial facilities like terminals."

It said competition would provide better facilities at a lower cost and limit charges that would be passed on to airport customers. Better financing options would also be available with lower risk. "Heathrow's had it too good for too long and the Government must confirm the CAA's powers to introduce this type of competition," IAG's chief executive Willie Walsh said. "This is not rocket science. Most major US airports have terminals owned or leased by airlines and there are European examples at Frankfurt and Munich airports. There's absolutely no reason why this cannot happen at Heathrow."

Heathrow started a ten week consultation process in January on the location and size of a third runway and associated infrastructure. The UK parliament is expected to vote in the first half of the year on a national policy statement setting out a framework for Heathrow's final expansion plan.

### **---Lufthansa Launches New Branding---**

7 Feb 2018

Airwise

Lufthansa officially unveiled its new brand image (Logo) on Wednesday at company events in Frankfurt and Munich. The presentations included new all blue aircraft liveries on Boeing 747-8 and Airbus A321 aircraft, with few signs of the airline's previous yellow branding. Lufthansa said the response to the new branding was predominantly positive, but some people missed the yellow tone. It "will be found in the future, on every boarding pass and at every Lufthansa counter at the airport," the airline reassured.

"Lufthansa has changed and is more modern and successful than ever. From now on, this will also be visible to the public through a new design," Lufthansa chairman Carsten Spohr said. "The crane has always been with us and clearly stands for the promising performance from Lufthansa. To this day, it still stands as a symbol of highest quality, excellent service, flying expertise, reliability, innovative spirit; and it stands for trust." The crane, designed 100 years ago remains the airline's iconic symbol, but it has been slimmed down in this incarnation and is surrounded by a thinner ring giving it more space. It is no longer yellow but now white on a darker blue background.

### **---Pratt Expects A320neo Engine Proposal this Week---**

12 Feb 2018

Airwise

Pratt & Whitney is working on a mitigation plan to fix a new problem with its PW1100G GTF engine that powers some Airbus A320neo aircraft. The United Technologies aero-engine unit said it is evaluating the impact of findings last week relating to a knife edge seal on the high pressure compressor aft hub on a limited number of the geared turbofan engines.

Working with Airbus, Pratt said it will present to regulatory authorities this week "a proposed mitigation plan for the modified configuration." Pratt implemented an engineering change in mid-2017 that was intended to improve the durability of the seal, with the new engines fitted to aircraft from December 2017, but the modified engines "did not perform as anticipated," the company said.

There are 43 engines installed on 32 aircraft affected by the latest problem, 21 aircraft have one engine with the modified configuration, and 11 aircraft have both engines with the new configuration. Airbus has also taken delivery of 55 additional engines, which are ready to be installed on new aircraft.

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**Next Meeting  
March 6th, 2018**

**10:15 AM**

**SAN DIEGO AIR & SPACE  
MUSEUM**