



Clipped Wings®

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President's Letter – February 2010

Pam's Postings

February is “petite but plump”-- just like me! It has fewer days than any other month (petite), but is filled (plump) with many noteworthy events and dates.

First and foremost among them for me is Valentine's Day—my favorite holiday. An event centered around my favorite color—**RED**, my favorite shape—a **HEART**, and my favorite emotion—**LOVE**. I use it as an opportunity to add to several of my collections—airplane valentines, Valentine Barbie dolls, Peggy Karr **HEART**-shaped plates, and **HEART** jewelry just to name a few. It is also a tradition for me to host the annual OMA Chapter's “Soup's On” meeting/luncheon in February, so I have the opportunity to decorate in a Valentine theme—even more fun. February is also my birth month. Back in the day I used to look forward to that celebration. Now, while I do appreciate the fact that they (the birthdays) keep coming, the age numbers associated with them are not nearly as exciting as they used to be.

February Events:

- 2 – Groundhog Day
- 6 – Prez Pam's Birthday
- 7 – Super Bowl XLIV
- 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
- 12 – Winter Olympics Games Begin
- 13 – OMA CW “Soup's On”
- 14 – **Valentine's Day**
- 14 – Chinese New Year
- 15 – President's Day (lots of sales!)
- 16 – Mardi Gras
- 17 – Ash Wednesday
- 22 – Washington's Birthday

February is also a milestone month in airline's aircraft history:

- 02/02/63 Boeing 727 makes its first flight.
- 02/11/64: Boeing 727 service with United.
- 02/19/65: Boeing announces the 737.
- 02/25/65: Douglas DC-9 makes its first flight.
- 02/09/69: Boeing 747 makes its first flight.

02/24/84: Boeing 737-300 makes its first flight.

02/22/87: Airbus A320 makes its first flight.

02/29/00: Boeing launches the 777.

Priorities

There are no due dates in February. Don't you just **LOVE** that?

Postal Problems

National Editor **Mary Ann Niehus McGarry** (LAX) reports that there were problems with the post office for the last *Clipped Wings*® *Quarterly*. The problems were with the address placement and, in some cases, postal machines scanning incorrect zip codes. She apologizes for the delay in delivery. If anyone still has not received the Fall 2009 copy of the *Quarterly*, Mary Ann will be glad to email you a PDF electronic copy.

Philanthropy Progress

Barbara Allenby Sinnott (OAK), the National Philanthropy Project Chairman for the 2010 Games in Lincoln, reports that the even though the deadline for the Embassy Suites Hotel's block of rooms has passed, they will hold a handful of rooms for *Clipped Wings*® members through mid-March. Volunteer Chairman, **Rosalie Betschart** (PDX) is busy registering volunteers online. Forms seeking additional info have been sent to those who have registered with her. These should be returned to Rosalie as soon as possible.

Patti Jacoby (MAL), Chairman of the Parent Grants Committee for 2010 Games, reports that the applications will soon be ready for review by the Parent Grants Committee. All requests for a grant were to be postmarked by January 31. Delegates at the 2008 LAX Convention voted to spend \$15,000 on the grants. However, since that time, the MAL Chapter has donated another \$4,000 and the

OCC Chapter \$1,000, so there will now be 26 grants at \$750 each awarded to the parents.

Population Parameters

National Treasurer, **Sheryl Yanken Schubert** (DEN) **LOVES** seeing those dues checks arrive! She and Address Chairman, **Barb Eichel Dittig** (OAK), report that membership is currently at 1226, which includes 44 first-time members. Last year at this time the total was 1246, which included 46 first-time members. The ending membership for 2008-09 was 1299; and for 2007-08 it was 1385. Please make a concerted effort to encourage previous members to rejoin and first-time members to come aboard.

Pertinent Policies/Procedures

The Bylaws Committee is requesting any amendments to the National Bylaws, Policies and Standing Rules, which your chapter may wish to submit. They will be reviewed, written in correct format, and distributed to chapters three months before the next convention. Then delegates will vote on the proposed amendments in September.

Please send any amendments to the Bylaws Committee Chairman, **Elaine Haley McGann** (DEN), by March 15, 2010. Thanks!

Peddling Products

The Clipped Wings® National Convention Committee would like to direct your attention to the “Grand Ole Convention” September 22-26, 2010 in Nashville. To determine hotel space requirements for the Buttons 'N Bows Boutique, the committee will need to know as soon as possible the number of chapters that will be participating in the boutique. As it stands now, the plan is to have one table per chapter. If more space is needed, there will be a wait list. Since the purpose of having the boutique at convention is to help chapters raise funds, the Convention Committee has decided to exclude outside vendors. Therefore, the space will be used exclusively by participating chapters.

Please respond ASAP to jotphillips@verizon.net or to her home address: **Joanne**

Halligan Phillips, Boutique Chair, 14642 Mountain Vista Dr., Rancho Belago, CA 92555.

Promptness Promotion

Names of members whose completed Grand Ole Convention registration forms are postmarked before the early registration deadline of July 22 will be put into an “opportunity drawing.” Grand prize is a free upgrade from a standard single or double room to a junior suite. The registration form will be in the *Quarterly*, which you will receive in March and will also be posted on the website later this month.

Powwow Performance

Update! I have mentioned that since the next convention is in "Music City," that chapters perform a chapter-written song to a country music tune and give a presentation to the delegates during the business meeting.

Several parameters have been added to this performance to make it easier: (1) The song can be written “at home” and recorded “at home” then chapter members can lip sync it. (2) It can be a skit rather than a song. (3) It doesn't have to be of the country music genre. (4) The song or skit can be about your chapter, about Clipped Wings® in general or about convention(s). (5) It can be no longer than 5 minutes, which includes the set up and take down time. (6) The music (or the song already recorded) should be on a CD so it can quickly and easily be played at convention.

Plenty of Pretty Planes

Fundraising Chairman, **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), **LOVES** to be able to report that over \$20,000 has been deposited from the sales of the airplane scarves! An order for 500 more scarves has been placed. They continue to be a popular item since they were approved to be worn with the United Airlines female flight attendants' uniforms. All proceeds go to support Special Olympics. Wouldn't one be a perfect Valentine's Day gift?

Picking Potential Principals

Nominating Chair, **Lavon Parker Cook** (DTW) and her committee: **Kathryn Coleman** (RDW), **Brenda Joyce Falsone** (MIA); **Pinky Cleary Kubiak** (PHX) and **Carol Wisham** (SAN) will gladly accept nominations at this time for the national offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The only requirements are that you must have the permission of the person being nominated and the nominee must have served as a chapter president or a convention delegate. If you know of members who agree to be nominated, a letter or email to one of the committee members is sufficient. Nominations are due by March 31.

Passage to Pleasant Places

In January I visited the Detroit Chapter. **Lavon Parker Cook** met National Secretary **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** (CHI) and me up at the airport. We had a wonderful gourmet lunch then went to her home before venturing to Chapter President's **Roni Schnur Lents'** home (decorated in United uniforms and memorabilia) for a delicious dinner. Afterwards we attended the play, *Boeing Boeing*. It was hilarious. Do you remember the movie in the 1960s (starring Tony Curtis, Jerry Lewis and Thelma Ritter)? We had front row seats too! The next day I couldn't get out of DTW as a standby, so I had the pleasure of spending the night with Lavon. We managed to get in some shopping and some sight seeing too. DTW was the recipient of the "Best All Around Chapter Award" at the last convention. The prize for that award is getting to use the beautiful sterling silver punchbowl during the next term. So I **LOVED** seeing it while I was there. Thanks for the memories!

I was also the guest of Nashville Convention Chairman, **Mary K. Doherty Dana** (OCC) in her Palm Desert, CA home from January 10-15. Convention Vice Chairman, **Gail Shannon Walker** (DEN) was a guest at the same time, so we had many productive planning sessions about convention. National Vice President **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA) was also able to join us for some of our planning.

I attended two fun luncheons that week—the Dusty Wings on Monday and the UA Lunch Bunch on Thursday. It was great to see many of my CW friends and meet new ones at those events. As you can imagine, we visited many places of interest while there (**LOVED** the Living Desert!), shopped, and enjoyed a variety of delicious cuisine. Thanks to Mary K. for the wonderful, productive visit.

Party in the Palms

Each spring the MAL Chapter has a gathering in Florida. This year it is on March 17 at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee. Any snowbirds or Clipped Wings[®] members who may be in the area are invited. Just let **Carol Novak Morgan** (MAL) know, and she would **LOVE** to send you an invitation.

Another opportunity to party among the palms will be in Palm Desert, CA on February 18. That is the date for the next UA Lunch Bunch luncheon. All the National Officers plan to attend since we will be there for our Executive Committee meeting. For more information, contact hostess **Barbara Foote Bartizal** (LAX) or **Carolyn Supplee Radin** (LAX), who will be sending the invitations.

Probing a Possibility

Important: The Name Change Research Committee questionnaire was sent to all chapter presidents in October. It also appeared in the last issue of the *Clipped Wings[®] Quarterly*. It seeks information and opinions concerning the implications of a possible name change for the organization. The committee would like responses from EVERY member if possible.

Please remind your members that the committee is neither advocating for nor against the name change. They are only gathering information as directed.

If you haven't already done so, please send responses to any committee member: **Gail Andrus Preston** (OCC), Chair; **Cathy Stoerber Kurinsky** (CHI); and **Vicki Mar** (SEA).

Power of Prayer

Please continue to keep our Clipped Wings® friends who are ill, having treatments/tests, or who have recently lost a loved one in your prayers. Cards, phone calls or perhaps visits are always a special way to bring a bit of sunshine into their lives. Even a brief email may also brighten someone's day.

Father Al Mascherino, Director of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, reports the sad news that he has cancer of the vocal cords, has had several surgeries, and presently cannot speak except to whisper. He is undergoing radiation treatments five times a week for seven weeks. His prognosis is good, and the cancer has not spread. **Pat Blair Morris** (EWR) obtained his permission to share this info. If anyone would like to send him a card, I'm sure he would **LOVE** and appreciate it. The Chapel is closed until spring, but his home address is: Fr. Al Mascherino, 152 West Main Street, Somerset, PA 15501.

Sadly we have had to say a final farewell to some dear Clipped Wings® members in January: **Betty Binder Coxhead** (DEN), **Corky Roberts Grewe** (PDX), and **Barbara Johnston Miller** (DCA). They will surely be missed.

Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania

Would you like to experience some of what the members did who attended the ceremonies in Shanksville? Or, if you attended, do you want a souvenir of your visit? A DVD, which includes (1) a video of some of the ceremony at the Flight 93 Chapel and (2) a slideshow of photos taken by members at our dinner, at the crash site and at the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel is available for a donation of \$10 which includes shipping. If you would like a copy, please send a check (payable to Clipped Wings) to: Pam Ziebarth, 1402 Western Hills Drive, Papillion, NE 68046. All proceeds will be donated to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel.

Pendulum Pulses

Countdown to:
Lincoln Special Olympics Natl. Summer Games
July 16-24, 2010 **167 Days**

Nashville Clipped Wings® Convention
September 22-26, 2010 **233 Days**

Playful Pun

Comedian's joke about a male flight attendant's announcement: "We'll be dimming the lights in the cabin," he says quickly. "Pushing the light-bulb button will turn your reading light on. However, pushing the flight-attendant button will not turn your flight attendant on."

Parting Pearls

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who **LOVE**, time is eternity.

--Henry Van Dyke

There are many things in life that will catch your eye but only a few will catch your **HEART**—pursue those.

--Michael Nolan

LOVE is like playing the piano. First you learn to play by the rules, then you must forget the rules and play from your **HEART**.

--Anonymous

LOVE puts the fun in together, the sad in apart, and the joy in a **HEART**.

--Anonymous

May this Valentine's Day be filled with **LOVE**, understanding and contentment as you journey through life with those you hold dear.

Postscript

The great American philosopher Dolly Parton recorded over 60 songs, which have the word "**LOVE**" in the title and at least 15 which have the word "**HEART**" in the title.

Happy Valentine's Day!

To blue skies and smooth landings,

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