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President's Letter – January 2010

Pam's Postings

The month of January is named for Janus—the Roman god of doors. Janus is often depicted as having two faces, each facing opposite directions. This is a fitting symbol since now is the time of the year that we also are often looking in two directions. The media devote considerable time and space reviewing the past year and citing the individuals and events that were particularly noteworthy. This year it is even more pronounced since we are leaving both a year and a decade. As a result, the look back often encompasses a ten-year period as well.

Of course, the New Year is also a time for looking ahead. As children, one often played games where there were “do-overs”--chances to replay a move or an action. In golf we have “Mulligans.” As adults, we often speak of “second chances.” For many, January and the New Year offer an opportunity to put these into practice in our own lives. We get a chance to start again as we flip the calendar to a new, clean page/year. We engage in strategic planning by setting long-range goals and reaffirming our resolve to achieve them.

Which face do you favor? Are you one who looks to the past and enjoys recalling what has taken place or do you look to the future and contemplate what will be? I imagine we all do a little of both.

January has a number of memorable dates/events:

- 01 – New Year's Day
- 11 – Amelia Earhart Day*
- 18 – Martin Luther King Day
- 19 – Dolly Parton's Birthday (64 yrs. young)
- 28 – Christa McAuliffe Day**

* On January 11, 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first person, man or woman, to fly solo across the Pacific (between Hawaii and Oakland). Another famous flight was her

nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic, May 20-21, 1932, the first for a woman.

** Observed to commemorate Christa McAuliffe and the other six astronauts killed when the space shuttle Challenger exploded after take-off on January 28, 1986. One of those “you remember where you were days” when that happened. It will be 25 years ago next year. How time flies.

Priorities

January 15 – *Clipped Wings*® Quarterly Spring Issue news and photos due to National Editor, **Mary Ann Niehus McGarry** (LAX)

Powwow Performance

Think back to “stew school” graduation where we wrote and performed songs to well known tunes. Think about American Idol. Perhaps there could be a “Clipped Wings Idol” out there as well. A unique, fun activity for the business meeting portion of the Nashville Convention has been suggested. Since it is in “Music City,” the suggestion was that chapters perform a chapter-written song to a country music tune and give a presentation to the delegates. The song would possibly be in lieu of presenting a chapter report. This is in the preliminary stages of development, and I am seeking reactions to it at the moment. **What are your thoughts? Is your chapter interested?**

Praiseworthy Printings

Thanks to **Connie Atma Chapman** (SMF) for the beautiful creation of our Clipped Wings® holiday cards. She and **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** (CHI) collaborated on a card that would be unique, and they certainly were successful.

Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania

A DVD, which includes a video of some of the ceremony at the Flight 93 Chapel and 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 or your chapter 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.

Posthumous Provisions

This past year, several contributions have been made to our Special Olympics philanthropy fund in memory of those members who have passed away. Such memorials are a wonderful gesture. Instead of just adding these to the general philanthropy fund, I would like to see something unique created for Special Olympics with those funds. **Any ideas?**

Pertinent Policies/Procedures

Do you think something should be changed in our National Bylaws? The Bylaws Committee will now accept any amendments 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.

The Bylaws Committee is comprised of:

Elaine Haley McGann (DEN), Chairman

Jane Mees Beckman (STL)

Barbara Lamb McIntire (ATL)

Joan Hartley (PDX), Advisor

Parent Company Progress

United announced that it has ordered 25 Airbus A350 aircrafts and 25 Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircrafts, which it expects to take delivery of between 2016 and 2019.

New Chicago to Rome summer service begins in May 2010 through August 2010 to complement United's existing year-round service to Rome from Washington Dulles.

Picking Potential Principals

It's time to think about candidates for the national offices of President, Vice President,

Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. Nominating Chair, **Lavon Parker Cook** (DTW) and her committee will gladly accept nominations at this time. 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 you think would make good national officers, please encourage them to run for office. Sometimes it just takes a little suggestion from someone. If they agree to be nominated, a letter or email from their chapter to Lavon is sufficient. Nominations are due by March 31.

Passage to Pleasant Places

December afforded me the pleasure of visiting the Atlanta, Boston and Manchester Chapters.

I flew to ATL on the 5th and stayed with dear **Barbara Lamb McIntire**. On the 6th I attended the ATL Christmas party hosted by **Kathy Hartney Herman**. The huge table of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, the conversations, the wonderful stories and the gorgeous holiday décor made this the perfect party. Member **Marcie Stevens-Odom** was even able to attend from Walla Walla, WA.

On the 7th five of us went to the Callaway Gardens. Besides visiting unique dining and shopping spots, we rode the Jolly Trolley through the spectacular Festival in Lights—a must see if you are ever in the area!

I flew to BOS on the 8th and spent the day with **Jan Tyrrell Brown** (MHT) dining, sight seeing and shopping in the Quincy Market area. We joined members of the BOS and MHT chapters for dinner at the famous Anthony's on the wharf on the 9th. The weather turned icy in New Hampshire, so a few had to cancel plans to attend, but we had a great time. Thanks to **Jane Shiring O'Connor** (BOS) and Jan for arranging this lovely evening for me. What a fun group!

Jan and I flew back to ORD together on the 10th. She gave me a tour of the newly renovated "stew lounge" area at the airport and introduced me to the domicile manager and several other VIPs.

Pinpointing Pages

In the January 2010 issue of *Glamour* magazine, on page 76 is an article, "The 7 Most Courageous Women Ever." Number 6 is: "Lillian Kinkela Keil – a captain and combat nurse, she served in WWII and Korea and is one of the most decorated women in U.S. military history, having helped evacuate more than 10,000 wounded troops."

Lillian was a long-time Clipped Wings® member (until her death in 2005).

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.

Our dear National Historian **Vicy Morris Young** is in need of prayers. She has had several falls, has been in and out of the hospital a couple of times in the last month and is now at a different care facility. Cards may be sent to: Vicy Morris Young
Evergreen, Portland Housing & Rehabilitation Ctr.
12441 SE Stark St, Room #9
Portland, OR 97233

Pendulum Pulses

Countdown to:

Lincoln Special Olympics Natl. Summer Games
July 16-24, 2010 **198 Days**

Nashville Clipped Wings® Convention
September 22-26, 2010 **264 Days**

Playful Pun

On a non-United airplane, just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City the flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what ya'll are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault . . . it was the asphalt!"

Parting Pearls

Along with the ever-present hopes, plans and resolutions for the New Year, January also brings to mind thoughts of spring. Since Omaha has been hit with two blizzards during December and currently has over two feet of snow on the ground along with sub-zero temps, dreams of warmer weather are the norm.

Although I don't have warm weather to enjoy, I do have warm thoughts for all members of the Clipped Wings® family. I hope every one of you is blessed with many friends, close family members, love, laughter and good health during 2010 and beyond.

Postscript

Events like New Year's remind us of the ongoing passage of time. As the great American philosopher, Dolly Parton, says:

"Do you think time stands still – it never has, it never will." From a song in her "*Great Balls of Fire*" album released in 1979.

Happy New Year!

To blue skies and smooth landings,

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A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.

~ Edgar Guest