



President's Letter – May 2010

Pam's Postings

Depending on the source you consult, *Maia*, for whom the month of May is named, was the spring goddess, earth goddess or growth goddess. Many celebrations associated with May Day (May 1) reflect this association with the new growing season. In earlier times this day was marked by travels to the countryside to gather flowers and other greenery.

The Maypole was originally a tree that was cut, trimmed and then decorated with streamers and ribbons while people danced around it.

May Baskets were containers of flowers (and, in later years, other goodies) that were placed on the doorknobs or doorsteps of friends, denoting friendship and giving. I loved that day!

Although May Day is not a major holiday in the US and many of the customs associated with it are no longer practiced, one can still witness the rebirth of the land in the form of grass, flowers, buds, leaves and foliage. I adore flowers and would love to be surrounded by them. Unfortunately the fact that I have allergies and lack a green thumb precludes this.

Two very meaningful holidays occur in May – Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

Mothers Day is the second Sunday in May and is dedicated to honoring all mothers. It has been known as the day for having the highest phone volume and one of the highest card sales. I know I will be calling my dear mother and sending her a card. May memories prevail for those whose mothers are in heaven.

Memorial Day is the last Monday of May. Originally known as Decoration Day it was dedicated to honoring servicemen and women who died while in military service. It was traditionally observed on May 30, but became a federal "Monday" holiday in 1971. In addition to honoring the military, many mark it as a day to visit the gravesites of deceased family members. I plan to visit my father's and sister's

gravesites in Glenwood, Iowa, this Memorial Day.

Notable dates/events in May are:

- 1 – May Day
- 5 – Cinco De Mayo
- 9 – Mothers Day
- 15 – 80th Anniversary of the Flight Attendant profession! (See page 2)
- 31 – Memorial Day

Also, Happy Birthday to two of your national officers! **Christel Ilg** on the 3rd and **Barb Vincent** on the 13th!

Priorities

May 31 – Chapter Assistance (see below) requests due to National Treasurer, **Sheryl Yanken Schubert** (DEN).

May 31 – Delegate Assistance (see below) requests due to National President, **Pam Troutman Ziebarth** (OMA).

May 31 – Send input about name change to **Gail Andrus Preston** (OCC)

June 1 – Proposed Resolutions due to the Resolutions Chairman, **Mary Sensabaugh Londahl** (MAL)

Policy Provisions

Policy #4 in our National Bylaws states that chapters may apply for *Chapter Assistance* for grants up to \$200. This assistance is reserved for new chapters in their formative first three years or to a chapter showing written proof of financial problems. All requests must be received by the National Treasurer by May 31.

This differs from *Delegate Assistance*, which is awarded to chapters "in need" during convention years to help defray the costs of sending a delegate to convention. Policy #5 states: Delegate Assistance shall be under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee. Said fund shall not exceed \$1500. Grants shall be determined by the number of requests received.

No grant shall exceed \$300. No chapter will receive grants for more than two (2) consecutive conventions. All requests must be received by the National President by May 31 with written proof of financial problems.

Pertinent Policies/Procedures

Although the deadline for changes to the National Bylaws has past, the due date for resolutions to be considered at the Nashville Convention is June 1, 2010. As stated in the Bylaws, a resolution may be submitted by individual members, officers or committees. Please send resolutions to **Mary Sensabaugh Londahl** (MAL), Chairman of the Committee.

Potential Principals Presented

Nominating Committee Chairman **Lavon Parker Cook** (DTW) reports the following slate of national officers for 2010-2012:

President – **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA)

Vice Pres. – **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** (CHI)

Secretary – **Fran Owens Ponto** (OCC)

Treasurer – **Tina Winland** (DCA)

Editor – **Carolyn Supplee Radin** (LAX)

Addition information about each candidate will be published in the spring *Clipped Wings*[®] *Quarterly*. Further nominations may be made from the floor at convention.

Population Parameters

National Treasurer **Sheryl Yanken Schubert** (DEN) and Address Chairman **Barb Eichel Dittig** (OAK) report that membership is currently at 1254, which includes 50 first-time members. Last year at this time the total was 1275, which included 65 first-time members. The ending membership for 2008-09 was 1299; and for 2007-08 it was 1385. Please encourage previous members to rejoin and first-time members to come aboard.

Powwow Planning

Be sure to check out the *Clipped Wings*[®] website for convention information and forms. <http://www.clippedwings.com/index.html>

Remember to get your registration in before July 22 to save \$20 and be eligible for the drawing to upgrade you to a junior suite.

If you would like to remember or honor someone in your life, consider a \$50 table sponsorship at the “Night Falls on Nashville” banquet. What a nice tribute to a person who has been or is important to you. The donation would be used primarily for wine and entertainment. A two-side tent card with your name on it could say something like: Mary Mainliner sponsors this table in memory of her beloved John Doe; or, in grateful appreciation for . . ., or, in honor of . . ., in memory of . . . 40 great years with *Clipped Wings*[®], etc. If you are interested, please send a sample of what you would like printed along with your check, made payable to *Clipped Wings*, to: Marta Rash, 605 Los Robles Court, Danville, CA 94526.

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

Sue Schnieder Dannert (PHX), Vice Chairman of the Special Olympics 2010 National Games in Lincoln, requests that attendees at our past Special Olympics Parent Receptions send her photos of Eunice Shriver. Contact Sue at sdannert@npgcable.com if you have any questions. Thanks!

National Vice President **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA) would like you to send her photos of those members (and former members) deceased since the last convention. These will be included in the Memorial Roll presentation at the Nashville Convention.

Co-chairman of the Convention banquet in Nashville, **Gail Andrus Preston** (OCC), would like past recipients of the Jackie Jos Ceasar Distinguished Service Award to send a photo of the presentation or one of themselves from the same time period. Send to: Gail Preston, PO Box 1697, Twain Harte, CA 95383.

Profession Party Plans

I have been corresponding with Jennifer Jagielski at UA World Headquarters about this month’s 80th Anniversary of the Flight Attendant profession. She is planning several events at the different domiciles and the

celebrations dates are: May 14--SFO, May 17--ORD and HNL, May 18--DEN, May 20--BOS and JFK, May 21--LAS and IAD, May 24--LAX, and May 26--SEA. Each domicile will serve refreshments, show a video (that National Secretary **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** (CHI) is participating in), distribute postcards, etc. If you live near these domiciles, please contact the United personnel you know and brainstorm to see how you/your chapter can best support these activities. They have been told that Clipped Wings[®] members want to participate. Please keep me posted on your involvement. I will be sending more info relating to the history of the anniversary later this month.

Passage to Pleasant Places

My travel in April was to the Las Vegas (LAS) Chapter. What a surprise when I walked in the door and all the members were dressed in their current or former uniforms. It made for great photos too! Sixteen members attended and half of them are still flying--a unique and fun-loving group! We enjoyed a delicious potluck luncheon after we did some shopping that hostess **Marilyn Young Jones** provided from her trips to Shanghai. I bought in pairs—two handbags, two necklaces, two sets of earrings, and two scarves. President **Jackie Moyer Neal** had made arrangements for “the press” to be there and the reporter interviewed us for a future article. It was great that **Debbie Donoley Carr**’s husband was our official photographer and had a CD of all the photos ready for us before we left the gathering! Thanks to everyone and to my chauffer **Linda Mitchell**.

Pinpointing Pages

The San Diego (SAN) Chapter has had some great publicity recently! A wonderful photo still appears on the Internet. **Nancy Brock** (SAN) said it took over an hour and a half for the photographer to get just the right shot. It can be viewed at:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/photos/2010/mar/13/128572/>

At their April 21 Interline Luncheon, a video was recorded. To view the video, you will need

to copy and paste the following link into your browser (can't just click on it).

http://www.nbcсандiego.com/station/as-seen-on/Clipped_Wings_Looks_Back_San_Diego.html

It starts with a brief commercial.
Congratulations, SAN!

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.

Pendulum Pulses

Countdown to:

Lincoln Special Olympics Natl. Summer Games
July 16-24, 2010 **78 Days**

Nashville Clipped Wings[®] Convention
September 22-26, 2010 **144 Days**

Playful Pun

A pilot dies and goes to hell. As he is waiting for the devil, he notices three doors. The devil is nowhere in sight, so he walks over to door No. 1 and peeks inside. There he sees a lone pilot, sweating over emergency after emergency, non-stop bells and horns. Quickly closing that door, he creeps to door No. 2. There he sees a pilot going over checklist after checklist after checklist. Slamming that door, he steps over to the 3rd and last door. Inside is a pilot along with three flight attendants who are pouring coffee, serving dinners and applying cold compresses to the pilot. Smiling he slowly closes the door and goes over and sits down. The devil finally arrives and tells him to choose a door. He smiles and chooses door No. 3. "Sorry" says the devil. "Door No. 3 is flight attendant hell."

Parting Pearls

"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."

-- Edwin Way Teale

"When April steps aside for May,
Like diamonds all the raindrops glisten;

Fresh violets open every day:
To some new bird each hour we listen."
-- Lucy Larcom
"Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of
friendship fall; a mother's secret hope outlives
them all."
-- Oliver Wendell Holmes
"All I am or can be I owe to my angel Mother."
-- Abraham Lincoln

In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
(1872-1918)

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Postscript

The great American philosopher Dolly Parton wrote and recorded the song *Early Morning Breeze*, originally appearing on her *Coat of Many Colors* album in 1971. Included in that song are the following lyrics:

Rainbow colored flowers kissed with early
morning sun
The aster and the dahlia and wild
geraniums
Drops of morning dew still linger on the iris
leaves
In the meadow where I'm walking in the
early morning breeze

Here's wishing you a "May Basket" filled
with the good things in life and that flowers of
happiness bloom for you in the days ahead.

Happy Mother's Day!

To blue skies and smooth landings,

Pam

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