

# FROM THE WINGS



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## From Our President



The San Antonio convention was a HUGE success! A big thank-you to Brenda Wyatt and Vickie DiGiovanni who did the planning and decorating for the crew room and the banquet, and organizing the volunteers. There were beautiful paper yellow roses everywhere, some bigger than dinner plates.

The centerpieces were boot themed filled with yellow roses and fairy lights. This was an extraordinary commitment from these two ladies, especially when you realize that they both live a 5 hour drive from SAT. The award winners were Brenda and Vickie, thanking them for this dedication. They were assisted at the convention by Patti Prather, Shari Braun, Patty Scheel and Paige Verducci. Thank you Texas Chapter!

Stephanie Byrne, also an award winner, has stepped down as treasurer after 12 years of service to Silver Wings. Stephanie brought a plethora of knowledge to the job including a masters degree in math and a stint at the IRS. During her tenure, SWI prospered and grew. We are beyond grateful to have had her expertise. She retired from TWA, the IRS and now from SWI, giving her time to continue to cook, knit, attend the Opera, work with the League of Women Voters and act as docent for several museums. If you see Stephanie, thank her for the countless hours she has accrued working for SWI. In appreciation, Stephanie was given a crystal star paper weight engraved with her name, dates of service, and the thanks of the membership.

During the business meeting 2 elections were held. Katie Norvell was retained as Vice President in charge of chapters. Frances Rowley was voted to the Silver Wings board as the new treasurer. We are beyond fortunate to have Frances with her organizational ability and analytical mind accept the office of treasurer. Frances is also the chapter chair in NY and will need some of the New York members to step up to help with that large and lively chapter.

By popular demand the convention will return to the TWA hotel at JFK next year. Due to limited space at the hotel the number of attendees will be capped at 500. The logistics will be announced in an email sometime in November. For now, know that you who are current members will receive priority over any that join in 2023.

"A good friend knows all your best stories, a best friend has been there to live them with you." Such was the case with the San Antonio gathering. We were all there with best friends that have lived our stories. And it was grand!

Rennie Bohlander



Katie Norvell Vice President, Anita Ridpath Convention Manager / Web Site Manager, Frances Rowley Newly-elected Treasurer, Stephanie Byrne Outgoing Treasurer, Ronnie Bohlander President & Valerie Roffe Secretary

## TRUE TALES OF TWA FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

TWA Flight Attendants and Silver Wings members **Kathy Kompore** and **Stephanie Johnson** have authored a book titled *True Tales of TWA Flight Attendants*, and it has hit "Best Seller" on Amazon in a number of categories!



"*True Tales of TWA Flight Attendants* is a diary-style fly girl memoir with stories from hundreds of TWA flight attendants, and filled with a fascinating behind-the-scenes, never-before-seen look at the glamour, excitement, and struggles faced by young women as they traveled the world with TWA during this exciting time in airline history-from the golden age of air travel through the great stewardess rebellion and beyond. So get ready for a fun read with a little turbulence too!" ■

SAVE THE DATE  
2023 Annual SWI Convention



OCTOBER 25 - 29,  
2023

New York at  
the JFK TWA Hotel



# CHAPTER CHATTER

Don't miss out on the fun at your next chapter gathering!



ARIZONA ~ Alice Batsche, Cheryl Kellogg, Donna Pekich, Kathy Hoppe, Connie Bynum, Anne Gibson



ARIZONA ~ Georgia de Cordoba, Karen Benedict -McGuire, Diana Nelinson, Ann Bruce, Yvonne Ball, Kathy Ince, Linda Napier



ARIZONA ~ Peggy Graham, Susan Warren, Ronnie Bohlander



CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA ~ Rebecca Haun, Margaret McCarter, Madeline Cain, Brenda Salyer, Carol Pighin



PHILADELPHIA ~ *Front Row:* Kathy Hitchiner, Olga Chyzowych, Beth Holcombe, Becky Sisca, Carol Kehler, Nancy Martin, Trudy Corma *Back Row:* Diana Evens, Laurie Lees, Susan Christie, Lynda Fluitt-Carlin, Karin Verri, Helen Raasch



SAN FRANCISCO ~ *Left Row, Front to Back:* Vickie Gilmour, Vickie Stipovich, Pam Coates, Merry Spence *Right Row, Front to Back:* Susan Hartz, Jan Ellis, Sharon Fenzel, (Guest Doug Coates), Anita Ridpath



SAN FRANCISCO ~ *Left Row:* Ursula Smith, Mary Binba, Teri Friedlander, (Guest Bob Goetz), Sheri Albert *Right Row:* Janet Van Pelt, Jo Barter, Carolyn Erickson, Jeanne Corrigan, Marie Rector, Jo Austin (standing)



<-- ST. LOUIS ~ Terry Hayes, MaryEllen Norton-Hayes, Gale Prince, Carolyn Beck, Eileen Postle, Lynn Wilson



ST. LOUIS ~ *Front Row:* Gale Prince, Kim Sullivan, Yvonne Greenwood, Janet Capitanelli, MaryEllen Norton-Hayes, Nancy Nichols *Second Row:* Lori Zemianek, Norah Donovan, Eileen Postle, Linda Ballow, Carolyn Beck *Top Row:* Terrie McKee (behind tree branch), Karen Deutsch, Wanda Roster, Debbie Kenectenhofer, Mike Capitanelli, Gary Park, Lynn Wilson, MaryLynn Schmidt



ST. LOUIS ~ Gary and Karen Deutsch, Terrie McKee, Wanda Roster, Janice Hobson



ST. LOUIS ~ Tri-chairs Gale Prince, Terrie McKee, Yvonne Greenwood



GREATER DC ~ *Standing:* Patty Sutton, Michael Lillis, Jeanne Crosson, Carla Martin, Delia King, Trish Cole, Norma Byers, Gloria Gordon-Zimmer, Marga Estes, Marcelle Costello *Front Row:* Darlene Bryant-Quinn, Mikki McDaniels, Joan Martling



NEW YORK ~ *Standing:* Valerie Roffe, Stephanie Byrne, Emily Lemer, Suzanne Marchisello, Irmgard Lohren, Diane Davis, Nancy Lusk, Gretchen Gruenberg, Lona Asher, Kirsten Jensen, Marie-Helene Lecour, Karen Kobus, Helen Flanagan, Elaine Colman, Marielsa Ruiz, Geri Newberry, Kathy Shear, Jamie Boyd, Patricia Whitelock, Inge Baecker *Seated:* Frank Ramos, MaryAnn Zovko, Carla Manzuk, Jackie Ramos, Anita Pabst, Tung-Lei Wong, Dustee Hullinger, Karen Eitelberg, Frances Rowley, Liz Vigil, Marie Saunders, Karol deLaisne, Sherry Murcott, Pat Holmes



NEW YORK ~ Liz Vigil, Marielsa Ruiz, Kathy Shear, Karen Kobus, Pat Holmes, Patricia Whitelock, Helen Flanagan and Geri Newberry



NEW YORK ~ Tung-Lei Wong, Karen Eitelberg, Marie Saunders, Karol deLaisne, Sherry Murcott, Jamie Boyd, Inge Baecker, Elaine Coleman, Diane Davis, Dustee Hullinger



NEW YORK ~ Kirsten Jensen, MaryAnn Zovko, Marie-Helene Lecour, Gretchen Gruenberg, Jackie Ramos, Frank Ramos, Carla Manzuk, Suzanne Marchisello, Nancy Lusk



NEW YORK ~ Lona Asher, Emily Lemer, Stephanie Byrne, Valerie Roffe, Anita Pabst, Irmgard Lohren and Frances Rowley

# Silver Wings 2022 Convention



Marketplace



Shops



The Alamo



River Walk Cruise



River Walk Cruise



River Walk Cruise



Handmade by Brenda Wyatt



River Walk Cruise



River Walk Cruise



# RAFFLE BOOTS AND WINNERS



ARIZONA  
"Our Salute to TWA Memories"



ARIZONA Boot Winner  
Bonnie Anderson



GEORGIA  
"Frankly, I Don't Give a Boot!"



GEORGIA Boot Winner  
Adrienne Montgomery



LAS VEGAS  
"San Antonio, The Jewel of the West"



LAS VEGAS Boot Winner  
Patty Scheel



NEW YORK  
"Two Steppin Off Broadway"



NEW YORK Boot Winner  
Gloria Sioboda Hryncewich



ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
"Boot Scooting Boogie Hall"



ROCKY MOUNTAIN Boot Winner  
Cherie Kohler



SAN DIEGO  
"Yellow Rose of Texas"



SAN DIEGO Boot Winner  
Marcia Kent



SARASOTA-FT MYERS  
"Shake Your Booty!!"



SARASOTA-FT MYERS Boot Winner  
Mitzi Hogoboom



SE FLORIDA  
"Two Steppin to Texas"



SE FLORIDA Boot Winner  
Suzanne Marchisello



ST LOUIS  
"Boot Scootin' Down the Riverwalk"



ST LOUIS Boot Winner  
Connie Bynum



TEXAS  
"San Antonio SILVER Stepper"



TEXAS Boot Winner  
Carol Pighin



Deborah Lorentzen, Yoli Rodriguez-Gross, Gun Godbeer, Annalee Chandler, Trish Keily, Judy Johnson, Anita Ridpath, Linda Fjoslien-Barry



Adrienne Montgomery, Yvonne Hoyer, Victoria Gray



Annalee Chandler and Yoli Rodriguez Gross with SAN JOSE MISSION in the background



Barbara Kamen, Karin Hess-Stocker, Margrit LeFors, Swantje Knye-Levin



Carol Kershner-Pighin, Judy Johnson, Patty Scheel



Bonnie Anderson with Kathy Molinaro



Candy Fontana, Carol Pighin, Mary Roberts



Cocktails first...then dinner party!



Carol Pighin and Judy Johnson in front of the BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM



Dee Dee Caine, Pat Bloomfield



Cindy Quinn, Patty Scheel, Mary Roberts, Patti Prather



Carol Sager, Sandie Robinson



Jan Edwards, Candy Fontana, Carol Pighin



Gretchen Gruenberg, Julie Blumstein



Jan Edwards, Pat Bloomfield, Jan Kappel



Judy Johnson, Annalee Chandler, Yoli Rodriguez-Gross



Jeanette Z Grant, Candy Fontana



Jan Ellis and Val Adlam tour the MISSION ESPADA Founded 1731



Judy Johnson, Barbara O'Connor



Kay Hopkins, Jan Edwards, Gun Godbeer



Kay Hopkins, Lynda Holsten, Carol Sager, Sandie Robinson, Pat Bloomfield



Gretchen Gruenberg, Sharon Williams, Marcia Kent



Erica Ruitenbach



<-- Jan Edwards



Paige and Bob Verducci



Lynda Holsten, Carol Sager, Sandie Robinson, Pat Bloomfield, Jan Edwards, Kay Hopkins



Marie Rector, Brenda and Robert Wyatt



Linda Holsten with Lobster Bisque in puff pastry



Mary Roberts, Cherie Randall, Patty Scheel, Janet Capitanelli



Mary Ellen Miller, Jo Ann Barter, Jo Austin



Nancy Lusk, Margaret McCarter, Hilde Parker



Marie Rector, Yoli Rodriguez-Gross, Paige Verducci



Marilyn and Rufus Mosley



Pace Swindell Winstead, Marie Rector



Bob and Paige Verducci, Judy Johnson



Needlepoint boot pillow made by Brenda Wyatt



Patti Prather, Cherie Randall



Patty Scheel, Terrie McKee, Rebecca Dugan, Bonnie Blake-Harraghy, Kay Hopkins



Patty Scheel, Jeanette Zens-Grant, Nancy Grieme



SAT River Walk View



San Antonio River Walk Boat Tour



Patti Prather, Cherie Kohler, Terrie McKee



Susan Harte, Katy Firestone, Maryanne Carboni



SWI president Ronnie Bohlander with her husband George



Photo op hats in the Crew Lounge



Silent Auction



Stephanie Byrne on the River Walk boat tour



Silent Auction





Top: Jan Edwards, Pat Bloomfield, Lynda Holsten  
Front: Terrie McKee, Rebecca Dugan



Victoria Gray, Pam Blaschum, Mary Ellen Miller



Yoli Rodriguez-Gross toasting with Paige Verducci



Val Adlam, Vicki Frankovich Gray



Yoli Rodriguez-Gross, Anita Ridpath, Carol Pighin,  
Linda Fjoslien, Annalee Chandler, Trish Kiely



Vickie Simmons with photo op hats



TREE OF LIFE with bus #1 passengers



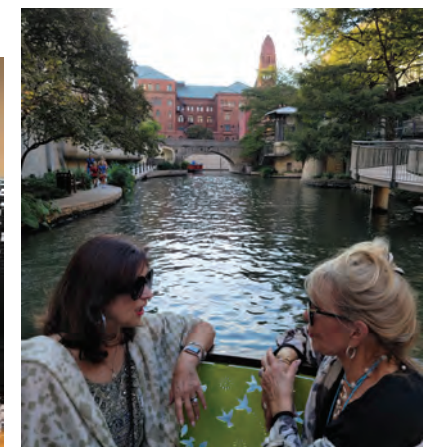
Vickie DiGiovanni, Brenda Wyatt



Linda Fjoslien, Anita Ridpath, Yoli Rodriguez-Gross,  
Trish Kiely



Jan Ellis, Jo Austin



Yoli Rodriguez-Gross and Annalee Chandler  
on the River Walk boat ride



# Kaye's CORNER



## Interview with Trish Tatum Otstott

By Kaye Juhl

**T**rish Tatum was born and went to school in Kansas City, Missouri. She remembers driving to the airport with her roommates and watching crews come and go. When a college roommate went to Los Angeles for a job with TWA, Trish decided to interview as well. At her first interview with Shirley Spence, she was not hired—needed to “smile” more. She waited the required six months between interviews, then went back for interview number two. This time she “did not weigh enough.” She again waited the required six months, added several of her dad’s fishing weights to her bra, and was soon at interview number three. This time again with Shirley Spence. Shirley wasn’t sure she was right for the job and kept her waiting. Shirley was still “on the fence” with her decision when Trish bluntly told her that if she was sent home, she’d just return again in six months. Exasperated, Shirley approved her for training! Trish was based in New York but soon transferred to San Francisco. Trish’s parents were great travelers and always ready for a trip. She was dating Dick Otstott (soon to be her husband). Dick had to be introduced to flying. He had wanted to drive to Lake Tahoe for their honeymoon, but Trish promised him a great time on a trip she organized to Egypt with a first-class trip down the Nile. Between that Nile Hilton trip and the availability of first class upgrades, he was hooked and has loved flying ever since.

Talking to Trish, I thought of a duck who is calm and collected on the surface yet is paddling like mad underneath! She hit the ground running after every flight. Today, she still devotes four hours every day to some type of volunteer work. Her first volunteer job was working for “The Light House for the Blind.” She would help with lunch then read newspapers to the people. In 1998, she became president of the Junior League where she’d been a member for years. The organization is focused on women, children and education. Being the president was hard work, but one of the rewards was getting to be the one who presented checks to students and deserving organizations. Trish was also able to volunteer at the St. Francis Hospital just 10 blocks away. Volunteering for the San Francisco Symphony, she worked helping expose young girls from disadvantaged families to musicals such as “Peter and the Wolf.” Full support of these girls was given, including clothing and the responsibility of a job.

Trish had volunteered for the community and for the arts. Next, she decided she would work for her church. With the Stephen Ministry, she became a deacon and after 8 weeks of study became a minister. She mainly just listened and could then make a recommendation of what support, counseling and help was needed.



Trish Tatum Otstott

Volunteering for political platforms was next. California Governor Deukmejian put her on the Board of Cosmetology. She would attend industry shows where wild hair and nail designs took center stage. The next Governor, Pete Wilson, appointed her to sit on the library board. She was impressed to see California historian Kevin Starr provide 20 million dollars for computer connections throughout California that would connect all libraries for the first time. In June of 1999, President Clinton honored her with the “Point of Light” award which recognized her commitment of support and community care and awareness.

Trish has worked with the “The order of St. John of Jerusalem” which supports the Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. The organization was started by Queen Elizabeth seven years ago and recently became headed by King Charles III. This privately funded organization accepts anyone who needs care. Five years ago, Trish started giving tours of Chinatown. These 24 square blocks make up the oldest Chinatown in North America. Her Mom loved going with her and would visit often to accompany her on a tour. They both liked the history and architecture as well as the culture and businesses that thrive. During the pandemic lock down, Trish was able to continue working with “Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly.” She was able to phone and write letters still connecting with them and making sure they had food, medication and necessities while they were shut in.

Her motto comes from her Scottish mother, “Just Do It—Just Get It Done!” ■



# JFK TWA Hotel Article in "The Week" Magazine – Sept 2022

## Dining out: Refueling stops at five major airports

"A respectable airport restaurant is like a port in a storm," said Gabe Hiatt in *The Washington Post*. When you've braved security, crowds, and cancellations, you deserve a treat, and "even in the corporate wasteland of the airport, there's quality to be had." We surveyed critics and travel writers for their favorite sanctuaries at the country's busiest airports and came up with a great tip or two for each hub.



The prop-plane cocktail lounge at JFK

**Atlanta** Turn to **Paschal's**, an outpost of a former Atlanta luncheonette that grew into a meeting ground for civil rights leaders, for top-notch fried chicken, collard greens, and "perfect" candied yams. "Expect to see a wide mix of Southern (and pilots) in line."

**Chicago O'Hare** "Food writers and frequent fliers agree" that Rick Bayl's Mexican sandwich shop, **Tortas Frontera**, serves some of the best airport food anywhere. "Chipotle-roasted chicken, chile-rubbed cauliflower, and other delights are stuffed into soft telera rolls."

**Miami** In an airport loaded with good Cuban food, the go-to is **Café Versailles**.

Little Havana's "iconic gathering place" has five outposts at MIA, all of which can be counted on for *café con leches*, *broquetas*, and *pan de bono*.

**New York City's JFK** Long waits call for a trip to the **TWA Hotel**, a refurbished modernist 1960s terminal that now houses a Jean-Georges Vongerichten café, a 1940s prop plane converted into a cocktail lounge, and a food hall with such NYC staples as bagels and Mister Softee ice cream.

**Phoenix** The excellent waffles, pancakes, breakfast burritos, and broody Marys are served all day at **Matt's Big Breakfast** in PHX's Terminal 4.

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"Strato Lizzie" was the mascot for Transcontinental Western Airline and was awarded by Cat Realist Society at the World's Fair Cat Show in 1940. Her home was the cockpit of a TWA Boeing Stratoliner. Ground crews took care of her necessities, while pilots logged her in on each flight. ■



SILVER WINGS BUSINESS MEETING in San Antonio



# Flown West

	No Photo Available <b>Kay Lovett</b> January 2022	
	<b>Vreeland McVickar</b> July 2022	
	<b>Helen Zeidner</b> March 2022	
	<b>Mary Risley</b> Date unknown	

 <b>Terri Martinez</b> June 2022	 <b>Myra Stead Lubeck</b> July 2022	 <b>Nancy Marie Haag</b> September 2022
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MARCH 15, 2023 will be the cutoff date for receipt of pictures & articles for the next newsletter. \*Please email photos to laweise93@yahoo.com in Large/"Actual" size with a HIGH resolution and include names when possible.