

Membership Message 7/2021

Dear Members,

WACA Council Meeting

The 2nd Virtual WACA Council Meeting of 2021 is scheduled to be held on 23 May. Member Clubs' WACA Representatives and Members-at-Large are requested to send to my attention any item(s) they would like to be included on the agenda.

The 2021 Interline Festival

Research into a safe location where we can meet physically and safely from 17–23 October to celebrate in the WACA spirit continues. It is proving difficult to make contact with service providers and hotels in the preferred locations of the Seychelles, the Maldives, Mauritius and Malta as many are still not fully operational due to the ongoing pandemic. It is hoped that some progress can be made regarding costs before the Council Meeting when options can be discussed by the Council members. Details will be communicated as information is obtained.

WACA Relief Fund — Blue Dragon Children's Foundation

Members are reminded that through the WACA Relief Fund the Association is supporting three students in care of the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation: Thang, Tuyen and Kiet. WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, and WACA Ambassador for Vulnerable Children, *Anneline Hetland*, received the following message from the Foundation's, Donor Relations (Sponsorship), *Ms. Nhung Hong Nguyen*: There is a spike in the number of community infected COVID cases so schools in Ha Noi and many other provinces are closed and children have started studying online again. Van and Hai often go to the Blue Dragon House to study in the computer room. This video link will give you a brief progress report about Tuyen, Van and Kiet: [here](#).

Van still misses both of you and wants to bake a cake for you one day when you come back. She still loves planting trees and cooking. She will study in Grade 9 this year and it is her final year in secondary school. Van will have to take an entrance exam to high school. Therefore, Van decides to spend more time studying and extra classes. She hopes to go to a good high school.

Kiet is studying in Grade 5. He will enter secondary school this September. The good news is that after struggling in reading, the tutorial classes helped him improve a lot. His teacher said he is also more confident in class and very good at science subjects like Mathematics.

Kiet currently lives with his adopted mother. But his mother plans to work far from home to earn some savings for their family this year and Kiet also needs to learn more skills and further support to develop his potential. So, his family and Kiet decided that Kiet will move and live in Blue Dragon shelters once he finishes primary school. He keeps his passion for football and skateboard and he is one of the most active players in the Blue Dragon United Football Club and the Blue Dragon Skateboard team.

Tuyen had a significant change as he just entered high school in 2020. He decided to study the high school program and a marketing major at the same time to have more job opportunities in the future. Tuyen also has a part-time job and he is very hardworking to be independent in his life.

I will keep you posted about your support for the children.

WACA Contact

A May 2021 issue of the WACA Contact is attached to this e-mail which replaces all previous issues. Please review for accuracy any specific entry that applies to you and/or your Club. Should you require an amendment to an entry in the Contact please forward your request by e-mail to my attention: millerk@iata.org.

Obituary

The following message was received from Members of Honour, *Frank Miller and Sue Walker*, President and WACA Representative of the Gatwick Interline Club: our friend, *Helen Groves*, sadly passed away on 8 May at her care home in Wales. She was 93. Helen was one of the founding members of the Gatwick Interline Club and attended many AGAs and international events with her husband Reg starting with the 1982 AGA in Portugal up to 2009 when Reg passed away.

Membership Messages

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Contribute

If any WACA member has anything they would like to contribute to the next "Membership Message" please send the information to the attention of the WACA Administration Manager at WACA Headquarters.

KEEP WELL. STAY SAFE.

Yours in interlining,

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