

Membership Message 10/2021

Dear Members,

The 2021 Interline Festival

The 3rd Virtual WACA Association's Supporting Team Meeting of 2021 was held on 25 July. The main item on the agenda was to decide if WACA should go ahead and host The 2021 Interline Festival.

WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, and the Regional Coordinator Africa, Indian Ocean Islands and Middle East Region, *Yousef Yousef*, had conducted two positive meetings with a potential tour operator in the previous two weeks and they had prepared a brochure (*attached*) for the Festival to be held in Dubai from 17–22 October. Following the presentation it was joyously agreed that the Festival should go ahead in Dubai ([Tourists travelling to, from, and through Dubai](#)) to be held in the 5-Star Hotel Al Bandar Arjaan by Rotana – Dubai Creek:

www.rotana.com/arjaanhotelpartments/unitedarabemirates/dubai/albandararjaanbyrotana.

It must be stressed that the costs shown in the brochure are based on a minimum number of 35 participants. A Registration Form is attached and registrations will be need to be completed and returned to WACA Headquarters as soon as possible but before 31 August with a deposit of USD 300.00 due by 3 September.

53rd AGA (Bali, Indonesia): The 2022 Interline Celebration

At the Supporting Team Meeting it was also decided to move the 53rd AGA and tours to October 2022 envisaging that international travel will have fully recovered by then. The pre-AGA tour is now scheduled to take place from 9–16 October 2022, the AGA from 16–21 October and the Post-AGA tour from 21–25 October. Further details will be communicated in Membership Messages as necessary.

Vancouver Interline Club Picnic

On 15 July I made my first flight for over 15 months when I travelled to Vancouver for a private visit with former WACA Treasurer, *Judith Guevara*, and her family. My date of travel was chosen so I could also attend a picnic being organised on that day by the Vancouver Interline Club and, as it turned out, the birthday of the Club's President, *Freddie Whiting*. The picnic attracted 42 Club members and we all enjoyed a pot luck lunch comprised of a variety of home made dishes made by the participants. Games of croquet and bocce ball followed lunch and a most successful picnic concluded by singing Happy Birthday to Freddie and a raffle where I was one of the lucky winners! *Shown in the attached is Freddie on the far right, Judith third from the right, myself in the centre surrounded by other members of the Vancouver I.C. Executive Committee.*

Artist Finds Meaning Working with the Visually Impaired

Below is an article taken from the Jordan News highlighting the marvellous work WACA's Ambassador for Blind Children, *Suheil Baqaeem*, is doing.

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjordannews.io%2FSection-117%2FCulture-Arts%2FArtist-finds-meaning-working-with-the-visually-impaired-4958&data=04%7C01%7Cmillerk%40iata.org%7C37a9e8d722af42cf37fb08d94ad47710%7Cad22178472a84263ac860ccc6b152cd8%7C0%7C0%7C637623098663135836%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjB1Ii6k1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ouHztMlxmPs6J5mkWBDN2P8V8YMsRxAt1cw278uHZ0g%3D&reserved=0>

IATA COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map

In addition to the benefits of the IATA Travel Pass outlined in Membership Message 9/2021, members intending to travel by air in the near future should first look at the IATA COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map:

www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php. Clicking on any country in the map informs the reader of the most up-to-date information about the country's entry requirements.

Membership Messages

Communicate

"Membership Messages" are sent out on a regular basis to WACA Member Clubs, Members-at-Large and other individuals closely connected to WACA. Recipients in Member Clubs are requested to forward these messages to all members of their respective Club or direct their members to the News and Press Releases section of WACA's website where the messages are posted: www.waca.org/news/Pages/index.aspx.

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,

Keith Miller
WACA Administration Manager