

F.T.L.P.A. NEWSLETTER -- NOVEMBER 2011

Hello Tigers,

This year we began sending out a quarterly Newsletter via email in addition to this traditional paper edition. If you have not been receiving these "E-Newsletters" please provide us with your updated email address. The E-Newsletters will be sent more frequently as the reunion approaches with updates, suggestions, tips, and more details regarding our event.

Please take the time to check the "year" printed on the mailing label for this Newsletter. We are auditing our membership list for accuracy and quite a few members are in arrears. Back dues are not required but please consider completing the Registration Form and returning it (even if unable to make Monterey) with any updated contact information and a check for \$20 to bring your membership up to 2012.

We had a very good turnout earlier this year in May at the Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort. On Thursday we had 27 golfers play the Camelback Golf Club. The McComas/Stickler/Alonso (with wife Patty) foursome won, with Stick winning the longest drive contest. Our thanks to Tom Pierchala for organizing the day and for providing some wonderful Circle T golf towels as prizes.

On Friday night we boarded busses to the Pinnacle Peak Patio Steakhouse for a cowboy cookout under a beautiful Arizona full moon. Everyone looked great wearing his or her best western hats and duds.

On Saturday morning an election was held during our business meeting to fill the positions of President and Vice-President being vacated by George Gewehr and Bill Mayfield. John Dickson and Larry Weeks were voted into the two respective positions faster than you can say "blowaway jet on the roll!" George and Bill were presented with tokens of gratitude from the members in attendance for their dedication to this Association over the years, a gratitude that equally extends to their wives, Julie and Agnes, for putting up with all of us. With Peter Okicich and Robin Pestarino staying on as Secretary/Treasurer and Flight Attendant Representative respectively, your new officers will work hard to fill some mighty big shoes and strive to keep the spirit and enthusiasm within the FTLPA vibrant and alive for many years to come. Other minor items were discussed before a vote was held for the reunion location in 2014. In a final vote, Seattle won over New Orleans. As a reminder, the reunion in 2013 will be in San Diego on April 25th (leaving Mothers Day free) and 2014 will be in Seattle on May 8th.

The Saturday night dinner/dance was attended by 213 members and their guests. The Saguaro Sunset Band, arranged for us by John Skinner, provided some wonderful country music for us to enjoy. Eliot Shulman again donated his time and camera to take wonderful portraits at the reception as well as other candid shots throughout the whole weekend. Please visit our website for information on obtaining DVDs of Scottsdale 2010 AND Napa 2009 which are still available for purchase.



On a sadder note we lost a number of our Tiger family since last December's newsletter. Rather than listing their names here we will begin the tradition of creating a unique photo collage dedicated to those who have Flown West to be displayed in our hospitality suite at each yearly reunion.

Next year's reunion will begin on May 10th at the Monterey Marriott in Monterey, California. To make reservations for the special Tiger rate either telephone 1-800-266-9432 or book online from our website. Everyone is encouraged to make his or her reservations NOW in anticipation of a high turnout next year. If your plans change and you are unable to attend please cancel directly with Marriott Reservations but advise Sandy White that you have done so, along with your name and confirmation number. If our contract rooms fill completely and you are unable to make a reservation then contact Sandy at robsanwhite@sbcglobal.net or call her at (619) 284-7484.



To encourage early signups we will have a drawing for those who have made reservations by December 31st. Three separate winners will be awarded the following prizes: (1) Two nights lodging (\$298) at the Marriott, (2) Two dinners (\$150) at our Saturday dinner dance, and (3) Two entry tickets for dinner and entertainment (\$120) at the Beach Party on Friday night.

Next year's reunion will kick off on Thursday, May 10th, with a golf tournament beginning 10AM at the Monterey Pines Golf Course. Cost per person is \$60, which includes the organization, golf cart, practice balls and tee prizes. Our thanks to Bob McCulloch for organizing next year's outing. Questions or suggestions can be sent to Bob at xtiger0595@sbcglobal.net. He'll have more info for you via E-Newsletter as the event nears.



On Friday, May 11th, we're trying something a little different with the assistance of Robin Pestarino and the Flight Attendant group. A Pirate-themed Beach Party and BBQ, complete with a costume contest and prizes, has been arranged within walking distance of the hotel. Cost per person is \$60. More information will be coming from Robin via future E-Newsletters. Those unable to walk to or from the event can be transported upon request.

Another change to our normal agenda will be the time of the Saturday morning business meeting, which is going to start one hour later than normal at 10am. To save time at the next meeting, we will begin the voting on a location for the 2015 reunion by using the top three out of ten cities as voted on at the bottom of this year's Registration/Dues Payment Form. Even if you are unable to attend the Monterey reunion, please consider submitting your vote along with your yearly dues payment so your input can be received.

Our Dinner/Dance is on Saturday, May 12th. The cocktail reception is at 6PM followed by dinner service beginning at 7pm. We will once again dance the night away to the music provided by the John Skinner band. Cost per person is \$75. There is no dress theme for the banquet – cocktail or lounge attire is suggested.



Please spread the word about how much fun we have. Help the new officers in their goal of keeping the Tiger Spirit alive by getting others to sign up and join. Hope to see all of you soon in Monterey!