

# THE BRIEFING SHEET



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## WELCOME ABOARD



We have been busy putting together our biggest event of the year ... the Annual DCW Fundraiser featuring a silent auction and raffle. This year promises to be another great event with a grand prize AND a first prize as well as many wonderful donated items to bid on and win. Be sure to read all the details in this newsletter.

Please keep in mind this is a fundraising event for our charities so bring your cash, credit cards and/or checks!! We know it's going to be a great fun-filled day ... we look forward to seeing you there!!!

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## MARCH LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 24  
10:00 - 3:00

ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT

4711 Best Road  
Atlanta 30337  
(404) 766.7900

\*\*\*\*\* Silent Auction will open at 10:00 \*\*\*\*\* Silent Auction will close at 11:45 \*\*\*\*\*

### MENU

Garden Salad with a Selection of Dressings  
Seared Chicken Breast with Pesto Cream Sauce  
Sautéed Green Beans  
Rice Pilaf  
Red Velvet Cake

\*\*\* Vegetarian meals are available: If you register/pay online please make that notation there. However, if you choose to send in a check, note *Vegetarian Meal* on the "FOR" line on the front of your check. \*\*\*

Cost: \$35 per person (includes taxes and gratuities) | Cash bar available.

### PAYMENT ~ TWO METHODS

If you have any questions about your reservation, please contact Alva Blake  
(770) 436.4789 or alvab@att.net

1) Pay **ONLINE** at [www.deltaclippedwings.org](http://www.deltaclippedwings.org). On the HOME page, scroll to the EVENTS section in the bottom right corner to "Friday, March 24 ~ **REGISTER** FOR "ANNUAL FUNDRAISER." Click on "**REGISTER**," then log in to proceed to the registration form. Your profile will auto-populate the form. **IMPORTANT: For this event only, we are offering reservations for "TABLES FOR 10" ... see article on next page.**

**2) Pay by CHECK.** Make your check payable to DELTA CLIPPED WINGS. DO NOT SEND cash or a bank transfer. Please be sure your name, address and phone number is on the check as well as the name of anyone you may be paying for. Mail checks to **Delta Clipped Wings ~ Alva Blake, PO Box 724944, Atlanta, GA 31139-4944**. Your check is your reservation, so mail it early!!

**NOTE: Please allow 3-4 days for mailed checks to reach the PO Box.**

**Payment Deadline:** Payment must be received by Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, so the final count may be given to the facility. DCW is responsible for paying for that number of guests whether they attend or not. And while we want to remain flexible and sensitive to personal circumstances, please understand we are not always able to make refunds once the count is finalized.

**Check-In/Arrival:** Check-in begins at **10:00**; we ask you to please make every effort to arrive before 11:00 as the final number of attendees will be given to the kitchen at that time.

**Advanced Seating:** SEE ARTICLE BELOW

**Parking:** Free in designated parking area. **Be sure to pick up a parking voucher when you check-in. IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you use valet parking, it is at your expense.

**ALL attendees must stop at the check-in table to receive their NAME TAG and BID NUMBER for the SILENT AUCTION.**

**Dress Code:** Business Casual

#### HOW TO RESERVE A TABLE FOR 10

An attendee (aka "Table Manager") can register/pay for a table of 10 for this event. **NOTE:** The Table Manager must have an email address.

Tables of 10 will be assigned a table number **PRIOR** to the event. Preprinted assignment sheets will be located adjacent to the check-in table. **NOTE:** It is important for the Table Manager to advise all persons in their party to look for the preprinted roster and not try to sign-up for another table.

Sandy Chinn and/or Kathy Roper will be at the sign-in table if you need assistance.

#### TABLE MANAGER DUTIES

- 101 PAY \$350 for the entire table ... you are responsible for collecting payment from your guests.
- 101 NAMES: List first and last names for each guest.
- 101 MEAL CHOICE: List meal choice for each guest ... regular or vegetarian.
- 101 EMAIL CONFIRMATION will be sent to the Table Manager listing all guests and their meal choices.
- 101 NO SHOWS: Advise the check-in table if you have someone cancel at the last minute and be sure to cross off that person's name from the preprinted list.

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 10

- 101 IF YOU ARE SITTING AT THE TABLE, list only 9 guests since you are the 10<sup>th</sup> person.
- 101 TO REGISTER 10 GUESTS (**not including yourself**) go to the MEMBER MEAL CHOICE selection box on the online form and select **NO MEAL - GUEST REGISTRATION ONLY** so you won't be charged for a meal for yourself.
- 101 MEAL CHOICE for each guest must be indicated to complete the online registration.
- 101 ONLINE REFUNDS may be made if a guest cancels by MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Alva Blake to process the refund: alvab@att.net or (770) 436.4789.

#### CHECK REGISTRATION FOR 10

- 101 MAIL **one check** for \$350, payable to DELTA CLIPPED WINGS, to Delta Clipped Wings, PO Box 724944, Atlanta, GA 31139-4944
- 101 EMAIL CONFIRMATION: The Table Manager will receive an email confirmation once Alva "takes the form" online.

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## GROUP RATE AT THE ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT



If you are planning to attend the Fundraiser and would like to stay at the Atlanta Airport Marriott, we have made arrangements for a **group rate of \$82 per night**. This rate applies from Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> until Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> ... address: 4711 Best Rd., Atlanta 30337

You may make a reservation one of two ways ... by using the link below or calling 1.800.228.9290. The cut-off date for this group rate is March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you call the 800 number, be sure to tell them you want the **Delta Clipped Wings group rate**.

**Start date: Wednesday, 03/22/2017 ~~~~ End date: Saturday, 03/25/2017**

**Last day to book a reservation - Monday, 03/13/2017**

To book the group rate, go to

[www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Delta%20Clipped%20Wings%5EATLAP%60dcedcea%6082.00%60USD%60false%604%603/22/17%603/25/17%603/13/17&app=resvlink&stop\\_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Delta%20Clipped%20Wings%5EATLAP%60dcedcea%6082.00%60USD%60false%604%603/22/17%603/25/17%603/13/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)



## DIRECTIONS TO ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT



**Option 1)** Get directions on our website - [www.deltaclippedwings.org](http://www.deltaclippedwings.org) - by clicking on the red **Atlanta Airport Marriott** under the EVENTS section which will take you to Google Maps with the hotel's address already typed-in. Once on that website, simply type in your home address.

**Option 2)** If you have a GPS in your car or on your cellphone, you can obtain the directions that way.

Event dates may also be found on our website ... [www.deltaclippedwings.org](http://www.deltaclippedwings.org)



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## 2017 EVENTS

- 📅 Wednesday, April 19 ~ Atlanta Country Club
- 📅 Wednesday, May 17 ~ 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Restaurant

## Annual Fundraiser

CONTACTS FOR FUNDRAISER Sandy Chinn ~ [s30wing@gmail.com](mailto:s30wing@gmail.com), 770.578.4905  
 Retta Christoforatos ~ [rettac@bellsouth.net](mailto:rettac@bellsouth.net), 770.597.3054  
 Donna Wilson ~ [wilson6832@bellsouth.net](mailto:wilson6832@bellsouth.net), 770.957.6832

*The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.*  
 ~ Vince Lombardi ~

**All the effort that goes into this event by the Board  
and all DCW members benefit ...**





**Theme: Spring is in the Air**  
**Friday, March 24, 2017**  
**10:00am ~ 3:00pm**



**Location: Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel**

This year we not only have a **GRAND PRIZE**, we also have a **FIRST PRIZE**.

The **GRAND PRIZE** winner will have the choice of one of the following set of tickets plus \$1,000 cash.

The remaining set of tickets will go to our **FIRST PRIZE** winner.

## THE GRAND/FIRST PRIZES

### Routing Choices

2 Confirmed Main Cabin Tickets | Within US50 & Canada | Tier 2

2 Confirmed Main Cabin Tickets | Between US/Canada - Mexico/Caribbean | Tier 2

Our **BIG EVENT** is a few weeks away, the anticipation and excitement is mounting for us and we hope for YOU!!!!

**For the Silent Auction ONLY**

We accept these credit cards ... Discover, Visa, AmEx & MasterCard



**We also accept cash, checks and debit cards (MasterCard and Visa ONLY)**

As in years past, **raffle tickets** will be for sale at the fundraiser; however, unlike the auction items, **raffle tickets are cash or check only**. One ticket costs \$5; three tickets cost \$10. **Note: If you don't buy at least one raffle ticket, you won't be entered in the drawing for the GRAND/FIRST PRIZES.**

**REMINDER:** Bring some address labels with you to put on the back of your raffle tickets so you don't have to write your name on each one; it also makes it much easier to read your name during the raffle.



The Zino Family  
 53 Jessica Place  
 Marietta, GA 30062



The Modisett Family  
 631 Norfleet Rd. NW  
 Atlanta, GA 30305



Sue Mackey  
 244 Catherine Street  
 Rochester, MN 55905



The Hicks Family  
 34 Blue Mountain  
 Jasper, AL 40628

Unlike regular luncheon events, the fundraiser **festivities will begin at 10:00** to allow time for visiting with friends as well as viewing and bidding on the silent auction and raffle items. The **silent auction closes at 11:45** to allow seating for lunch at 12:00 and the processing of the bids.

**One more thing ...**



Our idea of the perfect gift for 2017 is the gift of your time as a volunteer for one of the various committees which are so critical to a successful fundraiser. Please see committee list and contact info on the following page ... **Your help is not only necessary, it is invaluable!!!!**

| COMMITTEE                         | COMMITTEE CHAIRS                                                                                                     | COMMITTEE                  | COMMITTEE CHAIRS                                              |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| AUCTION INVENTORY / SECURITY      | Kathy Roper<br>(404) 401.1234<br>kbroper@gmail.com                                                                   | IN HONOR OF / IN MEMORY OF | Ann Chapman<br>(770) 664.5016<br>akc28@bellsouth.net          |
| AUCTION SET-UP / BREAKDOWN        | Corrine Hofstetter<br>(770) 664.5494<br>chhhofstetter@aol.com                                                        | TABLE RESERVATIONS         | Alva Blake<br>(770) 436.4789<br>alvab@att.net                 |
| CASHIERS / CHECK-OUT              | Suzi Modisett<br>(404) 355.6559<br>tsmodi@bellsouth.net                                                              | PRINTED PROGRAM            | Sue Zino<br>(678) 457.3211<br>sszino45@gmail.com              |
| CHECK-IN / GREETERS               | Jo Kelly<br>(770) 355.2272<br>jmkelly87@gmail.com<br>and<br>Stacy Martin<br>(678) 517.7999<br>stacy2006z@comcast.net | RAFFLE TABLE               | Bettie Asip<br>(770) 813.9852<br>basip@att.net                |
| DECORATIONS / DINING TABLE SET-UP | Ann Beaman D'Agostino<br>(770) 956.8240<br>AnnBDag@comcast.net                                                       | RAFFLE TICKET SALES        | Lori Weber Nesz<br>(770) 432.0077<br>loriweb@bellsouth.net    |
| GIFT BASKETS                      | Retta Christoforatos<br>(770) 597.3054<br>rettac@bellsouth.net                                                       | SOLICITOR                  | LaVonne Lindquist<br>(770) 471.0982<br>lavonlin@bellsouth.net |
|                                   |                                                                                                                      | WINE SOLICITOR             | Judy Moon Boyce<br>(770) 952.2980<br>judymoonboyce@aol.com    |

This event promises to be a successful endeavor for our charities. We hope to see many of you at the Fundraiser!!

Retta, Donna, Sandy, Committee Chairs and Committee Members

## IN MEMORY OF | IN HONOR OF

CHAIR OF "IN LOVING MEMORY/IN HONOR OF"  
Ann King Chapman ~ akc28@bellsouth.net ~ (770) 664.5016

The deadline for IN MEMORY OF/IN HONOR OF donations **ONLY** has been extended to **Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

We request a minimum donation of \$20 per name.

### TWO OPTIONS FOR MAKING IMO/IHO DONATIONS

- 1) Mail your donation to **Ann Chapman, 1120 Matheson Way, Alpharetta, GA 30022**. Make checks payable to DELTA CLIPPED WINGS and be sure to note on your check it is a "donation." \*\*\*
- 2) Make donations online at our website ... [www.deltaclippedwings.org](http://www.deltaclippedwings.org). Once you log in, click on the FORMS tab and from the dropdown menu choose CHARITY DONATION. From that point it is pretty self-explanatory.

\*\*\* When sending a check, the following information **must be included**: \*\*\*

- 1) Donor's Name
- 2) Designate one of the following:  
"In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_"  
OR  
"In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3) Amount of Donation





## UNDER OUR WINGS



[www.curechildhoodcancer.org](http://www.curechildhoodcancer.org)

DCW LIAISONS to CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER

Kathy Larkin ~ [kslarkin@att.net](mailto:kslarkin@att.net) ~ (770) 333.8688

Kathryn Wilson ~ [kew49@comcast.net](mailto:kew49@comcast.net) ~ (404) 502.3304

From Kristin Connor, CURE Executive Director: *A decade ago we were investing \$250,000 each year in research, and today our yearly investment is more than \$3 million. This is great progress, but not enough. My ultimate goal is simple ... Shut down our organization, because there's no longer a need for it.*

**100%  
MISSION**

CURE is dedicated to conquering childhood cancer through funding targeted research and supporting patients and their families.

**100%  
VISION**

CURE believes that childhood cancer can be cured in our lifetime.

**100%  
FOR THE KIDS**

**Make a difference for children and their families.**

Donate:

<https://curechildhoodcancer.thankyou4caring.org/donate-now>

A note from Lisa Branch, Director of CURE's Patient & Family Services

LAUREN'S RUN & CURE ANNUAL PICNIC | April 23, 2017 in Atlanta



**PRIZES NEEDED.** We need new, small toys to be used as prizes at the Lauren's Run and CURE Annual Picnic. Requested toys include small stuffed animals such as Beanie Babies, bubble wands, beaded necklaces, playing cards, travel-size games, small balls, etc.

Lauren's Run is an annual 5K/2K run/walk held in memory of Lauren Zagoria and Lauren Kochman, both of whom lost their battles with cancer. Thousands of people participate each year, making it a special run like no other. Immediately afterwards, participants and CURE families enjoy the picnic, filled with games, prizes, crafts, food, music and fun!

❖ For more information, please contact Lisa Branch at [lisa@curechildhoodcancer.org](mailto:lisa@curechildhoodcancer.org)

If you would like to receive CURE newsletters, go to <http://curechildhoodcancer.org/about/contact/>

Kathy and Kathryn



**WORLD CANCER DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 2017**



Two of our charities, CURE Childhood Cancer and The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, posted comments on the internet regarding WORLD CANCER DAY.



Posted on Facebook: February 4<sup>th</sup> was World Cancer Day. Global statistics are frightening. Every year 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer and 80,000 children lose their fight. The research we fund here will impact treatment around the world to those numbers.



Posted on their website: In recognition of World Cancer Day, BCRF salutes its more than 250 investigators around the globe working tirelessly to make advances against this disease, while acknowledging the multitude of challenges that remain in reducing the incidence of and deaths due to breast cancer.

We stand for innovative research. Bigger breakthroughs. Faster advances. Better outcomes for people with breast cancer. And we're doing it together. On World Cancer Day we stand together for research. And we are united.



DCW LIAISON to ATLANTA HUMANE SOCIETY  
Marti Wilson ~ monmuc1@att.net ~ (770) 565.0402



Free pet adoptions for veterans and current members of our armed services.



Christine O'Shields | AHS Development Manager shared the following story with us.

The Atlanta Humane Society's Pets for Vets program is very happy to report that between November 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017, we have had nearly 100 animals adopted into loving veteran homes. This puts the number of adoptions, since the program's inception in April of 2014, at nearly 400.

One adopter recently shared her experience:



... I was looking for images of gray cats while researching Chartreux cats and came across Pixie's photograph. I honestly thought she looked so pathetic (one eye, bobbed tail, scruffy coat) that I decided I had to get her because no one else would, poor baby. So, that led me to your website. I was looking for the "how to adopt" information and stumbled on the Pets for Vets benefit and came into the shelter the next day. I would have adopted her at full price in any case, but it was really nice that there was a benefit for veterans.

So anyway, this was a very positive experience for me. As a veteran, I can tell you there aren't very many benefits or expressions of appreciation from the civilian world and it just made my day! I have always adopted my pets from shelters/rescue groups, but haven't seen any programs like yours before. I was specifically impressed to see you are also involved with providing therapy dogs for Marines who qualify. That's a program that provides such an important support for veterans in need. Keep up the great work.

#### TWO SHELTER LOCATIONS

981 Howell Mill Road NW | Atlanta, GA 30318

1565 Mansell Road | Alpharetta, GA 30009

For more information about the PETS FOR VETS program, visit <http://atlantahumane.org/petsforvets/>



FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT of LADIES DAY FUND, INC.  
Carole Lovelace ~ kismetxa@aol.com ~ (504) 598.5673  
www.ladiesdayfund.com

*LDF is an organization assisting active and retired Delta flight attendants who are in need due to a serious illness or catastrophic event.*

I was recently in a shop and came across a card that said: *I am fairly certain that given a cape and a nice tiara, I could save the world.* I bought all that they had!! Wouldn't that be wonderful? If it could only be that easy!!

While no one has given me (or my petite board of directors) a cape or tiara, we have been given the privilege of being one of the charities supported by Delta Clipped Wings!! Because of this, and other support, we have been able to make the lives of many active and retired flight attendants - who are struggling with financial hardships due to illness or a catastrophic event - better. **What a journey it has been!**

Over the past 19 years we have received so many cards, notes, letters and phone calls telling us stories of how much our gifts have meant. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from a flight attendant in the Seattle area who had been a recipient of our help 5 years ago. She wanted to let me know why she wouldn't be sending in membership dues or a donation this year because her cancer had come back. Three months ago, she was given 6 months. She simply wanted to call (before she couldn't) to let me know, again, how much our letter and gift check meant to her. It is stories like this that tell us how important and appreciated our LDF work is.

Ladies Day membership dues are accepted throughout the year. If you are a LDF member, but haven't renewed for 2017, simply make your check out to LADIES DAY FUND and write MEMBERSHIP 2017 on your check and mail it to Ladies Day Fund, 1000 Bourbon St. ~ #370, New Orleans, LA 70116.

For those of you who would be a first time LDF member, a membership form may be found on our website (www.ladiesdayfund.com) on the GET INVOLVED page. Please send the completed form along with your \$25 check to the address above.

Thank you to all who continue to support our organization ... your help really does mean so much!

Carole



## SUNSHINE CORNER

CHAIR ~ Carol Ellington ~ caepru@bellsouth.net ~ (678) 293.5912



Please continue to send Carol Ellington and Sue Zino (sszino45@gmail.com) any information regarding life events, e.g., births, marriages, illnesses, retirements, happy news, etc., so we may share it with our members.

**\*\*** When sending us info about another member or non-member, please be sure you have the member's or family's permission for us to send the information to our members. If possible, we would also appreciate an address for condolences/get well wishes. **\*\***

*Be a rainbow in somebody's cloud.*

~ Maya Angelou ~





## PILLOWS, BLANKETS AND MAGAZINES



- Sue Ballard Stone's 98-year old mother, Maxine Ballard, passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup>, after a short illness.

**Address:** 2911 Gant Quarters Dr., Marietta, GA 30068 | susu2911@bellsouth.net  
FA class 01/03/67

**Online condolences** may be posted at <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Maxine-Ballard&lc=9902&pid=183902548&uuiid=405cb13a-72af-4bb2-80c9-52940c0858ad>

For those wishing to do so, donations may be made to **The HOPE Center** (a Pregnancy Resource Center), 295 Molly Ln. - Suite 120, Woodstock, GA 30189

(<https://connect.giving.com/general-fund59/the-hope-center-inc>) **OR**

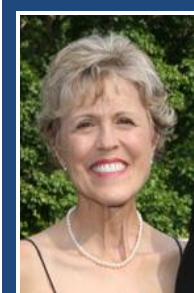
**Good Mews** (a No-Kill Cat shelter), 3805 Robinson, Rd., Marietta, GA 30068  
(<https://goodmews.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/40771/Default.aspx>)



- Debbie James Rehnstrom's brother, Bill James, passed away on January 13<sup>th</sup> from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Clinton, LA.

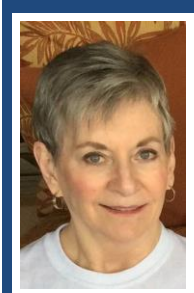
**Address for Debbie:** 5680 Point West Dr., Oakwood, GA, 30566 | djrehnstrom@gmail.com  
FA class 05/31/1977

**Address for Bill's family:** Ruth and Seth James, 5120 Upper Glading Rd., Summit, MS 39666



- Update on Paula Saporito Knight after returning home from her MD Anderson appointments the last week of January. From her husband, Chuck: *I'm happy to report Paula and I received good news from the doctors: no active cancer, no changes in the scans. We will return to Houston again in late May for tests and consultations. If we continue to get good news, Paula will then "graduate" to a six-month schedule from the current four-month one. We are truly blessed. When we see other patients, who are not as fortunate, our heart aches for them. But we also see and hear good news like ours for others. Thank you all again for your thoughts and prayers.*

**Address:** 1649 Princeton West Trl., Marietta, GA 30062 | paulasknight@hotmail.com  
FA class 03/02/1970 | Past DCW President 1999-2001



- In early February, Gail Whittle spent almost 2 weeks in the hospital. She was diagnosed with fungal pneumonia. The fungus has also invaded her bone marrow. She has difficulty breathing so she will be on oxygen and antifungal drugs for the foreseeable future.

**Address:** 1143 Morningside Pl. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 | gailwhittle@bellsouth.net  
FA class 10/03/1966



## FLYING HIGH



Report by Suzi Modisett

The North Georgia Camellia Society flower show at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on February 18/19 was a big success. We had 800 blooms entered by competitors from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The trio of large flowers (pictured) are "Frank Houser" camellias which were successfully grown outside (Unprotected) in the Columbus, GA area. This size camellia is called a Reticulata which does not do well in the Atlanta climate unless grown in a greenhouse (Protected). Protected and



unprotected blooms are judged independently as is the separate category of Metro Atlanta (Unprotected).

Visitors to the ABG are in awe when they see the array of blooms in Day Hall. Most of what have been blooming outside in the Atlanta area during January and February are of the Japonica variety and have been fabulous this winter.

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Susan Kraham and Barbara Becker recently attended one of Delta's 2-day VELVET events. The purpose of these sessions is to provide frontline employees with the opportunity to hear candid updates from senior leaders on the state of the business, network, brand strategy and customer trends. As explained on DeltaNet, *VELVET continues Delta's longstanding commitment of connecting frontline employees with key leaders to hear the state of our business firsthand; an important element of making Delta a great place to work.*

## NEWS HUB



### BREAKING BARRIERS: BLACK PIONEER PILOTS SHARE TRIUMPHS

By Shannon Ledwich • posted February 1, 2017



At a time of racial and gender discrimination, Bessie Coleman became the first black woman to earn a pilot's license in the 1920s. The Tuskegee Army Airfield became America's first black military squadron during World War II. After a six-year legal battle, Marlon Green became the first black commercial airline pilot in 1963.

At Delta, two other black pioneers are among those who have secured places in aviation and American history: Cal Flanigan and Rachelle Kerr. Each started their career at very different times, and neither took the traditional route to achieve their dream of becoming a pilot.



Flanigan began working in maintenance at Delta in 1968, four years after the Civil Rights Act became law and black pilots began breaking through the color barrier. "I was always a believer that ability does not come with skin color, whether you're a male or female, no matter your background or religion," Flanigan said recently. "If you have the ability, the drive and the desire, nothing else matters." That same year, Delta hired its first black pilot, Sam Graddy. He was an inspiration to Flanigan, who followed in his footsteps, becoming a Delta pilot himself in 1976. Years later, their careers would intersect in a history-making moment for the airline.

Pilots like Graddy and Flanigan helped pave the way for Kerr, who faced her own stereotypes on her journey from the tarmac to the cockpit. She started her career at Delta in 1994 as a ramp agent but her true calling was not on the ground but in the air. "It was a male-dominated industry. I wasn't sure how I'd be treated or looked at, but I didn't care," said Kerr. "I decided I was going to go for it and just kept looking forward."

With the encouragement of a pilot friend, she took an introductory flight lesson in a Cessna 172. From the moment she sat in the cockpit, she was hooked. Kerr's career came full circle in 2010 when she returned to Delta as a first officer.

Flanigan's fascination with flight was sparked at a young age. That passion carried him into the history books in 1980, when he and Graddy became the first black cockpit crew to fly together at Delta. Fittingly, their flight plan took them through the heart of the American South - from Alabama to Mississippi - where the civil rights movement had encountered some of its stiffest resistance. Flanigan flew into history once more when he retired in 2013 as Delta's longest-serving captain.

Kerr made history of her own in 2009 while she was a captain at Atlantic Southeast Airlines, a Delta Connection carrier. There, she piloted the first all-black, all-female flight crew in U.S. history, which included first officer Stephanie Grant and flight attendants Robin Rogers and Diana Galloway. Making the moment even more special, it happened in February: Black History Month.

Today, Flanigan and Kerr hope their stories inspire others. "You can be anything you want to be, but you have to be willing to work and to sacrifice," said Flanigan. Kerr believes it's important to lead by example, showing young women

that a career in aviation can be a reality. "Don't let anyone stop you from achieving that dream," she said. "Just remember to keep looking up."

To watch a video featuring Cal and Rachelle go to this website: The video was first published in February 2016.  
<http://news.delta.com/breaking-barriers-black-pioneer-pilots-share-triumphs>

## WHAT IS THE CORRECT LINK TO GET INTO DELTANET???

We have been asked this question quite a few times. The correct link is...  
<https://deltanet.delta.com>



## PAUSE FOR A MOMENT

CHAIRPERSON ~ Ann Beaman D'Agostino  
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Yahoo ... It's almost time!!! I get really excited about our annual fundraiser. A lot of volunteer effort goes into making it a grand event. It's amazing the amount of money that is raised over a few hours to support our charities ... CURE Childhood Cancer, Ladies Day Fund, Pets for Vets and The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. There are probably no more worthwhile ways you can spend your money than contributing it to the DCW fundraiser. And the bonus is, you might even win something! At the very least you'll get to see old friends, meet new friends and have a good lunch. Libations are optional. ☺

As mentioned above, the theme this year is SPRING IS IN THE AIR which means we'll either have really nice weather or have one of those uncharacteristic snowstorms; either way, come on out and join the fun.

So, here's my "inspiration" for March ... BID OFTEN and BID BIG and take it home with you!!! BID, BID, BID!!!! So, see you there!!

Till next time,  
 Ann

## MEMBERSHIP & WEBSITE

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### CAUTION ABOUT MAKING AN ONLINE CHARITY OR ITEM DONATION IN SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME

1. You CANNOT substitute someone else's name for your name in the "member section" on ANY of our forms.
2. For example, if you want to enter an auction item for a friend on our ITEM DONATION FORM, you MUST log in using **THEIR username and password, NOT yours.**
3. The reason for this is upon login on ANY of our forms, your information "AUTO-POPULATES" the member information. It is generated from our member database.
4. Substituting your name/address/email with someone else's will change your personal profile.
5. You will have "edited" your own profile as if you had a new name, email address, phone number or address change.
6. If you changed the email entry, you will not receive emails from us at your "real" email address.

7. In addition, the item you are listing will not be credited to the right person in our accounting system.
8. Once we "fix" your profile, all the transactions you made under your original login will remain under your name, NOT your friend's.

**IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR DIRECTORY,  
YOU CAN ALWAYS USE OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY.**

**DCW TIMELINE Q&A**

1. During whose term did the decades old practice of the president writing a monthly letter to members change to a newsletter format?
2. When did we begin emailing THE BRIEFING SHEET newsletter to our members? More importantly, WHO initiated the change?
3. Who is credited with the creation of our first website?

1. Co-presidents: Jean Lyon and Suzanne Joiner-Nieman, 2001-2003
2. Sue Zino initiated email distribution in the spring of 2007.  
Co-presidents: Bettie Wooten Asip and Ann King Chapman
3. Sue and Mike Amato created the first website between 2005 and 2007.

**PLEASE remember to protect the security of our members' contact information that may be listed in the newsletter. Use your good judgment when forwarding a newsletter to anyone other than your FA friends.**



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