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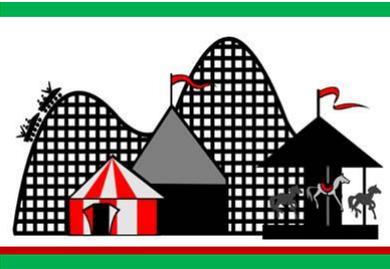
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WELCOME ABOARD



It has been a wild roller coaster ride this year and we
THANK ALL OF YOU

for staying buckled in your seats!

Some of us were in the first cars on that first downhill drop, leading the way, a few hands were held high over our heads while some had a white-knuckle grip on the restraining bar. We have heard a variety of stories from the middle and end cars.

What we know is our DCW group is looking forward to gliding into the station after the turbulent rides of 2020. We will "release seatbelts, get up, get out" and step onto the platform to venture off to the next DCW event, having survived the ride. Let's hope 2021 brings us good news.

In the meantime, while we await news of the vaccines that will allow us to gather again, we still challenge you to rumble through your memories and tell us your stories for our new section, "AISLE" TELL YOU A STORY! Maybe you have a galley story, a celebrity story or a regular passenger story that made your day. Send them to us!

We are still wrapping up the Wine and Silent Auction events accounting, so we cannot tell you exact charity distribution figures just yet, but we can at least report a gross income of a little over \$24,000 for those events.

Remember, we have already made a distribution of the \$7,178 IHO/IMO donations we collected before the March event was cancelled. So, all in all our fundraising efforts grossed a little over \$31,000. That's not bad for a year of unknowns!

We wish safe gatherings for you during the Holidays and look forward to being with you in 2021!

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A NEW WAY TO DONATE TO DELTA CLIPPED WINGS' CHARITIES

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Did you know you can now USE YOUR CREDIT CARD REWARDS POINTS to support our fundraising efforts throughout the year through CharityChoice gift cards?

Delta Clipped Wings, Inc. is now a registered CharityChoice recipient. Many financial institutions participate in this program.

❖ If you donate through CharityChoice:

- You choose the number of points to convert to a CharityChoice gift card(s).
- You will receive the cards (plastic or an eGiftCard) with a redemption code on the back.

- Directions to designate the gift card to DCW (or other charity) is on the back of the card (see details below).
 - These gift cards do not expire.
 - If you need a tax receipt for your donation, you can request it as you complete your transaction.
 - Learn about the charities at <https://www.charitygiftcertificates.org>.
- ❖ To **convert your Reward Points to a donation** (the following is an **example** of how that would work using the Delta Community Credit Union):
- Log into your DCCU account
 - Click "Additional Services"
 - Click "Reward Points"
 - Click "Shop and Redeem"
 - Click "Continue"
 - Scroll down and click "View sample rewards"
 - Under "Browse rewards," click "Charitable donations."
- At this point, you have a couple options:**
- 1) You can Drag and Drop the CharityChoice Logos to a WishBar, but those gift cards only have a \$25 value using 3,000 points.
 - 2) To choose the number of points to convert, click on one of the blue CharityChoice links and follow instructions: 3,000 points for \$25; 5,500 points for \$50; and 10,500 points for \$100.
 - 3) Complete your transactions to receive gift cards that can then be designated to DCW.
- ❖ To **designate your CharityChoice gift card to DCW:**
- Go to www.ccgiftcards.org.
 - At top of HOME page, enter redemption code (listed on back of the GC) in "Enter Card Code" box.
 - Click on "Redeem" and follow directions to search for Delta Clipped Wings.
- OR**
- Go to www.charitygiftcertificates.org.
 - Scroll down to the "Our Charities" section and click "Search Charities."
 - Enter Delta Clipped Wings in search bar.
 - Click on "Redeem" to enter redemption code to proceed.



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Without a doubt, 2020 has certainly presented us with many challenges to keep ourselves, our families and friends safe and healthy. This year has also presented many hurdles to the CURE parents when visiting their children in the hospital, taking them to appointments and treatments with the many restrictions/guidelines they had to meet to do these things.

And now with the month of Thanksgiving behind us and as we head into the month of joy and merriment, I cannot help but think of the CURE children and their families and the hardships they bear every day.

For most of us, December is usually a time of giving and sharing with our families and friends. However, sharing does not need to be limited to those we love and care for, it can also be for people we have never met and will never see; those who are not as fortunate in their lives as we are and could use a helping hand, which leads me to the following ...

As you probably recall, every December we ask you to please consider donating a gift card from a grocery store, Target, Walmart, gas station, etc. to help with our holiday initiative for CURE families. Well, this December, due to the extraordinary year we have had, these families need our help more than ever.

If you can help, please mail your card(s)* to me - **Sue Zino, 53 Jessica Place, Marietta, GA 30062**. Please note, we also accept checks* made payable to **CURE Childhood Cancer**. At the end of December, I will personally deliver all donations to the CURE office here in Atlanta.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Sue

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.
John Holmes • Author



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Our American Heroes Adoption Program found four more families their perfect match in November.



TREBLE

One of these adoptions was for an American Hero who came in looking to adopt a small dog. He explained that his last dog was a miniature pinscher named Roxy who had, unfortunately, recently passed away and he and his wife were now ready to adopt and love a new companion. Our Adoption Manager showed him a few of our small dogs. When his eyes met Treble, he said, "That's the one, he's perfect. He looks similar to Roxy and is so sweet." It only took 15 minutes of cuddling with Treble to know they were meant to be.

In November we also expanded our Heroes program to include all healthcare workers including pharmacists, all nurses, and all doctors. We also began allowing visitors to our shelters in limited numbers during our Open Adoption Days, including a special Open Adoption Day for our American Heroes on Veterans Day. These adoption days allow for visitors with appointments to safely visit our shelters and adopt during this time.

To learn more, go to <https://atlantahumane.org/adopt/american-heroes>.



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Please continue to send Carol and Sue Zino (sszino45@gmail.com) any information regarding life events, so we may share it with our members.



Joy Moore Callahan had liver transplant surgery on October 31st. She sent the following note on 11/24: *Thank you for all the cards and emails since my recent surgery! It's been 3 weeks since my surgery and yesterday they removed 41 staples! My overall health is good, lots of anti-rejection medicine, antibiotics, vitamins, etc. I'm still very sore as the incision is quite long! For those of you who have had a C section, multiply that by 10!! OUCH!! Thanks again.*

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A thank you from Linda Ramsey (Ford): I would like to thank my DCW friends and "family" for the many cards and kind messages following my mother's passing on October 26th. Your condolences are very much appreciated, as are your generous donations to her favorite charities.

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FLYING HIGH



Congratulations to Linda Lashley Owen and her husband, Jim, on the November 4th birth of their grandson, Caleb Martin. Caleb is the first child for their daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Nick Levesque.

Linda shared the following with us: *I have 2 grandsons by my oldest son; Caleb makes #3. He weighed in at 9.5 pounds and given Amanda is 5'3" and wears a size 2, we were stunned at the size of her baby* 🤔🤔

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DCW Co-President, Suzi Modisett, proudly reports her 2020 ALTA Fall Thursday Women B-7 tennis team won their division's City Finals and were awarded the "BIG plate." The team has been bumped up to the B-3 level for the 2021 spring season; they are looking forward to the challenge! Suzi says, *Thank goodness most of the team members are 20 years younger than me!*



PAUSE FOR A MOMENT

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Yo, Ho, Ho and a bottle of rum!

Now that I have gotten your attention - Happy Holidays! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in our neighborhood. Christmas decorations are going up and the lights are beautiful. One of my neighbors told me she was

ready for the good cheer and the feelings that only our December holidays can give. It made me think about how right she was. The holidays are filled with love, joy, and hope for the future. These are all things we are looking forward to enjoying without worries of a pandemic.

COVID-19 has changed our lives in ways we never expected, but it has not taken away our ability to reflect on what truly matters or our hope for the future. How many times have you said or heard someone say, "I can't wait until all this is over"? This year has been overwhelming, but we are overcomers. While our holiday gatherings may be smaller this year, we look forward to being able to have future celebrations together. After all, the stores have Christmas in July, why can't we? That way we will have two July holidays!

We can celebrate anytime if we remember the reason for the season and that all things are possible. As new flight attendants, we had to work during the holidays, so we celebrated with co-workers and looked forward to being with family on another day. We are flexible and creative, so get those wheels turning and create the best holiday for your families. Have a holiday that will be memorable for years to come.

Yes, we will miss our DCW holiday/ugly sweater luncheon this year, but next year, it'll be bigger and better than ever. By the way, I am going to put my rum in eggnog, sit back, and enjoy looking at the lights on our tree while listening to Nat King Cole's version of THE CHRISTMAS SONG. How about you?

Have a happy, safe, and healthy holiday!! I look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Evelyn



Ann Beaman D'Agostino shared the follow poem she received from a friend.



'Twas The Night Before Christmas

*'Twas the year 2020 and all through the house every creature was stirring, from Human to Mouse.
The stockings were tossed on the chimney, who cares, it's been months since we entertained, would Saint
Nick even dare?*

*The children were nestled all snug in their beds as visions of rubber gloves danced in their heads.
And Mama in her gaiter and me in my mask, had just settled our brains for a long cleaning task.
When out on the roof there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my mop to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash, I peeked through the shutter, barely touching the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, gave me faith that someday we'd have somewhere to go.
When what do my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight spotless reindeer.
With a little old driver decked out in full gear, I knew in a moment we'd have Christmas this year!
More safely than Hazmat the reindeer they came, and he whistled and shouted and called them by name.
Now Clorox! Now Pine-Sol! Now Lysol and Purex! On Comet! On Purell! On Top Job and Germ-X!*

*Wipe the top of the porch! Then the top of the wall! Now wipe away! Wipe away! Wipe away all!
 As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they finished and then took a jump to the sky.
 So up to the housetop the reindeer they flew with a sleigh full of masks and Saint Nicholas too!
 And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof the pawing of each little rubber gloved hoof.
 As I pulled up my mask and was turning around, down the chimney a big bucket came with a bound!
 It was covered in plastic from bottom to top; the contents were sterile, despite the long drop.
 I missed seeing his eyes and his dimples so merry. But this virus prevents that, these times are so scary.
 I imagined his face and his little round belly that shook when he laughed like hand sanitizer jelly.
 But I saw him outside though as he stood near his sleigh and I laughed when I saw him - from six feet away.
 With a wink of his eye and a wave of his hand I felt warm inside, Santa too understands.
 And without a word I went right to my work. I filled all our stockings, then turned with a jerk.
 And laying a finger aside of his mask, the reindeer rose up they had finished their task.
 He waved to me then, to his team gave a shout, and socially distancing, quickly flew out.
 But I heard him proclaim as he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all, we will all be all right!*



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WELCOME



Since we are not printing a hard copy of the RED BOOK (directory) this year as we have switched to biennial printing, you may want to put the following list in the back of your current 2019-2020 directory.

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 A PEACEFUL, SAFE AND LOVING HOLIDAY SEASON.
 AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

