

# THE BRIEFING SHEET



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Your DCW board is reaching out to all our members as we approach our BIENNIAL BOARD election this May.



## WE WANT YOU

Many members have voiced a desire to become more active in our organization and we are offering several open positions to you. Positions are two-year commitments; however, tenure is not restricted to just those two years. DCW has been fortunate to have several long-standing volunteers in critical positions which ultimately provides stability in our "small staff" organization.

The following are open board of director positions (with full voting rights) with a brief synopsis, requirements, and a contact person to learn more details. Mentoring during the transition stage is provided, so you won't feel like you are having to "re-invent the wheel" as a new volunteer. Board meetings are held in January, April, July and October and have been via ZOOM since COVID.

Contact Bettie Asip (678) 429.5862 or Suzi Modisett (404) 610.5547 with inquiries.

### OFFICER POSITIONS

- ★ **President/Co-President:** We are calling on **current or former board members or members at large** with leadership ability and experience to step up to fill this position as we (Bettie and Suzi) roll-over to the Co-Chairmen positions. The DCW board members and out-going presidents have years of experience and will provide ample mentoring and support for NEW incoming presidents (Contact: Bettie or Suzi).
- ★ **Co-VP Webmaster:** Our website is through MemberClicks and was upgraded in 2020. It is ready-made for the right person who has previous website experience or is willing to be trained over the next two years. **DCW depends on a Webmaster to function, so PLEASE consider stepping up to fill this position** (Contact: Suzi).
- ★ **VP Membership:** Must have EXCEL knowledge, will make a few check deposits (most members renew online), will have access to our website for reporting and recording keeping purposes and will create the "Red Book" directory for 2021 (WORD directory feature has been used to create the directory) or delegate this to a friend. A directory is printed biennially to coincide with the 2-year board tenure (Contact: Bettie or Suzi).
- ★ **Co-VP Programs:** IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME WHEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME PROGRAMS, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BOARD MEMBERS IN PLACE WHEN WE DO.
  - \* **Event Planning (Luncheons):** Will contact venues and present contract to the Co-Presidents for review. Most of this work is via email (Contact: Bettie or Suzi).
  - \* **Virtual Events (Via Zoom):** This is a new concept to be used to keep our members engaged with DCW in the absence of being able to host our normal luncheons. Anyone with experience and/or a desire to help DCW venture out into this new entertainment arena is most welcomed (Contact: Suzi).
  - \* **Fundraising:** We are open to suggestions on how to fundraise. But, if we hold a "brick and mortar" event, the co-vice presidents will organize the event, contract with a mobile bidding company (we have used GiveSmart in

the past), enter and/or delegate entering items into the mobile system, work with event planning co-chairs to choose a venue and organize committee chairmen (Contact: Bettie or Suzi).

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN POSITIONS

- ★ **Reservations Co-Chair:** MUST have excel program knowledge, will have access to website for reporting and record keeping, will provide a check-in spreadsheet for the event check-in desk, will deposit any checks received (Contact: Bettie).
- ★ **Greeting / Check-In / Name Tags:** Obtain check-in spreadsheet from Reservations Chair, verify attendees /payment status, collect outstanding fees, validate final count/special meals with venue staff, submit checks to treasurer for deposit and maintain/print nametags (Contact: Bettie or Suzi).

Please let us know if you would like to join our DCW board by February 25, 2021.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ONBOARD!**

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### The Future of Delta Clipped Wings

Author: Sue Stone, DCW Treasurer

I am to wonder...

What is our organization ... Delta Clipped Wings?? Are we a non-profit that raises money for our charities? Are we a social organization? Or are we both?

We were founded as a philanthropic organization and take pride in the history of our forebearers who donated their time and worked diligently to make DCW's fundraising efforts a success. We made donations as a united group to charities in support of our mission statement to play a part in making this world a better place.

If we are to remain a philanthropic organization, we need your input on how to go forward with our capital campaigns. We have had success through the years with our silent auctions, but that type of event is in question right now.

More than ever before, we need members to step up and bring new fundraising ideas or experience to our board. All new and innovative ideas are welcome. Simply put, we need members to serve on the board in one of the three VP positions offered under Programs.

If you have a talent, and I know you all do, **WE NEED YOU!!**

When we come back from this COVID shutdown, we want to be stronger and better than ever. With your help we can do that!



## IN MEMORIAM

*A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.*

~ Maya Angelou ~

### Betty Graham Bull

September 29, 1924 – January 12, 2021 | “Stewardess” class: September 01, 1945

Betty was one of the seven founders of Delta Clipped Wings in 1957 and served as president 1959-1960. Betty was a tireless volunteer throughout her life; you can read about it in her obituary (see link below). The following quote is very fitting for Betty: *The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help other.* ~ Albert Schweitzer ~



**Address for her son, Birney Bull:** 409 East Gordon St., Savannah GA 31401

**Online condolences** may be posted at [www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/atlanta-ga/betty-bull-10002553](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/atlanta-ga/betty-bull-10002553)

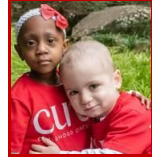
For those wishing to do so, donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Holy Innocents' Memorial Fund, 805 Mount Vernon Hwy NW, Atlanta, GA ([www.hies.org/giving/annual-fund](http://www.hies.org/giving/annual-fund)) OR Canine Assistants ([www.CanineAssistants.org](http://www.CanineAssistants.org)).



# UNDER OUR WINGS



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When I delivered the gift cards and checks to CURE the first week in January, they were extremely grateful for the generosity of our members. I want to thank Evalina Caston who was not on the donor list in last month's newsletter as I received her donation after the newsletter was published.

I would like to share the thank you note I received from Rhetta Ascari, CURE's Patient & Family Services Manager

*Dear Sue, Thank you and our Delta Clipped Wings friends for your recent donation of gift cards, books, stuffed animals, snacks for the nurses, along with the generous checks. As we discussed, we will use the checks to put towards Open Arms lunches.\* The gas/grocery cards will be provided to inpatient and outpatient families needing assistance. The children love to get new books, and the nurses appreciate the snacks during a few minutes of respite.*

*Your ongoing support to CURE and the passion for helping these families is appreciated beyond words, especially during such difficult times. We could not fulfill our mission without you! We look forward to the days when we can once again serve Open Arms lunches together. Your support warms our hearts.*

*Wishing all of you a healthy and brighter 2021! Rhetta*

\*DCW members, for many years, have helped serve Open Arms lunches several times a year to parents and patients on the pediatric cancer wards at Scottish Rite Hospital and Egleston Children's Hospital. However, once COVID hit, volunteers could no longer do "in-person" lunches. Fortunately, CURE has continued the lunches by supplying boxed lunches since that type of meal didn't require "outside" people to serve them.



On January 30<sup>th</sup>, CURE posted the following on their Facebook page: *Thank you to Delta Clipped Wings for the special Saturday treat of Waffle House! The patients and families of the Aflac Cancer & Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite and Egleston enjoyed WH breakfast sandwiches, grits and hash browns. Happy Saturday!*

*Even the smallest of things that you do, blossom and multiply far beyond you.  
A kindness, for instance, may triple for days ... or set things in motion in different ways.  
It travels much further than you'll ever know ... under the treetops ... over the snow  
...until it's wandered ... and fluttered ... and floated ... and twirled –  
making things happen all over the world.  
From the book YOU'RE HERE FOR A REASON • Nancy Tillman*



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Main Phone (404) 875.5331

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Atlanta, GA 30318

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1565 Mansell Road  
Alpharetta, GA 30009

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2148 Duluth Highway  
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Delta Clipped Wings was able to donate \$7,078 to the Atlanta Humane Society in December when gifts were being matched. Thanks to this support of our American Heroes Adoption Program, veterans, healthcare professionals,

active military personnel and first responders can adopt at a discounted rate and receive starter supplies including a leash or retail item, collar and preventative medication.

Below are just a few of the 9 adoptions that happened through our American Heroes Adoption Program in December.



Garfield's new family includes a veteran dad. They recently lost their cat and were ready to add a new family member into their home.

Dasher's dad is a first-time dog owner who fell in love with how active Dasher is. They were both incredibly excited, and his new dad can't wait to help learn and grow alongside Dasher.



Whiffany and Pilsworth went home with their new veteran mom before the holidays (Whiffany pictured here). They had been surrendered to us after they were found as strays. Their new mom needs their comfort and love after her previous cat suddenly passed away due to an unknown heart condition.



*Animals don't stop being in need during a pandemic and our community is relying on us now more than ever. We'll be there for Atlanta's animals through it all, just like we have for the past 148 years.*

### SUNSHINE CORNER

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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.

### PILLOWS, BLANKETS AND MAGAZINES



John Duckworth's mother, Joanna Mingle, passed peacefully on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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rjdatlanta@hotmail.com | FA class 10/03/1977

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On December 30<sup>th</sup>, Becky Farrrens Schultz's told us of the passings of her two brothers: Tommy passed on November 26, 2018 due to complications associated with the Vietnam War; Mike passed on February 8, 2020 after suffering from Parkinson's for many years.

**Address:** PO Box 1044, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562 | rawbecca1@outlook.com | FA class 03/03/1969



Susanne McKinney Robbins' husband, Jay, passed on January 15<sup>th</sup> from heart disease.

For those wishing to do so, donations may be made in Jay's memory to the Elizabethton Kiwanis Club, PO Box 401, Elizabethton, TN 37644.

**Address:** 626 Ridgefield Rd., Elizabethton, TN 37643 | susu1242@gmail.com | FA class 09/27/1971

**Online condolences** may be posted at [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jesse-Jay-Robbins/#!/TributeWall](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jesse-Jay-Robbins/#!/TributeWall)





Annette Knott Felahis' husband, Steve, was checked into the ICU unit in early January with COVID pneumonia and other serious complications. At that time, he was put into a medically induced coma. On January 31<sup>st</sup> we received the following update from Annette: Today, I was allowed into Steve's room to talk and touch him. He is really struggling, but he's still my Steve. The doctor advised me he had recently suffered a mild stroke and was fighting secondary lung infection. A neurologist has been called in. Steve really needs our prayers more than ever ... the doctors are good, but we know WHO is in charge and have to raise our prayers to HIM.

**Address:** 10 Eastlake Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137 | afelahis@bellsouth.net | FA class 07/06/1970



## FLYING HIGH



### Editor's note:

I don't know about you, but I could use a **GREAT BIG SMILE** right about now!!! Hopefully, this adorable picture of MaryLou Seedorff's 17-months old granddaughter, Finny, will accomplish that for you.

Finny's parents are Marshall and Samantha Seedorff.

seedorff1@gmail.com | FA class 05/04/1981



## PAUSE FOR A MOMENT

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Well, 2021 has certainly come in like a lion; it seems ready to compete with 2020 for the worst year of our lifetime. I hope it doesn't stay that way. I continue to pray for our future and that we can move forward as a nation.

As I pause to contemplate where to go from here, I think of Michael Jackson's song **MAN IN THE MIRROR**. I know a change needs to come, and it starts by looking into the mirror at one's self.

There's another song title I find inspiring, **BE THE ONE** sung by Al Denson. The first verse is:

*In a world full of broken dreams,  
Where the truth is hard to find,  
For every promise that is kept,  
There are many left behind,  
Though it seems that nobody cares,  
It still matters what you do,  
Cause there's a difference you can make,  
But the choice is up to you.*

So, may we pause for a moment and think ... "What is our part in this puzzle called life?"

One day years ago at the end of my flight briefing, I said "let's do unto others like we would want them to do to you." Someone responded, "I do unto others, before they can do it to me." It is all about your perspective and how you choose to perceive your responsibility.

What do you see in the mirror? I'm going to do like Billy Joel and continue **KEEPING THE FAITH**.

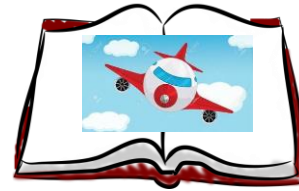
Until next time, stay healthy and safe.

Evelyn



# “AISLE” TELL YOU A STORY...

By Suzi Modisett



Picture the “Stretched 8.” You know, the DC-8-61 that carried 195 passengers. It went into service at United in February 1967 and joined the Delta fleet in April 1967.



This aircraft showed the airlines how to handle huge passenger loads that preceded the first wide-body jet, the B-747, that went into service in January 1970.

The “Stretched 8” was so long, you could see the contrail forming if you looked backwards from one of the passenger windows in the “tail-section” as well as the nose “come around” when the airplane made a turn on/off the runway ... Yep, that one. I know these things because I proved it to myself.

Now to my story, I was working a “night coach” heading out west. The meal and beverage service had been completed; all the lights were off and most everyone was asleep; hardly any reading lights were on. There were no passengers sitting in the “tail section” (probably an agent error!). All was quiet and peaceful.

We were casually chatting in the aft galley when a passenger walked into the galley, turned toward me and slowly and sheepishly said, “Um, have you ... um ... seen anything ... suspicious?”

I stood still, looked him right in the eyes and slowly said, “Suspicious ... in ... what ... way?”

He replied, “My snake has escaped from its bag.”

Well, what do you do now? I remember walking all the way to the front of the aircraft to call the crew from the FC jumpseat phone, only to be told the cockpit door would remain closed and locked and to keep them advised ... No help there.

As I walked back to the aft galley, the owner was still standing there. I thought, “Geez, there are so many places a snake could duck into.” The snake had been out for quite a while. Obviously, no passengers had seen it slithering around; no screaming to be heard.

Something told me to walk through the “tail section” where it was cooler. I knew a snake would not like the cold; maybe he crawled as far as he could.

Sure enough, when I got to the back jumpseat area, there he was, curled up in the corner by the door. I wiggled my finger to the man to “come on back” and pointed down. All I can remember was seeing a tightly coiled blob about 10” across. I was fairly certain his teeth were chattering.



I cannot remember the markings or color, but I do remember the color of the burlap bag!

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**Editor’s note:** The wide-body age began in 1970 with the entry into service of the first wide-body aircraft, the four-engined, partial double-deck Boeing 747. The trijet wide-body aircraft soon followed, including the McDonnell Douglas DC-10 and the Lockheed L-1011 TriStar.

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If you have a fun, amusing story to share, please send it to Sue Zino in email (sszino45@gmail.com).