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President's Message



I'm still soaring from the wonderful memories of our 2016 Annual Convention in New Orleans with fellow flyers from AA's Grey Eagles and the Soaring Eagles! After much hard work by many of our staff, wives and our Meeting Planner, Vicki McGowen, a very successful and enjoyable time was had in the "Big Easy" in Oct. 30 - Nov. 4 2016. If you couldn't make it to New Orleans, — plan to join the fun this Fall at our **2017 Annual Convention!** It takes place at the **Wyndham Bay Front Hotel in San Diego, CA, Oct. 28 - Nov. 2, 2017**, and once again is in conjunction with our friends at the AA Grey Eagles.

As I write this, we are prepping for our TWA Retired Pilots Association Board of Directors meeting in San Diego in early May. It's our first "face-to-face" meeting in over three years (the others were conference phone calls). We are meeting to coordinate all the events, venues, attractions, food and beverage, meeting rooms, etc., for the 2017 Fall Convention. The AA Grey Eagles are also having their "separate" Board of Directors meeting there at the same time, and afterwards we will all come together to further plan the 2017 San Diego Convention, as well as potential locations for our 2018 Convention(s).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **Hospitality Suite at our 2017 San Diego Convention!** For many of us, it is the best part of our convention experience! The **Hospitality Suite** is open daily during the convention and features a hosted full bar, a variety of snacks, world famous Tarpatini's (served by a staff of great bartenders/friends), and of course, the wonderful camaraderie of mixing and mingling with former flying friends – both old and new.

Learn more about the San Diego Convention and all the events our Meeting Planner has set up for us on pages 7 to 13 of this magazine. Be sure to call the Wyndham Bayside San Diego (619-232-3861) ASAP to secure your room reservation for the convention, as the first 100 to reserve are guaranteed a Bay View room!

Stay up-to-date with the most recent convention info at: www.TWAretiredPilotsAssociation.com. (While you're at our website, go to the "Directory" section to check that your "vitals" are all current: addresses, phone, contacts, e-mail addresses, etc.)

Lastly, we encourage everyone to contact all of your old TWA friends and invite them to join us for all the fun that comes with our conventions. No matter how many times you've been to one of our convention host cities, nothing equals the experience of being there when we all come together to share and reminisce about the good 'ol days. Really hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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