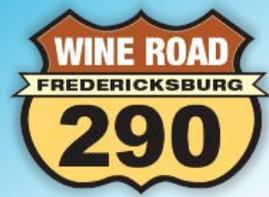




Shannon has put a great conference together for us...



with an optional side trip to Fredericksburg...



and visits to local wineries and sites!



36th Annual ISA+21 Conference



San Antonio Riverwalk

- WHO:** YOU and your guests are invited to the 36th Annual ISA+21 Conference!
- WHEN:** **May 13-15, 2014** with **optional** side trip to Fredericksburg May 16-18.
- WHERE:** The Westin Riverwalk, 420 W. Market Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205 Ph: 210-224-6500

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This spring *ISA News* is our conference edition. Events Chair Shannon Jipsen has planned an amazing conference in San Antonio. Read here the activities and events that will once again bring us together for fun and celebration.

The agenda for the Annual General Business Meeting (uniforms, please!) will be emailed to you and will be available on the website prior to the conference. If you have business to bring before the Membership, please contact me immediately with your ideas so that we can add it to our Agenda. The meeting will be conducted according to Roberts' Rules. If you have any questions about this meeting or any other ISA business, please contact me at chairwoman@iswap.org. If you have questions about the Conference that are not answered in this newsletter, you can contact events@iswap.org. No uniform? Black pants and a white shirt will work!

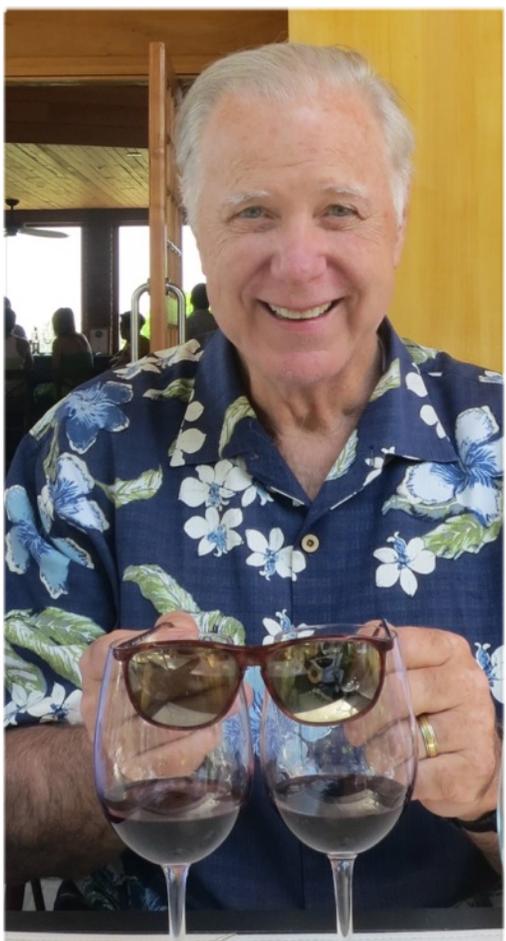
Nancy "N2" Novaes

Please encourage your family and guests to come and join Laird (pictured below) for the optional tour below...he will be welcoming all family and guests during the business meeting.

**Wednesday HALP (Helpers of Airline Pilots)
Guests/Children Optional Tour of the Tower of Americas
\$8 Adult/\$5 Child**

Wednesday morning from 9:30AM-11:30AM
during the **MEMBERS ONLY** Business Meeting.

The group will meet in the lobby of the Westin and walk to the Tower of Americas and then have time to tour the Observation Deck, Flags over Texas and view the 4D Theater Ride. Then they will walk back to the Westin in time to view the Group Photo *in uniform* being taken prior to the luncheon.



Greetings ISA members!

It's that time of year again to plan your schedule to join your ISA friends for some fun, food and fellowship deep in the heart of Texas! After successfully completing my transition to the B747-400 in October, I'm ready to see y'all in San Antonio and Fredericksburg for my Conference Debut. Both places are going to provide us GREAT venues for our 36th Annual Conference. I've worked so hard to give you fun options that capture the best of San Antonio and Fredericksburg for minimal cost. Bring your cowboy boots, hats and blue jeans as we enjoy the Riverwalk and kick up our heels in an old west town. *Please read the following information closely* and visit our website www.iswap.org to REGISTER and for links to the Westin Riverwalk and other valuable information.

This hotel is in the heart of downtown San Antonio and is located on the famous Riverwalk with scenic views and lush landscaping. The Westin Riverwalk opened in 1999 and provides an intimate feel with Southern hospitality. You will have the opportunity to enjoy the Woodhouse Day Spa (with a 10% ISA discount), located on the 4th floor, near the Fitness Center and Pool. Be sure to accept the Make-a-Green choice when making your reservation to get vouchers to use for food or beverage in the hotel or to get SPG points...see the Westin website for more information.

Please call the Westin at 1-888-627-8396 and mention the ISA+21 conference dates or visit the following website to book your hotel room by April 18, 2014.

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1401080805&key=67056>

CUTOFF for making reservations at the group rate is 5:00PM Central Time on April 18, 2014.

Single/Double Room with City View: \$195.00 + taxes
(basic in-room internet included)

Single/ Double Room with Riverwalk View: \$205.00 + taxes
(basic in-room internet included)

You may reserve rooms at the group rate 3 days prior and 3 days after the Event Dates. An early departure fee of one night's stay will apply if attendee checks out prior to the confirmed checkout date. There's a 72 hour room cancellation window prior to 5/13/14. Please see the Westin Riverwalk website for policies and restrictions.



*Captain Shannon Jipsen
Events Director*

After much stress and many long hours studying and simulator sessions...I passed my B-747-400 Type Rating checkride and now I'm officially a B747 Captain. Woo hoo! Truly amazing! I am finally flying "the Queen of the skies" as my friend says. Having never flown the long haul trips, I hope I like them! Too late now if I don't....

The picture (above) was taken just after the examiner said, "Congratulations Captain!"



Westin Riverwalk
Hotel.



ISA REGISTRATION FEE: EARLY BIRD

by April 21, 2014

\$230 Member...Price includes ALL meals for actual conference events. Tuesday evening Welcome Reception, Wednesday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Plus a narrated, private one-hour Riverboat Cruise on Wednesday evening and an 8x10 Group Photo.

Price does not include Thursday optional tour.

\$210 Guests...Price includes same as above, but no 8x10 Group Photo

\$45 Child...Price includes Wed. Lunch and Dinner...with Child menu (please send an email to Shannon at events@iswap.org if your child has special dietary needs) plus the Riverboat Cruise.

NOTE: Child pricing is for children ages 12 and under. Children 3 and under are free. Please note children or guests under age 21 are not allowed to attend Tuesday evening Welcome Reception because of alcohol laws. Please contact Alamo Citi Sitters Club at 210-723-2201 for child care services. **Parents are responsible for their own child care for the Tuesday evening Welcome Reception and during the Business Meeting on Wednesday.**

Transportation from San Antonio Airport (SAT) to the Westin Riverwalk:

SA Trans Shuttle (shared ride) approximately \$19 One Way or \$34 Round Trip. Buy tickets for the Shuttle at Baggage Claim area in Terminals A or B or a taxi...average cost is \$26 one-way.

For those of you not familiar with SAT, your best options are to get to any of the following airports:

ATL, CLT, ORD, DFW, DEN, Houston: IAH or HOU, EWR, MCO, PHX, SAN, IAD or BWI and then you can get to SAT non-stop from any of these airports. Also, for those familiar with UPS or FedEx, we fly out of SDF or MEM to SAT with non-stop options, too.



DESCRIPTION of ACTIVITIES

Our Wednesday evening activity will be the one-hour narrated private Riverboat Cruise. We will begin boarding our two boats at the Westin at 5:15PM (meet in the lobby). We will disembark the boats at the Casa Rio Mexican Restaurant (pictured below) at 6:30PM and we will enjoy our meal in the private veranda room above the Riverwalk. After our meal, you will have time to enjoy seeing the Riverwalk lit up at night as we stroll back to the Westin. Our meal will include tortilla soup (salad for vegetarians), chips & salsa w/guacamole, an enchilada (beef/chicken/cheese) and fajita buffet and assorted mini desserts...iced tea & water included...cash bar available. There is a children's menu.





During the Awards Luncheon we will hear who the lucky women are who have been awarded scholarships, as well as honoring the new Captains with their **Captain's Club** plaques. If you have upgraded this year, please contact Captain Brenda Robinette at CaptainsClub@ISWAP.ORG to be included.

**Need a Roommate?
Willing to Share?
ISA Room Mom at Your Service!**

Contact **Lynn Austin**
isaroomie@hotmail.com

Please email Lynn with your name, contact information, and length of stay. Indicate if you have a reservation and would like a roomie or if you are looking to room with someone who has a reservation. If you have special preferences, please indicate those, as well.
Remember, be flexible!

Once again, it is time to start collecting items for our **Silent Auction and Raffle!** For those of you who have never attended an ISA Convention, the Silent Auction and Raffle are the two biggest fundraisers for our Scholarship program each year. We appreciate every item that members bring to these events, and are always amazed at the variety and creativity of the donations. To make it easier for you to request items from businesses, we have a Donation Request Letter on the website that you can use. ISA is a charitable and educational organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, so donations are fully tax-deductible. All of this is mentioned in the sample letter. Just log on to www.iswap.org, and select "Documents" in the left column. Then, under "Coordinator/Committee docs" click on "View Documents," where you will then find the Donations Request Letter.

I would like to make a couple of gentle suggestions...as coordinator for the Silent Auction and Raffle, it really makes my job a lot easier if you can send me a little information ahead of time. Please let me know via email, marymaxb@hotmail.com: 1) a description of the item(s) you are bringing, 2) retail value for each item, and 3) (if you wish to designate one) a minimum first bid amount. Looking forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio!

Come prepared to Bid High and Bid Often!

Mary Bardon

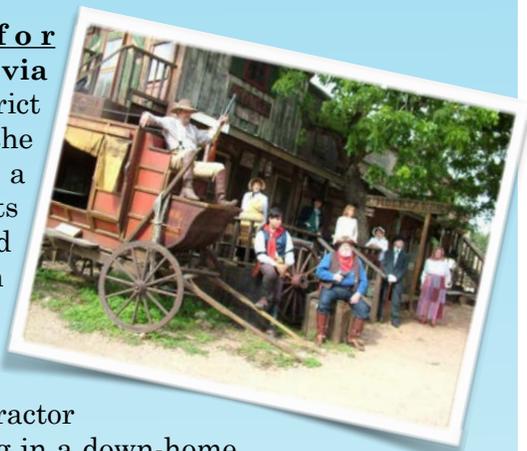
Need ideas for the auction? I'm bringing two HANDMADE BY YOURS TRULY necklace/bracelet sets to the silent auction. Bid 'em up! I've got a LOT of time invested in them.... My favorite things to bid on are: sweet wine kits—jewelry—clothes for normal sized people—long distance trips—books—scarves—pretty blouses, etc. Looking forward to it! If you have any pics of me with HAIR (something that I'd find "cute") I'd bid on that too...! I'll barely be out of the finger in a light socket stage by the time I see you guys again!

Becky Howell

THURSDAY *Optional* Day Trip & Dinner—Early Bird by April 21, 2014:

Extra \$145 Member or Guest/\$135 for children...narrated San Antonio Historic City Tour via bus...

including the Alamo, missions, King William District and then time for shopping and lunch on your own at the Mexican Marketplace. Then we return to the Westin for a short break so you can change clothes, put on your boots and freshen up for a fun-filled evening at the Enchanted Springs Ranch...about a thirty minute ride out of San Antonio to Boerne, Texas. We will enjoy making memories in this old wild west town. You will have an opportunity to take pictures (bring your own camera) with Woodrow, a live, longhorn steer, and ride on a tractor wagon ride around the town and grounds before partaking in a down-home Texas Bar-B-Que in the Six Gun Saloon followed by a live wild-west, pistol packing western show. Yee Haw! (NOTE: We need a minimum of 50 people for this event.)



Our Thursday optional guided tour is going to highlight some of the history of San Antonio. The City of San Antonio is one of the oldest European settlements in Texas and was, for decades, its largest city. Before Spanish colonization, the site was occupied for thousands of years by varying cultures of indigenous peoples. The historic Payaya Indians were likely those who encountered the first Europeans. Development of the Spanish colonial city followed construction of a fort in 1717. A Catholic mission and trading post were also established, and the town developed as the capital of Tejas, a province of colonial Spain. It was the northernmost settlement associated with the Hispanic culture of the Valley of Mexico. After Mexico achieved independence in 1821, Anglo-American settlers entered the region from the United States. In 1835, Anglo-Americans gained control of San Antonio in the fighting that gained independence for the Republic of Texas. In 1846 Texas was annexed by the United States of America and became a state.



For those of you not familiar with San Antonio or the history of the Alamo, the missions, or King William District, here's some information regarding these San Antonio icons: the Alamo is one of the five Spanish missions of Old San Antonio. A chain of five missions established along the San Antonio River (the Riverwalk today) in the 18th century became the largest concentration of Catholic missions in North America. The missions also became economic centers of trade and agriculture, as well as livestock and cattle ranching. They are historic reminders of how San Antonio began.

Four of the missions (San José, San Juan, Concepción, and Espada) were originally founded in East Texas. As they succumbed to drought, malaria, and French incursion they were relocated to San Antonio. The Alamo (1718) was the first, and today, the most widely known of these missions, known as San Antonio de Valero. It was well over 100 years old when it became the focal point for the Battle of the Alamo—fought March 6, 1836. The saying, "Remember the Alamo" is well known. The reason for this saying is that the battle fought at the Alamo has come to symbolize the heroic struggle against impossible odds...a place where men made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. For this reason, the Alamo remains hallowed ground and the Shrine of Texas Liberty.

Visit <http://thealamo.org/> or www.lsjunction.com/facts/missions.htm for more information.

THURSDAY Optional Day Trip, continued

We will also visit Mission San José, which has a visitor center where you can view a short film called, Gente de Razon, which tells the story of life in the missions during the 1700s. The film is shown every thirty minutes. Mission San José also has a museum and bookstore. We will also stop at Mission Concepción. Visit <http://visitsanantonio.com/english/Explore-San-Antonio/Only-in-San-Antonio/The-Alamo/The-San-Antonio-Missions> for more information.

The King William district encompasses land that was once irrigated farm land belonging to the Mission San Antonio de Valero, commonly known as the Alamo. When the mission was secularized in 1793, the lands were divided among the resident Indian families from the mission or sold at public auction. In the 1860s the area was subdivided into lots and laid out with the present streets.



It was about this time in the mid-nineteenth century that a great many Germans, who had immigrated to Texas in the 1840s, began to settle in this area, and it became known as "Sauerkraut Bend" to the rest of San Antonio. The area developed into an idyllic neighborhood of large, impressive houses designed in the Greek Revival, Victorian, and Italianate styles. The main street into the neighborhood was given the name King William in honor of King Wilhelm I, King of Prussia in the 1870s. During World War I, when America was at war with Germany, the name was changed to Pershing Avenue. A few years after the war ended the King William name was restored.

In the early 1900s the King William area began to wane as a fashionable neighborhood, and by 1920 many of the original homebuilders had died and their children moved to other parts of San Antonio. During the 1930s and 1940s the neighborhood declined. Many of the fine old homes were converted into apartments, and only a few of the earlier settlers remained.

Around 1950 the area began to attract a group of people who found its proximity to the downtown business district attractive and who, moreover, recognized the potential of restoration of the fine old houses and smaller cottages. An interest in its preservation of the area was initiated, and it slowly became a "fashionable" and desirable place to live once again. In 1968 the King William neighborhood became San Antonio's first designated historic district. In 1972, King William was listed as a National Register Historic District. Visit www.sanantonio.gov/historic/Districts/King_William.aspx for more information.



Our last stop on this historic city tour will be at the El Mercado or Mexican Marketplace. The rich culture of San Antonio abounds throughout the plazas of Market Square. A three-block outdoor plaza lined with restaurants, shops, and produce stands near San Antonio's city center. Market Square is the largest Mexican market in the US. It is one of America's top-ten outdoor markets according to Frommer's Travel Guidebook. Dozens of shops sell everything from hand-embroidered dresses to leather belts. Market Square's working artists, musicians, dancers, and major cultural events give it a rich and lively cultural atmosphere.

Visitors can browse the 32 shops and 80 specialty stores in the Farmers Market Plaza. You will have time to shop and have lunch on your own before returning to the hotel.

Visit [www.visitsanantonio.com/Browse-Book/Shopping/Market-Square-El-Mercado-\(1\)](http://www.visitsanantonio.com/Browse-Book/Shopping/Market-Square-El-Mercado-(1)) for more information.

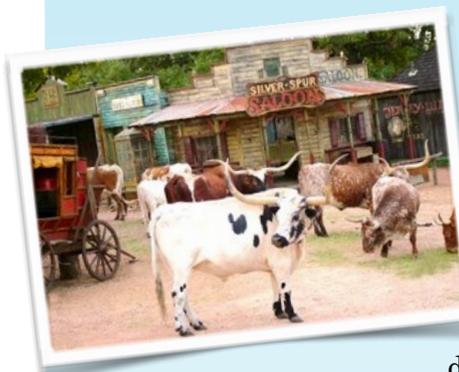
Our Thursday evening activity is at the Enchanted Springs Ranch in Boerne, Texas, about thirty minutes from San Antonio.

The ranch is a strikingly gorgeous parcel of Texas Hill Country. It's an 86 acre working ranch and is home to a herd of Texas Longhorn Steer, horses, buffalo, deer, zebras, and a wide variety of other exotic animals.



The Old West Town on the ranch, as well as the land, has been used in a variety of movies. It has been ranked by True West Magazine as one of the Best Western Movie Sets in the US. The ranch has varied landscapes and the Old West Town consists of over fifty buildings on several streets including a Mexican and Indian Village. Directors and producers frequently critique Enchanted Springs as one of the most authentic and complete western towns available.

The owner, a retired Air Force pilot, wanted to make sure the Old West was never lost. So he offers this special place to those who want to experience a taste of what early Texas life was like. So come on Cowgirls & Cowboys, get your boots & hats and let's kick up our heels and enjoy this once in a lifetime experience! Oprah Winfrey says it's, "One of the Best Family Attractions in the U.S." on her OWN Network.



Upon arrival, you will receive a "Big Texas Cowboy" welcome. As you stroll through town, you will experience a true time warp back to the 1800s. Everyone is invited to have their picture taken with Woodrow, the Longhorn steer (bring your own camera) and ride the tractor wagon. Then a Texas BBQ dinner with all the fixins' and delicious cobbler for dessert will be served just like they did



in the Old West. While live music plays in the Silver Spur Saloon, you can belly up to the cash beer and wine bar for a refreshing drink. The evening will end on a fun-filled note over in the arena (weather permitting, of course) with a Wild West Entertainment show featuring Pistol Packin' Paula demonstrating the skills that won her the World Championship—twice! Target hittin', a trick horse, and some bullwhip techniques will also be included. There will also be a trick roper on hand with tricks on and off his horse. Audience participation throughout the show will be encouraged!



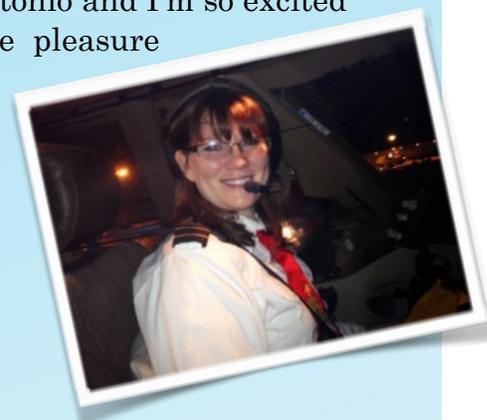
The Texas barbecue dinner will include brisket and chicken, garden salad, scalloped potatoes, beans, bread, BBQ sauce, sliced onions, jalapenos, and pickles, along with fruit cobbler for dessert. Beverages included are complimentary ice tea, water, and coffee (during meal time only). Cash beer and wine bar.

Visit www.enchantedspringsranch.com for more information.

For those of you that will not be joining us for the side trip to Fredericksburg or you just want to make the most of your trip to Texas...feel free to arrive early or stay late. If you are bringing children, there is much to do around San Antonio. Check out www.visitsanantonio.com for ideas for you and your family. Some locals have suggested the Schlitterbahn Water Park, www.schlitterbahn.com, and the Briscoe Western Art Museum, www.briscoemuseum.org. Also, Austin is just a short drive from San Antonio. Visit www.austintexas.org/visit for more information about Austin. Please note, due to the itinerary on the side trip to Fredericksburg on Friday with the winery visits, we are not offering options for children on that side trip.

My hope is that ALL of you have a safe journey to San Antonio and I'm so excited to show y'all these wonderful places that I've had the pleasure of exploring and can't wait for you to experience them too. I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Visit www.iswap.org to REGISTER and for any updated information. Please contact me, Shannon Jipsen, if you have questions at events@iswap.org.



First Time Attendee?

My first conference was Rome in 2011. I wasn't *too* apprehensive, but the thought crossed my mind that many of these women have known each other for thirty-plus years and I only knew *two* of them! *I needn't have given it a second thought.* Everyone was warm and welcoming, and within minutes I knew I had found a great group of like-minded friends. My suggestions to you? *Play it by ear. Have fun. Ask questions.* I got the prize for the most emails to our event's director, but she answered them all patiently and kindly. I didn't know I was supposed to bring my uniform for the group picture, and I didn't know how much the women dressed up for the silent auction, but **I couldn't wait for the next year's conference, and I can't wait for this one in San Antonio.**

Putting this newsletter together, I realized again and again how much time Shannon has invested in this. Please be sure and thank her personally when you see her...it's a lot of work when we are *all* already busy women. The weather should be in the mid-seventies, from what I gathered off the online weather page. Dress styles run the gamut from casual to dressy...think layover clothes, with some special occasion pieces thrown in, especially for the cocktail party. See you there!

Kathy McCullough



MENTORS

We are looking for someone to coordinate our mentors for San Antonio. Also, if you want to be a mentor for a first-timer, please let us know! I did it last year, and met some great new friends. newsletter@iswap.org

Kathy McCullough

Side Trip: Fredericksburg, Texas: May 16-18, 2014.

This side trip will be limited to the first 40 people that register for it.

Planning on driving to the conference or Fredericksburg? Please email Shannon at events@iswap.org before registering for the conference and side trip.

HOTEL: Hangar Hotel...\$159 + taxes per night Single or Double. Note: King beds only. Please call 830-997-9990 and mention ISA+21 for group rates.

Visit www.hangarhotel.com for more information on this unique 1940s style hotel.

Please note we don't have child options on this side trip since we are visiting wineries.

CUTOFF for reservations at the group rate is 5:00PM Central Time on April 18, 2014.

PRICING (Early Bird by April 21, 2014):

\$178pp (Bus transportation to and from Fredericksburg, lunch and dinner on Friday, Wildflower Farm, two winery tours and tastings, Chocolat Factory tour, National Museum of the Pacific War and Rockbox Theater production).

Friday, May 16, 2014:

Leave the Westin at 9:30AM via bus for the Texas Hill Country...also known as Tuscany in Texas. We will travel to a Wildseed Flower Farm, have time to view the beautiful wildflowers and then on to Highway 290...the famous Winery Road. We will arrive at the Becker Winery at noon, have a catered lunch and then enjoy a tasting and tour of this beautiful winery. At 2:45PM drive to the Grapecreek Vineyard. We will enjoy a tour and tasting at this lovely location too. Then on to the Hangar Hotel at 5PM to enjoy dinner and the Officer's Club (cash bar), 6-10PM.

Saturday, May 17, 2014:

Leave the Hangar Hotel at 9:45AM for a tour of the production line of the Chocolat Factory on Main Street at 10AM. You will get to sample some of the yummy, liquid filled chocolates. Then you will have time to visit the National Museum of the Pacific War at your own leisure, shop and enjoy lunch (on your own) in Fredericksburg. The bus will offer two return times to the Hangar Hotel. At 5:45PM we will depart the Hangar Hotel for dinner (on your own) at the Fredericksburg Brewing Co., the oldest brewpub in Texas, offering German and American cuisine. Then we will walk to the Rockbox Theater for a fun evening of entertainment. The bus will return us to the Hangar Hotel around 10:30PM.

Sunday, May 18, 2014:

We will leave via bus from the Hangar Hotel at 9:30AM for the San Antonio Airport arriving at approximately 11AM.

Please plan your departures accordingly.



DESCRIPTION of the SIDE TRIP TO FREDERICKSBURG:

We will leave Friday morning on the optional side trip to Fredericksburg, in the Texas Hill Country, rich with the culture of German Pioneers who settled here over 160 years ago. *Willkommen!* We will begin our journey from San Antonio and stop along the way at the Wildseed Farm just outside of Fredericksburg. The farm has more than 1,000 cultivated acres in Texas and over 200 acres of wildflower fields. You'll have time to view a real working wildflower farm and shop at the Blossoms Boutique and Lantana Nursery. There's also the famous Brewbonnet Biergarten if you choose to partake before lunch and the wineries. Visit www.wildseedfarms.com for more information or to order seed online.



Then we head to the Becker Vineyards. The Beckers began searching for a log cabin to renovate in order to create a hill country getaway from their home in San Antonio. The cabin was discovered in 1990 and along with its 46 acres of raw land. The site was rich with native Mustang grapes, a time honored and essential component of the local German Heritage. In 1992, the first plantings were lovingly placed in the ground. The first harvest in 1995 laid the foundation for what is now just over a 100,000 case per year winery. Becker Vineyards' wine has been served in the stateliest of settings including the White House. The Becker Farms, Inc., employs fifty people and farms 46 acres of estate fruit and lavender along with the famous Stonewall peach orchards. As you make your way down Becker Farms Road, you will take in fields of native wildflowers, peach orchards, and seasonal hay production.



We will enjoy a catered lunch (you will have the option of sandwich or salad and water) on the veranda at the Becker Vineyard. Then we'll tour the winery and have a tasting.

Visit www.beckervineyards.com for more information.



Then we will head to the Grapecreek Vineyard—Tuscany in Texas! As Chris Dunn from Taste Magazine says, "A limestone campanile, or bell tower, stands at the edge of the road silently declaring there is something significant here, something you shouldn't pass by. So you turn onto the gravel drive and wind your way up the hill through rows of Chenin Blanc grapevines until you reach the rustic villa at the top. Its sun-drenched ochre walls, roughhewn, massive wood beams buttressing a dappled clay tile roof, oak-shaded patios, fountain and rows of grapevines stretching toward the horizon are exactly how you pictured Tuscany would be. But you're not in Italy, you're in Fredericksburg, Texas."

Once we arrive we'll board the Grape Creek tram for a short ride to the newly constructed, state-of-the-art production complex. After a scenic ride through the vines, our first stop will be at the crush pad and tank room to see where it all happens. Then we will visit the barrel room and cellar to enjoy an opportunity to taste and contrast the flavors and aromas of wine aging in three different oak barrels. Visit www.grapecreek.com for more information.

Next we head to the Hangar Hotel. Built new from the ground up, the Hangar Hotel was uniquely designed with an exterior appearance of a WWII hangar of the romantic 1940s. This exterior is an understatement of what will be experienced under the beautiful curved metal roof and bright white siding. The Hangar Hotel has gone beyond conventional design criteria by combining fine woods, granite, custom carpet and tile, and unique furnishings, all with a level of detail beyond comparison. The Hangar Hotel is a stylish adult environment featuring airplane memorabilia, model planes, USO history and the romance of the 1940s. Relax amidst the aviation-themed backdrop and experience the Hangar Hotel's service and attention to detail—steeped in the excitement of a bygone era.



After we check into our rooms, which feature mahogany furniture with rattan inserts, comfortable chairs that are made of bomber jacket leather, and New York Library lamps that feature brass shades, and bathrooms that are designed with the woman in mind—feel free to wander around the grounds and find the second floor observation deck. It's a fantastic location to relax and enjoy the view with a beverage before dinner. We will have dinner in one of the Quonset Hut rooms and then have the evening to relax in the Officer's Club (cash bar). The Officer's Club is a perfect place to

make memories at the Hangar Hotel. The mahogany and granite fireplace, soft leather furniture, grand piano and regulation pool table provide a quiet, relaxing environment to share stories and to catch up with friends. What a way to end a fun filled day! But wait, Saturday will be filled with more fun....

Note: The Hangar Hotel offers a full breakfast menu in the diner both Saturday and Sunday mornings starting at 8AM. There also is a complimentary continental breakfast in the lobby. So please plan accordingly both days.

Visit www.hangarhotel.com for more information.





"Imagine perfection manifesting itself as rich, dark, chocolate caressing your taste buds. As the delicate shell gives way, the pure liquid flavor essence cascades into your mouth. A small sigh escapes your lips, your body relaxes and suddenly you remember where you misplaced your smile." From their website, www.chocolat-tx.us the Quintessential Story of the difference in their Chocolat. Quintessential Chocolates specializes in the centuries old art form of casting "Liqueur Praline" or the European style Liquid Center Chocolates (with a sugar crust). The process they use is almost 200 years old. For 18 years, they were the only U.S. manufacturer of this specialty confection. They have been creating these chocolates since

1984. On Saturday morning at 10AM we will get to see the production line of these special chocolates and then you will get to sample some of the treats. You can purchase some that day on location or via their website when you get home.

Then we will head to The National Museum of the Pacific War. This is the only institution in the U.S. dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific and Asiatic Theaters in WWII. The mission of the museum is to honor the eight million Americans who served in the war against Japan and the more than 100,000 who gave their lives. The best way to honor them is to truthfully and respectfully tell the story of their struggles, their sacrifices, and their triumph so that future generations may learn the price of freedom. The mission began in 1968 with the establishment of the original Nimitz Museum in the restored Nimitz "Steamboat" Hotel. You will have time to explore this history at your own pace.

Visit www.pacificwarmuseum.org for more information.

Then you will have the rest of the day to wander up and down Main Street and surrounding streets. There are over 150 shops tucked away that you will have an opportunity to find. From fashion, artisan jewelry, artwork, home decor, and, yes, even lederhosen...have fun finding a treasure to take home with you to remember this unique town. Lunch is on your own today...there's plenty of cuisine to fit everyone's tastebuds! But remember that dinner is at the Fredericksburg Brewing Company...*so don't eat there unless you want it twice.*



Visit www.visitfredericksburgtx.com for more information.



There will be a couple of pick up times from Fredericksburg back to the Hangar Hotel on Saturday. If you're shopped out, or just want to rest before our evening meal and entertainment, then you will be able to head back. You'll get the specifics when we get there.

That evening we will leave the Hangar Hotel at 5:45PM and go to the Fredericksburg Brewing Company for dinner. The Fredericksburg Brewing Company is the oldest brewpub in Texas and has been proclaimed by numerous publications as the “Best in Texas.” The restaurant features award winning fresh ales and lagers brewed on-site, with seasonal specialty brews and German style lagers. The brewing equipment is in full view of all tables in the restaurant. Enjoy a craft brewed beer and some of their fresh, flavorful food...German and American cuisine.



Visit www.yourbrewery.com/index.html for more information and their menu.

Then we will walk to the Rockbox Theater for our evening entertainment. Rockbox was founded in 2007 and is a live-music venue. The theater has entertained thousands of people since then with some of the best songs ever written. Built inside what was originally a furniture warehouse, Rockbox is a state-of-the-art entertainment venue that tastefully preserves the older elements of the building’s industrial roots while adding a refined sense of cleanliness and precision. The next two paragraphs are from their website.

Originally, Rockbox focused on rock ‘n’ roll and the music of the 1950s-1960s, but in 2012, we began adding special events to continue to serve our music loving patrons. These shows feature classic bands that are still touring the nation as well as tribute artists and modern original groups. Examples have included The World Famous Platters, The Diamonds, The Association, a tribute to the Beatles, and country music trio High Valley. Each event is a special chance to enjoy a unique entertainment experience that is truly dedicated to the art of making great music.

So why does the Rockbox exist? Anyone in entertainment knows that it’s a lot of work, but what keeps us going is our desire to release Joy. Whether it’s a laugh-out-loud skit or a heart-wrenching ballad, our vision is to create the most uplifting experience imaginable. That’s what Rockbox is all about. *Releasing Joy through the most uplifting experiences imaginable.*

Visit www.rockboxtheater.com for more information.

After our amazing day in Fredericksburg, we will be transported back to the Hangar Hotel by bus and on **Sunday morning at 9:30AM load the bus for our ride back to the San Antonio airport.** Please plan on departing after 11:30AM for your journey home.



Fredericksburg Winery

Conference Schedule

San Antonio will be on Central Daylight Savings time when we arrive.

Tuesday, May 13, 2014:

8:30AM-12:30PM/BOD Meeting/La Babia Room...Members Welcome to attend

12:30PM-6PM Free time

Enjoy The Woodhouse Spa/Riverwalk Shops, etc.

6PM-10PM Welcome Reception and Silent Auction

(Olivares Room, Goraz Room, and patio) Bring your cocktail dress!

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, dessert (included in pricing) and Cash Bar

NOTE: No Children or guests under age of 21 due to alcohol being served.

Wednesday, May 14, 2014:

7:30AM-8:30AM Breakfast (included in pricing for Members and Guests)

(Camino Room)

8:30AM-12:00PM Business Meeting-MEMBERS ONLY (Camino Room)

9:30AM-11:30AM...HALP/Guests and Children—

Tour of Tower of Americas (Optional)

12:00PM-1PM Group Photo Shoot (photo included in pricing for Members)

1PM-3:00PM Luncheon (included in pricing for all) Camino Room

Afternoon: Free to explore Riverwalk/Spa Service in Woodhouse Spa

5:15-6:30PM Narrated Riverboat Cruise (included in pricing for all)

Meet in Lobby

6:30PM-8:30PM Dinner at Casa Rio on the Riverwalk

(included in pricing for all)

Thursday May15, 2014:

9:30AM-3:30PM Optional day tour...Narrated SAT City Tour on bus

5:15-10:30PM Enchanted Springs Ranch/Wild West Town, Dinner & Show

THINGS to REMEMBER:

*** Book Westin and Hangar Hotel rooms by April 18, 2014.**

*** Early Bird Registration Cut-off date: Midnight Eastern Time, April 21, 2014.**

Conference registration prices increase to \$280 for Members/\$260 for Guests/\$75 for Children. Thursday side trip pricing increases to \$195 for Members/Guests and \$135 for children.

*** Late Registration Cut-off date: Midnight Eastern Time, May 3, 2014. * Early Bird Registration Cut-off date for Fredericksburg Side Trip: Midnight Eastern Time, April 21, 2014.**

Price increases to \$228 for Member or Guest after this date.

*** 100% Refund by midnight Eastern time, April 27, 2014**

*** 50% Refund by midnight Eastern time, May 3, 2014 * No Refunds after May 3, 2014**

For the Business Meeting and Group Photo, please remember to wear your uniform (no hats needed) or business casual (black or dark blue slacks or skirt with a white blouse if your uniform is AWOL). We would like a professional look for our official ISA Group Photo. Any 5x7 inch small group photos can be purchased on Wednesday, May 14, for a cash price of \$10 per photo.

Chairwoman's Report

What a year is in store for ISA! Our dynamic Board is working hard to ensure ISA's growth and health. The soon-to-be WAI event will again distinguish us as a premier donor and flashpoint for women coming into the field of airline pilot.

Thanks to the hard work of our Scholarship Chair, Tiana Daugherty, scholarship application numbers have soared. With Women in Aviation, we are better able to advertise ISA's scholarships, as well as increase our membership numbers. Our selection process is difficult now, with so many competent, capable young women vying for our type ratings. Our scholarship graduates are highly competitive in the pilot job-market.

We are signing up new members and welcoming renewals with the continuing efforts of Membership Chair Mary Ana Gilbert. She has successfully worked the ISA website to simplify both sign up and renewal processes. A new auto-renewal feature has been enabled and will auto-renew your membership on the anniversary of your joining. Reminders will still be sent out to you, so if you wish to disable auto-renew or change your credit card, you will be reminded to do so.

WAI Event Chair Linda Friedman has built an energetic committee for the Women in Aviation Conference. This year, the committee is setting up a new display, complete with new professional artwork. We are also trying out an updated ISA logo—much the same as before, but with a more modern aircraft in our symbol. This altered logo will debut at WAI, and will also be rolled out at the May Conference's General Business Meeting for your comments and support.

We hope you can stop by the Women in Aviation Conference in Orlando to join our ISA Social on Friday night. More importantly, we are looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Nancy "N2" Novaes

The photo below, was taken September 19, 2012 at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Denise Terpsta was aboard the Shuttle Carrier Aircraft with the Space Shuttle Endeavour sitting right above her head by about 10 feet! Thanks, Denise, for scheduling ISA volunteers at the WAI booth in Orlando next month.



ISA+21 is a charitable, non-profit organization of career women airline pilots whose purpose is to: celebrate camaraderie; support informational exchange and social interaction among its members in a healthy environment; provide aviation scholarship opportunities for career-seeking women; and inspire future generations of women aviators via educational outreach.

Linda Friedman,
right.



I have attended many wonderful ISA conventions with Suzanne Skeeters. As a guest everyone has always made me feel so warm and welcomed. I have always appreciated the camaraderie, friendships, and kindnesses that have been bestowed upon me! This past year was no exception.

In a land far, far away, Budapest, Hungary, ISA convention 2013, Suzanne and I got word that my mom, Ofelia Alvarez, was in critical condition in the hospital in Santa Maria, California. We had to make some fast decisions about staying or leaving. We departed on a Wednesday morning. As I reflect on the past year, I keep thinking of all of you, the ISA family. I will never, ever, forget each and every one of you that expressed your kindness and caring ways on some very difficult days. Thanks so much to all of you.

When we arrived in Santa Maria, we were very happy to be with Mom. She spent several days in CCU and was able to go home. She improved and peaked. Mom maintained for six months but passed on November 20, 2013 at age 84.

Mom attended the ISA convention in Kona, Hawaii with happiness in 2006! She was always so proud of our Captain Suzanne Skeeters, aviation and the opportunities that each and every one of you have had.

May all of you continue to be blessed in many ways.

Sincerely, Delia Domingues



Pictured left: Delia's mom—Ofelia Alvarez, Suzanne Skeeters, and Delia Domingues.



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