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The COVID-19 crisis, unfortunately, rages on with no definitive end in sight. People across the world continue to fall ill and, in some cases, lose their battle with the virus. The economic fallout from the pandemic has been catastrophic in many sectors, most notably the travel industry. Our beloved airline industry has seen record low load factors, fleet retirements, and lost revenue resulting in mass furloughs, early retirements and, in some cases, airlines being grounded permanently. These difficulties have touched most, if not all, of our ISA+21 sisters in some way, to varying degrees. In any crisis, a key element to survival is to lean on a support network and know when to ask for help, even if that help is as simple as a kind word or a “virtual hug”. As ISA+21 members, we are very fortunate, because we truly do have a built-in support network in the friends we have made in this great organization.

Your Board of Directors would like to remind you that your ISA+21 sisters are here for you! That support takes many forms. We maintain a Membership Directory on our website with member contact information. Please do not underestimate the value of contact with your sisters, be it just to say ‘hi’, or to network for opportunities. It’s amazing what a glass of wine with a friend over FaceTime or Skype can do for our mental health and outlook!

The Board is also working on a Furlough Fund to offer assistance to members who may find themselves in need of some help in these difficult times. Details on the fund and what help may be available will be announced in the coming weeks. Additionally, as you all know, the Board made the decision to go forward with our 2020 Annual Conference. This decision was not made lightly given the travel restrictions that will make it impossible for many of our members to get to Louisville. For those who are unable to join us, we are investigating virtual options and streaming video for some of the events for those interested in joining us from afar. We are hoping these unprecedented efforts will help our members feel connected, even if they can’t be with us in person.

As some of our communications have indicated, your ISA+21 Board has spent much of the last year working diligently on some exciting new projects. Our goal is to expand the reach of ISA+21 both internally and externally while maintaining the camaraderie, sisterhood and generosity that have been the cornerstone of our organization for many decades. In the coming months, we will be unveiling some of our new initiatives, all of which are designed with the goal of fulfilling our exciting updated ISA+21 Mission Statement:

“The International Society of Women Airline Pilots is the Global Voice to Inspire, Support and Advocate for Female Airline Pilots”

We look forward to sharing our initiatives with you in the coming weeks.. stay tuned! In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy and remember, as a member of ISA+21, you have Friends All Over the World.

Tara Traynor Cook
ISA+21 Chairwoman



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