



Buzz Notes

November 2018

Christmas Party
Date and Location Change

Saturday,

December 8, 2018

1:00 - 4:00 pm

*Please bring food items in a dish ready
to set on the table for all to share!*

Thank you!



CHANGE OF LOCATION: Home of Aggie Clarke

5321 Bent Tree Drive

Dallas, TX 75248

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy and a small, stuffed animal. Toys will go to "Toys for Tots" so that many children will have a gift this year! Stuffed animals will go to the DFW USO. Also, don't forget to bring a snack for all to share!

Travel East off Dallas North Tollway on Keller
Springs/Westgrove and continue on service road to Westgrove,
Turn left on Bent Tree Drive to 5321

A Word from Our President, Jean Jordan



Happy Thanksgiving, Clipped B's! Hope the holidays are filled with family, great food and safe travels.

Our October salad luncheon was hosted by Aggie Clarke in her beautiful home in Dallas. Forty-eight B's and Captain Maynard attended.

The Christmas party will also be held at the home of Aggie Clarke on **Saturday, December 8, 2018**, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

This is a change from what is in our directory!

Our May luncheon will be on Friday, May 3, 2019, at Bent Tree Country Club from 11:00 – 2:30 p.m.

We will continue the May luncheon at the Marriott Courtyard for drinks, debrief, and dinner. Hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events. Invite another Clipped B! We are all Clipped B's because we worked for the best airline ever!

If you would like to volunteer to be on the board for the coming year of 2018 – 2019, please contact me on or before November 30, 2018.

Jean Jordan, President, Clipped B's



Event Calendar For the Clipped B's Mark Your Calendars

Christmas Party:	Saturday, December 8, 2018 , 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION CHANGE!!!	<u>Aggie Clarke's home</u> , 5321 Bent Tree Drive, D/T 75248
Braniff Retirement Club Christmas Party:	Sunday, September 9, 2018, 11:00 – 2:00 Frontier of Flight Museum, Love Field **
Board Meeting:	Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 11:15 a.m.
All Clipped B's invited	Spring Creek Barbeque, 12835 Preston Road, D/T 75230
March Luncheon:	Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
(For all Clipped B's!)	Liz Wahlquist's Home, 46 Downs Lake Circle, D/T 75230
Board Meeting:	Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 11:15 a.m.
(All of you B's – "Bee" there!)	Spring Creek Barbeque, 12835 Preston Road, D/T 75230
Spring Luncheon	Friday, May 3, 2019, 11:00 a.m. Bent Tree Country Club

A fantastic buffet luncheon will be provided and you never know WHO might just drop by for a visit. The cost per person is \$27.00 USD. Please print your name(s) clearly and mail your check, payable to Braniff Retirement Club, to Sally Campbell at 3207 Waldrop, Dallas, TX 75229. You must have your reservation and payment sent to Sally Campbell **no later than December 4, 2018. Questions? 214-357-2179 (Sally's number)

**Salad Bar Party
Aggie Clarke's Home
Wednesday, October 3, 2018**



**Helen Adair, Sandra Glasscock, Mary Sue Seibold,
Fran Blanchard, Sue Golden**



**Linda Clayton, Liz Wahlquist, Mary Lacy,
Avionne Ribelin**



Jean Swindell and Barbara DeMoulin-Wojcik



**Pat Dixon, Millie Maulden, JoAnn Burroughs,
Aggie Clarke. Barbara Burnett!**

Salad Bar Party Pictures, continued . . .



Jean Jordan, Terry Daniel, Lynda Leachman, Judy Giles



**Joyce Martin, Janice Black, Don Maynard,
Beth Lewallen, Tanya Mitschke**



Linda Clayton And Mark Mark Welch



**Leslie Wagner, Helen Sandlin, Janice Black, Fran
Blanchard**



Anne Bradford and Carole Rambo



**Front: Fran Blanchard, Anrian Ricks, Helen Sandlin,
Janice Black
Back: Leslie Wagner, Dee Kirkpatrick**

The Year was 1982

And this is a true Story

Written by Suzanne "Sue" Birk Maddock, Braniff Flight Attendant from 1965 - 1967

It was a very dark and bitter cold night in January. The officers on the midnight shift at a local Police Department had just come on duty. There were several officers assigned to that shift, including a rookie cop who had graduated from the Police Academy only nine weeks previously. Still officially in training, the new officer was assigned that night to ride with the Sergeant (Shift Supervisor) under his direction and supervision for the next eight hours.

Approximately 15 minutes into the shift, the dispatcher informed all units that an armed robbery had just occurred at the 7-11 store not far from where the Supervisor's car was located. Upon arrival the Sergeant was informed by an unharmed but very shaken clerk that the gunman had just left! After receiving some vital information from the clerk, the Sergeant and his rookie officer took off at full speed in an attempt to catch this felony offender. It didn't take long to spot the white van, as described by the 7-11 clerk, heading westbound from the scene of the crime. With several police vehicles now in pursuit of the suspect, the chase was on.

It became very obvious early on that a very serious situation was in the making. However, as the suspect approached the ramp onto a major freeway, every one of the officers in pursuit was stunned by what happened next. The suspect, with no regard to his or anyone else's safety, proceeded up the ramp at a high rate of speed going westbound in the eastbound lanes of traffic! At that point, the Sergeant gave the order to his other pursuit units to shoot out the suspects tires for the safety of all concerned. Multiple shots were fired at the van, but all actions were ineffective. The van kept on going. As oncoming traffic was dodging the vehicle to avoid a head-on collision, the Sergeant instructed the rookie officer riding in the Sergeant's speeding vehicle to "take him out." With complete understanding of what that meant and with no hesitation, the rookie rolled down the passenger side window and with weapon in hand aimed at the suspect's head and pulled the trigger. A split second later the van drifted directly in front of the Sergeant's car, crossing a lane or two before rolling to a complete stop in a grassy area just off the freeway.

Several police units in the pursuit had observed what had just happened. All the officers quickly stopped their units, jumped from their vehicles with guns in hand, and stormed the disabled van. To everyone's amazement, the van was empty! How could this be? Everyone saw the exact same thing: the shot fired at the suspect's head, the immediate reaction to the shot, the vehicle rolling to a stop, and no one exiting the van!! Fortunately for all concerned, a witness who had seen everything that transpired during the last minute of the incident, pointed to the suspect hiding in some weeds, lying flat on the ground in a totally unlighted area. How no one ever saw the guy exit the van remains a mystery to this day. The police did, however, get their man and NO ONE got hurt!

Did I say, they got their man? Well, not really. As it turned out, the "man" who committed this felony was a 16 year old African-American boy. The weapon that was used in the commission of this crime was never located, even after an extensive search going from the crime scene to the point of the arrest. It was eventually presumed by law enforcement that the so-called "weapon" used in the 7-11 robbery was most likely a hand gesture under the suspect's overcoat to make the clerk think he had a gun.



Lastly, how did the suspect not end up with a bullet in his skull due to a well-aimed shot at close range? As part of the crime scene investigation, every bullet hole in the van was examined. It was determined that each hole was made by a fairly large caliber bullet. Only one officer on that shift carried a .38 caliber revolver. And why did it not get the job done? As it turned out, the trajectory was completely accurate. However, the "headshot bullet" that was fired had lodged itself into the metal webbing of this old van directly behind the suspect's head. It simply did not have enough power to go through the metal.

So, whatever happened to this kid? Who knows! I do know he lived to see another day because of a very, very unlikely scenario and twist of fate. What happened to this rookie officer? I can answer that question. A new, larger caliber handgun eventually replaced the .38 caliber Colt Revolver. The rookie, within days of the incident purchased a bullet-proof vest that was worn every single day on duty while working in the Patrol Division. This officer spent another two and a half years with the Euless, Texas, Police Department before spending the next twenty-one years with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office where she (yes, she) retired in 2005. Sue Maddock never again discharged her weapon in the line of duty!

The Year was 1982 . . . Continued



Note: Suzanne “Sue” Birk Maddock was a Braniff Flight Attendant from 1965 - 1967, leaving the airline to marry Braniff Pilot, Frank Maddock. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in April of this year. Sue is still an active Clipped B in the Dallas Chapter!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT BRENDA TAYLOR



Brenda is a native Texan who moved to the Lewisville area in 1986. She has volunteered at the Senior Activity Center since she retired her wings. She became a dedicated flight attendant when she was 20 years old with Braniff International and retired from American Airlines in 2013. Her continued dedication and commitment to anything she touches has been prevalent in her volunteering at our front desk, to oversee Bingo on Tuesdays, Bunco on Wednesdays, delivering Meals on Wheels to the local residents and developing and instructing a “Mindfulness” class. She received the 2017 award for volunteer of the year at the Greater Lewisville Community Theater.

Her best friend Oliver is a precious two-year old Cocker Spaniel and one of the great joys of her life. She has one son who is happily married with 3 children and she is very thankful they live nearby. Brenda considers the Senior Activity Center her second home. She can be seen here 5 days a week playing Mexican Train, enjoying friends on Thursday afternoons during Sing ‘A’ Long, practicing as a Chameleon Chair Volleyball teammate and coach or serving the center in her newly elected position as Chairperson of the Senior Advisory Board.

Thank you Brenda! We appreciate your dedication and all that you do to help make the Senior Activity Center a great place for all to visit.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Please welcome new members and rejoiners (add to your directory):

Michele, Michele (69-81); 2115 19th Street, Galveston, TX; email - mackxtwo@yahoo.com; 214-603-8794; b'day 1/1
Buffington, Martha, (72-75); 1053 Quail Ct., Hood River, OR 97031; email – msbuff@gmail.com; 858-254-8975

Additions and Corrections to Yearbook:

Address Change: **PETRICKA** Jackie Williams, 1201 Hancock St., #208, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Email Change: Dianne Harrington - dianestrans@sbcglobal.net

Get Well Wishes to:

Carol Thomas, who broke her arm three months ago. She is currently in Physical Therapy.

Mary Lou Throneberry, who fell at church and cracked her tail bone. She's been in rehab and is slowly getting better, but still using a walker.

Sympathy to:

The family of Lewis Murphy Wilson, who passed away on September 3. Born in Breckenridge, Texas on Oct. 19, 1921, he grew up in San Angelo. He began flying in 1940 in the Civilian Pilot Training course sponsored by the Federal government and in his case run by San Angelo Junior College. In September of 1942 he graduated from CAA Standardization Center in Houston, Texas (Now FAA Standardization Center in Oklahoma City) under contract to the Army Air Corps who assigned him to Braniff Airways where he spent 38 years, starting as a DC-3 co-pilot and ending as a Boeing-747 captain. He flew domestically and internationally to South America, Europe, and Asia. He was vice-president and president of Braniff Silver Eagles, Braniff's retired pilots' organization.

The family of Earl Hudman, husband of Clipped B member Ruthie Hudman (58-64), died on October 1 after a brief illness. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, October 10 at Park Cities Baptist Church.

The family of Bob Gunn, who passed away on October 11, 2018. The memorial service was on October 27 at Grace Presbyterian Church.

The family of Dan Clark, who passed away on Wednesday, October 11. Dan Clark began his professional life in the Marine Corps. He was hired by Braniff in 1967. Post Braniff found Dan at Piedmont Airlines and USAir after the merger. Dan retired in 1995 and was living in Bedford, TX with his wife, Trudy. He was 83 years old when he passed away.

The family of Jean Bryant Strasavich (59-61 DAL), whose son, Martin Anthony, passed away in September. He was a proud Marine and served in Iraq. Cards can be sent to Bob and Jean at 41031 Port Royal, Dallas, TX 75244.

The family of Gayle Hodges, whose father passed away recently from kidney failure. He just turned 94.

IN MEMORIAM:

KNAPP, JEANNE, who flew for Braniff in the 1960's out of MSP (former president of that chapter), passed away Sunday, September 9th, 2018. If you knew her, and would like to send a card to her daughter, I'm sure she would appreciate it. Kimberly Boyce, 8435 NE 137th St., Kirkland, WA 98034-1719.

SPOTTS, ALINE LILES, 89, a long-time resident of Jackson, Mississippi, passed away on September 24th in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Aline was born in Bruce, Mississippi, on Feb 12, 1929. Following her graduation from Ole Miss, Aline moved to Dallas, Texas, where she worked as a stewardess for Braniff Airways. On June 6, 1950, Aline married William Max Spotts. The couple lived in Tyler, Texas, before returning to Jackson, where they reared their four children.

WILLIAMS, BARBIE, (1975 – 1982 DAL) passed away unexpectedly from complications of knee surgery.

MOORE-WILSON, RUTH EDNA Wilson was born August 24, 1917 and died peacefully on September 18, 2018 in Austin, Texas, the same city where she was born 101 years earlier. After graduation from nursing school and several years of nursing at Seton Hospital, Ruth began flying in 1943 as a stewardess for Braniff Airways. Braniff at the time only hired RNs for the position. She got the job in part because of a letter of recommendation from a young politician named Lyndon Baines Johnson who had received exceptional care from her during his brief stay in the hospital.

Her obituary is quite interesting if you care to go online and take a look!

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?n=ruth-moore-wilson&pid=190471343>

JOHNSON HESS, SHIRLEY IRENE, born January 26, 1929, passed away on October 22, 2018. Shirley was born in Sioux City, Iowa. After college, she then started her career in education by teaching English and Algebra at Canistota High School, in Canistota, SD. After two years of teaching, Shirley switched gears to see a little more of the world. She took a position as a stewardess for Braniff International Airways and made numerous trips to Havana, Cuba. After she married, she returned to teaching. A remembrance will be held November 10, 2018 in Irvine, CA



A Word from Your Publisher

Hope you enjoyed your November 2018 issue of the Buzz Notes! Many thanks to Sue Maddock for her “compelling” article! It’s so fun to share our “after Braniff” stories. Please let me know if you have a special story to share! You may email me at kathylgn@yahoo.com with stories, news and updates! And, as always, if you see something that needs correcting, please let me know! Thanks!

THE CLIPPED B’S BUSINESS PAGES

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