



Buzz Notes

February 2022



March Business Lunch

Location Change!

The Original Pancake House

Wednesday,

March 2, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Open to all Members!

Please join us!

Location: The Original Pancake House
Corner of Northwest Highway and Midway Road
4343 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX

We encourage all members of the Clipped B's to come to this meeting! We will have a short business meeting, but this lunch is primarily for visiting and seeing as many of our former flying buddies as possible!

Lunch is each B's expense.
Individual checks will be provided.

A Word from Our President

Jean Jordan, President



Happy 2022 Clipped B's. I'm looking forward to a great 2022 for our club, and especially excited about our Spring Luncheon on Friday, May 6, 2022.

Our luncheon will be held at Maggiano's North Park from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Maggiano's is family style Italian Food. See more info below.

The December Christmas Party was so much fun at the Flight Museum and the food were big hits. We hope to see everyone soon at one of our fun parties!

Thanks again to the board who have agreed to stay one more year. Thanks to the best board ever!

If you haven't found the Clipped B's on Facebook, our new group has 607 members and the memories and conversations are so much fun! Check us out! "Braniff Clipped B's" is the Facebook name. Simply answer a few easy questions, and Barbara Burnett or I will add you to the group. This is a private, closed group.

Happy 2022 and I hope to see everyone soon at one of our many events!

Jean Jordan



Upcoming Club Activities Mark Your Calendars

March Business Lunch:

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 11:00 am
New Location: The Original Pancake House,
NW Highway & Midway, Dallas

April Board Meeting:

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 11:00 am
The Original Pancake House, NW Highway & Midway

Spring Luncheon:

Friday, May 6, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant in the ballroom at North Park Mall, corner of NW Hwy and Central Expressway
Valet Parking Provided! Please be prepared to tip driver.
Debrief continues at Maggiano's from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Bar**

****This year our Spring Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 6 at 11:00 am. The room we have reserved holds up to 200 people so we have plenty of room. After the luncheon, we will move across the hall for our debriefing! No need to travel to another location this year! Maggiano's will have appetizers available and wine and beer for our debriefing! More information will follow regarding overnight accommodations in the April issues of the Buzz Notes. More reservation information to follow in the April issue of the Buzz Notes.**

Christmas Party at Frontiers of Flight Museum

Clipped B's Annual Christmas party was held on December 10, 2021, at the Frontiers of Flight Museum. There were 82 B's in attendance. A group of Houston Clipped B's joined us this year and they hope to attend the May luncheon! We were long overdue for a gathering so, needless to say, we had a wonderful time! And the food was fabulous!! Thanks to our Hospitality Committee for always doing such a wonderful job of organizing, setting up, and cleaning up!! Aafter the luncheon, Amber Laws took an extra platter of sandwiches/cookies to a nearby fire station. She said about 8 gorgeous guys were very appreciative!



**Check-in Table – Flight Museum
Upstairs near the Braniff Exhibit**



**Joanie Stavig, Patricia Talbot
Katy Kirby, Carolyn Epps Richardson**



Carol Thomas and Joyce Langford



**Aggie Clark, Lynda Leachman,
Sandra Glasscock, Mary Mark Welch**

Christmas Party Photos, Continued



**Tanya Mitschke, Floyd Corsey
Pam Adams, Margie Evans, Fran Blanchard**



**Babs Crombie, Barbara Colletti, Beth Lewallen,
Jean Jordan, Susie Mohr.**

Beth, thank you for the beautiful centerpieces!



**Susie Hassell Holmquist, ???, Kay Gehm, Candy
Hearne, Gail Coyle, Mr. Elliott, Jaime Bunch Elliott,
Sandy Nelson Price, Sandi Ray**



**Linda Haygood, Rose Ella McCleary, Marcella Gleason
Mary Mark Welch, Mary Ann Wright**



**Patsy Martin, Sandra Glasscock, Amber Laws, Lynda
Leachman, ???, Aggie Clarke**



Amber Laws, Tom Wojcik, Jim Brice

Christmas Party Photos, Continued



**Penny Puetz, Maxine Stone, Alex Travis,
Leslie Wagner, Lichin Howard, Tita Sih**



**Judy Giles, Marcella Gleason,
Michelle Flashnick**



Clipped B's are incredible cooks!! What a spread!



**Judy King & Amber Laws
Hard working duo!!**

BI Retirement Club

The Spirit of Braniff's Mexico Christmas Party

Sunday, December 5, Frontiers of Flight Museum

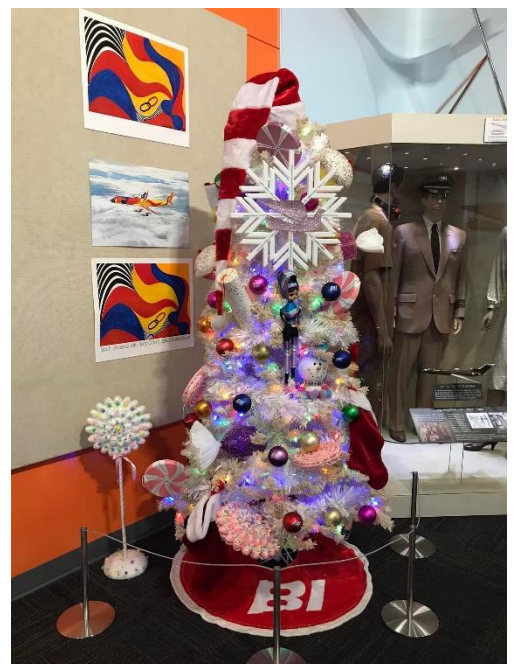
The annual Braniff Retirement Club Christmas Party was held at Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field on Sunday, December 5, 2021. It was well attended by many of our Clipped B's.



Sue Maddock, Elizabeth Bentley, Susie Mohr, Jean Jordan, Kathy Logan-Smith, Judy Giles, Tanya Mitschke



Elizabeth Bentley, Judy Giles, Barbara Collette
Tanya Mitschke, Susie Mohr, Jean Jordan



Remembering One of Our FAs

Flight Attendant, Linda Pickett Pearson



Linda Pearson, 73, died November 26, 2021, while out for a walk with her Maltese rescue dog, Precious (aka, Angel). With sadness we learned that Linda was tragically killed when she was struck by two teens who were street racing in East Dallas. Linda was walking her dog near her home in the afternoon of November 26. Both Linda and her dog were killed. The two teens, ages 18 and 19, are now in custody.

Linda was born on June 3, 1948, in Fort Scott, KS. Even with a birth weight of less than 6 pounds, Linda was tiny but mighty, and she fought her way back to life after a collapsed lung required her to stay in the hospital several weeks after her mother had been discharged.



Linda eventually made a full recovery and returned to the family home in Fulton, KS, where she was greeted by a five-year-old sister, Sandra Sue. Linda was doted on and soon grew into the fattest-cheeked cherubic baby you ever did see. At that time, the Pickett family owned and operated the local telephone company. One of the most important jobs of the phone company back then was to sound the alarm to alert the town in case of fire or other emergencies. When their brother, Tom, was born, 5-year-old Linda and 10-year-old Sue took it upon themselves to sound the alarm and alert the entire town about his birth. This was known as the first electric birth announcement.

Around that time, there was increasing demand for electricians to aid in the building of dams along the Columbia River in Washington State. So, in 1957 the Pickett family sold the phone company, pulled up stakes and emigrated to Quincy in Central Washington. While in Quincy, Linda was actively involved in many organizations, including cheerleading, Camp Fire, Rainbow Girls, and Eastern Star. She graduated from Quincy High School in 1966, and after a brief period at Central Washington State College, Linda left home to pursue her dream of becoming a flight attendant.



In 1968, she was invited to join Dallas-based Braniff International, famous for its brightly patterned uniforms and accessories designed by the world-famous Emilio Pucci.

After a five-year marriage that produced son, Josh T. Pearson, and daughter, Shashana Lyn Pearson, Linda returned to Washington State, where the family of three lived for the next 4 years. During their time there, the family experienced many memory-making events, not the least of which was the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980.

Remembering One of Ours, Continued

Linda Pearson

In 1982, Linda, Josh, and Shashana moved back to the North Texas area, and settled in Keller. During the early to mid-80s, Linda pursued various careers, including sales for Christian radio station KPBC, and as a film and television actress, which landed her background roles in a Superbowl commercial and on two episodes of 1980s megahit, Dallas, among others. She often told the story that while on the set of Dallas, Larry Hagman would wear a hat with a battery-operated fan to combat the heat. And one time, Patrick Duffy stopped to tell her that the top button at the nape of her neck was unbuttoned (she swooned a bit over that one).

Linda was later hired to work for the second incarnation of Braniff International, this time as a supervisor in charge of training flight attendants. This position would later serve as the foundation for the company she started in 1988 called SafeAir Services. Through SafeAir she taught passenger-safety training to frequent flyers and corporate travelers such as the staff and executives from JC Penney and Texas Instruments using the mockup fuselage of an airplane cabin that she bought and reconstructed with her own hands. Through her work with SafeAir, she produced a training video called Traveling with Confidence and garnered enough attention to be featured in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, and Towne & Country and Details magazines.

Linda was also a featured guest on a 1992 safety episode of the Oprah Winfrey Show. By around 1996, she had dissolved SafeAir, working briefly as a flight-safety consultant before transitioning into a technical writer, where she spent the rest of her career.

Writing of any sort was always Linda's passion and remained so her entire life. She completed several manuscripts, screenplays, a fully formed musical about Queen Esther called For Such a Time as This, as well as a spoken-word performance called On the Wings of the Wind.

Linda was a bigger-than-life character, a devout Christian, a gardener, an inventor, a survivalist, a creative, a loving dog mom, a devoted grandmother. We are so grateful that she was able to know and love her grandchildren so well, taking them on walks at the lake, to tour the Dallas Cowboys stadium, attending all their special events, and making Christmas extra special. They will forever benefit from having known and loved her well. There was nobody like her, and there will never be again. All the good parts of her will continue on through them. They are her legacy.

Linda is survived by her son Josh T. Pearson (Austin, TX); daughter Shashana Pearson-Hormillosa (Dallas, TX) and husband Tony Hormillosa, granddaughter Floriana, and grandson Eliah; sister Sandee Kirkwood (Richfield, WA) and husband Al; brother Tom Pickett (Richland, WA) and wife Nancy; nieces, nephews, friends, and a myriad of grands-in-law who affectionately called her Nana Linda. She was deeply loved and will be deeply, deeply missed.

If desired, memorials may be made in her name to the North Texas Food Bank (<https://give.ntfb.org>) or East Lake Pet Orphanage (<https://www.eastlakepetorphanage.com/donate>).

CLIPPED B NEWS!

Prayers and Sympathy to:

The family of Norwood Band, 11/23/20. US Marine Corp, Pilot for Braniff International, Piedmont Airlines, US Air, Citation Jet, and Trojan Phlyers. Survived by wife, Marsha Band, three children, and five grandchildren. Services were held at First United Methodist Church in Richardson on December 3.

The family of Hugh Roberts Benton, a Braniff pilot, who passed away on December 8, 2021. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

The family of Charles Conrad Monch, Pilot for Braniff and, later, United Airlines. He retired in 1996 as a captain.

In Memoriam:

Teena C. (Houseman) Sagely, 73 of Van Buren, Arkansas, died November 12, 2021 at Mercy Hospital Fort Smith, Arkansas. She was born August 11, 1948 in Kansas City, Missouri. Teena was employed by Braniff Airlines as a flight attendant and after raising her kids she served on the Van Buren City Council for two terms. For many years, Teena served at St. Edwards/Mercy Hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas and was beloved by her NICU family. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Ocker Memorial Chapel, Van Buren, Arkansas with burial at Gracelawn Cemetery in Van Buren.

Jeanne DeVee Omundson of Holiday Island, Arkansas, was born April 6, 1936, in Dickinson, North Dakota. She graduated in 1960 from the University of Montana in Missoula. Jeanne passed away Monday, October 25, 2021, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the age of 85. Jeanne was a founding member of the Meals on Wheels organization helping seniors and others in need of daily nutritional assistance in Anoka as well as the surrounding area in North Suburban Minneapolis. Jeanne was a hostess (flight attendant) for Braniff Airways prior to her marriage. Her closest friend, Dayle Bright, of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, dates back to their Braniff days. Funeral service were held on November 11 (Veterans Day) at 2:00 at St. James Episcopal Church in Eureka Springs.

Linda Pearson, 73, died November 26, 2021, while out for a walk with her Maltese rescue dog, Precious (aka, Angel). Her tragic story was covered on the major TV networks. Her obituary is on **Page 7 and 8** of this issue of the Buzz Notes.

Timothy Dale Stevens, 66, passed away on November 30, 2021. Born in Lawrenceville, Illinois, he went to school in Memphis, Texas and later in Booker and Amarillo due to his father serving various communities in Texas as a preacher. After school and some college, he ended up in Dallas working for Neiman Marcus. While in Dallas, he then decided to move to New York and worked there as a flight attendant for Braniff International Airways and Global Air Charters. After 12 years in the airline industry, Tim opened a gift shop in New York. As his health was declining, he closed the store and moved back to Amarillo to be close to his parents.

Rilla "Mema" Knutson was born in 1936 and died January 4, 2022. Rilla grew up in Denver and graduated from South High School where she met her future husband. After graduation from Stephens College she became a stewardess for Braniff Airlines. She enjoyed flying and the life-long friends she made! She married the love of her life in 1956, and was blessed with three daughters. Celebration of her Life was held on January 24, 2022, in Lakewood, Colorado.

Shirley (Smith) Eye, age 86, of Shawnee, Kansas passed away surrounded by family on December 3rd, 2021. Shirley was born July 26th, 1935, in Smithville, Arkansas. Shirley was an airline stewardess for Braniff Airlines in the late 1950's, which brought her to the Kansas City area where she lived the remainder of her life. She married the love of her life, Pete Eye, in 1990. A private family service was held December 10th in Lenexa, Kansas.

In Memoriam (Continued):

Linda Lee Hicks born January 17, 1944, died January 26, 2022. A visitation was held on Saturday, January 29th in Olathe, KS. Burial to follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Overland Park, KS. Linda graduated from St. Teresa High School & attended Avila College. Linda worked for Braniff International Airlines, as a flight attendant before having her family.

Julie Bourk Suchman passed away on Friday, January 14, 2022. Julie was born on April 22, 1953, in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduating from Loretto High School, Julie received a Bachelor's of Education from Kansas State University. After graduation Julie was an art teacher in Burlingame, Kansas, but after a year of teaching she decided to join Braniff Airlines, based out of Dallas, Texas, and that is where her true career began. After 5 years of being a flight attendant, Braniff declared bankruptcy, and Julie changed uniforms and went to work at American Airlines. Within a short period of time, Julie moved from being a flight attendant to lead positions within Flight Services, including Manager, Flight Attendant Recruiting, and Instructor and Curriculum Director. Julie retired from American Airlines after 37 years in 2019. Services were held in Kansas on January 21, 2022.

B.K. Betty Crockett Dreyer, Braniff FA from 1968. Passed away in Broken Arrow, OK. BK was born in Kansas City, MO on February 28, 1947. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of MO where she met her future husband, Dr. Marc Dreyer. After almost three years in college and in 1968, she applied and was hired for flight attendant training by Braniff International. She flew as an active flight attendant for almost 12 years. After leaving her 12 year career as a flight attendant, BK was a full time mother and Pastor's wife. Services were held in Tulsa. A beautiful lady who will deeply missed.

Corrections and Additions to Yearbook

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS:

RALSTON, Karen (Campbell), 4112 Jefferson Highway, Apt. 308, Jefferson, LA 70121; 504-723-7100; karennola@yahoo.com

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SKEEN, Mrs. Judy (Judy Austian 58-61); b'day 7/23; 3649 Tuscan Hills CR, Denton, TX 76210; cell 940/390-2929; judyskeen@gmail.com

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WHITE, Mr. Gene (Gene White 74-82); b'day 1/9; 3710 Guthrie Rd., Garland, TX 75043; cell 214/912-7624; gwhite75039@yahoo.com

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HAMILTON, Mrs. Vicki (Vicki Neal 72-74); b'day 5/6; 7905 Leslie Drive, Richland Hills, TX 76118; cell – 817/706-5009; email – vickijoham@yahoo.com

PEARSON, Ms. Linda (Linda Pickett 68-73); b'day 6/3; 2361 Hartline Drive, Dallas, TX 75228; cell 214/577-0645; email - linda.pearson@att.net (deceased soon after joining; article on page 7 - 8 of this newsletter.)

COLE, Mrs. Peggy (Peggy Armstrong 77-77); b'day 8/12; 5848 County Road 488, Nevada, TX 75173; 972/843-2773; cell 469/387-3196; peggymcole@yahoo.com Note: She is retired from Ericsson as a project manager, PMP. She now is a freelance writer and author of two fiction novels. She left Braniff following a back injury. One of her books is "Looking for Home."



A Word from Your Publisher

Hope you all had the best Christmas yet and partied your way into 2022! Thank you for your article and interview contributions and pictures of B's getting together! As always, please let me know if you have a human interest story or exciting vacation/trip to share! You may email me at kathylgn@yahoo.com with news, pictures, and updates! Thanks!

THE CLIPPED B BUSINESS PAGES

Clothing:

Shannon Fox, Kiss Me Kate Clothing at Camelback Village Center, 5039 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ, 602-840-6173; zorro4@cox.net; visit website: kissmekateaz.com; **20% discount to former Braniff**

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(And Please Do Click **SUBSCRIBE!**)  Nella Phillips

THE CLIPPED B'S BUSINESS PAGE!!

If you have a business you would like to promote, send that info for a two-line advertisement to kathylgn@yahoo.com. It will be in each BUZZ NOTES for a year at a cost of \$5.00. Send check made out to Clipped B's to Sue Golden, 12220 Marbrook, Dallas, TX 75230.

Visit our website often for upcoming events, pictures, memorials!

www.clippedb.org

Does Anyone Know??

Does anyone know who the flight attendants were on Operation Freedom Bird? It was when Braniff flew some of the last troops out of Vietnam on Big Orange.

Please contact Sue Golden at suegolden@hotmail.com

if you have that information or know someone who does. Thanks in advance!