Our 2016 Annual General Meeting was held on May 10th at the Wings Club in the Pan Am Building in New York City. Old habits die hard… it’s still the Pan Am Building for many of us. Nearly 30 attendees ensured a lively discussion and a number of good ideas were introduced.

Beginning with an update on our board members, Ginny McKillop retired as our Treasurer, having served in this capacity since 2012. Ginny leaves behind a very healthy financial statement and a grateful Board. We welcomed Sally Andersen as our new Treasurer. Sally has served in a similar capacity for World Wings. Also new to the Board is Jerry Spampanato who managed line and ground operations at JFK International Airport for Pan Am. He later joined the Port Authority of NY and NJ, serving as General Manager of JFK Airport from 2008 to 2014. Also new to the board is Don Cooper, retired pilot and famed reunion organizer.

As we approach the 25th Anniversary of the Foundation, we continue to focus on our mission to preserve the legacy of Pan Am. One of our goals has been to produce a documentary called ‘Across the Pacific’. We say “at present” because we are breaking ground, or rather re-breaking ground, for a shining, beautiful new location on the first floor, which will put us “front and center” for students, faculty, staff, and all visitors to the campus. The new “SPARC” (Special Collections and Archives) building will encompass the former Brockway Hall, a beautiful terrazzo-floored space with tall windows and prime views of the main lawn, as well as the former mezzanine level, which will house offices, classrooms, and exhibition space for our collections. This new space will be a home away from home for the many researchers who visit our collections yearly, many of them to use our beloved Pan Am and World Wings Collections. Together with myriad smaller collections donated by individuals associated with Pan Am, these collections number over 1,500 boxes (the bulk of this, however, is the official Pan Am Airways, Inc. collection) and include a vast array of business records, publications, photos, scrapbooks, audiovisual materials, and what we call “realia” (objects such as model planes, souvenir bags, scarves, etc. which can be used to enhance exhibitions or for teaching purposes).

The materials span the years of operation of Pan Am, but there are also items that predate the company’s founding in 1927, as well as documenting the years after 1991, with the bulk of the materials chronicle the “glory days” of the airline, between 1937 and 1982. Adding to this treasure trove of information are complementary but separate collections, including the World Wings International, Inc. archive, the Althea “Gerry” Lister papers, the Ione Wright Papers, and the papers of Basil Rowe. All of these fascinating individuals were associated with Pan Am and help round out the stories told in the main archival collection.

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**From The President, Pete Runnette...**

The World in an Archive —
The Pan Am World Airways, Inc. Records at the University of Miami Libraries

**By Cristina Favretto, Head of Special Collections**

Otto G. Richter Library at the University of Miami

It’s a common turn of phrase to refer to archives as “dusty,” but I can assure you that there isn’t a speck of dirt on the more than 1,400 acid free boxes that hold the precious documents that help tell the story of one of the greatest airlines in history.

The University of Miami Libraries, located on a lush tropical campus full of exotic plants, wild parrots, and architecturally significant Mid-Century Modern buildings in Coral Gables, Florida, is the proud home of the vast and fascinating archives of Pan Am World Airways, Inc.

The collection is administered by the Special Collections Department, located at present on the 8th floor of the Otto G. Richter Library, a nine story building at both the geographical and symbolic center of the campus. I say “at present” because we are breaking ground, or rather re-breaking ground, for a shining, beautiful new location on the first floor, which will put us “front and center” for students, faculty, staff, and all visitors to the campus. The new “SPARC” (Special Collections and Archives) building will encompass the former Brockway Hall, a beautiful terrazzo-floored space with tall windows and prime views of the main lawn, as well as the former mezzanine level, which will house offices, classrooms, and exhibition space for our collections. This new space will be a home away from home for the many researchers who visit our collections yearly, many of them to use our beloved Pan Am and World Wings Collections. Together with myriad smaller collections donated by...
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Museum Exhibit would be an effective complement to the film, enhancing its impact with an educational component. The NEH is prepared to offer matching funds for such a complementary effort. The Smithsonian Institution, our media partner for the documentary, offers professional assistance with designing, assembling, and dispatching such an exhibit.

If you have not already done so, please consider a tax deductible donation to the Foundation to help us reach our goals—to preserve and promote the legacy of Pan American World Airways.

Our Foundation-sponsored tours to Cuba have been extremely popular, with another scheduled for next January. It will be followed in late March by an exciting new tour offering to Iran. And, to recognize and celebrate 2017 as the 25th Anniversary of our Historical Foundation—as well as the 90th Anniversary of the airline—we are going “Back to Berlin”, for a reunion sponsored by the Historical Foundation. For three days beginning on May 22, 2017, more than 700 Pan Am family and friends intend to rendezvous in the home of the IGS—Berlin, Germany. Stay tuned for more details.

Finally, in this issue, Cristina Favretto, Head of Special Collections at the Richter Library at the University of Miami, and keeper of our archives, brings us up to date on activity there, and progress toward digitization of the Pan Am Collection. We continue to offer the Abrams-Banning grants for research there, and I note that World Wings has initiated an additional research grant, that will undoubtedly further stimulate use of our archives.

Wishing everyone a great summer!

Rick Bassett

Editor’s Note

A TRIP TO REMEMBER

We left NACA engineer Richard Rhode feeling less than totally confident about transoceanic flight as he departed Alameda on the Hawaii Clipper, off on the 9,000-mile fact-finding trip to Hong Kong—truly a “Trip to Remember.” We’ll pick up the trail from there in the next issue of the Clipper. Stay tuned!

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The Pan Am materials were acquired jointly by the Pan Am Historical Foundation and the University of Miami Libraries after the airline’s bankruptcy proceedings of October 1992. The Libraries received all the paper, photographic, and audiovisual materials, and HistoryMiami (then the Historical Association of Southern Florida) and the Smithsonian receiving mostly 3-D objects. You can read more about the story of the acquisition of the collection on the excellent web-site and web display “Cleared to Land: the Records of the Pan American World Airways, Inc.” (http://scholar.library.miami.edu/digital/exhibits/show/panamerican) created by Emily Gibson. Emily was hired by the libraries as a Special Project Archivist thanks to generous grant from the National Historical Publications & Records Commission (NHPRC). In only two years, Emily and her team of students (with help from Special Collections and other Libraries staff) carefully and meticulously arranged and described what had been a rather unwieldy mass of records, some in no discernible order. This was in many ways a labor of love for all of us here: we are proud of being the repository of this wide-ranging and fascinating archive and take any opportunities to show it off. It is our most-used collection, generating hundreds of reference requests via email and also many in-person visits from researchers from around the world.

The collection is very often used for teaching: every year classes from a variety of University departments and programs, including Business, History, Literature, Gender Studies, and Geography, are treated to displays featuring maps, correspondence, photographs that chart early travel routes to South America and the Caribbean, the birth of commercial aviation, Pan Am’s involvement with World War II, and of course the stories of the men and women who made the enterprise happen. Sifting through the boxes brings you in contact with hundreds of stories, from the letters between Juan Trippe and Charles Lindbergh to the stories of everyday generosity and bravery of staff and administrators.

If you are in Miami, you can visit the collection from Monday through Friday (9-4), but do let us know you’ll be coming so we can “pull” the boxes you need in advance of your visit. Yvette Yurubi, our reference assistant and the “front line” person for remote researchers (whose e-mail requests can be sent to asc.library@miami.edu) can help guide you through the extensive finding aid for the collection, and answer basic reference questions. And, thanks to the generosity of both the PAHF and World Wings International, travel grants have been established that help defray some costs incurred by researchers wishing to visit the collections from afar. You can read more about these grants on our website: http://library.miami.edu/specialcollections/.

Archives and manuscript collections are vitally important to ensuring that important moments in history are preserved and made available to the public. Within those grey archival boxes are thousands of stories, told in the voices of individuals of all ages, races, and social backgrounds. They tell us about our shared past, and often help us better understand our present. And remember that you can help enrich that history: if you have unique documents (letters, photographs, scrapbooks) or if you’d like to donate funds that help us better preserve and interpret the multi-faceted world of Pan Am, please contact me or any of the staff in Special Collections. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of this great airline will never be forgotten.
Mastery: A Mission Plan for Reclaiming a Life of Purpose, Fitness and Achievement

A New Book by Robert Gandt

Robert (Bob) Gandt’s career has successfully combined the two passions in his life—flying and writing. In his latest book, Mastery, Bob provides a comprehensive plan for people over 50 facing retirement and asking ‘what’s next?’ The book is written with co-author Gary A. Scott, acclaimed writer on health and fitness.

We recently talked with Bob to learn more about his new book—and his dual-track career. “I grew up around airplanes in Coffeyville, Kansas,” Bob said. “My father was a crop duster and I don’t remember not flying.”

At age 16, he flew his first solo flight—and sold his first article. He later joined the Navy and, at age 20, was the youngest aviator and officer then on active duty in the U.S. Navy. In 1965 he joined Pan Am as a pilot and was based in Hong Kong during the ’70s. “I flew with many of the old Clipper Skippers and loved hearing their stories,” he said.

During this time, Bob’s career as a writer took off. “Exploring Hong Kong, I found old World War II artifacts that inspired me to write a series of articles for the South China Post about the Battle for Hong Kong.” He received a publishing offer to write his first book, Season of Storms: The Siege of Hong Kong 1941, drawn from the articles and the research he had done. The Twilight Warriors, published in 2011 by Random House, recounts the epic battle for Okinawa in 1945. It was the recipient of the prestigious Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature.

Bob continued to write and fly—including twelve years with the IGS in Berlin. With the sale of Pan Am’s Atlantic routes in 1991, he transferred to Delta as a captain. He retired from Delta in 1999, the year he wrote his first novel, With Hostile Intent.

Bob has now written some 15 books including fiction, thrillers, aviation and military history. Among his credits are China Clipper and Sky Gods on the demise of Pan Am. He is currently working on a new book called Angels in the Sky, to be published by W.W. Norton next year. “It’s about a band of volunteer airmen who went to Israel in 1948 during the War of Independence and literally saved the country,” Bob said.

Reclaiming a Life of Purpose

Though a departure from his previous books, Mastery embodies the beliefs Bob has lived by. “Mastery is about making the rest of your life meaningful,” he writes. “Though Mastery is an ageless concept, it has special implications for the vast segment of our population we call ‘seniors’.

He notes that some 85 million baby boomers are headed off to retirement. “Some think of it as a permanent vacation, but after about three months, they feel that something is missing,” he said. “Suddenly, people realize that time is finite. Keep records…account for time…don’t waste it. Learn something new!”

Bob’s mantra is: writing is thinking. He always carries a notebook to jot down his thoughts, observations and ideas. He advises people to keep a journal and to develop a mission plan for what they wish to achieve. “As in an aviator’s flight plan you determine an ETA—estimated time of arrival—for each waypoint as well as the destination.”

One of the book’s most interesting suggestions is to begin each day with a WIWTH (What I Want to Happen) list. “Not a ‘to do list,’ the WIWTH list itemizes those outcomes most important to you and the urgent desires you want fulfilled by the end of the day,” Bob notes.

The second part of the book is devoted to physical mastery, fitness and health. Relying on solid research and helpful tips, the book explores the powers of both mind and body to help readers achieve a meaningful ‘next chapter’.

Mastery is available in print, audiobook, and Kindle at Amazon.com. To learn more about Bob’s books and his life as an aviator and writer, visit www.gandt.com.

Who can better tell the stories of an airline than the employees themselves? Jeff Kriendler, Foundation Board member and former Pan Am vice president of corporate communications, told The Story of Pan American World Airways Through the Words of Its People. Many of you contributed to this groundbreaking book of essays and reminiscences that was published in 2011 and has registered thousands of sales.

Jeff is now publishing the third airline employee book entitled TWA: A Book of Memories. Told by former employees, the book recounts the airline’s history including a behind-the-scenes glimpse of many of its larger-than-life characters such as Howard Hughes and Carl Icahn and several memorable events including the hi-jacking of flight 847; the loss off flight 800; Papal and White House Press Charters as well as its assistance programs at Ethiopian Airlines and Saudia. TWA: A Book of Memories will be available in August 2016. Also available are other books in the series including one on Eastern Air Lines, and a limited quantity of books on Pan Am.

Books can be ordered by contacting Jeff Kriendler at jkriendler@aol.com.
I t was truly a gathering of the clan when more than 450 members of the Pan Am family arrived in Limerick on April 12th for the Irish Spring Reunion. The three-day event was organized by Margaret O’Shaughnessy, Director of the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, with the able support of Don Cooper, Pan Am Foundation board member and reunion organizer.

It was a fitting place to celebrate the history of Pan Am. In his welcome letter, Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland noted: “Juan Trippe made his very first visit to Foynes in November 1936 in the company of Colonel Charles Lindbergh where they inspected the facilities for the new transatlantic airport. Former President Eamon de Valera took a keen interest in the development of aviation and was on hand in Foynes on July 6th 1937 to welcome Pan Am’s ‘Clipper III’ under the command of Captain Harold Gray. From the first proving flight in 1937 to the last scheduled passenger flight in 1945, Pan American kept the United States and Ireland/Europe connected and opened up the possibility of air travel for the ordinary person.”

The Foynes Museum houses a full-size replica of the famous Boeing 314 ‘Yankee Clipper’ flying boat that first traveled that route. From 1937 – 1945, Pan American made 2,097 Atlantic crossings to Foynes. “The Yankee Clipper turned oceans into runways and transported royalty, presidents, politicians, movie stars, military personnel and refugees through the war years,” said Margaret O’Shaughnessy. “Since the museum opened in 2006, we estimate that over 750,000 people from all over the world have gone on board our jewel.”

The reunion kicked off with a welcome gathering at the Limerick Strand Hotel. The Mayor of Limerick, Liam Galvin M.C.C was on hand to greet the participants. It was a festive evening complete with Irish entertainment and a buffet dinner.

The following day began with a Speakers Forum hosted by Ed Trippe, Chairman of the Pan Am Historical Foundation, and Rebecca ‘Becky’ Sprecher, former flight attendant, author and lecturer. Then it was on to Foynes for a guided tour of the Museum, followed by a buffet lunch, entertainment and Irish coffee.

The Speakers Forum continued on Thursday morning. An ever-popular speaker was Merry Arseaun Barton, daughter of Folger Ahearn who was Pan Am’s station manager in Nuremberg, New Calidonia in 1941. Soon after Pearl Harbor was attacked, the five-year-old Merry and her family were evacuated by ‘Pacific Clipper’ on its westbound flight to New York. From her own memories and recordings made by her father, she captures audiences with her story. Kendall C. Stanford talked about the history of Pan Am in Ireland; Jamie Baldwin, author, speaker and consultant in the airline industry, gave a very informative talk on aviation history and law.

After some leisure time and sightseeing in the afternoon, the group gathered for the Gala Dinner at the Limerick Strand Hotel. Dignitaries included Eamonnn Brennan, Chief Executive of the Irish Aviation Authority and Michael Noonan, Minister for Finance.

The Pan Am Reunion and our return to Ireland was a newsworthy event with extensive media coverage throughout the region. With many Pan Amers sporting their old uniforms, the reunion was the subject of the ‘Nationwide’ program on Irish TV. You can view a link to the program on our website: www.panam.org. Additional photos of the reunion can also be seen on the members page of the website.

THE PAN AM CLAN CELEBRATES OUR HISTORY
At the Irish Spring Reunion

Next Stop Berlin
When Pan Am friends and colleagues gathered at the Irish Spring Reunion, the talk inevitably turned to plans for the next gathering. It was quickly decided that Berlin would be a great choice. And Don Cooper, our newest Foundation board member and reunion organizer, began work on the event.

“As the base for our Internal German Service, Berlin has great historic significance for Pan Am and for the post-War years,” Don said. “The reunion will include an important educational and historic perspective—along with the good times we all enjoy. 2017 is also the 25th Anniversary of the Pan Am Historical Foundation—another good reason to celebrate our history together!”

In no time, Don nailed down the dates for the 2017 Berlin reunion. Mark your calendar for May 22 – 26, 2017. The place will be the Berlin Inter-Continental. There will also be an optional day-long trip to Dresden, located near Berlin.

Don began working his lists and already has more than 700 people indicating interest in attending the event. The schedule and itinerary are in the works. If you are interested in learning more about the Berlin reunion, you can contact Don Cooper at don@delchbyte.com. We hope to see you in Berlin.

SAIL AWAY! 2016 World Wings Cruise Convention
Once again this year, all PAHF members are officially invited to attend the 2016 World Wings Cruise Convention, October 29 – November 4, 2016. Attendees will sail out of Fort Lauderdale on the Royal Caribbean ‘Oasis’. Ports of call include Nassau, Puerto Costa Maya and Cozumel, returning to Fort Lauderdale. A beach party picnic will be held at Dolphin Bar in Nassau where you can swim with the dolphins.

Please go to www.worldcruise2016.com for more information and registration forms.

Dick Blair, New York

The Irish eyes were certainly smiling on our Pan Am family as we gathered in Limerick at the Strand Hotel for another “flying” reunion. The view was shown brightly with only a few sprinkles now and then. The entire town of Limerick knew PAN AM WAS BACK. Live 95 TV broadcast live interviews from the lobby of the Strand Hotel as we all gathered to register. It was picked up by the other Irish TV stations. Later we learned it had gone all over Europe. The next day we all rode out to Foynes for our much anticipated tour of the Foynes Flying Boat Museum. What an exciting experience it was to stand before a real life size B-314 and better still to be able to go onboard, sit in the seats, see the Honeymoon Suite, dressing rooms, dining room & galley and even sit in the very funky cockpit.

Darlene Laster, Hawaii
Ed Swofford passed away in April at age 98. Ed had a long and outstanding career contributing to aviation in the Pacific. I knew Ed for over 40 years, from the earliest time I joined Pan Am in 1973 through just a month before he died when I last visited him in Hawaii. I was always eager to hear more of the stories he could tell about his career, his challenges and experiences.

When I joined Pan Am, Ed was Vice President – Pacific Division, located in Honolulu. My responsibilities as System Director – Airline and Fleet Planning at the corporate office in New York included working with the marketing functions under Ed for planning Pacific flight services.

Since I am originally from Hawaii, I enjoyed visiting his office at the Pan Am Building on Kapiolani Boulevard, a popular office building still bearing the name of the airline. While the Pacific operations were initially managed from San Francisco, Ed convinced the company to relocate the divisional headquarters to Honolulu when he took over those responsibilities.

I kept in touch with Ed when he became President of Aloha Airlines in the late ’70s and would see him periodically after he retired.

He and his wife Karen ultimately moved into the same retirement home my Mother was in on Punahou Street, so my frequent trips to see her easily allowed me to spend time with Ed. I only wish I had the presence of mind to record the many stories he told me about joining the airline at a $125 a month salary; leaving his wife and young children in San Francisco when he went off to Guam; then serving on Wake Island. Right after arriving in Guam, the island was hit by a terrible typhoon that ripped it up pretty well. Ed faced the challenge of getting everything at the airport held down and not blown away! Nothing like baptism by storm!

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to the coming of age of air transportation in providing a key bridge in the economic life of the United States and Asian countries.

During his retirement years, he remained active in many community services and local business activities. He was instrumental in contributing to the development of the Pacific Aviation Museum, which now houses an excellent Pan Am exhibit that he worked to establish. He always enjoyed participating in the local Pan Am retirees activities as well. I will miss seeing him on my visits to the Islands. I am sure he could have told me much more.

— Ed Trippe
Pan Am Tours Continue in 2017
New Destinations and Itineraries

Pan Am Tours offer a unique view of our world—returning to destinations that once played a prominent role in the history of Pan American World Airways.

Spearheaded by Foundation Chairman Ed Trippe, the tours are arranged in collaboration with tour operator Distant Horizons, known for their quality and professionalism. In 2016, three tours to Cuba proved so popular that a new series of tours has been scheduled for the coming year.

In January 2017, Pan Am will return to Cuba ninety years after the inaugural flight in 1927 from Key West to Havana. The Cuba tour will include placing a plaque on the 1930 Pan Am terminal building in Camaguey. “Our return to Cuba comes at a pivotal time in the nation’s history,” Ed Trippe said. “Exploring the richness of Cuban culture and history, the tours also offer a first-hand view of the country’s emerging future through meetings and roundtable discussions with leading historians, economists and local residents.”

Accommodations in Havana will be at the landmark Hotel Nacional, which became an Inter-Continental Hotel in 1955.

An exciting new addition to the schedule is a tour to Iran in April 2017. It will include visits to Tehran, Shiraz, Persepolis, and Isfahan. “The Iran tour will surely bring back memories for members of the Pan Am and Inter-Continental Hotels community,” Ed said.

Stay tuned for more details on the 2017 tour schedule. Itineraries and booking information will be available on our website, www.panam.org.