

# Delta Golden Wings



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Greetings! I trust all of you are doing well. I must apologize for the late publishing of this newsletter. Some of the planning work for the upcoming reunion has been slower than anticipated so that has pushed this issue of our newsletter until now. Speaking of the reunion, we feel we have a great time ahead of us in Atlanta. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel, in Dunwoody, right across the street from the Perimeter Mall. There are lots of good restaurants nearby as well as a MARTA stop just a few blocks away. The hotel runs a regular transportation schedule, every 12 minutes from the Dunwoody stop on the Red Line.

We will have our usual two days of tours, and we have some great venues for you to see and visit, including a tour of the Delta Heritage Museum. We will see the World of Coke, The CNN Center and much more, so come and join us for the tours. See "From the President's Wife" column for more specifics on the tours. We will also have live music for your listening and dancing pleasure at the farewell banquet.

As most of you know, Delta Golden Wings has a website, [www.deltagoldenwings.com](http://www.deltagoldenwings.com). We owe a debt of thanks to Dave Ewing, our webmaster, for all the fine work he has done to make this a success. It is still a work in progress, but we are reaping the fruits of his work. As an example, the way it is set up, if someone contacts DGW via the website, the email is directed to the board members. Recently an email came in from a fellow, who had been friends with a Delta pilot, but they had moved away from each other and contact was lost. The writer wanted to get in touch with this pilot again and asked if we could help. So I looked up the name of the pilot in our roster and there was a pilot with the same name. We guard our member's privacy, so I forwarded the email to the pilot in question to make sure he was in fact the guy he was looking for. Soon I got emails from both the searcher and the pilot saying they were so glad to be back in touch and they had not seen each other for something like 43 years! Our roster and website are valuable items to our members and to others as well.

Capt. Julian Black, in his capacity as membership chairman, has been busy coming up with ideas to keep and increase our membership. One of his ideas was to write a letter to be sent out to active pilots as they earn their 20 year service pin. Elaine Miller, of the Delta Care Fund, has helped with contacts within Delta and the letter that Julian and I jointly wrote has, in fact, gone out via company mail to those pilots receiving the service pin. We have had success with this program and we have been getting new members. We are working on trying to get a letter sent out to all retired pilots, not already DGW members, inviting them to join us. However, this has been going slowly, as the company guards its addresses and at this point does not want to give them to us, but we will keep working on this to bring it to successful conclusion. So, again, a big thanks to Julian Black.

That's all for now, I look forward to seeing all of you in Atlanta in September!

Capt. Larry Rollow



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE

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Golly, it's finally Spring! I know it has been a long winter for some of you, but hold on. When these budding trees are turning shades of red and gold, we will all be having in fun in Atlanta for the 42nd Annual Delta Golden Wings Reunion! I'll tell you why you'll want to be there.

First of all, the Crowne Plaza Ravinia has given us a terrific deal on large, beautiful rooms and included a daily sumptuous breakfast buffet (that would cost you \$14.95 each without your DGW ticket!). What a way to start the day! Call the hotel directly to book your room ... and do it now! Dial 1-888-233-9527 and use Group Code DGW to get your \$119 rate. Check out their website at [www.cpravinia.com](http://www.cpravinia.com) and you'll see just how nice it is. There will also be a link to this on our website [www.deltagoldenwings.com](http://www.deltagoldenwings.com)

Next, remember what reunions are all about? Seeing old friends and reminiscing with colleagues, right? Well, our Hospitality Room will be non-stop chatter, not to mention the complimentary drinks and snacks while viewing the Perimeter Mall area from our comfortable 14th floor suite. Rollin Jackson promises to bring his photo and history books of reunions past including 2009 in St. Louis. And just for Atlanta, we're having Friday Night Movie Night with a special showing of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind." Bring your slippers...we'll make the popcorn!

Thursday night's Welcome Buffet will set the stage for that wonderful Southern hospitality you'll love in Atlanta. After tasting Southern Field Greens, Vidalia Onions and Southern Style Potato Salad, Southern Fried Chicken, Southern Style Pot Roast and of course, Peach Cobbler, you'll be ready to settle back and hear all about the sights and sounds of the Atlanta you've been to before, but haven't really KNOWN until now!

Friday's tour begins our Southern Journey. We'll have a comprehensive City Tour to include some of the history and landmarks of Ole Atlanta...Buckhead, Peachtree, Margaret Mitchell's home, and the Swan House, before we stop at CNN Center Studios. After viewing that, we'll have lunch in the extensive Food Court. We culminate the Day with a walking tour of the elegant and remarkable Botanical Gardens.

On Saturday, we start with Mother Delta, the way we remember her early days, by visiting the Delta Heritage Museum. After seeing all the displays, we'll enjoy a barbecue buffet lunch sitting right under the Spirit of Delta...and I KNOW you remember her! Next we travel to the Atlanta Cyclorama, a Civil War museum with the world's largest painting, "The Battle of Atlanta." Come step back to 1864. We can't leave Atlanta without the truly unique experience that encompasses the rich history and progress of the world's most popular soft drink at the NEW World of Coca-Cola. If you think you've already seen it, think again. This is the NEW facility complete with 4-D Theatre and actual Bottle Works progress. Yes, you'll get a taste or two!

Sunday night at the farewell banquet, we will hear from Ed Bastain, president of Delta Airlines, and then dance to music of the son of Capt. Buzz Moore. Randy Moore will travel all the way from Nashville to entertain us.

As in the past, I strongly recommend your coming a day or two early and/or staying a day or two after the reunion in order to see the wonderful things that are in Atlanta that we won't have time to visit. Let me mention a few: The Georgia Aquarium with its unique shark exhibit; the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, many world class Art Galleries and Museums; Centennial Olympic Park, home to the 1996 Summer Games; Six Flags Over Georgia and the awesome Stone Mountain Park with its Laser Show Spectacular. And ladies, least I forget, the SHOPPING IS SENSATIONAL!! Take advantage of the Atlanta Pass that is good for 9 days and gives you half-price admission to many fun things to see and do. Check it out at [www.atlanta.net](http://www.atlanta.net)

Believe or not, we'll have more to tell you about this reunion in our next newsletter, but don't delay, put it on your calendar today then make your room reservations. I really look forward to seeing you there!

Jan Rollow



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## RESERVATION PROCEDURES

Reservations must be made directly with the Hotel's Reservation Department by calling 888-233-9527, preferably between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time. The cutoff date for this rate is September 2, 2010 midnight. Please identify yourself as part of the Delta Golden Wings Reunion with Group Code DGW. Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out. After 09/02/2010 at midnight, all rooms not guaranteed will be released back into the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Ravinia inventory.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 23, 2010 Registration: 11 AM-4 PM Crowne Plaza Ravinia lobby  
11 AM – 6 PM Hospitality Suite is Open  
6:30 PM Welcome Buffet (casual)

Friday, September 24, 2010 Tour: 9 AM – 3 PM Meet at the buses for a very special City Tour of beautiful Buckhead, seeing the Governor's Mansion and Swan House; then down historic Peachtree to see the High Museum, Margaret Mitchell's House, and the Fox Theater; finally, ending at the CNN Center for a tour. We'll have lunch on our own in their awesome food court followed by a stop at the magnificent Botanical Gardens with time to explore. Our experienced tour guides will point out special sites throughout the day as we pass them.

4 PM – 10:30 PM Hospitality Suite is Open

Dinner is on your own with a variety of options including those in the hotel and many across the street at the Perimeter Mall. Get a group together!

8 PM Movie Night in the Hospitality Suite with a special showing of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind."

Saturday, September 25, 2010 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM Today we will tour the Delta Heritage Museum including a barbecue lunch sitting right under the Spirit of Delta! Next we head off to Atlanta Cyclorama where an 1864 Civil War battle literally revolves around you. We'll end our day by seeing, hearing and tasting the story of the world's most popular drink at the NEW World of Coca-Cola.

4 PM – 6:30 PM Hospitality Suite is open.

Dinner is on your own at one of the many fine choices at Perimeter Mall or nearby Dunwoody.

Sunday, September 26, 2010 2:00 PM Business Meeting  
Following business meeting until 6 PM Hospitality Suite is open.

6:30 Farewell Banquet – A delicious dinner followed by dancing to the sounds of Randy Moore's band.

Monday, September 27, 2010

Check out of the hotel and make plans for next year's reunion in Minneapolis!

## Membership - Annual Dues

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Regular: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Widow: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

You may pay for multiple years in advance. Some members have paid out five years in advance. (Widows please list husband's name)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Check if: NO CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_ CHANGES \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse's Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Hire \_\_\_\_\_ Original Airline \_\_\_\_\_

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## FINAL FLIGHT WEST

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Jul 13, 2009: Capt. Cecil 'Mac' McCullough, 89, Ret.

Dec 17, 2009: NW/DL Capt. Mark P. Freeman, 59.

Jan 8, 2010: Julia Roan, 60, wife of Capt. Thomas Roan, Ret.

Jan 9, 2010: Capt. Ernest E. 'Ed' Batman, 89, Ret.

Jan 10, 2010: Capt. William Jackie 'Jack' Groves, 70, Ret.

Jan 11, 2010: Lenor Bode, 82, wife of Capt. Jim Bode, Ret.

Jan 17, 2010: Mary Riley Peterson, 88, wife of NEA/DL Capt. Frank Petersen, Ret.

Jan 21, 2010: Capt. Robert Wayne 'Bob' Johnson, 84, Ret.

Jan 25, 2010: WA/DL Capt. Charles William Layton, 77, Ret.

Feb 1, 2010: Capt Charles F. Peck, 74, Ret.

Feb 2, 2010: Martha Jones Mercure, 59, Wife of Capt. William F. Mercure, Ret.

Feb 5, 2010: NE/DL Capt. Charles Liebman, 96, Ret.

Feb 11, 2010: Capt. George Charles Boerner, 91, Ret.

Feb 11, 2010: Capt. Richard Ray 'Dick' Walters, 78, Ret.

Feb 13, 2010: WA/DL Capt. James Paul Bolan, 73, Ret.

Feb 18, 2010: NE/DL Capt. Austin E. Briggs, Jr., 92, Ret.

Feb 19, 2010: Mary W. Franco, 81, wife of NE/DL Capt. Vincent Franco, Ret.

Feb 22, 2010: PA/DL Capt. Richard Joseph Naert, 73, Ret.

Feb 22, 2010: Capt James R. DeBardenlaben, 90, Ret.

Feb 24, 2010: Capt. R. E. 'Dick' Downs, 81, Ret.

Feb 27, 2020: NE/DL Capt. John Anthony Annese, 79, Ret.

Feb 28, 2010: Etta Anna Richerson-Frizzell, 66, wife of Capt R. E. Frizzell, Ret.

Mar 8, 2010: Capt. James Frederick Robertson, 78, Ret.

Mar 10, 2010: Capt. Douglas D. Twinam, 75, Ret.

Mar 11, 2010: WA/DL Capt. Charels J. Hallsman, 78, Ret.

Mar 12, 2010: Norma Olivia Curti, 73, wife of NE/DL Capt. Raymond W. Curti, Ret.

Mar 16, 2010: Susan I. Burrill, 66, wife of the late NE/DL F/O Sidney W. Burrill

Mar 20, 2010: Capt Ray Ping, 73, Ret.

Mar 25, 2010: Capt. Samuel H. Williams, 54, Ret.



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