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Journeys

A Newsletter of Travelers Aid International

OUR NEWS

Speakers Set for June Conference

As the 2015 Travelers Aid International Annual Conference approaches, the bulk of the speakers are now in place. The conference meets June 17-19 at the Marriott Crystal City in Arlington, Va. While it is now too late to get the group rate at the host hotel, registration for the conference remains open with payments accepted at the door. [Learn More](#)

The speakers include:

- Tom Adams, Director of Succession and Sustainability at Raffa.
- Sarah Lange, New Era for Non-Profits
- Lara Powers, National Human Trafficking Resource Center
- Stewart McLaurin, President of the White House Historical Association

The Airport Volunteer Panel is now in place:

- Christian Havens, Volunteer Coordinator, Travelers Aid - Newark Airport
- Lisa Fitzpatrick, Volunteer, Travelers Aid - Reagan National Airport
- Cliff Heady, Volunteer, Travelers Aid - Dulles Airport
- Moderated by Jane Mrosko, Travelers Aid JFK Airport

[Explore the Agenda!](#)

TAI Revamping Its Communication Efforts

Travelers Aid International in the coming months will be taking firm steps to improve our communications with you. This new digital edition of *Journeys* is just the first step.

Journeys will now be published quarterly and it will include our latest news and it will include your news. [Provide your feedback.](#)

Next up will be the first membership directory since 1998, the new directory will be released this summer and it will include a profile on each member as well as cross-reference indexes to quickly find peer colleagues who face similar challenges at other agencies.

[Please complete the survey form, if you have not already done so.](#)

In the months ahead look for a new Travelers Aid International website that will be both mobile-friendly and have a gateway to a members-only resource area. And, a fall publication date is envisioned for a new Travelers Aid International Annual Report. This report will include the auditor's report for the FY 2014-15 and it will focus on the work of the headquarters office and our members to tell the story of Travelers Aid.

YOUR NEWS

FamilyAid Running Team Earns Funds During Marathon

Boston - A team from FamilyAid Boston running in the 2015 Boston Marathon raised \$96,000 for its programs to help homeless families. Its 10 runners used their own and FamilyAid's social media channels as well as a FamilyAid Crowdrise page to generate awareness of the issues and raise the funds. [Learn More.](#)

Homeless Photographers Earn Cash With Their Artwork

Oklahoma City - A partnership of Upward Transition and the Curbside Chronicle organized a 2-day photo exhibit featuring views of Oklahoma City from the perspective of those experiencing homelessness. More than 700 attended the April exhibit and some 500 prints were sold generating more than \$6,000 for those homeless individuals participating in the project. [Learn More.](#)

San Diego Tables the Wine and Tries Golf as a Fundraiser

San Diego - Travelers Aid Society of San Diego introduced a new fundraiser on Feb. 23, a golf tournament, which replaced the annual wine tasting and auction. The group staged the wine tasting for the last 12 years. The Travelers Aid Centennial Golf Classic attracted 72 golfers. The group reports it was not a "huge money-maker," but successful enough to do it again next year. The event included a putting demonstration, a box lunch, drinks, dinner and a silent auction. San Diego turned to Dallas-Fort Worth Travelers Aid for advice in setting up the event. [Learn More.](#)

Melbourne Takes on Trivia and Wins

Melbourne, Australia - Now in its fifth year as a fundraising event, Travellers Aid Australia this year organized and managed Trivia Night. The May 13 event was sold out with 300 attendees, over 30 sponsors and 8 volunteers. More than \$12,500 was raised. Previously, Destination Melbourne organized the event to benefit Travellers Aid. This light-hearted and fun event provided an opportunity for Travellers Aid to showcase its Emergency Relief program. It also provided an opportunity for the travel sector to support a not-for-profit related to their market segment. [Learn More.](#)

Melbourne Renovates Flinders Street Station

Melbourne, Australia - Travellers Aid Australia in December completed the renovations to its Flinders Street Station facility. The work included an updated heating and air conditioning systems,

new doors and new paint. The project was funded in part by Metro Trains Melbourne.

[Learn More.](#)

IDEA EXCHANGE

Airports: Therapy Dogs Team Up With San Diego Ambassadors

San Diego International Airport is going to the dogs - all thanks to the travels of one volunteer of Travelers Aid Society of San Diego. [Learn More.](#)

Social Service: SenioRide Serves 1,000 Clients Each Month in San Diego

After a slow-start, SenioRide now provides more than 3,000 rides each month to 1,000 senior citizens in the San Diego area. [Learn More.](#)

MILESTONES

New Hires, Promotions and Retirements

Nashville - *Helen Pace* retired in late February after 25 years of service with Travelers Aid and the Nashville Rescue Mission. *JD Bingham* is the new Travelers Aid director.

New York - After 4 years as the assistant manager of Travelers Aid - JFK Airport, *Yasime Triola* is moving on effective June. 8. Until a replacement is hired, *Bobby Sarkar*, an intern from Baruch College, will handle the position.

Oklahoma City - *Dustin Pyeatt*, director of development and communications at Upward Transitions, attended the March gathering of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in Baltimore.

Ontario - *Carlota Leon*, a long-time member of the board of Travelers Aid of the Inland Empire, has recently retired. She began service as a volunteer when the agency began in 1984 and at one point was the volunteer coordinator.

Philadelphia -- Families Forward Philadelphia recently hired *Diana McWilliams* as its new Executive Director.

San Diego - In July, *Pat Fox* will join the board of Travelers Aid Society of San Diego. A long-time volunteer, Pat was the 2014 Volunteer of the Year.

Washington, D.C. - *Sue Martin* was hired on April 1 at Travelers Aid at Dulles International Airport as coordinator of volunteers.

A 9-year volunteer of Travelers Aid at Washington Reagan Airport, *Elsa Angrist* will appear on Jeopardy on July 2.

TAI Headquarters - *Tom Smith* was hired on March 30 as the manager of communications and development working in the Beltsville, Md., office.

CALENDAR

Your Fundraising Events

June 6 - Chicago Heartland Alliance Home & Garden Tour 2015, Harbor Country, Mich., \$140 per person. [Learn More.](#)

June 13 - Oklahoma City's Upward Transitions, Medieval Knights Gala, Chevy Bricktown Events Center. [Learn More.](#)

June 16 - Las Vegas HELP of Southern Nevada's Golfer's Roundup, Cascata Golf Club, Boulder City, Nev., \$375 per person or \$1,500 for a 4 some. [Learn More.](#)

June 20 - Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin's Butterfly Festival, City Park, Downtown Appleton, \$15 per family. [Learn More.](#)

June 22 - Catholic Charities' Blase Cooke Classic, Baltimore Country Club, \$1,375 for each corporate team. [Learn More.](#)

July 16 - Family Guidance Center's Gold Rush Gala, Alabama Activity Center, Montgomery, \$100 per couple. [Learn More.](#)

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