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Journeys

A Newsletter of Travelers Aid International

OUR NEWS

2017 Annual Conference Set for June 5-7 in Atlanta

The **2017 Travelers Aid International Annual Conference**, which will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Travelers Aid network, will be in Atlanta, June 5-7, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza. The daily room rate is \$159 plus taxes. A member-led committee composed of Ed Powers, Therese Andrews, Carol King and Ellen Horton is now planning the educational programming as well as a special commemoration of the 100th Anniversary. Please look for hotel and conference registration materials in January.

DFW Unit Limits Services During Restructuring

The **Travelers Aid Dallas/Fort Worth** is open, but operating on a limited basis as it re-organizes in the wake of the late August death of its CEO, Bruce Freeman. A search is underway for a new executive director. Operations at this time are limited to the lost-and-found service it operates for the airport and its hours are now limited to weekdays only, 9 to 5. At this time, DFW Travelers Aid is not participating in the Greyhound program. The phone number remains, (972) 973-4420.

Travelers Aid International is working to help a new social service organization in the Fort Worth area to get up and running to assist those in need outside of the DFW Airport community.

Board Considers Member Assistance Fund

At the Board's October meeting, it agreed to consider establishing an Agency Assistance Fund that could be used to provide technical assistance to struggling members. A committee composed of Kathleen Baldwin, Bruce Collins and David Sinski will draft a set of criteria to be used when considering a grant from the fund. The full board will review the proposed criteria as well as a source for the funding at a future meeting.

Uber? Member Seeks Answers Using the Web

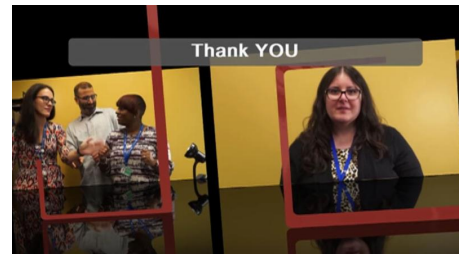
Earlier today, one of our members posted 2 questions in the Members Only area of our website. Both questions concern transportation. Is anyone now using Uber or Lyft, considering these services or know of another social service agency making use of these transportation network apps? [Got an answer, click here](#). The second involves senior ride programs. [Click here for that discussion](#). If you have forgotten or

misplaced your credentials to enter this private area, please contact [Tom Smith](#).

VOLUNTEERS

A Video 'Thank You' Note

As the holiday season approaches, a number of Travelers Aid members and their sponsors are hosting annual volunteer appreciation celebrations. Travelers Aid at Chicago O'Hare filmed a short, humorous thank you video for its Oct. 23 luncheon. [View video](#).



5 New Websites for TAI Units

Travelers Aid International is currently working with the Bethesda, Md., firm that re-designed www.travelersaid.org to create websites for our Travelers Aid units at JFK, Newark, Dulles and Reagan airports along with Washington Union Station. Each website will not only have location specific information for passengers but also serve as a digital billboard to recruit new volunteers. Each airport website will also have a private side, available only to volunteers, with customized links enabling our volunteers to respond quickly to a traveler's questions. These websites are expected to be rolled out in the first quarter.

IN THE NEWS

Local Press Honors Tampa Board

The *Tampa Bay Business Journal* on Nov. 3 honored the **Crisis Center of Tampa Bay's** Board of Directors with the publication's 2016 Outstanding Directors Award. The award recognized the board's vital leadership and business skills in guiding the organization. [Read more](#).

Role of Vinnies in Marin Recognized

An editorial in the *Marin Independent Journal* praises the leadership of

St. Vincent de Paul of Marin County with the community's Homeless Outreach

Team. [Read more](#).

Wings Flies with Travelers Aid Assistance

Travelers Aid Reagan National Airport volunteers participated in the *Wings for All* event on Nov. 5 to offer children and adults with disabilities a taste of the airport travel experience. The event was covered by WUSA9 and extensively in social media. [View coverage](#).

MILESTONES

New Hires and Promotions

Detroit - *Rosalyn Baughman* was hired as the new CEO of Travelers Aid Society of

Metropolitan Detroit in late August.

St. Petersburg - In October, Daystar Life Center hired *Katie Sisson* as the Communications and Development Coordinator.

Washington Dulles – *Angie Paige* on Oct. 31 joined the Travelers Aid staff as the coordinator of volunteers.

[The digital Travelers Aid International Membership Directory has been updated on our website.](#)

FUNDRAISING

As **FamilyAid Boston** celebrated its 100th anniversary on Nov. 17, the event drew over 200 supporters and raised \$300,000 to support the expansion of its affordable housing and homelessness prevention programs. The agency is now nearing its \$1 million goal. [View coverage.](#)

Dec. 1, Hope Atlanta, Chipotle fundraiser, 50% sales proceeds donated.

Dec. 1 - 12, Help of Southern Las Vegas, 98.5 KLUC Chet Buchanan and the Morning Zoo Toy Drive.

Dec. 4, Heartland Alliance, Holiday Brunch, Four Seasons. [Learn more.](#)

Dec. 13, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Kendra Scott fundraiser, 20% sales proceeds donated. [Learn more.](#)

Jan. 21, Halifax Urban Ministries, Empty Bowls Event & Silent Auction, The Center for Civic Engagement. [Learn more.](#)

March 4, Baltimore Catholic Charities, A Taste of Maryland 2017, B&O Railroad Museum. [Learn more.](#)

March 11, Gainesville Catholic Charities, Spirit of Charity Gala

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