



Looking Back, *Moving Forward*:

Making Your Organization's History Come Alive



Importance of Preserving History

- Researching, Collecting, and Maintaining Archives
- Connecting to the Mission
- Educating Funders and General Public
- Branding
- Demonstrating Pride in the Program (staff, volunteers, interns, stakeholders, etc)
- Showing Growth
- Adapting to Changing Travel Trends, Airport Environment, and Population Needs

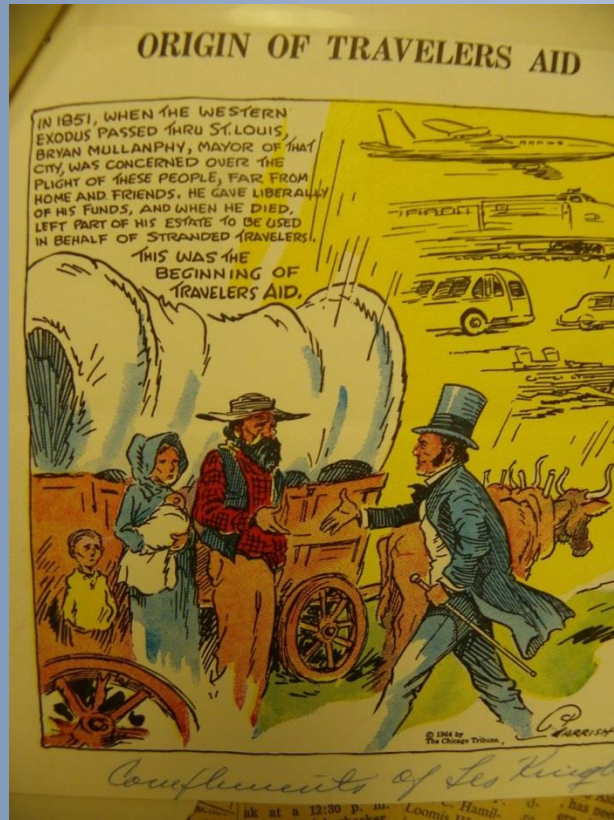
Resource Materials

- Archival Materials
- Slide Library
- Oral History of Volunteers
- Newsletters
- Event Reports and Documents
- Volunteer Hall of Fame
- Facebook / Social Media

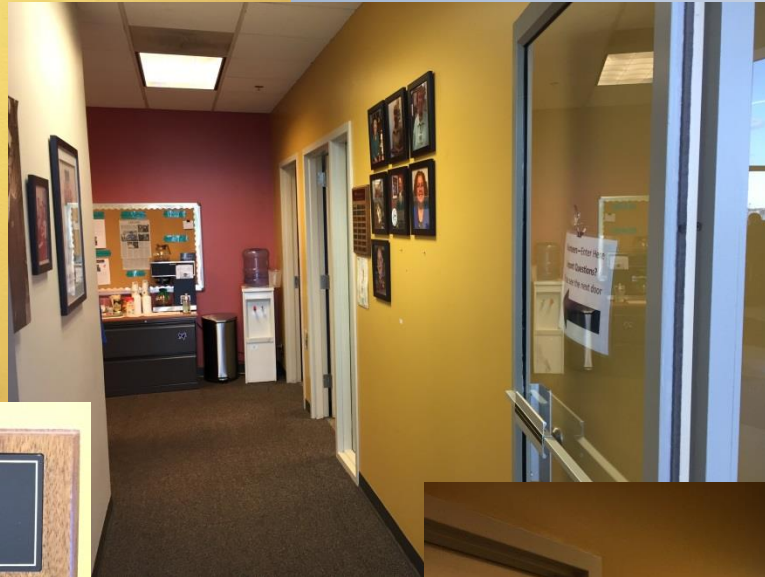


Where it Began:
Train Terminals in Chicago

Using the office as a “museum” of Travelers Aid history



Volunteer Hall of Fame





Open House



Join Us!

Travelers Aid Chicago,
hosting annual

OPEN HOUSE

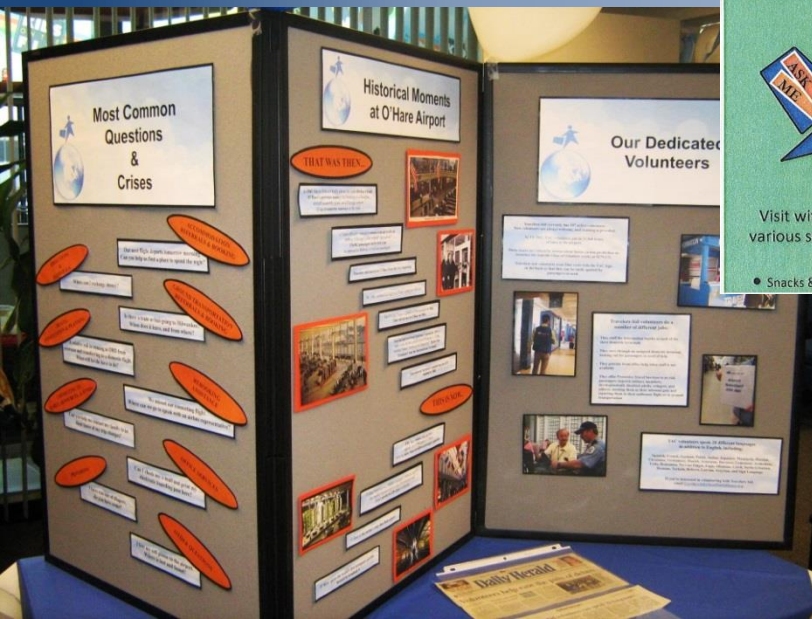
Tuesday, March 7
10am to 4pm

Location:
O'Hare International Airport,
Terminal 2 inside security

Visit with our staff and learn about our program and the various services we have available for vulnerable travelers!

- Snacks & Beverages will be provided!
- Door Prizes every hour!

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Celebrating Anniversaries



Happy Quasiquicentennial Travelers Aid!



One Hundred Twenty Five Years

At first it was trains,
Yes, Travelers Aid was there,
Then it became planes,
And now Travelers Aid is here.
It's a pretty good hunk of history,
One Hundred Twenty Five years, in truth,
To arrive at full adulthood,
From an early burgeoning youth.

The stranded, the lost,
And the otherwise dispossessed,
All fall within,
The Travelers Aid nest.
That family from Idaho,
who don't travel much,
Seem mighty grateful,
For the volunteer touch.

Of the annual sixty million or so,
That pour through O'Hare,
We deal with over half a million,
Not a bad working share.

Are there problems? Yes indeed,
Even our more seasoned travelers,
Sometimes forget to read.
True our signage is often confusing,
And the lighting is not always strong,
But with us there to give them directions,
We manage to move them along.

So we meet them, we greet them,
We help plan their route.
And have done this for,
One Hundred Twenty Five years,

Now ain't that a toot???

Paul Richard - Travelers Aid Volunteer

125th Anniversary of Travelers Aid Chicago
March, 2013

May 2017

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Happy Birthday, Travelers Aid International!



Travelers Aid Chicago is excited to celebrate the history of its member organization, Travelers Aid International this month.

Shortly after the first Travelers Aid began in St. Louis in 1851, similar organizations began popping up all over the country. Chicago started its own in 1888. But all these organizations operated separately. This ended in April 1917 when the National Travelers Aid Society was formed. The above photo shows the inaugural luncheon of the National Travelers Aid Society on April 26, 1917 in New York's Hotel Astor. 165 Travelers Aid Societies from across the U.S. and Canada joined together to better serve stranded travelers. This organization continues today as Travelers Aid International (TAI). There are now 44 member organizations that are staffed by 2,200 dedicated volunteers, including you!

TAI is excited to be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its first meeting this year at its Annual Conference on June 6th in Atlanta! If you have special memories of Travelers Aid that you would like to share, please write to celebrate@travelersaid.org

Save the Date!

- Friday, July 7th - 5-8pm at Techno dinner and fellowship

Spotted at O'Hare

Gerry Klemm saw both US Minority Leader, Representative **Nancy Pelosi** and *Chew* talk show host **Carla Hall** in T2 on April 3rd. She also saw former Chicago Bulls star **Dennis Rodman** on April 10th.

Holly Mann saw Chicago Blackhawks National Anthem singer **Jim Cornelison** on April 3rd.

Volunteer Thank You

Esther Whitty saw former quarterback **Peyton Manning** in T2 on April 4th.

Sharon Weltin saw chef and Food Network star **Bobby Flay** in T3 on March 31st.

Helen Terleckyj saw US Representative **Adam Schiff** in T2 on April 18th.

Satish Chander saw Illinois Governor **Bruce Rauner** in T2 on April 15th.



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Newsletters

June 2017

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

TAC Summer of Fun!

Travelers Aid Chicago continues to celebrate its self-proclaimed *Summer of Fun*. Throughout this summer we hope you can join us for special events and tours around Chicagoland. See our *Upcoming Events* below for more details!

29 volunteers and staff joined us on Friday, May 26th for a tour of the Art Institute of Chicago. After riding downtown in a comfortable coach bus provided by Airport Express, tour goers split up into two groups and were led through the museum by docents. The docents described art from many different time periods and art movements, highlighting some of AIC's most famous works. The tour lasted about an hour, leaving volunteers time to further explore the museum, visit nearby Millennium Park, or enjoy lunch before heading home. Thanks to Carla Khan for the great photos!



Upcoming Events

- Monday, June 26th from 10 am - 1 pm - Shedd Aquarium Tour. If you need transport, it will be provided for 30 volunteers and will depart the airport at 8:30 am. RSVP by June 19th!
- Friday, July 7th from 5-8pm - TAC Potluck Picnic, 1750 Techny Ct, Northbrook, IL 60062. Please RSVP and let us know what type of dish you'll bring the next time you're in the TAC office! Immediate family members are welcome! If you are in need of transportation to this event, please reach out to TAC volunteer staff!

TAC Man Travels

This month, TAC Man traveled to Branson, Missouri with Bob and Linda Peters. While there they visited with Linda's brother Bill Wilke, enjoyed hiking, and went to a number of shows!

A member of the TAC family made her way to the Travelers Aid at Washington Dulles airport, as Social Service Supervisor Clariza St. George stopped in on her way across the Atlantic!

Similar to the children's book *Flat Stanley*, we encourage you to bring TAC Man on your vacations or other fun trips and take a photo with him for our newsletter! Let us know if you would like to borrow him for an upcoming trip!





Travelers Aid Chicago
Like This Page · January 26 ·

Today is Bessie Coleman's 125th Birthday. An American civil aviator, she was the first woman of African American descent, and the first of Native American descent to hold a pilot license. Chicago O'Hare International Airport has a street named after her. Happy Bessie Coleman Day!

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Margaret Miller Go women
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Like This Page · May 11 ·

#TBT This collage is one of the many displays of our rich history here at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. From 1970-2012 we assisted adoption agencies by meeting, greeting, and uniting international adoptees with their new parents! What an appropriate #TBT just days before Mother's Day. The next time you travel to/from through ORD, stop in our main office and take a look at our great display!

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Travelers Aid Chicago I believe they now require the new parents to go again to bring the child home.
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Crystal Eicher That does look familiar

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Happy 180th Birthday, Chicago! Chicago #ifychicago

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Travelers Aid Chicago hopes everyone local took a few moments to enjoy the pleasant weather today! Three years ago today was a different story -- with Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

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Travelers Aid International
Page Liked · April 26 ·

100 Years of Service
Today marks the beginning of the second century of the Travelers Aid network. What first began in 1851 in St Louis where volunteers helped those westbound travelers on stage coaches and trains, who encountered problems along the way, grew into a network of community-based Travelers Aid agencies. One hundred years ago today, they formally organized themselves into a network of ... See More

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Sara Hopkins Wish I could volunteer but I don't think you're in Orlando.
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Facebook Posts

TRAVELERS AID HOSTS "MODERN MILLIE" FILM
SEPTEMBER, 1967

Excitement and glamour were the key- notes August 9 at the benefit opening night performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," sponsored by Travelers Aid Society.

The star-studded evening began in front of the United Artists Theatre where Eddie Hubbard emceed the curb- side stage appearance of Mary Tyler Moore, Carol Channing, and producer Ross Hunter. The stars also appeared on stage with TAS president, Charles L. Brown, Jr., just before curtain time.

Enjoying the after-theatre party in the Sarah Siddons Room of the Ambassador West hotel, are: Carol Channing, Charles L. Brown, Jr., and Mary Tyler Moore.

The wonderfully gay and entertaining movie was shown to a S.K.O. house and netted the Society \$4,906 and a million dollars worth of great publicity.

Travelers Aid Chicago
Like This Page · May 18 ·

Today's #TBT is a pic of when Travelers Aid Chicago had a fundraiser back in the late 60s - the Premiere of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Mary Tyler Moore and Carol Channing were here at the premiere!

Current volunteers see celebrities in the airport all the time - see the comments below to read a list of celebrities we've seen just in the past month!

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Travelers Aid Chicago Nancy Pelosi, Carla Hall, Dennis Rodman, Jim Carrey, Peyton Manning, Bobby Flay, and Adam Scott
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Emily Thompson We've seen a few others recently too! Blackhawk Corey Crawford, comedian Chelsea Handler, Congressman John Lewis, and

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"Looking Back, Moving Forward" : 40+ years Later - Traveler Gets Reacquainted with Travelers Aid

Today we had a visitor who was traveling through [Chicago O'Hare International Airport](#) on his way home to Atlanta. He happened to see the sign outside our office. He walked in to ask if we are affiliated with the same Travelers Aid that assisted him 40+ years ago.

Back in the 70s, Irvin was a student enroute to Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania. With few bus connections in those days, he had an 11 hour layover (college trunk and all!) in the Pittsburgh Greyhound Bus Station. He was feeling somewhat overwhelmed when he happened upon the Travelers Aid office. Welcomed by the office staff and put at ease, he passed the next several hours enjoying the hospitality of the Travelers Aid office.

We were happy that he stopped in and reassured him that the hospitality and help that he experienced 40+ years ago still exists today. Travelers Aid Chicago continues to assist the weather-delayed foreign exchange students and stranded spring breakers in addition to teenage runaways returning home, refugees starting a new life in the U.S., and all other vulnerable and/or overwhelmed travelers.

Coincidentally staff from Travelers Aid Chicago are also traveling to Atlanta in the next few days to attend the annual Travelers Aid International Leadership Conference. This year's theme is "Looking Back, Moving Forward", a celebration of the Travelers Aid network's 100th anniversary.



**Keep Documenting and Adding to Your
Program's Archives!!**