

Monday, March 15, 2021

Club Meeting

Mandarin
Meets at Ramada Inn
Conf. Center Mandarin
1-295 @ SR 13
3130 Hartley Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32257
Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM

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
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March 9: Mark VanLoh CEO Jacksonville Airport Authority

By Julie L. Graham on Friday, March 5, 2021

Mark D. VanLoh is the Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority. JIA was the fastest growing airport in the USA in 2018, adding flights, packed parking lots, etc. It was interesting to learn that parking provides the largest part of revenue for airports.

The numbers dropped from an average of 10,000 passengers per day down to just 400 in March and April 2020. This year, passenger count is rebounding, with a max of about 6,000 per day. Parking lots remain quite empty, terminals are mostly quiet ♦ it's quick and easy to get through to your gate!

A new Terminal B had been designed and planned to accommodate projected expansion, in a \$240 million project, but it is on the shelf for now. Perhaps it will come back to life in 4-5 years.

Airport employees are cleaning the facility and grounds throughout the day, and airplanes are sanitized and scrubbed to the highest standards. With traffic down, they've cleaned, repainted, and repaired throughout the airport.

The other three airports in Jacksonville are doing well, and they all remained very busy with general aviation traffic. A new control tower is being built at Cecil, especially to serve space travel needs. Cecil also does significant repair and maintenance work on planes from around the world as well as military aircraft services by Boeing. Satellites and unmanned aircraft are being launched from Cecil.

Craig (Jacksonville Executive Airport) is a great place to learn to fly. Flight clubs are expanding, and the demand is very strong. Craig has a great location, and all the hangars are full. Herlong still operates for private planes ♦ a great airport for hobbyists. You can learn to fly a plane (or a glider) at Herlong. All their hangars are also full.

Good news at JIA:

JetBlue introduces non-stop flights to LAX, starting at \$94 each way. And the return flight is during the day, not a red-eye. Southwest is adding non-stop flights to St. Louis and Washington DC (Reagan). Silver Airways has new service to Tampa, Key West, Ft. Lauderdale, and Greenville/Spartanburg SC. Many questions from interested members followed. Among the things we learned...

JIA had talks with British Airways, Lufthansa, and other airlines about nonstop travel to Europe. Obviously, Covid has put that on hold, until some time after the European restrictions are lifted. Airlines may, at some point, begin requiring Covid vaccinations for passengers, perhaps verified on your passport.



March 16: Aundra Wallace, President Jax USA

By Julie L. Graham on Monday, March 15, 2021

Aundra Wallace is president of the JAXUSA Partnership, the private, nonprofit regional economic development arm of JAX Chamber overseeing efforts of the seven counties of Northeast Florida. He directs a staff of 14 in the areas of business development, international investment, workforce development, research and marketing. JAXUSA's mission is to be a catalyst for economic growth and maximize the region's unique resources to aggressively recruit jobs and capital investment.

Prior to joining JAXUSA Partnership in October 2018, Mr. Wallace served as CEO of the City of Jacksonville's Downtown Investment Authority, where he spearheaded a diversified portfolio of infrastructure improvement projects, led economic development initiatives, invested in real estate development projects, managed the Downtown Development Design Review Board and oversaw the City's Public Parking Division.

A leader in managing community, housing and economic development initiatives throughout his career, Mr. Wallace spent more than three years as executive director of the Detroit Land Bank Authority before relocating to Jacksonville. He has also served as the senior vice president for commercial real estate at the North Carolina Community Development Initiative and held several executive and senior leadership positions over the course of 12 years with Miami-Dade County Government, including the title of president & CEO with Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust.

Mr. Wallace serves on the board of directors of Goodwill Northeast Florida and World Affairs Council Jacksonville and is a member of Leadership Florida, Urban Land Institute (ULI), NAIOP, International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

He holds a Master of Public Administration from Clark Atlanta University and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Georgia Southern University. He is a Certified Housing Development Finance Professional and a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional.



2021 Virtual Fundraiser

By Julie L. Graham on Wednesday, February 3, 2021

The Committee is close to finalizing a theme. The Committee is considering Feeding Mandarin. The event will take place May 20-22. Liz asked members to start collecting gift certificate and items for the Virtual Auction, so we can double the money raised last year.

The Card

By Julie L. Graham on Monday, September 2, 2019

We are still looking for the King of Spades! Try your luck and you could be the next winner!

New Meeting Assignments

By Julie L. Graham on Saturday, July 11, 2020

Date	Greeters	Greeters	Invocation	Intro Guests & Visitors	Raffle	Meeting Notes
3/9	Julie	Steve Lazar	Michael Boylan	Fred Pozin	Jeff Edwards	Al Kalter
3/16	Kenn Allen	Jock	Lad Daniels	Steve Lazar	Max Zahn	Jock Hart
3/23	Mark Mouro	Hugh Harby	Bennie S	Max	Wilson	Jock Hart
3/30	Kenn Allen	Wilson Smith	Mark Mouro	Kenn Allen	Julie Graham	Robert Meeks
4/6	Mark O'Connor	Harlan	Jim Johns	Ed Washington	Wilson	Dale Z
4/13	Wilson	Max Zahn	Ryan T	Jeff Edwards	Kenn Allen	Julie Graham
4/20	Fred Pozin	Kenn Allen	Julie Graham	Michael Sullivan	Harlan	Steve Gallagher



4/27	Jeff Edwards	George Robbins	Mac Coble	Ed Washington	Mark Mouro	Gary Sneddon
5/4	Michael Boylan	Micheal Sullivan	Alana T	Ed Washington	Wilson	Denny L
5/11	Gale	Fred Pozin	Dorrie	Ed Washington	Mac Coble	Dorrie

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Max's Corner

Sunday, May 31, 2020



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Directions for Virtual Attendance

By William G. Gowen on Saturday, July 11, 2020

We plan to Zoom the meeting starting at 7:20 am. You should be able to click the link and be in the meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2010194121>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2010194121?pwd=b2lNUUJ2OEEdCTlEEMnB1d2RzY3d2Zz09>
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March 17th



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March 21st



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March 25th



[Raymond G. Wolford](#)
April 3rd



[Fred Schramm](#)
April 8th



[Karline Nix](#)
April 8th

Years of Service



[James M. Barker IV](#)
45 Years



[Sam J. Folds](#)
45 Years



[Wilson L. Smith](#)
45 Years



[Harjan K. Eaton](#)
36 Years

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[Mark A. Mouro](#)



30 Years



[Dennis J. Lafer, M.D.](#)
20 Years



[Robert McLean Coble II](#)
15 Years



[James K. Johns](#)
9 Years



28 Years



[Stephen F. Lazar](#)
15 Years



[Michael T. Sullivan](#)
14 Years



[John P. Hart](#)
8 Years