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News on the Wing

A Newsletter of the Wing of AsMA
From the President's Desk
By Abby Elliott

Boom! Fall is here!



It is already time to start making your plans for the Wing of AsMA's next adventure. But first, we must give a big round of applause to Yalonda Silberman and her Board for an amazing and fun time in Las Vegas. Thanks, Yalonda, for a job well done!

The smiles were too many to count during our adventures painting at Pinot's Palette, attending a touching and romantic vow renewal with Liz & David Gradwell at The Little White Wedding Chapel, and "exercising" with the hilarious Goat Yoga.

For the Las Vegas meeting, the Wing had 62 dues paying members and a count of 49 conference registrations. Because of a vacancy on the Executive Board, a special election was held via email. After the conference, all attendees of our annual Wing Business Meeting received ballots to vote. Congratulations go to Carrie Davis, First Vice-President and Sandy Vanderploeg, Second Vice-President for the 2019-2020 Wing Board.

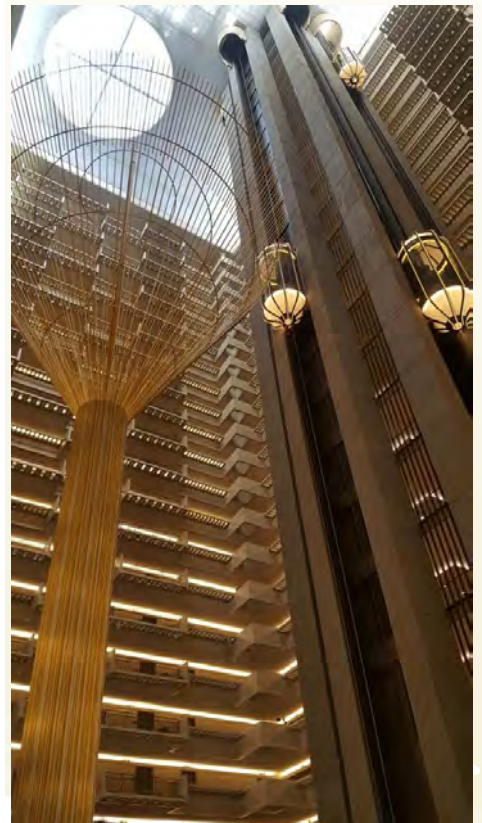
ONWARD TO ATLANTA

May 17 – 21, 2020

Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown

Please take special note that the AsMA conference will be later in May than the usual first week of the month.

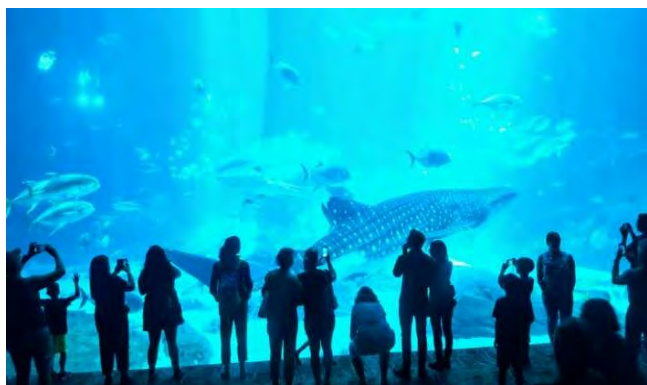
Our site visit to Atlanta was August 15, 2019 with Second VP, Sandy Vanderploeg, filling in for Carrie, who was unable to attend during that date. With the gracious help and chauffeuring skills of Michele Garber, we covered a myriad of the beautiful and historic sites of Atlanta to plan your next wonderful "Wing Experience!"





Events Schedule

Monday: Welcome Reception at the Hyatt Regency (AsMA Convention Hotel) from 2:30-4:30 pm. Enjoy refreshments while meeting and making new friends and catching up with old friends. Returning members, please bring a small gift representing where you live for our gift exchange. New members – your presence is your gift to us and you need not bring anything else.



Tuesday: Georgia Aquarium with Behind the “Seas” Tour. Enjoy the mesmerizing views of amazing marine life at one of the largest aquariums in the Western Hemisphere in six themed sections. As a special feature, we will have a behind the scenes tour – a fascinating experience.

Wednesday: Annual Wing Luncheon and Business Meeting, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, will convene at Pittypat’s Porch Southern Dining restaurant, a historic landmark where we will enjoy a taste of traditional Southern cooking. It is a two-block walk from the hotel.



Thursday: Atlanta Botanical Garden. Experience the magic of giant plant sculptures, including its famed 22-foot Garden Goddess, themed gardens areas, the Conservatory and Orchid Center and more. We will have a guided hour tour in small groups, then you will be free to explore on your own.





YOU CAN REGISTER NOW

Online Registration is recommended and ready to use.

Go to: www.thewingofasma.com/Conference_Registration.html

A registration form is attached if you wish to register by mail

Wing Dues and conference Registration Fee remain at \$35 each with early registration on or before May 2, 2020. After that date, dues and registration will increase to \$40 each. For your convenience, a Registration Form is attached. Also, in the near future, you may check the website for on-line payment. Please update you contact information for the Membership Directory.

Transportation/Parking

Atlanta's MARTA transit system runs to and from the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport; exit at the Peachtree Center Station which is connected to the hotel through the Peachtree Center Mall. Fares are \$2.50 each way. If you are driving, there is on-site valet parking and off-site self parking; both may be limited due to high demand.

Food

The Hyatt Regency has a restaurant, the Sway, and a Starbucks in the lobby. The hotel is connected to The HUB in Peachtree Center, which is a food court and has several shops for essentials. This year, there will be coffee pots in each hotel room, some with Keurig pods and some with coffee pouches. Downtown Atlanta has a plethora of amazing restaurants and dining options within easy walking distance.



2019 – 2020 Wing Board

President	Abby Elliott	<u>Special</u>	
1 st Vice President	Carrie Davis	Past President	Yalonda Silberman
2 nd Vice President	Sandy Vanderploeg	2 nd Past President	Meg Smyrski
Secretary	Diane Allnutt	AsMA Liaison	Peggy Trumbo
Treasurer	Brenda Clinton	Nominating Chair	Yalonda Silberman
		Rules/By-Laws Review	
Board Member at Large	Debbie Tripp	(Omit, completed at 2019 meeting. Next five year review 2024.)	
Board Member at Large	Melinda Kaye Brandt		
Board Member at Large	Lisa Veronneau		
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Parliamentarian	Marilyn Brath		
Assistant Parliamentarian	Debbie Altchuler		

Standing Committee Chairs

Membership	Yalonda Silberman
Advanced Registration	Sandy Vanderploeg
Registration	Jackie Bohnker
Arrangements	Carrie Davis & Sandy Vanderploeg

Arrangements Subcommittees

Hospitality	Gay Lynn Barson
Brunch	Debbie Tripp
Reception	Lisa Veronneau
Favors	Sue Hudson
Tours	Carrie Davis & Sandy Vanderploeg

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May 17-21, 2020
The Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown
Atlanta, Georgia

The WING of AsMA
AsMA 91st Annual Scientific Meeting



REGISTRATION FORM

Please read the entire form (both sides) before filling out. Fill out a separate registration form for each person.

Advance Registration closes May 2, 2020. No refunds after May 2, 2020.

Enter the TOTAL NUMBER of tickets and TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT on the line after each activity.

Send your advance registration directly to THE WING or register online.

DO NOT include with your spouse's/sponsor's AsMA registration.

***PLEASE NOTE: All prices are in U.S. dollars. Only U.S. funds will be accepted for Registration.**

NOTE: Registration is mandatory for participation in Wing activities. By registering before May 2, 2020, you will save \$5 each on dues and registration. After that date, dues and registration will be \$40 each.

Wing Dues (for calendar year 2020) \$35.00 /\$40.00 \$_____

____New Member 2020 ____Renewal ____2020 Dues Previously Paid

Compulsory Registration Fee \$35.00/\$40.00 No.____\$_____

Monday, May 18, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

The WING Welcome Reception for Registrants only **FREE** No.____\$ 0.00

Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Tour #1 Georgia Aquarium with
"Behind the Seas" tour \$65.00 No.____\$_____

Wednesday, May 20, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Annual Wing Luncheon and Business Meeting \$35.00 No.____\$_____

Thursday, May 21, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tour #2- Atlanta Botanical Garden with 1-hour tour \$55.00 No.____\$_____

SEE BACK FOR DETAILS ON ALL WING EVENTS TOTAL \$_____

Name _____
Last Name First Name Spouse's/Sponsor's Name

Address _____

City_____State_____ZIP_____Country _____

Phone_____E-Mail_____

Affiliation (please circle one): Army Navy Air Force Corporate Civilian International Exhibitor

Mail this form and your check (payable to the Wing of AsMA) to:

Brenda Clinton, Treasurer 4427 Forest Hill Drive Fairfax, VA 22030
OR
Register online at: www.thewingofasma.com

The Wing of AsMA – Annual Meeting Information

WELCOME RECEPTION

Monday, May 18, 2:30-4:30 PM

Connect with old friends and make new ones in a relaxed environment at our Annual Welcome Reception. *Remember to bring a small gift reminiscent of your home city, state or country for the gift exchange and please include a short note letting the recipient know who/where the gift is from. New members & first-time attendees don't bring a gift as we are very happy to welcome you to THE WING!*

This year's reception will be held at **The Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown**. Exact room location will be on your ticket.

TOUR #1 – Georgia Aquarium with Behind the “Seas” Tour

Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

\$65.00

Enjoy a 10-million-gallon playground and see how it happens. The Georgia Aquarium is one of the largest aquariums in the western hemisphere with mesmerizing jellyfish, adorable penguins, and gigantic whale sharks among the vast display in six themed sections. As a special feature, we will have a behind the scenes tour at 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM, with each group not to exceed 18 people. You'll get to see the top-down view of the marine tanks, explore the vet facilities, look at how they grow coral, see how the filtration tanks clean the water and more. **The site is accessible.** All tips included. Lunch is on your own and not included in the ticket price, but available at the Aquarium's cafeteria. Meet in the **Hyatt Regency Lobby** at 9:30 AM. The tickets will be collected on the bus.

ANNUAL WING LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

\$35.00

Pittypat's Porch Southern Dining, 25 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta

- A two-block walk from The Hyatt Regency

- Accessible entrance.

The story is told that when Scarlett visited Atlanta, she always stayed with Aunt Pittypat. During those visits, Aunt Pitty would prepare only her best recipes. At Pittypat's Porch, the tradition continues. After experiencing this Southern cooking, we will hold our annual business meeting.

TOUR #2 – Atlanta Botanical Garden with one-hour tour

Thursday, May 21, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

\$55.00

Experience the magic of giant plant sculptures, including its famed 22-foot Garden Goddess. An hour guided tour in small groups will also provide an overview of the history and take you through the Conservatory and Orchid Center. You are then free to explore the meandering path into the multiple smaller themed gardens and sites including the Capital Cascade Gardens, Children's Garden, Southern Season's Garden, The Alston Overlook, and the Water Mirror. **The site is Accessible** and tips are included. Lunch is on your own and is not included in the ticket price, but available at the Garden's sit-down restaurant or quick cafe. Meet in **The Hyatt Regency Lobby** at 9:00 AM. Tickets will be collected on the bus.

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION will be available at the Wing Hospitality room
(look for our Wing signs for the room location)**

The Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown

Sunday, May 17: 1-5 PM

Monday, May 18: 10 AM-1:00 PM

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION is appreciated and at a reduced price for your
2020 dues and registration through May 2, 2020.**

Mail your registration form and check to:

Brenda Clinton 4427 Forest Hill Drive Fairfax, VA 22030

Or register online at www.thewingofasma.com