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WALLY BIRD ALUMNI REUNION

ELDORADO HOTEL - RENO NEVADA

2017

Latest Information as of 7-15-17

Hotel check in, Tues. Sept 26 - check out Thurs. Sept **28**

Please note check out date is corrected to Sept **28**

Jerry has paid the registration fee to the Eldorado hotel so now we need Western People to register to meet the guarantee. This event, as in recent years, is open to anyone that had a history with Western Airlines: pilots, flight attendants, ramp personnel, office personnel, mechanics, passenger agents and ticket counter personnel. All are invited.

The room terminology and cost has been changed from last year. The Standard room is now the Deluxe room. The cost has increased \$1 to \$55. The Luxury room is now called the Superior room. Its cost remains the same at \$79. In addition, as in previous years there is a nightly resort fee, now \$20.43, a City of Reno "City Capital Project Fee" of \$3 per night and a County room tax of 13.5%.

The nightly resort fee includes the following amenities: daily wifi internet access from your guest room, in-room and toll-free phone calls, in-room safe, in-room coffee, Gym in room 520, notary services, 10% discount in the retail shops, complimentary shuttle transportation to and from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and complimentary valet or self-parking.

The Eldorado is now accepting guestroom reservations. The number to call is **800-648-5966**. It is most important that you reference **WALLYBIRD ALUMNI REUNION 2017** as well as our special group code **IEWAL17** to insure proper rates and accommodations are assigned. The room block cutoff date is **midnight, Friday, Sept 1, 2017**. Reservations received after this date will only be accepted on a space and rate availability basis. The Eldorado allows individual attendees the right to cancel their guestroom/suite reservation without penalty up to 24 hours prior to each attendee's scheduled arrival date. Cancellation within that 24 hours of the scheduled arrival date, you're going to get charged. The Eldorado has also made available a certain number of rooms at the above rates for those who may wish to check in Monday, Sept. 25 and check out as late as Friday, Sept. 29.

New this year: For those who wish to make reservations using an online convenience, here is the link:

<https://eldorado.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1079&mode=b&pm=true&sr=219061&vr=3>

Make sure and: control + click to follow link. If you have a problem, call using **800-648-5966**, and include the above noted proper reference and special group code when making your reservation.

Al Ehringer has informed us his "Little Waldorf Saloon" will be ready for Wally Birds beginning Tues. Sept. 26 at 3:00 PM and lasting until 6:00 PM. This is a real treat and a terrific opportunity to relive those "Special Times." His invitation, once again includes Hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. The Saloon is located at 1661 N. Virginia Street, 1.5 miles from the Eldorado. Al has provided this initial WallyBird greeting for several years. Upon arrival a gratuity container is provided to show appreciation to those who insure everything is in order for our enjoyment. Those needing transportation from the Eldorado and also for the return, should be near the Eldorado check in area no later than 2:45 Tues. the 26th.

OUR FEATURED GUESTS

We have the honor and privilege to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Grinstein will be our Banquet guests. Jerry Grinstein, the son of a Seattle doctor, went to Yale and earned a law degree from Harvard. He worked for 12 years on Capitol Hill as a lawyer for the Senate Commerce Committee and as a top aide to Sen. Warren Magnuson, D-Wash. He worked as a private lawyer in Seattle and subsequently landed on the board of Western Airlines in 1977. He eventually served as that carrier's chief executive until it merged with Delta, leading to a seat on the Atlanta-based carrier's board. He is clearly one of the industry's most revered and respected leaders in commercial aviation over his 30 plus year career in the business, and one of the most humble as well! We look forward to some wonderful stories/memories from the good old days at Western.

THE BANQUET will be the evening of Sep. 27 beginning at 4:30 with a no host bar in the Novi Room. THERE WILL BE A SEATING MAXIMUM OF 130. We urge you to make your reservations ASAP. Dinner will be at 6:00 and the program will begin at 7:00. Our entrees will be the same as last year. There will be Rosemary Chicken, Grilled Salmon and Roast Prime Rib of Beef. The cost will be \$45.00 per meal. Also included will be Fume Blanc and Cabernet wines served at the table. Wines are provided by the Sales Department.

COMMENTS: JERRY MILLER AND GUEST INTRODUCTION BY GARY GUILLIAT

GOLF WITH MEL: We are planning to play at the Lake Ridge Golf Course on Thursday, Sept 27. Tee times will be in the AM. Exact times and costs will be announced around September 1. Contact Mel at flboymel@sbcglobal.net or 775-378-6662 for pairing preferences.

RAFFLE FOR THE "LARGE PLAYERS SUITE" We had a "cargo container" of "players" last year participating in the "large Players Suite" raffle and decided to "do it again!" The funds you contribute through the raffle keep our WallyBird Bank account alive. The Eldorado sales department has offered a large Players Suite as the raffle prize. This is a 750 sq. ft. room with a jetted tub located in the Skyline Tower, valued at \$280 for a two night stay. The winning party will be welcomed upon registration by "Congratulations, you have won the Large Players Suite." You will then be escorted to your suite. There you will find two bottles of Feffari Carano Wine, grapes, nuts and cheese.

There is NO LIMIT on the number of raffle chances you can buy. One caveat for this year. If you checked in prior to Sept. 26 and won the raffle, the Eldorado will move you to your "suite" after the drawing and the winner is notified. The raffle winning party will be able to enjoy their suite during the Wally Bird reunion. We want to hear just how much fun the winners are having! Upon checking out the "winner" will be billed for their previously reserved room.

Please have your checks for \$45 per meal and \$10 for each Raffle Chance mailed so that Jerry receives them no later than September 21. This date will enable the Eldorado to accurately have the correct meal count and your raffle chances can be included in the drawing. Only those who have submitted their checks and meal selection to Jerry will have a seat at the Banquet.

The drawing will be conducted by Jerry, Gary and Mel.

Good luck, We look forward to seeing all of you on Sept 26, 27 and 28.

Jerry Miller, Gary Guilliat, Mel Younker

I/We will be attending **WALLYBIRDS REUNION 2017** Banquet _____/_____

Little Waldorf Saloon _____ Yes or No

I/We would like the following meals: Please enter the number of meals in the block to the left.

[] Roasted Rosemary Chicken \$45.00 per meal \$ _____

[] Grilled Salmon " \$ _____

[] Prime Rib of Beef " \$ _____

[] Number of Raffle CHANCES \$10.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL of Meals and Raffle Chances: \$ _____

[] I will be playing golf, and my index/handicap is _____ [or estimated handicap]

Please make your checks out to: **Jerry Miller** and send this form to:

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