



ITA group picture in Savannah, GA

January 2020 Newsletter

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The 85th ITA Annual Convention is in the books. It was held in Historic Savannah, Georgia and was filled with lots of fun and history. Thank you to everyone for coming even with the threat of a major hurricane. We missed those who could not attend.

Those who arrived early for the convention did the Savannah Slow Ride Pub Crawl peddle bike tour.

On Friday the day started with our golfers on their Double Trouble Golf Outing. We opened the convention with Jukebox Bingo and had a great time with lots of laughs and ended the evening with dancing and DJ Dan.

Saturday morning, we did the trolley City Tour of Savannah. We toured the "Squares of Savannah" each Square has a story. Free time allowed us to explore

Downtown Savannah on our own. Dinner was at Savannah's Famous Pirates' House, located on one of the most historic spots in Georgia. Situated a scant block from the Savannah River, the inn became a rendezvous for pirates and visiting sailors from the Seven Seas Built in 1753. Following dinner, the Ghost & Gravestones Trolley Tour picked us up at the restaurant and took us to the Andrew Low House and the Perkins and Sons Ship Chandlery.



On Sunday we started with a motivational Gospel and Surviving Twin service led by Sandy Meyer. The General Meeting followed where our new 2020 officers were voted in, Co-Presidents are Meryl and Cheryl Hollar and Co-Vice Presidents are Lindy Miller and Cindy Hockensmith. Brenda Pritchett and Linda DeWitt accepted the Nomination to be our Secretary/Treasurers for 3 more years. Jerry Hymer was elected as our official photographer. Seattle, Washington was selected as the site for the 2021 Annual ITA Convention. We have never been out that far West. It sounds like we will have a lot to see.

We rounded out the day with our semi-formal "Sweet Southern Nights" dinner, dance with DJ Dan, and silent auction. We had a great group of ITA Kings and Queens, see picture below. Georgeann Ricketts was a huge help in organizing many of the games played over the weekend. She really worked hard. On Monday, an ITA first, we had to evacuate our hotel by noon due to hurricane Dorian.

We want to thank Donna Hyson and Debbie Zawacki, our Co-Vice Presidents and Brenda and Linda for all their help through out the year and during the convention. We look forward to the 2020 Convention in Hartford, Connecticut next year and hope to see everyone there.

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Dianne and Doreen McConaghy



Sharon Kilbourne, Sharleen Dow-Roberts, Letitia Sharp, Brad Shepard, Patricia Craig, Leland Oswalt, Russell Scott, Barry Baatz, Carol Neis, Phyllis Leis, Carol Bond & Connie Morey

Longest Attending Member:
Marilyn Davidson-56 years - FL

Surviving Twins:
Rosabella Norona, Sandy Meyer, Brad Shepard,
Geneva Petitt, Russell Scott & Leland Oswalt

Traveled Furthest:
Letitia Sharp - IL &
Patricia Craig - CA



Reservation Details:

Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport
28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095
PH# 860-688-7500



Code: 2020 ITA Convention
Start Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020
End Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020
DEADLINE: Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Special group rate: \$115 USD per night

Complimentary Airport Shuttle available.
Main airport is Bradley International,
6 miles from hotel.



Tentative "A Taste of New England" Convention Agenda

- **Thursday:** (all day) Trip to **Newport, RI**. During our several stops, including meals, our trip includes visits to famous Newport Mansions & an Ocean Drive.
- **Friday:** (am) Trip to **Stockbridge, MA**. Visit to the Norman Rockwell museum.
(pm) Opening Ceremonies/Dinner & Dance at hotel
- **Saturday:** (am) Executive Committee Meeting
Trip to **Mystic, CT**. Spend the day in this 19th Century seaport town for tours, shopping & dinner in this quaint, picturesque, historical village.
- **Sunday:** (am) Gospel Hour
ITA Business Meeting
(pm) ITA Contest
"A Taste of New England" Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction at hotel

For those who come early & stay late, Hartford has the Mark Twain House & Museum, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center (author of Uncle Tom's Cabin), and 19th-20th-century American artists at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum (oldest free public museum in US). ITA has never been to Hartford, CT before, so invite family & friends for this exciting Taste of New England experience!

Monday Night Dinner Club: We did not meet due to evacuation of hotel. Please join us next year, sign up sheet will be at the registration desk. Connie Morey & Carol Bond

ITA Contest Winners



Alyssa & Lillian Shannon
Most Alike Females 6-10 yrs. &
Youngest - NC



Linda DeWitt & Brenda Pritchett
Most Alike Females 50-57 yrs.
TN & FL



Dianne & Doreen McConaghy
Most Alike Females 58-59 yrs.
GA



Camille Lee & Cecille Gove
Most Alike Females 60-61 yrs.
MS



Cindy Hockensmith & Lindy Miller
Most Alike Females 62-69 yrs.
CA



Delores Dahlsten & Donna Bachaus
Most Alike Females 70-73 yrs.
MN



Carolyn Bridges & Marilyn Elder
Most Alike Females 74-76 yrs. &
Best of Show OH



**Sharon Kilbourne & Sharleen
Dow-Roberts MI**
Most Alike Females 77-80 yrs.



Doris Murray & Lois Shannon
Most Alike Females 81 yrs. & Over
SC



Robert & Roger Griebel
Most Alike Males 50-67 yrs.
IN



Bill & James Taylor
Most Alike Males 68 yrs. & Over
and Oldest Males-age 80 FL



Carol Neis & Phyllis Leis
Most Unalike Females
NJ



Boyce & Royce Peeples
Most Unalike Males
GA



Geraldine Dunn & Wardine Wilcox
Oldest Females-age 95
AL & TX

See you in 2020!





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The **International Twins Association** was organized by and for twins in 1932. It is a non-profit, family-oriented organization to promote the spiritual, intellectual, and social welfare of twins and multiples throughout the world.

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