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# Retiree Association of Flight Attendants - CWA



## RAFA is going digital!

Members will soon be able to sign up for yearly membership ONLINE in a totally secure web platform.

RAFA's current website provider, Wild Apricot, has announced a new partnership with AffiniPay, a premier on-line credit card service that will operate from within the website.

In the past, the fees for receiving on-line membership payments from our members via credit card were prohibitive, but the newly negotiated fees with AffiniPay within Wild Apricot are incredibly LOW.

Here are some of the features of this great new AffiniPay service.

1. NO SET UP FEE and NO MONTHLY PAYMENT
2. Members don't have to leave the website to pay their dues with a credit card.
3. For ADDED SECURITY, Wild Apricot does not store member credit card information.
4. Credit cards from any country will be accepted.
5. The only cost will be a processing fee of 30 cents + 44 cents (2.9% fee) per \$15 membership payment, leaving \$14.23 for the council. Paper mailings cost > \$1.00 each including postage, not to mention all the time involved to print, stuff, send, receive and type the info into a spreadsheet.
6. Funds are transferred to the RAFA bank acct. within 48 hours of receipt and then transferred via online bank transfer to each council.
7. Members will update their contact information themselves as well as sign up for newsletters from any council(s) of their choice. Some members have requested this change.

RAFA Members who choose not to use credit card payments for dues may send a check to the council of their choice. They can print the form from the website and send it to the council address listed. Both RUPA and RUAEA collect membership fees through their website or allow members to send a check if they prefer.

This change to a fully automated system to maintain contact records of retired AFA flight attendants and collect membership fees will be a step forward for RAFA members and for the volunteers who work to provide news, advocacy and social get-togethers for RAFA members.

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## Have I missed email messages from RAFA membership in the past?

### A note about email providers' "Safe Senders Lists" or "Whitelists"

Spam filters that come with email programs allow you to customize both "whitelists" of safe senders and "blacklists" of unsafe or junk senders plus keywords to look for in e-mails. When your spam filter keeps a whitelist, mail from the listed e-mail addresses and domain email will be sent through to your Inbox instead of being deleted or sent to the Junk mail or Spam folder. Black listed content and addresses will be sent a spam folder or deleted, depending on your own security settings. Even though it is not a perfect system, using whitelists and blacklists can assist you in blocking unwanted messages and spam while allowing messages from wanted senders to get through.

In order to receive messages from RAFA you MUST make sure to add [admin@rafa-cwa.org](mailto:admin@rafa-cwa.org) as an email address on your contact list. Some providers let you add safe senders in other ways to insure delivery of your e-mails. You could also add the domain name [www.rafa-cwa.org](http://www.rafa-cwa.org)

If you or another flight attendant retiree or eligible associate member (i.e. spouse of a retired flight attendant) have not yet given RAFA your e-mail address and would like to join for the coming year, please send your full legal name, address, airline file number, phone and e-mail address to [admin@rafa-cwa.org](mailto:admin@rafa-cwa.org) and we will add you to the list of those wanting an online membership invitation.

## What should I do next?

***When RAFA is ready to roll out the new system, RAFA presidents will e-mail instructions to you on how to create a password and have access to the payment page and also special member content.***

Thank you for your patience. RAFA International and RAFA Local Council leaders are working to get the new online membership system up and running as quickly as possible, with the goal of providing a simple, safe, professional, interactive and interesting web experience for our supportive and valued members.

Sincerely,  
Your RAFA leaders