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WINGS CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS GALA – OCTOBER 24, 2014

Acting as the Master of Ceremonies, CNN Aviation Correspondent Richard Quest set the tone for the evening when he noted in his welcome remarks, “At this very moment there are 11,233 planes flying in the skies around the world,” and “up there... you are all competitors.” However, he continued, “Tonight in this room, ladies and gentlemen, we come together as friends. We come together to celebrate an industry that is without doubt one of the most dynamic in the world today.”



Dionne Warwick

Richard then introduced Barry Eccleston, the 72nd president of The Wings Club, who greeted the audience and clarified, “I’m the guy with the English accent who is not on CNN.” Announcing the honoree, Barry proclaimed, “Tonight we honor my good friend, our good friend, Dave Barger; an extraordinary guy who has had an extraordinary career - a true visionary of our industry.”

A preview of the movie trailer “Living in the Age of Airplanes,” which followed the presentation of the colors by the FDNY’s Color Guard, Emerald Society Pipes & Drums and the singing of the National Anthem, reminded us why we celebrate this industry.

In the Club’s annual salute to the future leaders of our industry, the seven 2014 scholarship winners were announced, while the presentation of a check for \$25,000 to the Corporate Angle Network underscored the Club’s recognition and support of the industry as a force for good in the world.



Bette Midler

Dionne Warwick made the first of two celebrity appearances on the program, singing a set of her best-known hits and ending on crowd favorite, “That’s What Friends Are For.” Bette Midler followed a few minutes later paying tribute to her friend and the evening’s honoree, Dave Barger, for his many charitable works.

The honoree’s tribute video was one last element of a remarkable evening which culminated in a spontaneous standing ovation welcoming JetBlue CEO and former Wings Club President Dave Barger to the stage to receive the Wings Club Distinguished Achievement Award for 2014.

The Annual Awards Gala, where we honor the best-of-the-best of the aviation industry, is always the marquis event of the Club’s year, but it is even more special when we honor “one of our own.” Tonight this was certainly the case.



Dave Barger and Barry Eccleston



Richard Quest





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A Message From The President



Winter 2014

*D*ear Wings Club Members:

2014 was a historic year for the Wings Club. After years of work, the merger of the Wings Club and the Wings Club Scholarship Fund has been approved. The new combined Wings Club Foundation structure ensures that we will continue our similar missions to support the advancement and development of aviation well into the future.

The Wings Club Scholarship Fund was first established in 1991. Initially, a single scholarship was awarded to a student from Dowling College. As of the date of the merger, the Fund had built an endowment of over \$1 million and last year, six students received scholarships at four different universities. We are grateful to all who have contributed to the successful growth of the Scholarship Fund and look forward to expanding the reach of the new Foundation in years to come.

Our traditional Wings Club events also continue to be successful. The Aviation Leader Series Luncheons have featured an exceptional list of speakers. The Golf Tournament expanded significantly in 2014 and our international events in Dublin and Geneva remain very popular.

In October at the Annual Awards Gala, it was a great honor to present Dave Barger, Chief Executive Officer at JetBlue, with the Distinguished Achievement Award. Dave is most deserving of this recognition, as he has had a remarkable career and has been a tremendous supporter of the Wings Club. It was a memorable evening for everyone.

As we move forward with the newly merged Wings Club Foundation, 2015 promises to be another exciting year. We will continue to work to enhance our current events as well as expand the reach and impact of our scholarship and humanitarian programs. I thank you for all of your support and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Best regards,

Barry Eccleston
President
The Wings Club



THE WINGS CLUB FOUNDATION

Throughout its history, the Wings Club has played an important role in aviation. The organization has now hit another significant milestone. The long-awaited approval of the merger between The Wings Club Inc. and The Wings Club Scholarship Fund, Inc. has been received. Effective, Monday, December 15, 2014, the New York Department of State accepted our Petition in Support of the Application for Approval of the Merger. The surviving 501(c) (3) organization is officially known as The Wings Club Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation retains the mission to support the advancement and development of aviation, domestic and foreign. The vision of the Foundation is to create an endowment that will foster educational opportunities for individuals pursuing a degree in the field of aviation. This will be done through grants to educational institutions for the establishment of student scholarships and loan funds. The Foundation is also currently exploring giving opportunities and endowment development opportunities that can help reach this goal.

Charitable contributions to the new, surviving entity will be tax deductible. Consequently, it will not only continue the Scholarship Funds' work in supporting aviation-focused collegiate level study, but also expand its not-for-profit role in additional key areas of aviation that require development and support.

These areas will include other aviation educational projects to generate interest in aviation careers, support of and grants to charitable organizations that use aircraft to deliver humanitarian aid and outreach, and the preservation and distribution of the Club's history for its unique contribution to the story of aviation. The regular luncheon series and the 'Sight Lecture' will fulfill a key function of The Wings Club Foundation by providing and promoting a platform for educational discussions of aviation issues.



Aerospace On Campus Series

The latest educational initiative of The Wings Club, the “Aerospace on Campus Series” in partnership with *Aviation Week*, is gaining recognition and momentum as it moves into its second year.

Having long been a high priority for The Wings Club, the university-level program, which highlights both technical and management careers in aviation and aerospace, is a program coordinated by the Club’s Historical and Education Committee. The program involves industry leaders and *Aviation Week* executives visiting select schools to make presentations to the students and faculty.

Since its inception, faculty and students of the visited universities have offered words of praise and gratitude as well as their commitment to building long-term relationships.

During the program’s inaugural year, Kevin McAllister, GE Aviation and Stephen Fairbairn, RTI International Metals, Inc. spoke at the University of Pittsburgh, while Gary Spulak, Embraer and Greg Hamilton, *Aviation Week* presented at the University of Central Florida.

This spring, James Guyette, Rolls-Royce North America is slated to speak at the University of Virginia on April 1st. The Club is continuing to work on additional opportunities to schedule speaking engagements for the remainder of the year.

Through this sharing of leadership experience, dedication to the expansion of the industry and vision for the future, The Wings Club contributes to the shaping of the next generation of aviation professionals.



Asha Belarski, Kevin McAllister



Gary Spulak



Kevin McAllister



Stephen Fairbairn



Greg Hamilton



Greg Hamilton



Gary Spulak



Stephen Fairbairn



HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED

SEPTEMBER



September 18, 2014

John Plueger
President and Chief Operating Officer
Air Lease Corporation

At the first luncheon after the summer hiatus, John Plueger held the full attention of the audience as he presented an optimistic view on the world economy, trade, passenger traffic and industry outlook. Respected as an industry expert for his 28 years of aviation and aircraft leasing experience, including 23 years at ILFC, Plueger concluded, "There is no definitive evidence of an impending bubble or downturn globally in the industry. Strong passenger growth now and in the future suggests a continuation of industry strength; improved airline capacity and financial discipline will moderate and reduce cycle amplitudes; current generation aircraft are needed and should retain values and a cyclical downturn is not anticipated in the near to medium-term."

NOVEMBER



November 20, 2014

Ivan Chu
Chief Executive
Cathay Pacific Group

From their co-founding by an American pilot and the purchase of their first aircraft in America (a second-hand DC3 named Betsy) to their first flight in 1986 and growth to 87 passenger flights a week, Mr. Chu highlighted the "evermore important place" of the USA in Cathay's global network. Shifting to the Hong Kong hub, Chu noted, "We were able to use Hong Kong's unique geographical position to good advantage in building new lanes for passengers and cargo between Asia and North America. Not only does the city sit on the edge of the world's fastest-developing economy, mainland China, but half of the world's population lives within five hours' flying time of Hong Kong."

DECEMBER



December 11, 2014

Gary Kelly
Chairman of the Board, President and CEO
Southwest Airlines

In what has become the annual year-end event at the Wings Club, Gary Kelly reprised his role as the December speaker for the seventh consecutive year. Using the popular interview format, David Johnson, a radio and TV journalist from the CBS affiliate in Dallas, posed the questions. The lively exchange covered a wide range of topics including the retirement of the AirTran brand on December 28, Southwest's expansion into the international marketplace and retaining load factors, to union negotiations, the end of Southwest's fuel hedging advantage, their brand update and industry competition. "It is a hyper-competitive industry and cost and service will continue to be the two key factors in a head-to-head competition; and we at Southwest want to be the best at both of these."





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON



Barry Eccleston, John Plueger



David Romansky, Frank Pray, Doug Izarra



Students from Vaughn College of Aeronautics & Technology



Greg Alberts, Jeff Lewis, Jim Good



Bob Kuz, Jerry Lundquist, Arron Hollander, Tulinda Larsen, Mylene Scholnick, Bill Kelly



John Plueger



NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



Jim Groark, Julie Jarret, Tom Owen, Nancy Elder, Sebastian White



Ivan Chu, Lisa Pang



Ovi Sanchez, Waldo Ikeda, David Lombad, Scott Mayerowitz



Bob Reding, Marlin Dailey, Dave McKay, David Davenport



Ivan Chu and Dave Barger with students from New York University (NYU)



Ivan Chu





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

DECEMBER LUNCHEON



Henry Thompson, Beverly Wyse, Mark Wainer



Gary Kelly being interviewed by David Johnson



Aviation High School Students



Chris Lambent, Lisa Kallar, Lou Seno



*Head Table: Seated: David Johnson, Gary Kelly, Barry Eccleston
Standing: Sharon Devivo, Bob Craft, Mike Van de Ven, Dave McKay, David Davenport*



Gary Kelly, Dr. Julius Maldutis





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

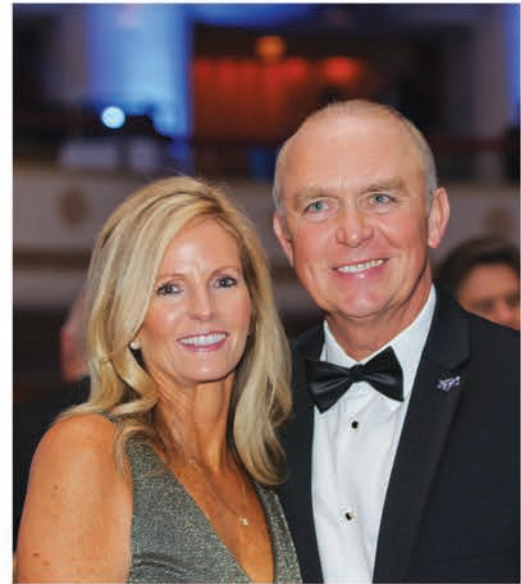
Annual Awards Gala





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Annual Awards Gala





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SUZANNA DARCY-HENNEMANN SELECTED AS THIS YEAR'S OUTSTANDING AVIATOR AWARD RECIPIENT

The Wings Club, in conjunction with the International Aviation Womens Association (IAWA), is proud to announce that Captain Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann will receive the Sixth Annual Outstanding Aviator Award, to be presented during The Wings Club Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, March 25, 2015, at the Yale Club in New York City.

Adhering to the mission of the award to recognize airmen and airwomen whose actions have made major contributions to aviation and/or security and who serve as leadership role models, Suzanna's accomplishments over a forty-one year career history with Boeing will be celebrated.

She was the first woman to captain a 747-400 and a 777, the first woman test pilot to be employed by Boeing in both production and experimental flight test and she set a record for the longest non-stop flight of a passenger airliner.

In 1974, Suzanna joined Boeing and started her aviation career in engineering. Most recently, she was Chief Pilot for the Boeing 777 Program and responsible for engineering flight test activities related to all Boeing 777 airplane models. She has been an integral member of the 777 Program since its inception, contributing to the design, testing and certification of the initial airplane as well as its derivatives, added features and technologies. Suzanna became rated as a captain on the Boeing 747-400 in 1989 and later achieved captain status as a rated captain on the Boeing 747-400, 737, 757 and 767 airplanes.

In 2005, Captain Darcy-Hennemann commanded a 22 hour and 42 minute flight on a 777-200LR. She and a team of pilots flew 11,664 nautical miles eastward from Hong Kong to London, crossing two oceans and a continent setting a record for the longest non-stop flight of a passenger airliner.

Since 2008, Suzanna has served as Chief Pilot for Boeing Flight Services, leading approximately 500 instructor pilots globally. She is responsible for all pilots providing flight services and all instructor pilots providing flight and cabin safety training. She has oversight of flight training operations in Flight Services' campuses worldwide.

Suzanna is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and is a frequent guest speaker at industry and community forums including the Royal Aeronautical Society's Seattle Branch, the GE Accident Reduction Operations Team, and the NASA Goddard Engineering Colloquium. In 2010, Captain Darcy-Hennemann was inducted into the Women in Aviation's International Pioneer Hall of Fame.



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According to Webster’s dictionary, “to shop” means “to look for something with the intention of acquiring it.” With that in mind, there are many products just waiting to be acquired from The Wings Club Virtual Store. A variety of Wings Club logoed items can be found ranging from apparel (jackets, polo shirts, hats, vests) and business accessories (laptop/tablet carriers, executive pens, flight bags) to golf products (golf bags, golf balls, golf umbrellas) and outdoor/leisure items such as portable stadium chairs, backpacks, tumblers and even bike bottles. Shopping for customized Wings Club merchandise is easy and can be accomplished online by visiting our website. We encourage all members to visit the store today and browse through the inventory; a Wings Club shopping spree is just a click away.

SAVE THE DATE

The February Luncheon
February 26, 2015
The Yale Club
Speaker: Enrique Beltranena,
Founder and CEO
Volaris

The Dublin Luncheon
March 6, 2015
InterContinental Dublin Hotel
Speaker: Willie Walsh, CEO
International Airlines Group

The Annual Meeting
March 25, 2015
The Yale Club
Induction of new
Wings Club President, **John Pleuger,**
President and COO
Air Lease Corporation
Presentation of 2015
Outstanding Aviator Award to
Suzanna Darcey-Hennemann
Announcement of 2015 Distinguished
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Cocktail Reception

The March Luncheon
‘Sight Lecture’
March 26, 2015
The Yale Club
Speaker: Robert L. Crandall