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NEWS

WILLIE WALSH - THE 2018 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

The Wings Club Foundation, Inc. will honor International Airlines Group Chief Executive Officer, Willie Walsh, with the 2018 Distinguished Achievement Award. Acknowledging outstanding accomplishments in the field of aviation, the award will be presented on October 19, 2018, at the 76th Annual Awards Gala to be held at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City.

Willie Walsh became chief executive of International Airlines Group (IAG) in January 2011, joining from British Airways where he was chief executive from October 2005.

IAG is the parent company of Aer Lingus, British Airways, Iberia, LEVEL and Vueling. It is one of the world's largest airline groups with 546 aircraft flying to 279 destinations and carrying more than 105 million passengers each year.



Willie Walsh



The Wings Club Foundation Annual Awards Gala

Previous to his role at British Airways, Willie was chief executive of Aer Lingus from October 2001. He joined the airline in 1979 as a cadet pilot and became a captain in 1990 before moving into management roles.

Originally from Dublin, Willie is also chairman of the Ireland's National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA).





THE WINGS CLUB

A Message From The President

Summer 2018



*D*ear Wings Club Members:

I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant summer. Here at the Wings Club, we continue to make progress with the programs that advance our mission. As we approach the fall season, we also have some exciting events planned.

Our primary mission is to support aviation related education. This year, we have increased our annual scholarship grants. At the upcoming Awards Gala, we will present nine scholarships, totaling \$137,000 to some very deserving and talented aviation students. The Aerospace on Campus program, presented in partnership with *Aviation Week Network*, continues to reach a wide range of university students from across the country.

At the beginning of the year, we also set out an objective to increase the Wings Club Foundation's visibility to new markets outside the New York area. In April, we hosted the first Aviation Leader Series Luncheon in Tokyo. The event drew a large crowd and was very well received. In October, we will hold our second luncheon in Dubai. We are also planning a new event that will be held in Hong Kong at the beginning of next year.

Regarding our local calendar, we have an outstanding list of speakers scheduled for the balance of the year as well as the beginning of 2019. Preparations are also underway for the Annual Awards Gala. On October 19th, it will be our pleasure to honor Willie Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, International Airlines Group, with the Distinguished Achievement Award. We will also be presenting our annual humanitarian award to Orbis International, in recognition of their dedicated work to save sight worldwide.

It is exciting to see the progress of our various initiatives. Thank you for your continued support of these important programs.

Best regards,

Franklin Pray
President
The Wings Club Foundation





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

Wings Club on the Road – Tokyo, Japan

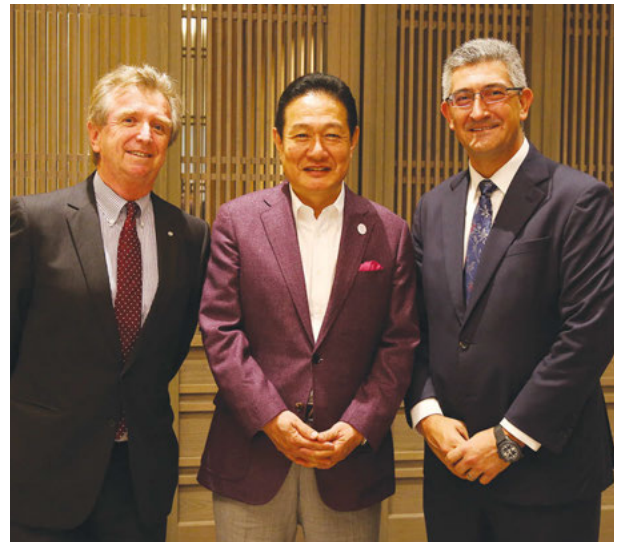
Mr. Shinichi Inoue
Representative Director and Chief Executive Officer
Peach Aviation Limited

On April 18, 2018, the inaugural Aviation Leaders’ Series Luncheon was held in Tokyo, Japan, complementing Dublin, Geneva, and Dubai as overseas venues where the Wings Club Foundation has traveled.

A full house was on hand for the occasion as Inoue-san outlined the launch of Peach in October 2012 with just two domestic routes. In the fastest business expansion in the history of Japanese aviation, Peach grew to 14 international routes and 15 domestic routes in five years and achieved profitably in four consecutive years. “Peach is proof that an LCC can be profitable even in a high cost country such as Japan,” stated Inoue-san.



Shinichi Inoue



Seated: Stéphane Ginoux, Jason Tonich, Shinichi Inoue, Jean-Pierre Stainnack, Simon Hanson Standing: Mark Lapidus, Richard Sinclair, Tom Fitzsimmons, Per Waldelof





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Panel Discussion:

The future of ATC and NextGen for Airlines and General Aviation in the Wake of Privatization Withdrawal

Panelists:

Mr. Mark Baker, President & CEO the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Mr. Edward Bolen, President & CEO National Business Aviation Association

Mr. Jeff Martin, Executive Vice President Operations, JetBlue Airways

Mr. Bailey Edwards, Assistant Administrator for Policy, International Affairs and Environment, FAA

Moderator:

Joe Anselmo, Editor-in-Chief *Aviation Week & Space Technology*

A lively and wide ranging discussion on the myriad challenges of modernizing the U.S. Air Traffic Control System and rolling out NextGen took place at the April luncheon in New York. In spite of each panelist providing a different perspective on the priorities and the mission, there was agreement that a stable funding stream was the key to the future of NextGen. Summarizing the consensus, Jeff Martin noted, "With reduced research and development funding at the FAA, how do we figure out how to get protected funds for the FAA?"

APRIL LUNCHEON



Mark Baker, Edward Bolen, Jeff Martin, Bailey Edwards



Frank Pray and the students from Farmingdale State College (SUNY)



Millie Becker, Brittany Davies, Dean Saucier



Jim Barry, John Stack, Jerry Lundquist



Lorie DiMarco, Andy Hakes, Christine Negroni



MAY LUNCHEON

Mr. Christian Scherer
Chief Executive Officer
ATR

Starting with a brief background on the launch of the ATR in 1981, and noting that the ATR was designed by the same chief engineer that also designed the Concorde, Mr. Scherer reassured, “It is not an old diesel truck from the past.” In fact, “since the early 1980’s there really has not been anybody, including ourselves, able to come with a proposition for a regional transport aircraft that actually beats the economic efficiency of this machine,” He continued, asserting that we are witnessing the “renaissance of the turboprop in the world market,” and noted that the economic signature of the plane has created 155 new routes around the world, including 20 in the US.



Christian Scherer



Kathy Ruiz, Jim Clarke



Eric Hong, Charlotte Vaksmann, Gary Krauthamer, Christian Scherer



Michael Bell, Debra Cartagena, Willis Moore, Darby Dustman



Robert Kuzma, Colleen DiGiorgio, Ulysse Wurtz, Maurie Curran





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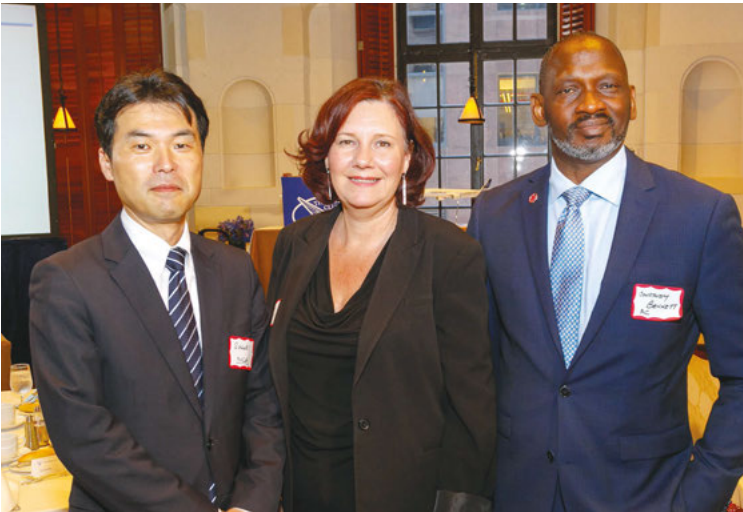
Hideki Kunugi
Senior Vice President, the Americas
All Nippon Airways

ANA was founded in 1952 as Nippon Helicopters, with only two aircraft, and a founding philosophy of "Have Integrity and Independence." Since that time ANA has grown to 160 aircraft and is today the largest airline Japan. The company is guided by five core values known as ANA's Way: Safety; Customer Orientation; Social Responsibility; Team Spirit and Endeavor. Kunugi-san related, "Thirty-one years ago the US market opened the door for our international expansion with a flight from Guam to Los Angeles and on to Washington DC." Today, ANA remains committed to the market, serving 11 gateway cities in the Americas with 17 frequencies.

JUNE LUNCHEON



Hideki Kunugi



Yoshitada Suzuki, Lisa Pierce, Courtney Bennett



Daniel Lazzari, Audrey Butler, Barry Butler



Hideki Kunugi, Jose Alberto, Frank Pray



Pre-event Reception



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In 2000, the Wings Club Scholarship fund gave out its first scholarship. Since then, eighty-six (86) scholarships have been awarded, making a difference in the lives of outstanding students committed to careers in the field aviation; students with the drive and determination to become future leaders.

Drawing recipients from both Aviation Schools and Universities with degree programs in Aviation allows us a distinctive and diverse group of high-achieving student scholars.

For many recipients, the scholarships from the Wings Club Foundation were the transformational difference, allowing students of less fortunate means to realize their dreams of a college education and a chance of significant upward mobility.

The Wings Club Foundation does not just spend money on scholarships, but we invest in the next generation of aviation leaders through a unique and innovative program called SIM.


The SIM program (Scholarship, Internship and Mentorship) draws on the strength of the Foundation's members who provide corporate participation with and sponsorship of our scholarship recipients through internships in their companies and mentoring.



Today, there are Wings Club Scholarship recipients in positions of responsibility throughout the field of aviation, serving in roles such as Senior Flight Engineer; Propulsion Engineer; Aerospace Engineer, Operations Group Supervisor; Aircraft Dispatcher, Senior Human Factors System Engineer; and Pilot. A few of the companies where they are now include:

AIG Aerospace Insurance Services Inc., American Airlines, Atlas Air, Boeing, Delta Air Lines, Embraer, Endeavor Air, ExpressJet Airlines, FAA, JetBlue Airways, Lockheed Martin, Mesa Airlines, Inc., NASA, Pacific Air Finance, Port Authority of NY & NJ and SpaceX.




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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Awards Gala
October 19, 2018
New York Hilton Midtown
Distinguished Achievement Award
Recipient: Willie Walsh
CEO International Airlines Group

November Luncheon
November 15, 2018
The Yale Club
Speaker: Robin Hayes
President and CEO
JetBlue Airways

December Luncheon
December 13, 2018
The Yale Club
Speaker: Gary Kelly
Chairman of the Board and CEO
Southwest Airlines

January Luncheon
January 24, 2019
The Yale Club
Speaker: Bill Flynn
President and CEO
Atlas Air

