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NEWS

THE WINGS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING



The Doolittle Raiders; Recipients of the 2012 Outstanding Aviator Award, Major Tom Griffin, Navigator #9 accepting the award

The Yale Club ballroom was once again the setting for the Annual Meeting of the Wings Club held on March 28, 2012. Over 150 members and their guests gathered for the installation of Bruce Whitman as the 70th President of the Wings Club, the election of 15 members to serve on the Board of Governors and the introduction of Tom Fitzsimmons as the Club's new General Manager.

In addition to the meeting's official business, the evening featured the "Year in Review" video, showcasing the events of the past Club year, the naming of this year's Golden Eagles, Jennifer Clay, Ed Colodny, Art Hutton and Thomas Jones and the announcement of the 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award honoree, General John R. "Jack" Dailey (USMC Ret.), Director of the National Air and Space Museum.

The evening's most memorable event came when Ken Gazzola, Past President and current Chairman of the Historical and Education Committee, and IAWA representatives Mylene Scholnick, Ellyn Slow, Kris Fellrath, Sallie Bondy and Sue Baer presented the 2012 Outstanding Aviator Award to the Doolittle Raiders. Attending in person was one of the five living Doolittle Raiders and Navigator #9, Major Tom Griffin. It is fair to say his remarks captivated the audience, who rose more than once in standing ovation out of respect for the Raiders and the courage they demonstrated.

The passing of the gavel from outgoing Club President Dave McKay to incoming President Bruce Whitman and the presentation of the traditional President's rocking chair and certificate of appreciation to Dave McKay rounded out the evening's formal presentations.



Bruce Whitman receives gavel from Dave McKay

GENERAL JOHN R. "JACK" DAILEY (USMC RET) NAMED AS 2012 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREE

The Wings Club proudly announces that General John R. "Jack" Dailey (USMC Ret.), Director of the National Air and Space Museum will receive the 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award. Acknowledging outstanding accomplishments in the field of aviation and astronautics, the award will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala, on October 26, 2012 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.



2012 Distinguished Achievement Award honoree, General John R. "Jack" Dailey





THE WINGS CLUB

A Message From The President

May 2012



Bruce N. Whitman

*D*ear Wings Club Members:

At the March 28th Annual Meeting, I was highly honored to be elected as the 70th President of the Wings Club. Congratulations and compliments to Dave McKay, my predecessor, on his outstanding term as President. Thanks to his leadership, and those who served before him, the Club is in great shape.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding Board whose members will provide the leadership required to guide the Club. Other officers are Kevin McAllister, Vice President and President Elect; Barry Eccleston, Vice President; John Plueger, Treasurer and Secretary; and Bob Craft, Jr., Counsel to the Board. Four new members were elected at the annual meeting: Larry Flynn, President, Gulfstream Aerospace; Eric Martel, President, Bombardier Customer Services & Specialized and Amphibious Aircraft; Tom Vice, President, Northrop Grumman Technical Services; and Doug Walker, Senior Vice President, RBS Aviation Capital. Welcome aboard.

A new guest speaker interview format was introduced at the April Luncheon, when Fred Curado, President & CEO, Embraer, was interviewed by Tony Velocci, Editor-in-Chief, Aviation Week & Space Technology. It will be used again at our September Luncheon, when Jim Albaugh, President & CEO, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, will be interviewed by Alan Murray, Deputy Managing Editor, The Wall Street Journal.

All of us are focused on creating new initiatives that will enhance the value of membership. Several are underway. Arrangements have been made for members to enjoy a 15% discount on food and beverages in New York City at the 21 Club, Millesime in the Carlton Hotel and Ristorante DeGrezia. Another benefit is the expansion of Clubs that provide reciprocal privileges. These are listed on the Wings Club website.

Events planned for the 2012/2013 year include the General Harold R. Harris "Sight Lecture" with presenter Fred Smith, Chairman, President and CEO, FedEx Corporation. Aviation Leaders luncheons speakers will be Rob Fyfe, CEO, Air New Zealand, June; Jim Albaugh, September; Peter Hartman, CEO, KLM and Paul Riemens, Chairman and CEO, LVNL, together in November; and Gary Kelly, Chairman, President and CEO, Southwest Airlines returns in December.

Our 70th annual Awards Gala will be held on Friday, October 26th at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. General Jack Dailey, USMC (Ret.), Director of the National Air and Space Museum, will be honored and receive the Distinguished Achievement Award.

Look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Best, Warm Regards and Tailwinds.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED

DECEMBER



December 15, 2011

Gary Kelly, Chairman, President and CEO, Southwest Airlines

Speaking for the fourth consecutive year at the December holiday luncheon, Kelly carried on his tradition of coming to the Wings Club with “something to celebrate.” As 2011 was Southwest’s 40th Anniversary, “I told them this year we need to have something really big to celebrate and I think they went over the top.” He then went on to outline the opening of three new cities, the launch of “Rapid Rewards,” the closing of the AirTran acquisition and the placing of 355 firm orders as the launch customer for the Boeing 737 Max.

JANUARY



January 19, 2012

Louis Chenevert, Chairman and CEO, United Technologies (UTC)

Innovation as the cornerstone of the aviation and aerospace industry and investment in innovation as the engine that will power the industry were key themes of Chenevert’s wide ranging remarks. However, he cautioned, “Future innovation should not be taken for granted, and will depend on three critical factors: (1) visionary leadership which creates a culture of innovation, (2) funding of on-going research and development by private industry and government (3) the ability to inspire and educate young people to sustain the pipeline of talent required for the future.”

FEBRUARY



February 16, 2012

Pierre Beaudoin, President and CEO, Bombardier Inc.

Noting that Bombardier, like the Wings Club, was founded in 1942 and shares the same passion for fostering progress in the industry, Beaudoin opened stating, “I am here today to make the case for change. The essence of progress in any society lies in new ideas and bold moves that push the envelope.” He then proceeded to make the case for the versatility and viability of the CSeries aircraft. “Ladies and gentlemen, change and progress are in the air and, at Bombardier, we are helping to drive it with our all-new CSeries commercial aircraft,” Beaudoin concluded.

MARCH



March 29, 2012

Bjorn Kjos, Chief Executive Officer, Norwegian Air Shuttle A.S.

NAS founding partner and CEO, Kjos captivated the audience with the David and Goliath story of the up-start airline founded in the post 9/11 timeframe taking on well-established legacy carrier, SAS. He related the story of growth, usually in the face of huge losses, underpinned by the nagging awareness that “to have a company, your income had to be larger than your expenses.” From Norwegian’s beginning with four airplanes, to their position as the third largest low-cost airline in Europe and recent order for 220 single aisle Boeing and Airbus aircraft, Kjos credits “adapting to change” and surrounding yourself with “people smarter than you are.”



HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED

Dublin, Ireland
March 6, 2012

Dermot Mannion
Deputy Chairman, Royal Brunei Airlines

The sixth annual luncheon in Dublin, Ireland was held at the Four Seasons Hotel on March 6, 2012 and featured the return of Dermot Mannion to the Wings Club podium. Mr. Mannion, currently the Deputy Chairman of Royal Brunei Airlines, was the CEO of Air Lingus, on March 7, 2007 when he was the speaker at the inaugural Wings Club Dublin Luncheon.

At his encore appearance, Mannion discussed how Royal Brunei Airlines will stay “primarily regionally focused” following a rebranding and repositioning campaign. “We are pleased with the outcome so far of the rightsizing process,” said Mannion. “The outcome of this difficult process has better positioned the airline to compete on a revised network primarily focused on short haul, with a small number of strategically important long haul routes.”

The Wings Club “On the Road”



Dermot Mannion, Matt Migliardi



*Sylvia Hackett, Dermot Healy, Jackie Kelly
McFadden, Pato O'Brien, Dan Hickey,
Brian Dowling*



*Harris Herman,
Candice Kimmel,
Bryan Baldwin*



*Domhnal Slattery, Stephen Kavanagh,
John Slattery, Christoph Mueller*



*John Slattery,
Dermot Mannion,
Victor Grove,
Christoph Mueller*



Speaker Dermot Mannion heading to the podium





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

DECEMBER LUNCHEON



Mike Delaney, Jim Albaugh, Howard Rubel, Joel Beckman, Jerry Lundquist



Michael Van De Ven, Lee Sanders, Wayne Blake, Paul Story



Max Bernard, Susan Baer, Gary Kelly, Susan Lewis, Dave Barger, John Moavenzadeh



Dave McKay, Gary Kelly



Seated: Ken Gazzola, Dave McKay, Gary Kelly, Todd Kallman, Jim Albaugh
Standing: Bruce Whitman, Jeff Knittel, Kevin McAllister, Ian Aitken





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

JANUARY LUNCHEON



Michael Schulhof, John Rosanvallon, Randy Greene, Jeff Knittel



Louis Chenevert, Debra Chenevert, Bruce Whitman, Carol Hallett, Ralph Heath



Students from Aviation High School



Louis Chenevert and Bruce Whitman



Tony Patti, Peter Allen, Louis Chenevert, Debra Chenevert, James Cook, Greg Piazza



FEBRUARY LUNCHEON



Marlon Amrod, Diana Yuen, Andre Robert



Frank Hayes, Angela Billings, Bruce Whitman, Craig Oxman



Ali Velshi, Isabelle Rondeau



*David McKay
and Pierre Beaudoin*



Bruce Jackson, John Prato, Rosalie Graveline, David Slack, Peter Vasconcelos





THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

MARCH LUNCHEON



Robin Wilson, Sallie Bondy, Kris Fellrath, Karl Parrish



Bob Reding, Bjorn Kjos, Eric Hinson, Dave McKay, Bruce Whitman



Yusuke Kageyama, Ken Gazzola, Jack Jacobs, Bruce Whitman, Ted Nozaki, Masayuki Shiraishi



Bruce Whitman and Bjorn Kjos



*Seated: Dave McKay, Jack Jacobs, Bruce Whitman, Bjorn Kjos, Marlin Dailey
Standing: Gary Krauthamer, Ken Gazzola, Greg Thomas, Jeff Knüttel, Bob Reding*



ANNUAL MEETING



Ken Gazzola, Major Tom Griffin, Bruce Whitman



Ken Gazzola/IAWA Representatives present Outstanding Aviator Award



Bruce Whitman and Dave McKay



Golden Eagle Award Recipient Art Hutton and Dave McKay



Harris Herman and Tom Fitzsimmons



Doolittle Raider, Major Tom Griffin



March 2012

Dear Wings Club Members,

As is our tradition, at the March Annual Meeting we elected a new Wings Club President. It is my pleasure to welcome Bruce Whitman as the 70th President. The Club is very fortunate to have such a highly qualified and committed executive to guide us over the upcoming year.

It has been my great honor to serve as the Wings Club President. It was a rewarding experience to work with the Board of Governors and Wings Club members. Together we have been very successful in achieving the initiatives that we set out at the beginning for the year.

- We have expanded both corporate and individual membership, which will ensure the continued success of the Club. We are now at record levels in both categories.
- We continued our support of education initiatives, by presenting scholarships to deserving students who are pursuing aviation related careers.
- As a result of the Silent Auction success at our Annual Gala, we were able to donate over \$155,000 to the Wings Club Scholarship Fund.
- We honored Norman Augustine as the Distinguished Achievement Award recipient at the 69th Annual Gala, for his many contributions to aviation. The evening was another sellout.
- The European Chapter continued to grow and successfully hosted events in Dublin and Geneva.
- We made great progress in transitioning the Wings Club to a more tax advantaged platform for the purpose of fostering and promoting long term financial support. In February, the Wings Club membership voted to approve this structure. We are moving forward with finalizing this initiative.
- We successfully completed the General Manger succession process with a smooth transition in March.
- We continue to work with Ken Gazzola and the Historical and Education Committee that he chairs, to work on updating our remarkable history, so that we can publish the "Third Twenty Five Years" when the times comes.

These results would not have been possible without the partnership and support of the Board of Governors, as well as the commitment of the Past Presidents. Their contributions are truly appreciated.

I am pleased to say that the Wings Club has a strong financial base and an expanding membership. We are well positioned to continue our successful growth into the future.

Best regards,

David L. McKay



2012-2013 BOARD MEMBERS

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Boeing Commercial Airplanes

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Enhanced Member Benefits

Wings Club Members can now enjoy a 15% discount on food and beverages at select establishments in New York City. Members need only to identify themselves as Wings Club members when making reservations and/or present their Wings Club Membership ID Card, along with their credit card upon presentation of the bill. Special arrangements have been made at the following venues:

21 Club - 21 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019
Telephone: (212) 582-7200

Millesime - 92 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (located in the Carlton Hotel)
Telephone: (212) 889-7100

Ristorante DeGrazia - 231 East 50th Street, New York, NY 10022
Telephone: (212) 750-5353

Another benefit is the expansion of Clubs that provide Wings Club Members with reciprocal privileges. They are listed on the website at www.wingsclub.org.



The Wings Club is Pleased to Welcome its Additional 2011-2012 Corporate Members

Corporate Members are recognized in appreciation of their significant contributions to the aviation industry. Through Wings Club corporate membership these firms support the ideals and mission of the Club and concurrently extend the full benefits of club membership to a select group of their executives.

Dassault Falcon Jet

VAS Aero Services

JLT Aerospace

CLEAR

Gulfstream Aerospace

Northrop Grumman

In Memoriam

A good friend and loyal colleague, Bill Bath, has passed. Bill wrote features for our newsletter and edited our Sight Lecture book for over five years. His writing skills combined with his keen knowledge of aviation always kept us on the right track in conveying the rich history of the Wings Club. Bill was a superb professional and good friend to all of us. We have fond memories of his can-do attitude and positive approach to life, which will live on with all of us. I know I speak for all at the Wings Club when I say Bill will be missed.

Ken Gazzola
Past Wings Club President and current Chairman
of the Historical and Education Committee

Save The Date

The May Luncheon

70th Anniversary Luncheon

“Sight Lecture”

May 24, 2012

The Yale Club

Speaker: Fred Smith; Chairman,
President & CEO
FedEx Corporation

The June Luncheon

June 21, 2012

The Yale Club

Speaker: Rob Fyfe; CEO
Air New Zealand

The September Luncheon

September 19, 2012

The Yale Club

Speaker: Jim Albaugh; President
Boeing Commercial Airplanes

The 70th Annual Awards Gala

October 26, 2012

Waldorf-Astoria

New York

General John R. “Jack” Dailey;
2012 Distinguished Achievement
Award Recipient




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