



# THE WINGS CLUB



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# NEWS

## The Wings Club Annual Awards Gala

There was a buzz in the room and somehow everyone knew the night was going to be different when Club President Bruce Whitman kicked off the 70th Annual Wings Club Awards Gala on October 26, 2012 at the Waldorf=Astoria. To start things off, the evening's honoree, General John R. "Jack" Dailey (USMC Ret.) and his wife Mimi, his son Nils and daughter Lisa Sunshine, entered the room to the theme music from the movie "Zorro."

Further distinguishing this year's 70th Anniversary event were the opening welcome remarks delivered by Candice Adams Kimmel of the Wings Club PR team and the USO's Liberty Bell Singers who, upon presentation of the colors, sang the National Anthem and a rousing version of the Armed Services medley.

Finally, and to the delight of the record number of 1,212 guests, General Dailey virtually "boogied" onto the stage to the tune of the



*Presentation of Award to General Dailey by Bruce Whitman*

Blues Brothers' hit song "Soul Man" to accept the Distinguished Achievement Award for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of aviation and astronautics. (For those of you who do not know the reason for the reference to "Zorro" and "Soul Man", all we can say is that you should have been there. For those who are curious, the answers are on page six of the newsletter).

The Gala program included the donation of \$25,000 to the Corporate Angel Network, the presentation of the Distinguished Scholar Awards and the William DeCota Memorial Scholarship to five deserving students and the recognition of the Corporate Members of the Wings Club.

It was with heartfelt thanks to all who made the evening such a success, and an invitation to visit the Silent Auction to support the Wings Club Scholarship Fund that Bruce brought the very special evening to a close.



*U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard*



*USO Liberty Bell Singers*





# THE WINGS CLUB

## A Message From The President



December 2012

Dear Wings Club Members:

2012 has been a very special year in the history of The Wings Club. We celebrated our 70th anniversary, benefited from outstanding speakers at each of the Aviation Leader Series Luncheons, and were proud to honor General Jack Dailey at the Annual Gala.

We were very pleased to have Fred Smith, Chairman, CEO and President of FedEx, speak at the 70th anniversary celebration. He is a good friend, visionary entrepreneur, and long-time supporter of The Wings Club. Fred and FedEx received the 2012 Al Ueltschi Humanitarian Award which recognizes the use of aviation for humanitarian purposes at this year's National Business Aviation Association convention. FedEx Corp. has been the leading aviation sponsor of the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital which brings together dedicated eye care professionals and aviators to give the gift of sight to people in developing countries around the world.

Over 1,200 attended The Wings Club Annual Gala. It was an exceptional event.

Thanks to your generosity, we presented student scholarship fund awards and made a generous donation to the Corporate Angel Network. Presenting the Distinguished Achievement Award to Jack Dailey was a great honor. Jack defended our freedom for 38 years in the United States Marine Corps, was Associate Deputy Administrator of NASA, and for the last decade has been Director of the National Air and Space Museum. He is most deserving of our thanks and recognition.

Hope to see you at the upcoming Aviation Leader Series luncheons. We will have the pleasure of hearing from John Slosar, CEO, Cathay Pacific on January 16th; Thomas Enders, CEO, EADS on February 21st; and Thomas Horton, Chairman, President and CEO, AMR Corporation and American Airlines on March 28th.

A special thanks to General Manager Tom Fitzsimmons, The Wings Club staff, and many excellent volunteers, for their excellent efforts and contributions this year. We are pleased that the Club now has close to 1,300 members and that corporate and individual membership increased by 9% and 4% respectively since last year's annual meeting. Please continue to encourage your friends, colleagues and business associates to join us. They will greatly benefit from the programs, networking opportunities and camaraderie the Club provides.

We were pleased to provide a new lapel pin to veterans who attended our luncheon on November 15th. Our desire is that veterans will proudly wear the lapel pin and that it will also serve as a reminder of the legislation enacted by Congress that authorizes veterans and military service members not in uniform to salute the flag during hoisting, lowering, passing, and the national anthem.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation has provided the lapel pins to Medal of Honor recipients, who are wearing them. Lockheed Martin and FlightSafety have made them available to employees and customers who are veterans. We hope your company or organization will do the same. To order the pins, please contact Mike at National Custom Insignia ([www.lapelpins.com](http://www.lapelpins.com)). He can be reached at [mike@lapelpins.com](mailto:mike@lapelpins.com) or 800-781-8806.

As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, we can sometimes get caught up in daily activities and forget just how very fortunate we all are. Each of us can be thankful for family, friends and colleagues and for the freedoms we enjoy. All of us are especially grateful for the men and women who serve in uniform around the world to protect our way of life. Many will be far from home during the holidays. Please remember them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

May your holidays be filled with joyful moments and great memories. Best wishes to you and your families for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Best, Warm Regards and Tailwinds.





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

## SEE WHAT YOU MISSED



SEPTEMBER



**September 19, 2012**

**Jim Albaugh, Executive Vice President, The Boeing Company**

Conducted in the newly introduced interview format, Mr. Jim Albaugh, Executive Vice President of the Boeing Company spoke with the Wall Street Journal's Marketplace Editor, Dennis Berman.

Their wide ranging discussion covered topics including the state of the industry, the impact of consolidation and other current changes, the cost structure for production in the U.S. versus around the world and fears about technology transfer with Chinese partners.

Bringing the topics closer to home, Berman queried Albaugh on the future direction at Boeing, the duties of a CEO and the CEO's loyalty to stakeholders versus loyalty to the country, support (or lack thereof) from Washington, the importance of education, the duopoly with Airbus and whether Albaugh thought we will put a man on Mars.

In responding to Berman on the question of the duties of the CEO, Albaugh reminded that he was a physicist and not a philosopher and went on to say "you might be a business person or you might be a CEO, but we were put on this earth to make it a better place to live....we are trying to work for the greater good of the country and the greater good of the world. It all works together."

NOVEMBER



**November 15, 2012**

**Peter Hartman – CEO KLM**

**Paul Riemens – Chairman and CEO LVNL**

In a tandem presentation on KLM and the Air Traffic Control System in the Netherlands, Messrs. Hartman and Riemens used the key words Cooperation and Sharing throughout their address to reinforce the integral role these two concepts played in the growth of the airline, the airport and the air traffic control system at Schiphol Airport.

Harkening back to the Dutch spirit of pioneering and enterprise of the 1600's that motivated sailors and explorers to enlarge the borders of their small country, Hartman drew the parallel that it was that same spirit that allowed a small country of only 15 million people to develop an airline and airport with the size and worldwide impact as KLM and Schiphol.

Tracing KLM's history from its founding in 1919 as a means to tie together the far-flung Dutch colonies until today with the airline's prominent place on the world map, Hartman credited Cooperation and Sharing for the growth and achievement of KLM.

Paul Riemens then provided an interesting and fact-filled narrative of the many stages of infrastructure development required to accommodate the fast growth of KLM. Commenting on the process, he likened it to "a family sharing all of the knowledge they had to build a global network," as air traffic control at Schiphol moved from a simple system, to separate aircraft, to the intricate management of traffic streams.





# THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON



*Jeff Martin, Mary Ellen Jones, Dave McKay*



*Dennis Berman, Jim Albaugh*



*Ted Nozaki, Sallie Bondy, Barbara Peterson, Yusuke Kageyama*



*Bruce Whitman, Col. Jack Jacobs, Chuck Sweeney*



*Leigh White, Gary Becroft, Sarah Mears, Olaf Koepke, Terese Hougaard*





# NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



*Peter Hartman, Paul Riemens, Bruce Whitman*



*Geert Boven, Lindsay Wehmeyer, Peter Hartman, Janice Holden, Bruce Connolly*



*John Vosilla, Gary Lewi, Bob Collings, Caroline Collins, Rob Collins*



*Kristen Cloub, Frank Hayes, Lt. Col. USAF, Elizabeth Ortiz*



*Dowling College Students with Bruce Whitman and Jim Record*



# New Wings Club Member Badges

Unlike most aircraft that fly for decades...we decided it was time to upgrade our equipment and move from paper name badges to metal. At our September Aviation Leader Series Luncheon, the badges were lined up and ready for pick-up. For those who were unable to attend the luncheon, the new name badges were sent via post mail. The only caveat for all Members now is to remember to bring their new badges and wear them proudly at all events. But in case they don't, the familiar "Blue for Members" and "Red for Non-Members" or "Potential Members" paper badges will still be available at our check-in tables.

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## Recurrent Training – The Benefits of Being a Wings Club Member

Membership in The Wings Club offers the opportunity to associate with leading industry professionals and aviation enthusiasts. Members are first to be invited to monthly Aviation Leader Series Luncheons, Sight Lectures, the Annual Awards Gala and other hosted aviation related social events. Members receive The Wings Club Directory, which is on par with the "Who's Who in the Industry Gold Book" and are first to receive quarterly newsletters.

Membership in the Wings Club includes additional privileges. The Club has reciprocal arrangements with other exclusive organizations that members can take advantage of:

The Bull & Bear Club, VA  
The Governors Club, FL  
The Surf Club, FL  
The Standard Club, IL  
The Yale Club, NY  
University Club of Phoenix, AZ  
University Club of San Francisco, CA  
University Club of Tampa, FL  
Aero Club de France, Paris

Members also enjoy a 15% discount at the following fine dining establishments located in New York City:

21 Club  
Millesime  
Ristorante Degrezia

Members have access to The Club's facilities in New York City. Meeting space is available for business functions and includes usage of The Wings Club Board Room. The 700 square foot Board Room comes equipped with state-of-the-art meeting features and can accommodate up to 25 people.

1-"Zorro" was General Dailey's nickname. He earned it when he was catapulted almost vertically from an aircraft carrier and was subsequently described as carving "z's" in the sky.

2-He and a few friends had a rendition of "Soul Man" that featured General Dailey turning a cartwheel, as was depicted in his video.



# Silent Auction 2012 Donor List

Our sincere thanks to all our Silent Auction donors:

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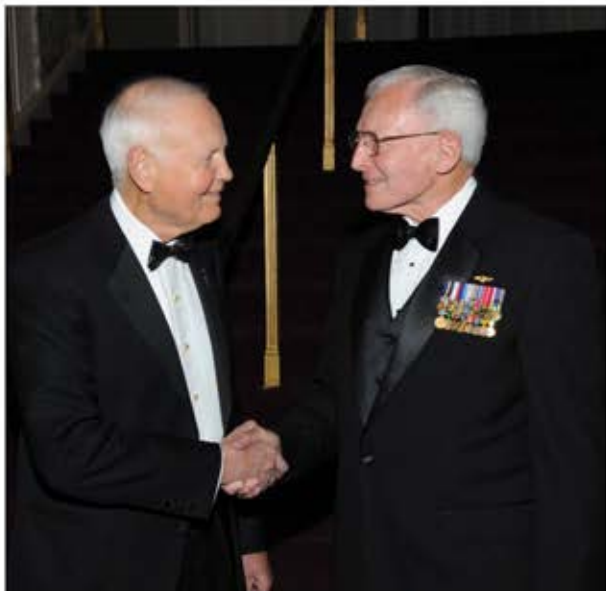






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## 2012 AWARDS GALA











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

Corporate Members are recognized for having made 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. They join the 100 + Corporate Members who are currently in our roster.

GAMA	Oliver Wyman
Hawaiian Airlines	Republic Airways
Landmark Aviation	Saker Aviation
LORD Corp.	Tempus Jets
	Viation Ltd, UK

## In Memoriam

The Club regrets to report that we had ten members who passed away this year. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are extended to their families.

Neil Armstrong (Distinguished Achievement Award)

Dave Bluth (Golden Eagle)

Howard Davis (Golden Eagle)

Jerry Jacob

Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge

Sanford McDonnell

Dan McKinnon (Past President)

Njaal Oftedal

Russell Pelton (Golden Eagle)

Andrew Steinberg

Albert Lee Ueltschi (Distinguished Achievement Award)

Apostle Paul Vance (Golden Eagle)

## Save The Date

The January Luncheon

January 16, 2013

The Yale Club

Speaker: John Slosar, CEO

Cathay Pacific

The February Luncheon

February 21, 2013

The Yale Club

Speaker: Thomas Enders, CEO

EADS

The Annual Meeting

March 27, 2013

The Yale Club

The March Luncheon

March 28, 2013

The Yale Club

Speaker: Thomas Horton

Chairman & CEO

AMR Corporation and

American Airlines

The April Luncheon

April 18, 2013

The Yale Club



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