



# THE WINGS CLUB

www.wingsclub.org  
Vol. 49 • No. 3  
Winter 2014

# NEWS

## WINGS CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS GALA - OCTOBER 25, 2013

Kevin McAllister, the 71st President of the Wings Club, set the tone for the evening when in his welcome remarks he declared “the Club has one terrific night planned for you tonight.” With this statement he captured the attention of the 1,200 enthusiastic attendees and opened what was to prove a very special Awards Gala.

A musical medley performed by Broadway pianist Wade Preston featuring hits by Billy Joel and Elton John followed the opening remarks and presentation of the colors. The Distinguished Scholar and William R. DeCota Scholarship Awards and the \$25,000 contribution to ORBIS, one of the aviation related humanitarian organizations supported by the Wings Club, preceded the presentation of the 2013 Distinguished Achievement Award to Mr. Jim Albaugh.



Soliciting a roar of laughter from the audience Albaugh began his acceptance speech with the line, “this is the first time I have ever gone into an Airbus hospitality suite.” Continuing, he stated that, above all, he was an engineer. “Engineers make the world a better place and I am certainly very proud to be one.” Anecdotes from his storied career, always tied back into his theme of the extraordinary nature of our industry, captivated the audience and left them wanting more when he finished.



“In this industry, relationships really do count. To me, a handshake is worth a lot more in this industry than a room full of attorneys or a stack of contracts and I’ve always appreciated that about the customers I’ve always had a chance to work with.”

“We work in a remarkable industry and we are so lucky to do the things we do each and every day. What we do is really a force for good in this world. We bring the world closer together; we help keep the world free, every day we become better stewards of the environment and we drive the economy.”

“If I had the time tonight, I could probably go around the room and tell a personal story about just about everybody here. I love these kinds of celebrations...they really are a coming together of the clan, a meeting of the tribe. We get a chance to see old friends, renew old relationships, tell war stories and meet new people.”

With the business of the evening drawing to a close, McAllister returned to the stage and urged the crowd to support the Silent Auction. He then adjourned the dinner portion of the event for more informal socializing and networking at the after parties.





# THE WINGS CLUB

## A Message From The President



Dear Wings Club Members:

2013 was a great year for the Wings Club. During the past year, we continued to host the very successful monthly Aviation Leaders Series luncheons with an outstanding slate of industry and government speakers. The Annual Awards Gala in October, honoring Jim Albaugh was also a terrific success. The Gala drew 1,200 guests for a wonderful evening of celebration. At the Gala, the Club presented the student scholarship awards and a generous donation to ORBIS International.

The Wings Club also introduced some new events in order to enhance the benefits to our members. In June, the First Annual Golf Invitational Tournament was held at Liberty National Golf Club. We were honored to have William Shepherd (Captain, USN, Ret.) and NASA Astronaut as our featured speaker. In November, the Club hosted an evening book signing with the world renowned author Winston Groom. Mr. Groom captivated the audience with fascinating stories of Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle and Charles Lindbergh.

We continue to make very good progress on the initiatives we set out for the Club at the beginning of the year.

Regarding expanding our student outreach, The Wings Club has begun a program with *Aviation Week* to conduct speaking events at universities. The first event was held on January 22, 2014 at the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering. The event was very well received by both students and faculty. Also, with the support of the Wings Club, students at New York University have founded the first Aviation Club at the school.

To advance the charitable mission of the Club, we continue to recognize organizations that use aviation to help those in need at the monthly luncheons. In the past few months, we have honored several organizations that are doing some truly inspirational work. We are proud to have been able to recognize AIRLINK, Team Rubicon, PALS, Children's Flight of Hope and the Wings of Hope.

Looking forward to our upcoming events, we have an exceptional schedule of speakers for the next few months. Mark Dunkerley, President & CEO, Hawaiian Airlines, will speak at the beginning of March, Dave Barger, Chief Executive Officer and Director, JetBlue Airways, will be address the Dublin lunch, and Brad Tilden, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Airlines, will speak at the lunch on March 27th .

Our success is due to the strong commitment of the Wings Club Officers, Board of Governors and the entire membership. I thank you all for your support.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Very best regards,

Kevin McAllister  
President  
The Wings Club



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

## SEE WHAT YOU MISSED

SEPTEMBER



**September 13, 2013**  
**Tony Tyler**  
**General Director and CEO**  
**International Air Transport Association**

Speaking about the 100th anniversary of scheduled flight, Tyler dubbed it “the 23 minute jaunt between St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida...an inauspicious beginning for an industry that would transform the world.” He went on to observe, “But for all of its success in revolutionizing the way we live, work and spend our leisure time, there is one thing that has not changed very much down the decades: aviation remains an enormously capital and labor intensive business that is extremely challenging across the business cycle and highly vulnerable to external events. And partly owing to these factors, throughout its history, airlines in all parts of the globe have struggled to generate a satisfactory return.” He then reported that in 2012 the industry earned a net profit margin of just 1.1%, or around \$2.50 per passenger.

NOVEMBER



**November 14, 2013**  
**Marillyn A. Hewson**  
**CEO and President**  
**Lockheed Martin**

“How to Inspire Innovation” was the topic chosen by Marillyn Hewson, for her presentation of the Wings Club 2013 ‘Sight’ Lecture. Hewson opened her remarks with the observation that the progression from the past, through the present and into the future, the hind-sight, insight and fore-sight of the ‘Sight’ Lecture, meant one thing to her: innovation. In particular, how we inspire innovation. “If I were to spell out our modern-day rules and practices for inspiring innovation, I’d say as leaders we must: (1) Create a climate where people can do their best work; (2) Embrace the best ideas regardless of where they come from; (3) Embark on missions that matter with a vision that inspires; and (4) Exemplify strong values in all that we do.”

DECEMBER



**December 12, 2013**  
**Gary Kelly**  
**Chairman of the Board, President & CEO**  
**Southwest Airlines**

Using the popular interview format, Gary Kelly, President & CEO of Southwest spoke with Mike Derchin, Managing Director, CRT Capital Group LLC, on a variety of topics. Touching on earning the cost of capital, high labor costs, future capacity plans, the integration of Air Tran, the opening up for international service and a tongue-in-cheek probe on the type of equipment that would be used between Love Field and LaGuardia, the exchange was as enlightening it was diverse. Throughout the interview Kelly brought the conversation back to the overriding importance of the “low-cost DNA” that is the foundation of Southwest’s brand and business model. “It is all about being the low cost producer. That is our brand. Going back to the beginning, that is not something we just cherish, that is our future. If we don’t hold on to low costs and low fares, Southwest will not be the largest airline in America.”



# RECOGNITION OF HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

Acknowledging organizations that utilize aviation to help those in need became an objective that Wings Club President Kevin McAllister set for the Club. At each luncheon a different charitable organization was highlighted recognizing their achievements and contributions. Since March of 2013, five organizations that provide medical or disaster relief, volunteerism or other humanitarian services were selected for the impact they have on serving humanity around the globe.

## AIRLINK

AIRLINK is an organization that connects commercial airlines and humanitarian aid organizations for air transportation. Through its program, disaster response teams mobilization more quickly to affected areas. The program helps disaster victims receive delivery of necessary relief, supplies and the support that ultimately will help them rebuild their lives. Their reach is global; their air transportation network is constantly expanding as crisis, natural disasters, etc. continue around the world. AIRLINK has supported humanitarian initiatives on every continent. Since its inception in 2009, they have completed 220 missions

## Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experience of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. It offers veterans a chance to continue their service by helping and empowering those afflicted by disasters. Since its founding in 2010, Team Rubicon has nearly 14,000 volunteers and has launched 50 missions to four continents and eleven countries.

## Patient Airlift Services (PALS)

Patient Airlift Services arranges free air transportation for individuals requiring medical diagnosis, treatment or follow-up who cannot afford or are unable to fly commercially. PALS



*Patient Airlift Services (PALS)*

also arranges volunteer flights for family members of patients as compassionate missions, to ensure patients have support when they are away from home for long periods. PALS also assists military personnel and their families with free flights to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation process for wounded veterans.

## Children's Flight of Hope

The mission of Children's Flight of Hope is to provide free air transportation to and from medical facilities for seriously ill or injured children who, due to medical, financial or logistical reasons, cannot reach their destinations by any other methods. Children's Flight of Hope was founded to meet these transportation needs. Flights are offered through commercial airlines, a partnership with a local charter service or on their own Cessna 414 aircraft.

## Wings of Hope

The Wings of Hope delivers humanitarian programs which include providing global disaster relief, medical care, education and hands-on guidance for sustainable projects to over 157 bases in 51 countries, assisting over 1 million people each year. They offer the only free Medical Relief and Air Transport (MAT) program in the United States dedicated to children with birth defects and offer fully equipped Air Ambulances. The organization has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

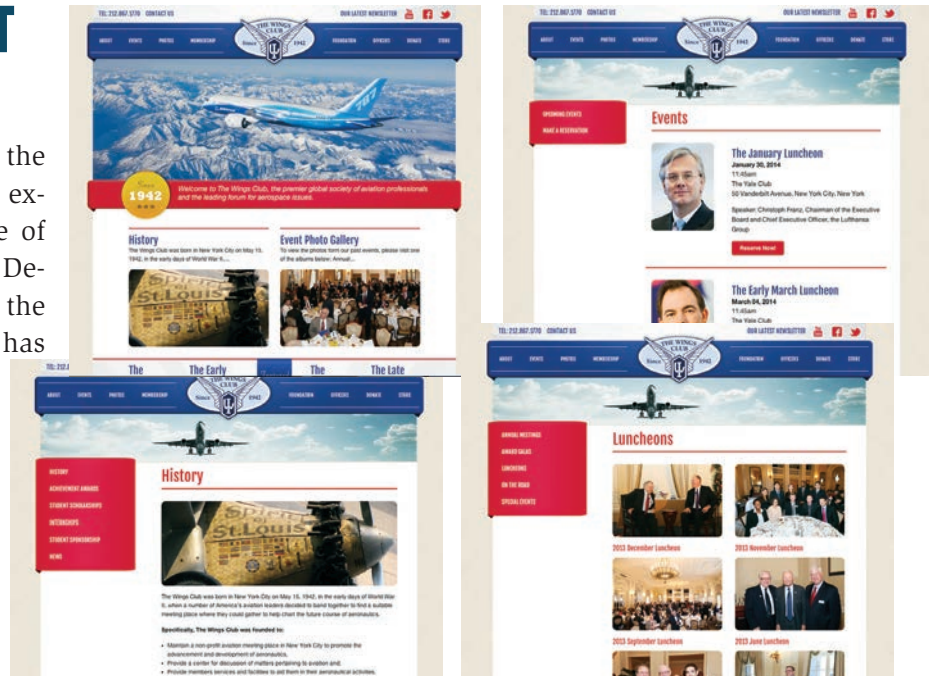


*Team Rubicon*



# WINGS CLUB ROLLS OUT NEW WEBSITE

As part of a continuing effort to communicate the mission of the Club, enhance the membership experience as well as highlight the rich heritage of the Wings Club, a new website was launched in December. Featuring a classic design that captures the spirit of aviation, the site is user-friendly and has many advanced features. Visitors will find they are only “a click away” from the information they are searching. Built with the latest technology, the site incorporates photo albums with larger, high resolution images and embedded video clips of the Club’s monthly activities. It is fully responsive and operates seamlessly with computers, tablets and smartphones. The new website, with its enhanced capabilities, allows for day-to-day content management, allowing the Club to keep it current and vibrant. Upcoming events and RSVP’s, along with online forms for membership and donations are all readily accessible. While the website is new, our address remains the same. Please be sure to visit us at [www.wingsclub.org](http://www.wingsclub.org).



## AN EVENING WITH WINSTON GROOM

On the evening of November 13th, members and guests gathered in the Yale Club Library to meet famed author Winston Groom, and to enjoy a reading from his latest book, *The Aviators: Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh and the Epic Age of Flight*. While Groom is best known for his novel *Forest Gump*, in his most recent book, Groom made the three extraordinary heroes and that era of aviation come alive before the audience. His combined meticulous research and page-turning storytelling brought forth a fascinating period of aviation history and accredited the men who defined it and re-defined heroism. A discussion and book signing followed the presentation. A cocktail reception, sponsored by Tempus, added a relaxing and festive highlight to the evening.



# Silent Auction 2013 Donor List

Our sincere thanks to all our Silent Auction donors:

Adams Unlimited	FedEx
Aer Lingus	FlightSafety International
Airbus Americas, Inc.	Four Seasons Resort Nevis
Air Lease Corporation	Freestream Aircraft
Air Tahiti Nui	Hawaiian Airlines
Alaska Airlines	Icelandair
American Airlines	JetBlue Airways
Associated Aircraft Group	JWJ Advisors
Atlas Air	Krauthamer & Associates
The Boeing Company	Mitsubishi Aircraft
The Bondurant Group	Northrop Grumman
Bradford Renaissance Portraits	Oceanic
Bristol Associates	Frank and Cindy Pray
British Airways	Seaman II Galapagos Journey
Cape Air	South African Airways
Cockpit USA	Southwest Airlines
Copa Airlines	Spirit Airlines
Dassault Falcon	Swiss International Air Lines
Delta Air Lines	Turkish Airlines
Divi Aruba All Inclusive	United Airlines
Doppeldecker Design	US Airways
Embraer	Vicki Soble Couture
The Engine Alliance	Virgin Atlantic
Etihad Airways	The Waldorf Astoria
	Douglas Walker





# THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON



*Ted Nozaki, John Stack, Steve Smith*



*Tony Tyler*



*Mike Platt, Tony Tyler, Adamantios Tomazos*



*Gary Krauthamer, Barry Eccleston,  
Tony Tyler, Kevin McAllister, James Parker*



*Phillip Van Duesen, Frank Hayes*



*Bridgette Senior, Ellyn Slow, Kim Senior*





# THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



Seating: Todd Kallman, Orlando Carvalho, Ken Gazzola, Ralph Heath  
Standing: John Rosanvallon, Gary Krauthamer, Gary Spulak, Bruce Whitman



Aaron Hollander, Richard Cordsen, John Rosanvallon, Craig Oxman, Randy Greene



Todd Dorfman, Frank Rosenberg, Gary Krauthamer



Orlando Carvalho, Ken Gazzola



Afsaneh Azadeh, Dr. Marc-Milo Lube, Dr. Laura Pogue, Farhad Azima



Farmingdale State College Students and Faculty



# DECEMBER LUNCHEON



*Ossie Moore, Elaine Asch, John Harden*



*Dr. Mary Jean Russell, Kevin McCallister*



*Gary Kelly, Robert Aceves and the students from CUNY Institute at York College*



*Scott Ashton, Alison McKay, Paulo Grassi, Megan Bryson, Paul Lange, Michele Mezrita, Brian Friedman*



*Michael Derchin, Gary Kelly*



*Seating: Carol Kelly, Gary Kelly, Kevin McCallister, Bruce Whitman  
Standing: Mike Van de Ven, Gary Krauthamer, Bob Craft, Michael Derchin, Randy Greene*



# THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

## 2013 AWARDS GALA







# THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

## 2013 AWARDS GALA







# THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

## 2013 AWARDS GALA





**THE WINGS CLUB**  
**NEWSLETTER**

Editor - Candice Adams Kimmel  
Adams Unlimited

Photos - Christopher Gill

Published by  
The Wings Club, Inc.  
[www.wingsclub.org](http://www.wingsclub.org)

## Save The Date

### The Early March Luncheon

March 4, 2014  
The Yale Club

Speaker: Mark Dunkerley  
President,  
Hawaiian Airlines

### The Dublin Luncheon

March 7, 2014  
The Westin Dublin Hotel  
Speaker: Dave Barger  
CEO & Director  
JetBlue Airways

### The Annual Meeting

March 26, 2014  
The Yale Club  
Presentation of the 2014  
Outstanding Aviator Award

### The Late March Luncheon

March 27, 2014  
The Yale Club  
Speaker: Brad Tilden  
President & CEO  
Alaska Airlines

### The April Luncheon

April 17, 2014  
The Yale Club

### The 2nd Annual Golf Invitational

June 23, 2014  
Liberty National Golf Club  
Jersey City, NJ

