

TAKE FLIGHT

TONY JANNUS DISTINGUISHED AVIATION SOCIETY

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT THE TONY JANNUS AWARD BANQUET

Continuing the tradition of a packed house at the Tony Jannus Award events, an elite and distinguished crowd gathered at the Tampa Airport Marriott on Thursday, November 5, 2009 for this year's dinner banquet, which recognized Honorable James L. Oberstar for his achievements.

Celebrating the accomplishments of Representative Oberstar, the dinner banquet attracted a guest list of aviation executives, local business leaders, dignitaries, and past recipients – including Larry Kellner, Norman Y. Mineta, Angus Kinnear, Sir Lenox Hewitt, and Special Award Recipients: Air Mobility Command represented by Colonel Lawrence M. Martin, Jr., and Mr. William A. Krusen, founding member of the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society.



Special Award Recipients Col. Lawrence Martin (AMC) and Bill Krusen join Former Award Recipients Sir Lenox Hewitt, Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, Larry Kellner, and Sir Angus Kinnear at the close of the Dinner Banquet.

Now in his second term as Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Oberstar is arguably the top expert on transportation issues in the United States Congress. Elected in 1974, Rep. Oberstar has also chaired the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Aviation. From 1995 through 2007, Rep. Oberstar served as the Ranking Democratic Member on the Committee. Most recently, Oberstar has engaged in crafting a new, transformational, six-year surface transportation authorization bill and will be bringing it to the House in the upcoming months.

Prior to the dinner, guests enjoyed a cocktail reception on the terrace, while planes flew overhead, and perused the second annual Silent Auction – where all proceeds raised are utilized as Scholars Awards to the next generation of aviators. Master of ceremonies, Frank Robertson, former anchor at Fox 13 Tampa Bay, began the evening's events by introducing Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio who welcomed the attendees.

Larry Kellner, last year's Award recipient, lauded Rep. Oberstar before introducing Norman Y. Mineta (2004 Award recipient) to accept the Award. Oberstar, who was unable to travel due to his mandatory attendance on a vote for Congress, addressed the audience in a video acceptance speech, and bestowed his Award acceptance to Mineta. Despite Oberstar's absence, the award ceremony was a huge success and played out for an unforgettable evening.



Tony Jannus Board Members gathered with Tom Henricks (front center) prior to the start of the Dinner Banquet.



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2009 SCHOLARS AWARDS

In addition to recognizing the luminaries of commercial aviation, the Society supports the future of aviation through a Scholars Awards program, which awards a total of \$15,000 to 6 recipients.

This year's awards went to:

- Patrick Hensel - University of Tampa and Army ROTC
- Bruce Patton - Embry-Riddle
- John Martin - Embry-Riddle
- J.P. Bruno - University of South Florida, USMC and Navy ROTC
- Steven Davis - University of South Florida and Army ROTC
- Brooke Begemann - Clearwater Christian College and USF Air Force ROTC

All six students are strongly interested in pursuing a civilian or military career in Aviation Management, Operations or Research and Development.

The Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society believes it is important to encourage students to further their education, not only for personal enrichment, but to keep business and the national economy thriving.



The Scholars Awards winners hold up their checks in pride as the crowd applauds their accomplishments on their track to a career in aviation.

2009 LUNCHEON

The Sunset Ballroom of the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club, on Snell Island in St. Petersburg, set the stage for the 2009 Tony Jannus Award banquet luncheon. The sold-out crowd welcomed this year's emcee, Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society Co-Chair, Brigadier General David M. "Tanker" Snyder. Honorable guests included St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker, keynote speaker Colonel Tom Henricks, and a memorable performance by recording artist Rebecca Henricks, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tom Henricks, a NASA astronaut from 1985-1997 and the leader of *Aviation Week* since 2006, entertained the crowd with stories from his time in space and his overall career in the aviation industry. Henricks, who spent more than 40 days in Earth's orbit throughout his career, wowed the audience with his personal videos highlighting his four Space Shuttle missions. With impressive career achievements, Henricks provided nothing short of an out-of-this world presentation for the 2009 Tony Jannus luncheon banquet.



Former NASA Astronaut and current President of *Aviation Week* Magazine, Tom Henricks discusses his experiences in space as the keynote speaker at the Luncheon.

Brigadier General Tanker Snyder recognized Kathleen Hencke as the winner of the 2009 Tony Jannus Statewide Essay Contest. The Plant City High School senior's essay, "The History of Commercial Aviation," focused on the technological advancements seen in the airline and aviation industries. She was awarded three round-trip airline tickets from a Florida airport to any destination in the country, courtesy of Southwest Airlines, plus a \$600 spending allowance. Sherrie Mueller, the Plant City High School guidance counselor, was feeling quite proud, as she has accompanied the essay award winner many years in a row.



Essay Contest winner, Kathleen Hencke, senior at Plant High School stands with her guidance counselor, Sherrie Mueller and keynote speaker Tom Henricks as they congratulate Hencke on her outstanding achievement.

Recording Artist Rebecca Henricks performs God Bless America at he Luncheon. She also sang her new single "Sandbox" at the Dinner Banquet.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Colleen M. Picard

Tampa Bay business executives, aviation enthusiasts and pioneers in the transportation industry comprise the esteemed membership of the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society. While all members display tremendous contributions to their individual professions and the community, Colleen M. Picard, Director of Airport Services for Continental Airlines, is being spotlighted for her unremitting dedication to the Society, aviation industry and Tampa Bay community.

Completing the third year of her term as Co-Chair for the Society, Colleen has played an instrumental role in guiding and directing the Society to reach new heights. As the first, and only member to ever serve three years as a Co-Chair to the Society, Colleen has proved that service is truly the business the aviation industry is in - and it's what sets the really successful apart from the rest.

During her career, Colleen has held leadership positions in Inflight, Flight Operations Administration, Human Resources, Corporate Training, and Airport Operations. From humble beginnings at PeopleExpress Airlines in Newark, New Jersey in 1983, which later merged with Continental Airlines, Colleen boasts an impressive 26-year career with the company.

"One of my proudest accomplishments at Continental Airlines was after the Family Assistance Act was passed in 1997," Colleen said. "I was asked to develop training for Continental's corporate Emergency Response Plan, and then train our leadership worldwide on our plan. I had the unforgettable opportunity to meet and work with family members and survivors of air disasters and incorporate their experiences into the training program."

Still passionate, Colleen now serves as a Director of the Family Assistance Center for Continental Airlines Emergency Response Plan. This position requires her to travel to any incident Continental is involved with worldwide, and work with family members and survivors. Just this year, Colleen was asked to speak to several airline business partners, who support all airlines, on what they can do to offer support to airlines that are impacted by an aviation disaster.

Colleen credits her father for being the individual with the greatest impact on her as a leader. He taught her to keep a strong work ethic, have integrity when dealing with people, and to avoid expressing opinions on issues until you have educated yourself on the issue first. As for her view on working in the aviation industry, Colleen says she has experienced both extreme ups and downs- and even though we are experiencing one of those times when things are very turbulent right now, this industry is one of the most exciting businesses she knows.



Colleen Picard poses in an F4 aircraft.

In addition to the Society, Colleen has won numerous awards and served on various boards including, Airport Leadership Award for "Synergy"- 1999, Tampa Airline Managers, Airline Manager of the Year Award-2007, Chairman Tampa Airline Managers Association-2000, Board of Directors for Salesian Youth Center in Tampa, FL, Continental Managers Association, SE Chapter Board- (currently serves on board), and the St. John Vianney School Board.

From the entire Tony Jannus Board, thank you, Colleen!

AeroQuiz

Tom Henricks Edition

1. As a commander of two Space Shuttle missions and pilot of two others, Tom Henricks became the first person to log more than _____ hours as a Space Shuttle pilot/commander.
 - a. 500
 - b. 1,000
 - c. 1,500
2. Which of the following titles has Tom Henricks held, or currently holds?
 - a. Former 4-time NASA Astronaut
 - b. Retired US Air Force Colonel
 - c. President of Aviation Week Magazine
 - d. All of the above
3. Tom was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 1993, recognizing outstanding veterans for their unremitting contributions to society.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. Which of the following statements is true regarding Tom Henricks?
 - a. He has flown 30 different types of aircraft.
 - b. He has logged over 6,000 hours of flying time.
 - c. He holds an FAA commercial pilot rating.
 - d. All of the above
5. How many total days has Henricks logged in space from all 4 of his space missions combined?
 - a. 38 days, 15 hours, 25 minutes
 - b. 42 days, 18 hours, 38 minutes
 - c. 40 days, 10 hours, 12 minutes

Answers on page 4.



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History Confirmed!

The Society has always known it to be true that the Tony Jannus flight between St. Petersburg and Tampa was the world's first commercial airline flight. For the non-believers, the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society just received written proof to back up its claim – straight from the Smithsonian! On letterhead from the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, we now have official documentation that Jannus' flight on New Year's Day 1914 has been formally recognized as the flight that established today's one billion passenger per year industry.

Silent Auction Success Supports Scholars

This year marked the 2nd Annual Silent Auction at the dinner banquet. All proceeds went to the Scholars Awards to the next generation of aviators. For additional help funding the Awards, Northwest Airlines generously donated \$500 to the Society.



Robert Bohan (left) and Russ Delaney (right) present their donation to the Tony Jannus Society to Tanker Snyder and Colleen Picard.

Answers to AeroQuiz on Page 3:

1. B - A commander of two Space Shuttle missions and pilot of two others, Henricks became the first person to log over 1,000 hours as a Space Shuttle pilot/commander
2. D - Tom Henricks is a former 4-time NASA Astronaut, U.S. Air Force Colonel and current President of Aviation Week magazine, a leading brand in the Aviation, Aerospace and Defense Industries.
3. A - True, Henricks was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 1993, along with former astronauts, Neil Armstrong and John Glenn.
4. D - All of the statements about Henricks are true.
5. B - Henricks has logged an impressive total of 42 days, 18 hours and 38 minutes in space.