

## NEWS AND VIEWS

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### From The President

Dear IAWA Member:

Hello and welcome to the first of a regular feature that your board will be sharing with you. IAWA's first Member Newsletter.

In this newsletter that you will receive from time to time electronically, we will bring you news about your colleagues, what other members of IAWA are accomplishing in their careers, where they are speaking or being published, or other achievements that merit recognition.

**IAWA is a unique organization.** As we say on our website:

**IAWA is an organization of women of achievement** in the aviation and aerospace industry.

**IAWA provides a worldwide network** dedicated to promoting the advancement of women in the industry.

**And IAWA provides a forum** for members to connect and communicate with each other on matters of importance within the community.

Today you are reading the first of IAWA's member newsletters that is intended to further the goal of connecting and communicating with each other.

In this and subsequent issues you'll read about members, about our scholarship winners, about developments in our annual conference, and other IAWA news. We hope you enjoy this new benefit of being an IAWA member.

Communication is an important tool for the health of any organization. Your board has now taken a step to improve communication to members and in doing so has taken an important step in making IAWA a stronger association for all of us and for all that we do in aviation and aerospace. --

**Julie Ellis**

### Mark Your Calendar

**Make Your Plans Now  
Attend the 18th Annual Conference  
October 22-24 -- W Hotel  
New York City**

### New Members

**F**our recent new members to the International Aviation Womens Association are: Suzanne Garber, Managing Director, Fedex, Miami, Florida, USA; Roberta "Bobbi" Thompson, President/CEO, Thompson Aviation Consulting, Cape Coral, Florida, USA; Joanne McAughtrie, AIG Aviation, London, England, and Paula Hochstetler, President. **See New Members on page 2**

### Young Appointed To Leadership Post In Republican Lawyer Association

Immediate IAWA Past President has been appointed a Member of the Republican National Lawyers Association Board of Governors.

Joanne, a partner/shareholder in the Washington office of the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, focuses on commercial and federal regulatory law, with a concentration on aviation and shipping. Since 1985 she has published the Washington Aviation Summary, described as a leading source for key events and legal developments in the aviation industry.

Joanne has been on the leading edge of women's issue, beginning with her graduation with a degree in government and psychology from Wesleyan University in Connecticut where she was a member of the first class that included women to graduate.

### IAWA Awards Scholarship to Embry-Riddle Student

A graduate student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is the latest recipient of a scholarship from The International Aviation Womens Association. The award has gone to Katherine Kallusch, studying for a Master of Business Administration in Aviation. She previously had earned a Bachelor of Science in Air Traffic Management at the Daytona Beach, Fla., school.

"I have fallen in love with aviation! It's all I know. It is my life, it's my passion," Ms. Kallusch of Syracuse, N.Y. wrote in an essay to IAWA seeking the award. She said she discovered Embry-Riddle at age 17 and has spent the last seven years obtaining her education at the school.

The IAWA Scholarship program was created to foster and promote the professional development of women in aviation and aerospace.

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dent, Airports Consultants Council, Alexandria, Virginia, USA. To help you get to know them better, here is some information about them.

**SUZANNE GARBER** has been in the aviation industry for 17 years, the last two at her current position as Managing Director for FedEx Express, Latin America/Caribbean Division, where she is responsible for planning, developing and directing sales, marketing and operations activities for 25-member airfreight, business development and global sales teams throughout Latin America. She has been in this position since May 2004.

Have you sent or received flowers by FedEx. Suzanne inaugurated FedEx Flowers Service, which quickly became the #1 growth market for such services within the FedEx Corporation.

Suzanne earned a Bachelor of Arts degree *cum laude* from Rutgers University in 1992 and a Master of Liberal Arts *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania 1996.

Her memberships, in addition to IAWA, include American Mensa, Board of Directors Organization of Women in International Trade-Miami. She was a finalist for International Business Women of the Year, sponsored by *Latin Trade Magazine*, and is a contributor to the Book, *Do Penguins Have Knees* by Dave Feldman.

She is a guest lecturer at Pepperdine, Rutgers and Columbia Universities.

**ROBERTA THOMPSON** is a multi-engine pilot with more than 3,500 hours as pilot-in command, who has conducted numerous professional training programs for airport management and operations. She even has completed the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Training Course.

Her firm, Thompson Aviation Consulting is a women-owned aviation consulting firm headquartered in Cape Coral, Florida, specializing in the regulatory and policy analysis of airports, fixed-base operations and other aviation-related properties for lease, negotiation, acquisition, litigation, leasehold and going-concern valuation and bankruptcy.

The company also provides rates and charges analysis and policy development on general aviation facilities and has offered expertise in the areas of airport privatization and financial self-sufficiency analysis for general aviation airports.

Roberta, who also goes by "Bobbie" also owns Air Show Consulting Enterprises, an air show consulting company that

has produced shows in the U.S., Guatemala, El Salvador and Acapulco, Mexico.

Roberta is a Member of the American Association of Airport Executives and of the National Air Transportation Association, for which she served on the Board of Directors from 1986 to 1989. She has been a White House Delegate on Small Business, is listed in Who's Who in American Women and Who's Who in Business and Finance, and serves on the Board of Nominations for the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

**PAULA HOCHSTETLER** is has been President for 12 years of the Airport Consultant's Council, an international trade association that represents consulting firms involved in the development of airports and related facilities and services. The association also is involved with public sector/government-affiliated firms, educational institutions, associations and other organizations engaged in activities directly related to the aviation industry and businesses that supply equipment, materials and products to airports.

During her tenure at ACC, Paula has chaired an RTCA special committee that developed standards for airport security access control, testified before the U.S. Congress and has been a frequent speaker at industry conferences. She also is a contributor to numerous industry publications, and currently co-chairs a Transportation Security Agency working group that is updating the document *Recommended Security Guidelines for Airport Planning, Design and Construction*. Paula is Treasurer-elect of the Aero Club of Washington.

Prior to joining ACC, she was an airport consultant in the development of large air carrier and small general aviation airports, including Hong Kong and Orlando International.

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University.

**JOANNE MCAUGHTRIC** has worked in the insurance side of the aviation industry for six years. Currently she is a Claims Adjuster for AIG Aviation in London, involved with claims in all areas of aviation, including passenger legal liability, airports, ground handling, general aviation and airline hull and hull deductible. Before joining AIG she was with CTC Services (Aviation), DE & J Levy, The Thomas Sanders Partnership and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, all in London. She is a graduate of South East Essex College.

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