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## SUZANNA DARCY-HENNEMANN TO RECEIVE THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OUTSTANDING AVIATOR AWARD

**New York, NY** – (**March 3, 2015**) – The Wings Club Foundation, Inc. and IAWA (International Aviation Womens Association) announce that Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann, is the recipient of the sixth annual Outstanding Aviator Award. The presentation of this year's Award will take place during The Wings Club Foundation's Annual Meeting, to be held on the evening of Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at The Yale Club in New York City.

Adhering to the mission of the award to recognize airmen and airwomen whose actions have made major contributions to aviation and/or security and who serve as leadership role models, Suzanna's accomplishments over a forty-one year career history with Boeing will be celebrated.

Suzanna was the first woman to captain a 747-400 and a 777, the first woman test pilot to be employed by Boeing in both production and experimental flight test and she set a record for the longest non-stop flight of a passenger airliner.

In 1974, Suzanna joined Boeing and started her aviation career in engineering. Most recently, she was Chief Pilot for the Boeing 777 program and responsible for engineering flight test activities related to all Boeing 777 airplane models. She has been an integral member of the 777 Program since its inception, contributing to the design, testing and certification of the initial airplane as well as its derivatives, added features and technologies. Suzanna became rated as a captain on the Boeing 747-400 in 1989, and

later achieved captain status as a rated captain on the Boeing 747-400, 737, 757 and 767 airplanes.

In 2005, Captain Darcy-Hennemann commanded a 22 hour and 42 minute flight on a 777-200LR. She and a team of pilots flew 11,664 nautical miles eastward from Hong Kong to London, crossing two oceans and a continent setting a record for the longest non-stop flight of a passenger airliner.

Since 2008, Suzanna has served as Chief Pilot for Boeing Flight Services, leading approximately 500 instructor pilots globally. She is responsible for all pilots providing flight services, and all instructor pilots providing flight and cabin safety training. She has oversight of flight training operations in Flight Services' campuses worldwide.

Suzanna is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and is a frequent guest speaker at industry and community forums including the Royal Aeronautical Society's Seattle Branch, the GE Accident Reduction Operations Team, and the NASA Goddard Engineering Colloquium. In 2010, Captain Darcy-Hennemann was inducted into the Women in Aviation's International Pioneer Hall of Fame.

Recognizing significant achievements that contribute to the advancement of aeronautical and aviation matters, The Wings Club Foundation recognizes and honors people throughout the year with the Distinguished Achievement Award, Distinguished Scholar Awards and the Outstanding Aviator Award.

The Wings Club Foundation's Outstanding Aviator Award has been presented annually since 2010. The first recipients honored were the Tuskegee Airmen, followed by the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), the Doolittle Raiders, Patty Wagstaff and Robert A. "Bob" Hoover.

If you are interested in attending this year's presentation of the award to Captain Darcy-Hennemann and would also like to attend the Annual Meeting, please RSVP to Lea MacDougall at (212) 867-1770 or email wingsclub@aol.com. For more information on The Wings Club visit www.wingsclub.org.