



# FAM 14

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## President's Message

Winter 2006

## Aeronautical Society Welcomes First Benefactor

### EVENTS AND THANKS

As we look back on this past year it is with great pleasure that I recall the Annual Event at which we honored Ms. Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter with the 2005 Achievement in Aviation Award. With more than 65 years of contributions to aviation history—she is truly an aviation legend. Please take a few minutes to look at the photos of that very special evening. It was a very special evening.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who help the Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum run smoothly each day. Many of our Aeronautical Society events could not take place were it not for the many and varied contributions of our volunteers. Congratulations to our volunteer of the year, John E. Cleary.

I am excited about our plans for 2007 as we embark on yet another year celebrating Aviation History.

**Louis A. Turpen**  
President

### OUR MISSION AND GOALS

*The mission of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society is to support the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum by:*

- Seeking donations to the collection
- Raising funds for acquisitions to the collection
- Promoting scholarly research within the collection
- Producing educational publications, lectures, and seminars
- Identifying subjects for oral histories
- Sponsoring special exhibitions

*The goals of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society are to:*

- Create a volunteer group of aviation professionals and enthusiasts to provide broad-based support for the promotion of the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum
- Establish a San Francisco Aeronautical Society general membership

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Louis A. Turpen, Patrick A. Murphy, George Doubleday II, Dennis Bouey, William K. Coblentz, Angela Gittens, Mary Griffin, Judd Iversen, Catherine Mayer, Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter, Jean Kaye Tinsley, Athena Tsougarakis, Peter Volny, Mrs. G. Wilkinson Wright

Hon. Dianne Feinstein, Honorary Member

In March of this year, the Society welcomed AECOM Technology Corporation as the first Benefactor. AECOM's \$25,000 donation will help to continue the Society's support of the San Francisco Airport Commission Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum.

AECOM, an employee-owned firm, provides comprehensive professional services to public and private clients globally. Executing projects through its 14 operating companies and 24,000 worldwide staff, AECOM's annual revenues are over \$2.4 billion. *Engineering News-Record (ENR)* magazine currently ranks AECOM as the No. 1 firm in transportation worldwide. Several AECOM companies have had key roles in the development of San Francisco International Airport. DMJM Aviation prepared SFO's 1989 Master Plan Program. This document guided the near term and long term development culminating in the design and construction of SFO's state of the art International Terminal and related projects. DMJM Harris was the construction manager for the elevated roadways, freeway connectors, and interchanges that provide access to the new International Terminal. They also managed the construction of the line, track, and systems for BART's extension to SFO. DMJM System Solutions provided design and installation of the security and communications systems for the terminal. A new Benefactor Plaque was unveiled at the Society's 2005 Achievement in Aviation Annual Award Ceremony.



Photo Courtesy: Faber Maunsell

Faber Maunsell, an AECOM Operating Company, provided construction supervision to the 2,250 meter long cable stayed Rion-Antirion Bridge in the Gulf of Corinth, Patras, Greece.



FAM 14 is the abbreviation for the world's first transoceanic Foreign Air Mail route, which originated in San Francisco and linked the East and West by air. The FAM 14 masthead photograph was taken by Clyde Sunderland and shows Pan American Airways' China Clipper over the city of San Francisco on November 22, 1935, departing on the first transpacific commercial flight to Manila. Courtesy of Pacific Aerial Surveys.

# AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY HONORS AN AVIATION LEGEND AT 2005 GALA EVENT

## Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter receives 2005 Achievement in Aviation Medallion

Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter, received the 2005 San Francisco Aeronautical Society Achievement in Aviation Medallion. The annual award is given to an individual or organization whose work demonstrates significant achievements and contributions to the development of air transport.

While a student at the San Francisco Ballet, Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter was chosen to publicize the 1939-1940 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco's Treasure Island where she first attained world-wide recognition. As the Official Hostess and Pirate Theme Girl, she traveled more than 100,000 miles by commercial airliner to publicize the exposition and promote air transport. Her appearances included visits to all the governors and the mayors of every major city in the United States while being photographed participating in state events and at places of national interest. Declared "The Most Photographed and Publicized Girl in the World for 1938-1939," *Life* magazine devoted two pages to her travels and publicity feats, such as the time she leapt across a 900-foot deep chasm at the Grand Canyon.



Left to right: World Wings International members Karen Law-Hing, Jan Boelke, Dorene Goad, Ululani Jung, and Mary DeVries with Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter

Ms. Lantis Nutter was appointed Official Representative from the State of California to the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, the Flying Ambassadors to Seattle's 1961 Century 21 Exposition, and the 1964 New York World's Fair. She has logged over 2,000 hours as a commercial multi-engine instrument pilot. As a member of The Ninety-Nines, an international organization of licensed women pilots, she was Hospitality Chair of the Powder Puff Derby, in which she has also flown. Ms. Lantis Nutter has flown search and rescue missions in the Civil Air Patrol where she served as an officer. In 1988, having served for twelve years on the Board of Trustees of the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, she was elected its first female President and Chairman.

On the Saturday following the Awards Celebration, Ms. Lantis Nutter spent the morning sharing stories of her colorful history with an audience of admirers. It was with great pleasure that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Aeronautical Society named Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter the 2005 Honoree for the Achievement in Aviation Medallion.



Ms. Lantis Nutter accepting her 2005 Achievement in Aviation Medallion



Left to right: Society Directors Mary Griffith, Jean Tinsley, Pat Forbes and Society President Lou Turpen



Ms. Lantis Nutter signing photographs following her Spirit of Flight Lecture

