

December Events

Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian Holiday Open House, December 6, 2018



Starting the month of the Holiday season events, a small group of Wings Over Wendy's members attended Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian Holiday Open House and Food & Toy Drive. Bob Stiles, Ken Mayer and Ed Reynolds were among those attending to musical performances by the North Valley Military Institute, and San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus.

Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 8, 2018

Continuing a tradition started the year before, Israeli Army veterans: Avi and Liat Ben-Shabat hosted Wings Over Wendy's members for a Hanukkah Celebration.



Those attending included Bob and Suzanne Bermant, Paul Boghossian, Barry and Linda Chapman, David Greenberg, Dick Gross, Larry Kushner, Frank and Ava Lopez, Ethel Margolin, Ed and Judy Reynolds, Bob Stiles, Sharon Fine, Maurice Vasquez, and Warren Weinstein. They were treated to a delicious dinner and participated in the candle light ceremony.

Councilmember Mitchell Englander's Holiday Breakfast and Farewell Celebration, December 13, 2018

A large group of Wings Over Wendy's members attended Councilmember Mitchell Englander's Holiday Breakfast and Farewell Celebration, at the Greig Smith PALS Youth Center in Northridge on December 13, 2018. They came to thank Mitch for his support of WOW over many years. He liked to tell us that he grew up close to the Platt Village Wendy's and used to frequent it often.

We could always count on him when we needed a bus to attend an event and provide Certificates of Recognition to many of our members over the years. At the suggestion of his wife Mike LaVere videoed individual messages from our members that he will be able to watch at his leisure.



Photo by Colin Sweeney

Peggy Jean Bassett, Mike LaVere, Mitch Englander, Warren Weinstein and Ed Reynolds just after presenting gifts to the Councilmember.

December Meetings

December 3, 2018

We started off the month of December meetings with a visit from Alan Golub the artist that painted the picture of Clyde East. Alan used to live in the area and knew Clyde East and painted his picture. Bob Donovan obtained a copy to hang on the wall. When Bob met Alan at a Ronald Reagan Library function, he told Alan that it was hanging on the wall in the Woodland Hills Wendy's. Alan stopped by to see his work attend a meeting.

Alan Golub and his Clyde East Picture

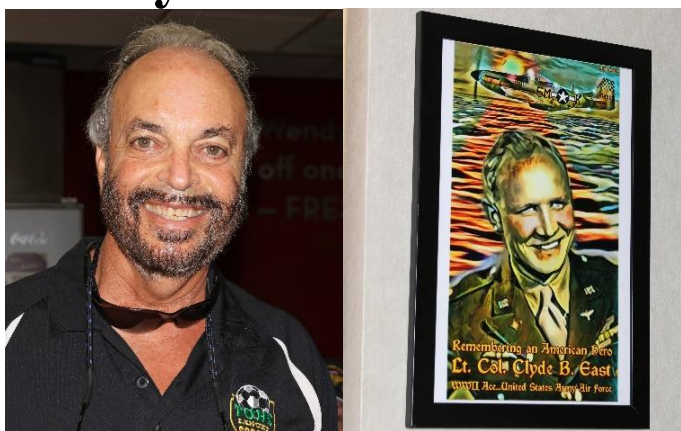


Photo by Harlis Brend

Following the introduction of newcomers, we had a presentation by Scott Abrams and Mary Chakerian from Congressman Brad Sherman's Office.



Photo by Harlis Brend

Scott Abrams & Mary Chakerian

Scott presented flags flown over capital to Phil Shapiro and Warren Weinstein:

Phil Shapiro



Photo by Harlis Brend

Warren Weinstein



Photo by Harlis Brend

Phil and Warren received the flags because they were originally scheduled to receive them from Mary at the Daniel Pearl Magnet School Veterans Day Assembly on November 9th but due to the fires on the 8th they were unable to attend the event and Mary arranged to have Scott present them at a Monday meeting.

The meeting concluded with Mike LaVere video recording a message from every member to Councilman Mitchell Englander that was presented at his Farewell Breakfast on December 13th.

December 10, 2018

At the December 10th meeting SLO Duke Dao introduced the new Senior Liaison Officer assigned to the Woodland Hills area: SLO Jose Fernandez

SLO Duke Dao and SLO Jose Fernandez



Photo by Harlis Brend

SLO Jose Fernandez told us about his background. We welcome him to the area and our meetings.

Mark Reed



Photo by Harlis Brend

Our guest speaker for December 17, 2018 was Mark Reed who reported on an interview he conducted with the Mayor of Tijuana.



On December 4, 2018 Mark Reed conducted an interview with Juan Manuel, Mayor of Tijuana, Mexico. The focus of the interview was to discuss the city's point of view and impact of the caravan currently inhabiting his city as well as how the history of past caravans is different.

During the interview the Mayor was asked what he thought when he first heard about the Caravan approaching his city. He was not happy that the southern states of Mexico and the Federal Government had not registered the *migrants* as they entered the country. The Mayor stated he thought the people in the caravan were violators of the law. He thought they should have been detained in the south but the National Commission on Human Rights worked to give them a free highway to Tijuana. He told Mark that it was not the first Caravan that has arrived in his city. Thousands came from Haiti, obeyed the law, filled out the proper paperwork and taken care of.

Mark reported they discussed how the US, Mexico and the Central American countries need to work together to resolve the humanitarian problem in the Central American countries.

They also discussed the November 26 rush to the border that was repelled by tear gas. The Mayor told Mark the migrants were misled to believe they could cross the border and were encouraged by people on bull horns to rush the fence pushing the women and children to the front of the pack.

Mark's description of the interview and the Mayor's views provoked discussion from the Wings Over Wendy's audience and it turned into some political opinions about the US Immigration Policies. Mark did not advocate for one side or the other pointing out that he has both American Indian and Mexican heritage in his family. He just wanted to report on the Mayor's view point. The full interview can be seen on *Mark Reed Interviews the Mayor of Tijuana*.

December 17, 2018

The December 17th meeting started with a presentation by Franz Lopez of a Plaque of Appreciation by the Wings Over Camarillo for the 2018 Wings Over Wendy's participation and support in the Veterans Hanger.

Franz Lopez



Photo by Harlis Brend

Wings Over Camarillo 2018 Plaque



Gilbert Escontrias



Photo by Harlis Brend

Our guest speaker on December 17, 2018 was Gil Escontrias, a 35-year LAPD Detective, Veterans and Homeless Supporter and Dog Handler. His assignments have included Patrol, Juvenile Narcotics; School Investigative Buy Unit, Narcotics Buy Team, Community Relations, and Detectives. His investigative assignments include Homicide, Sex Crimes, Art Theft, Burglary, Auto-Theft, Pawnshop Unit, Cargo Theft, Violent Crimes Special Section and Receivers of Stolen Property Units. His most previous assignment was Mental Evaluation Unit where he was responsible for the development and presentation of training programs for Law Enforcement, both sworn and civilian personnel in identification, understanding and dealing with persons with Mental Illnesses.

When working with homeless veterans he started the *Boots to Suits* program that collects suits that are provided to homeless veterans. This last year over 500 suits were collected and distributed to veterans.

Gil then talked about his experiences as a dog handler, training dogs for veterans with PTSD and other people with mental illnesses. The audience was fascinated by his discussion on the various breeds of dogs for the various support they can be trained to perform ranging from Military Guard, IED detection, Narcotics detection to mental ill and elderly companionship. Gil described some of the training techniques used in training. He fielded a lot of questions from the audience on the pros and cons of various breeds. It was a very enlightening talk.

December 24, 2018

Kevin Raskoff, Ph. D.



Photo by Harlis Brend

On Christmas Eve our Guest Speaker was Kevin Raskoff son of Richard Raskoff visiting for the Holiday Break from Monterey, CA. Kevin teaches Marine Biology and Ecology classes at Monterey Peninsula College and specializes in deep-sea jellyfish. He fielded a number of questions from the attendees ranging from his thoughts on climate change, tsunamis, and communications between fish.

Kevin has done a lot of Deepsea Diving and photography which lead to a discussion on the extinction of coral reefs which he contributes to a rise in ocean temperatures. He discussed the large collection of Marine researchers in the Monterey area.

Another area he discussed was the problems of fish farming and the concentration of waste products has on the fish's nutrition value. He also discussed the harvesting of seaweed.

When asked why the ocean water is salty he described that they were originally fresh and as water ran down from the land they brought a lot minerals with it and as the water evaporates it leaves the minerals behind. This lead to his discussing that the earth has gone through cycles where the oceans got warmer and the CO² increased. The current global warming is the opposite for the first time the CO² increased before the ocean got warmer and it has an impact

on science predictions. We look at what's happened in the past to try to make predictions about the future. But what we are seeing today has never happened before. It's an end of one of a cycle that has occurred for the first time and so that reduces our ability to say with any kind of certainty what can happen in the future.

Kevin certainly left us with the impression that the earth is going through a cyclic change and that it has in the past and will in the future. He thinks a lot can be learned by studying the deep ocean that was not possible in the past.

December 31, 2018

Our New Years meeting was a sad and happy occasion. The sadness because our beloved member Judge Don Foster "flew west" five days earlier.

We passed the mike around the room for members to tell us memories of Don. His White Sports Jacket; his shirt with two WOW logos; driving his electric Volt; his "backseat" driving when riding with someone else; fist bumps; his meals with others; his standing jokes with so many members.

Dan Pemberton read the bio Don wrote about himself for Dan's WWII Heroes Dinner. Karen Vegtel told about the gardenias he grew and would bring to the female members of Wings Over Wendys.

Only Lee Auger has been an attending member longer than Don. He was "family" and was loved by so many members. We finished with a toast of Martinelli's Sparkling Apple Juice in his memory.

Lynn Schrempf brought her friend Shelley Patchin and Lynn's "homeschooled" sons Max and Julian to the meeting. The boys brought their friends Justin Varner, Cooper Patchin, and Wyatt Patchin.



Photo by Harlis Brend

Howard Swerdlick with Justin Varner, Max Schrempf, Cooper Patchin, Wyatt Patchin, and Julian Schrempf

A photograph of two elderly men, likely World War II veterans, standing indoors. The man on the left is wearing a red and black plaid shirt over a dark blue t-shirt with an American flag design, a blue baseball cap with a pilot's wing emblem, and a name tag that reads 'WILLIAM'. The man on the right is wearing a brown leather flight jacket over a blue polo shirt, light blue jeans, and a similar blue baseball cap. He is using a silver metal walker. Behind them is a large poster titled 'TO VICTORY' featuring a stylized red face of a soldier and the text 'ARMY AIR FORCE'. The setting appears to be a community center or a museum.

Elmo Maiden and Art Sherman

Peggy Jean's Hanger

In the third grade, my teacher said to me: "Quit staring out the window, because when you grow up, no one is going to pay you to just sit there and look out the window".



"Guess Who?"

The Controller switched the field lights off and replied, "**Guess where?**"

I served in a parachute regiment during a nighttime exercise, I was seated next to a young officer. He was looking a bit pale, so I asked, "Are you scared lieutenant?" "No," he replied. "Apprehensive" .. "What's the difference?" "That means, I'm scared, but with a university education."

by Mark Baker, AOPA President & CEO

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I've been a pilot for more years than I'd care to count, and in that time, I've been privileged to meet some of the most celebrated aviators of the Greatest Generation and beyond.

I'm talking about pilots such as John Glenn, the first man to orbit the Earth, and later a U.S. senator and the oldest person to go to space at age 77; Gene Cernan, the last human to walk on the moon; Bob Hoover, a fighter pilot, test pilot, record-setter, and airshow innovator; Carroll Shelby, a military pilot and flight instructor who became best known for his auto racing and Shelby Cobra car design; and even Arnold Palmer, a legendary golfer and lifelong pilot who famously said that learning to fly was the third best decision he ever made – after marrying his wife and learning to play golf.

All these men are gone now. But they were among my heroes, and they left me – and so many others whose lives they touched – with a lasting impression of something good, strong, and nearly magical. I call it grace.

These were gracious and graceful people, who were always happy to talk with a fellow aviator or enthusiast. They were amazingly generous and willing to give of their time, knowledge, and expertise. They went out of their way to show newcomers that they are welcome and wanted in the aviation community. They embraced everyone and anyone who shared their interest in flying. Every pilot was a kindred spirit. They didn't boast about their own achievements, though they certainly had a right to do so. Instead, they listened, and they shared.

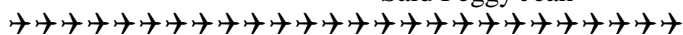
I'm making a personal commitment to do more to emulate the grace of the great pilots I've known, to be generous in spirit and action, to reach out to those who want to fly, and to share what I've learned through a lifetime in aviation. I hope you'll join me. In a world that gets a little less civil every day, living with grace could be the best legacy we can hope to leave for the aviators of tomorrow.

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A NEW YEAR TODAY

Embrace this day. Love being alive, when facing struggles. You will survive. The stress and problems of everyday strain. Just throw them out and leave them in the rain to wash away the pain. Rainbows and sunshine will take its place. Now showing peace on my smiling face. Don't hurry, don't worry it's a New Year today.

Said Peggy Jean



2018 Year in Review

2018 Tours and Events:

Warren Weinstein continued to do an outstanding job of arranging interest tours and events for the group.

Wings Over Wendy's Moves to Woodland Hills



Wendy's Restaurant Woodland Hills

Photos by Harlis Brend

Ron Ross the proprietor of the Wendy's Restaurant in the Platt Village was not been able to renew his lease. The restaurant ceased business on February 26, 2018.

Wings Over Wendy's moved their Monday meetings on **February 19th** to the Wendy's Restaurant, 22611 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA, just 3 miles from Platt Village. Ron Ross remodeling the Woodland Hills restaurant in January went out of his way to accommodate the Wings Over Wendy's meetings. We were able to tie into the facilities sound and TV system.

Bi-Annual Group Picture Taken at Last Meeting in West Hills

The last meeting was held in the Platt Village, West Hills with a group of dignitaries and the press in attendance.

The group posed for the Bi-Annual Group Picture outside the restaurant. Dennis McCarthy documented the event in his February 16th Los Angeles Daily News column.

CBS2/KCAL9 and ABC7 covered the event as well as the Valley News Group and Council District 12.



Wings over Wendy's group goodbye photo

Wings Over Wendy's Calendar & Newsletters Went Now On-Line

Thanks to Norm Anderson, Director of the Documentary Donut Dollies, Ed Reynolds was able to design a web site for Wings Over Wendy's. site is:

www.wingsoverwendys.com

It displays: Newsletters, Videos, password protected Roster, Calendar, and Photos

New Logo Sticker



New logo stickers were created in peel off, magnetic and in embroidered with magnet backs for jacket. Magnetic back name tags were made available with the new logo.

Bowers Museum Tour

January 10, 2018



On January 10, 2018, 12 members of Wings Over Wendy's toured the Bowers Museum, 2002 N Main St., Santa Ana, CA.

Lyon Air Museum Tour February 28, 2018



On Wednesday February 28, 2018, two dozen Wings Over Wendy's members toured the Lyon Air Museum, in Santa Ana, CA.

California Science Center – March 22, 2018



On March 22, 2018 36 members of Wings Over Wendy's toured the California Science Center and attended the Hurricane 3D show in the IMAX theater.

Reagan Library – Genghis Khan Exhibition April 25, 2018



On April 25th a small group of Wings Over Wendy's members toured the Reagan Library Genghis Khan Exhibition. After the tour the group had lunch at the Golden Panda Buffet.

Van Nuys Aviation Career Day April 27, 2018



On April 27, 2018 21 Wings Over Wendy's members attended the Van Nuys Aviation Career Day. Mike LaVere, Barney Leone, Art Sherman, Roscoe Frazier and Ed Reynolds had displays at our assigned booth.

Unveiling of Joshua Cullins Way May 17, 2018

On May 17, 2018 a dozen Wings Over Wendy's members attended the "Unveiling of Joshua Cullins Way" adjacent to St. Martin School, honoring US Marine Staff Sgt Joshua J Cullins, 28, of Simi Valley, who was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. Cullins was also a Los Angeles Police Department officer.

North Valley Military Institute – Memorial Day Pass in Review May 18, 2018



On May 18, 2018 Joe Mueller, Ed Reynolds, Art Sherman, Dan Stark, Paul Boghossian, and Tony Cubarrubia attended the NVMI Memorial Day Pass in Review and Change of Command Ceremony.

St. Martins School Veterans Memorial Chapel – May 23, 2018



On May 23, 2018, 18 Wings Over Wendy's members attended St. Martin in-the Field annual Memorial Day Chapel Service.

USMC Gunnery Sargent Ernie "Gunny" Napper hosted a hot breakfast after the service

Northridge Academy H.S. Memorial Day Assembly - May 25, 2018



Photo by Tony Cubarrubia

On May 25, 2018, eleven Wings Over Wendy's members were honored at the Northridge Academy High School at their Memorial Day Assembly.

Temple Valley Beth Shalom Veterans Event May 26, 2018



On May 26, 2018 over two dozen Wings Over Wendy's members attended Temple Valley Beth Shalom Veterans Event Honoring Women Veterans.

Memorial Day Parade May 28, 2018



Photo by Harlis Brend

On May 28, 2018, Wings Over Wendy's had a prominent participation in the 29th Annual Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. Bill Ratner organized the military events in the parade. Elmo Maiden and Don Foster were the Grand Marshalls. We had two trucks in the Parade and 50 Wings Over Wendy's participated.

Boeing Satellite Systems Tour June 27, 2018



Photo by Alan Hill (Continued Page 10)

On June 27, 2018, 40 Wings Over Wendy's members Toured the Boeing Satellite Development Center (SDC) in El Segundo, CA followed by lunch at The Proud Bird.

Veterans Hanger at Wings Over Camarillo Airshow August 18 & 19, 2018



Photo by Harlis Brend

On the weekend of August 18 and 19, 2018, thirty Wings Over Wendy's members participated in the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show. In the Veteran's Tent they had six ten tables of displays.

16th Anniversary Lunch August 23, 2018



Photo by Harlis Brend

Next to the Monday meetings moving from West Hills to Woodland Hills our big event of the year was the 16th

Anniversary Lunch on August 23, 2018, 125 members and 33 non-members attended honoring Dennis McCarthy whose column in the *Los Angeles Daily News* about the meetings in August 2002 publicized the meetings.

In addition to Dennis we honored Councilmembers Bob Blumenfield and Mitchell Englander plus District Director for Council District 12, Ron Rubine for support of Wings Over Wendy's for many years.

Plaques were presented to faithful attendees for over 15 years: Don Eisenberg, Don Foster, Art Sherman, and Jimmy Weldon.

Entertainment was provided by Bonnie Bowden and showing The Donut Dollies Documentary

Reel Cowboys Silver Spur Awards September 21, 2018



On September 21, 2018 a small group of Wings Over Wendy's attended the Reel Cowboys Silver Spur Awards ceremony.

Mike LaVere and Ed Reynolds wore their uniforms and were honored by Master of Ceremonies Robert Lanthier.

Councilmember Mitchell Englander's 7th Annual Principals Meeting October 4, 2018

On October 4, 2018, sixteen Wings Over Wendy's members attended Councilmember Mitchell Englander's 7th Annual Principals Meeting. Wings Over Wendy's had a table for teachers to obtain information on our "Conversations with Hero's" program.

Museum of the SFV Teachers Workshop October 13, 2018

Several of Wings Over Wendy's World War II veterans supported a Q&A session with 30 teachers, hosted by Franky Ortega

USCG Station October 17, 2018



Photo by Harlis Brent

On October 17th forty Wings Over Wendy's members toured the USCG Station LA/LB

Calabash Charter Academy October 19, 2018



Photo provided by Calabash Charter Academy

CAPT Bill Ratner & 3rd Grade Class

Bill Ratner, Ed Reynolds and Warren Weinstein met with 3rd Grade classes at the Calabash Charter Academy, Woodland Hills as part of the "Conversations with Heroes" program.

Aquarium of the Pacific Tour, October 25, 2018



On October 25th a bus load of Wings Over Wendy's members rode to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. After a tour of the fish tanks and displays they were treated to a lunch by Councilmember Mitch Englander at Gladstone's Long Beach.

Justice Armand Arabian Leaders in Public Service Awards Luncheon October 25, 2018

Also, on October 25th, a dozen Wings Over Wendy's members attended the Justice Armand Arabian Leaders in Public Service Awards Luncheon at the Hilton Woodland Hills. Seven local leaders were honored including Wings Over Wendy's honorary member Kathleen Sterling, publisher of the Warner Center News.

Ventura County Aviation Career Day October 26, 2018



Lt Cols Richard Kinder & Ed Reynolds USAF displays

On October 26th Wings Over Wendy's had three displays and eight members talking to Ventura High School students about aviation at Aviation Career Day.

“WWII in the SFV”

October 27, 2018

On Saturday, October 27th, Bill Radner and Richard Kinder represented Wings Over Wendy's at a lecture by Franky Ortega in the Museum of the San Fernando Valley.

Canoga Park Woman's Club Veterans Lunch November 3, 2018



On November 3, 2018, 27 Wings Over Wendy's members and guests attended the Canoga Park Woman's Club 18th Annual Veterans Luncheon.

Annual Bohemian BBQ November 7, 2018



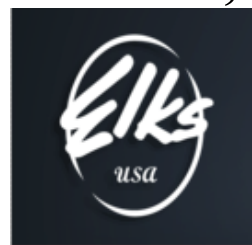
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On November 7, 2018, a dozen Wings Over Wendy's members attended the year's Annual Bohemian BBQ at Rosie's, Northridge. They painted a picture and had a fine Rosie's BBQ dinner.

Canoga Park Elks Lodge Veterans Dinner November 8, 2018



Despite the fire evacuations in the West Valley, over 20 Wings Over Wendy's members attended the Canoga Park Elks Lodge Veterans Day Dinner on November 8th.

North Valley Military Pass in Review November 9, 2018



On November 9, 2018, five members of Wings Over Wendy's attended the North Valley Military Pass in Review.

Veterans Day Ceremony. Daniel Pearl Magnet High School November 9, 2018



Also, on November 9, 2018, five members of Wings Over Wendy's attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Daniel Pearl Magnet High School. Ed Reynolds was the Keynote Speaker and attendee received a flag from Congressman Brad Sherman.

Veterans Day Event at the Museum of the SFV November 10, 2018



On November 10, 2018 several members of Wings Over Wendy's attended the Veterans Day Event at the Museum of the San Fernando Valley.

San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2018



Photo by Paul Boghossian

On November 11, 2018, Wings Over Wendy's had an entry in the annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade. Ron Boggess drove while Fred Kaplan. Lee Auger, Paul Boghossian, David Greenberg, Julio Jimenez, and Maurice Vasquez rode in the truck. Ken Mayer rode in the ANA entry.

Congressman Tony Cárdenas, 2018 Veterans Day Forum November 11, 2018



Photo by Ken Mayer

Elmo Maiden cutting the cake with the Congressman
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St. Martin's Veterans Chapel

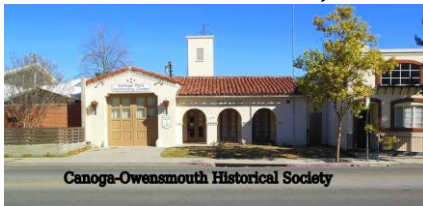
November 14, 2018



On November 14, 2018, over a dozen Wings Over Wendy's members attended the annual St. Martin's Veterans Chapel. After the ceremony the veterans were treated to a hot breakfast provided by "Gunny" Napper.

Canoga-Owensmouth Historical Society DAV Meeting

November 14, 2018



A small group of Wings Over Wendy's attended the Canoga-Owensmouth Historical Society Meeting on November 14, 2018 to hear a presentation by the DAV.

Pomelo Elementary School Hero's Feast

November 15, 2018



Photo by Ken Mayer

Over 30 members of Wendys Over Wendy's attended our favorite Veterans Month event; the Pomelo Elementary School Hero's Feast on November 15, 2018.

December 2018 Events

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2018 Speakers

January 2018

Leon Waldman read the Dennis McCarthy article on "Crash" Blechman. We saw a video of Guy Chookoorian singing with Art, Fred and Howard dancing. Manny Iglesias told the story "When Men Were Men" about the USS Constitution crew in 1779. Dave Worley gave us a presentation on the Military Order of the World Wars. LAPD Deputy Chief John Sherman visited. Greg Stathatos talked to us about the restoration of B-17's.

February 2018

Norm Anderson spoke and showed us a video about *The Donut Dollies*. Dennis McCarthy, Dennis Zine and Councilmember Mitchell Englander spoke at our last West Hills meeting. Councilmember Bob Blumenfield welcomed us to Woodland Hills. The artist Mike Machat spoke about his career and the picture "SUPERSONIC PALETTE: The Art of Flight" autographed by Clyde East. Ed Barkett spoke about valley residences that served in WWII

March 2018

Daniel Zepeda Jr. talked to us about the committee which hosts a three-day commemorative celebration in honor of the Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. SLO Duke Dao visited us to check out the new location and introduce his Field Supervisor Karen Rayner to the group. Randy Pearson, a "bush" pilot told us about his experiences flying for Jungle Aviation and Radio Service in Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Kevin Schmiegel, the new CEO of Operation Gratitude, spoke about his career and plans for the organization. Mark Stover, CSUN Dean, Oviatt Library, told us about the special collection archive function of the library.

April 2018

Leon Waldman and Barney Leone gave us a trip report on the 7 Night Classic California Coast cruise they took out of the Port of Los Angeles arranged by Chip Stevens. Barney Leone told us about plaques he received from Andrew Negrete a gentleman that met Barney and Mike at the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show. Ethel Margolin showed the group a video of her participation in the October 2017 Gary Sinise Soaring Valor Tour. Frank Lopez talked to the group about the battles of the Philippines and his experience of taking Kent Kellegrew to reunions. Abe Hoffman talked to us about the German Graf Zeppelin's visit to Los Angeles in 1929. Mike "Majik" Boyd sang his song "American Soldier - Thank You for All the Things You Do". Jim Webb from the Boys Scouts of America visited to tell us about his establishing 22 Disaster Emergency pods in the area with support from Kaiser Permanente. Mark Neudorff, Canoga Park Chamber-Commerce visited our meeting to invite us to participate in the annual Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. (Continued)

Norm Anderson returned to a meeting to introduce his mother to the group. Bonnie Bowden sang on April 30th

May 2018

Rosadel McClure spoke on how much the meetings meant to her husband, Chuck a B-29 pilot that was one of the early members of Wings Over Wendy's. Mike LaVere showed us a video he created from pictures of the Aviation Career Day event. Harvey Krasner, a WWII Sherman Tank crewmember told us his story of a night in the Battle of the Bulge. Dan Stark drove his WWII Jeep up from Malibu with his son and gave us a talk on the history of Jeeps.

June 2018

Mark Reed talked about the Sepulveda VA. Jack Norris about his career in aviation and the "Clyde East Aircraft Painting". Ed Reynolds talked about his experience in North Korea. Jimmy Weldon recited his association with Fred Blechman. Barney Leone and Leon Waldman told us about attending a Gary Sinise Foundation Fund Raiser.

July 2018

Judge Martin Mogul told us about his career in showbusiness and as a DOD Federal Administrative Judge. Irving Lautman told us about his experience as a WWII POW. Jimmy Welton talked about the History of the Star-Spangled Banner. Paul T. Owens spoke about "World Conflict's Impact on Olympics and Sports". Neal Render told us about his career and his new LA based show *Celebrate Hollywood with Neal Render*. We celebrated Art Sherman's 97th and Elmo Maiden's 99th birthdays.

August 2018

David Burg talked about a scrapbook from one of his clients whose husband was a WWII veteran and has passed on. Robert Lanthier, President of the Reel Cowboys spoke to the group about the Silver Spur Awards. Frank Lopez describe the procedures for parking and access to the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show. Steve Birgel talked about his Military Career. Kevin Schmiegel returned to give an update report and plans for the future of Operation Gratitude. Linette Stone, a Vietnam "Donut Dollie", friend of Dorset Anderson told us her story of Vietnam. Corinne Ho visited to thank us for including her in the 16th Anniversary Luncheon. Dennis Richard a playwright talked to us about his play *Oswald: The Actual Interrogation*.

September 2018

Andrew Negrete from *Frames For Heroes* presented framed displays of military service to Elmo Maiden and Don Foster. SLO Duke Dao stopped by to introduce Officer Greg Archambault to the organization. Jerri Bergen, President of the American Aviation Historical Society gave a slide presentation on aircraft "Nose Art". Holly Webster, LtCol, USAF (Retired) told us about her career. Nina Hoffman talked about her US Army career. Dave Anderson spoke about the Cowboy Social Club "Pasta & Pistols VI" fund raising dinner to benefit Honor Flight Southland. Jennifer Murkey and a group from Pomelo Community

Charter School talked about their 2018 "3rd Grade Hero Feast". State Assemblymember, Jesse Gabriel talked to us about his experience with Armed Services and his current work at the State Assembly. Ed Reynolds showed his 1953 MG and gave a talk on its history. Henny Neys and Giji Axe told us about their WWII experiences. Chaplain Dov Cohen told us about his career.

October 2018

William Lashbrook told us about his military experiences. Mike LaVere showed a video of the Reel Cowboys Silver Spur Awards. Dennis Richard returned to tell us about the Ethel and Julius Rosenberg trial. The following week Don Eisenberg talked about "The Women Code Breakers Who Unmasked Soviet Spies". Lee Auger gave us a trip report on his tour of WWII USAAF bases in England. Paul Chow, a retired CSUN Professor, showed us a video on *The Junk that Challenged the Yachts*. Elmo Maiden's Grandson, Chad Henry gave us a presentation on the current ships and aircraft in the US Navy.

November 2018

David Timmerman told us about the Veterans Memorial Museum, Chehalis, Washington where he discovered a display honoring Dave Thomas, Founder of Wendy's Restaurants. USMC Captain Dale Dye told us about his career in the Military and movies. Chip Stevens talked about "Tel" Orfanos who was killed at the Borderline Bar & Grill. Bobbi Cattanes from the "American Addiction Advocate Foundation talked about her career. Ron Lee visited and informed us he will be running to replace Councilmember Mitch Englander.

December 2018

See pages 2 through 5.

2018 Departed

In 2018 we had sixteen members "Fly West"

George Jacobs III	09/19/1935 to 01/14/2018 (82)
Ira Kanarek	02/28/1919 to 02/24/2018 (98)
Steve Politis	01/11/1917 to 02/25/2018 (101)
Gabe Fine	01/04/1933 to 03/05/2018 (85)
Bob Callahan	04/20/1926 to 03/11/2018 (91)
Kent Kellegrew	09/05/1923 to 04/05/2018 (94)
Ed Nolan	04/07/1921 to 05/13/2018 (97)
Bill Caldwell	12/28/1922 to 06/03/2018 (95)
Phil Rowe	07/10/1926 to 07/07/2018 (91)
Ted Davis	03/02/1939 to 07/11/2018 (79)
Maurice Starr	07/18/1930 to 09/09/2018 (88)
Mort Green	02/06/1933 to 09/27/2018 (85)
Charles Hooker	05/16/1937 to 11/08/2018 (81)
Lee Levitan	12/24/1923 to 11/22/2018 (94)
Gus Manders	05/03/1921 to 12/20/2018 (97)
Judge Don Foster	12/24/1920 to 12/26/2018 (98)

January Birthdays

David McAlexander	January 01, 1965
David Loppnow	January 02, 1934
Steve Birgel	January 04, 1925
Jerry Knotts	January 04, 1938
Bob Harris	January 10, 1949
Stephen Sherman	January 10, 1921
Bill Carter	January 13, 1946
Tom Guzman	January 15, 1948
Tom Curtis	January 16, 1919
Steven Ourada	January 16, 1945
Stan Opatowsky	January 17, 1931
Eddie Zangwill	January 17, 1932
Don Eisenberg	January 18, 1931
Hal Landy	January 18, 1922
Sam Mulley	January 19, 1946
Gary Rocklin	January 23, 1941
Irv Brounstein	January 27, 1931
Abe Rosenzweig	January 27, 1924
Phil Puritsky	January 29, 1946
Al Lewis	January 30, 1924
Buck Haegele	January 31, 1929

Prayers

Unfortunately, several of our most active members were hospitalized or are either in Nursing Homes or at home recuperating from their injuries or illnesses. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery and a return to our meetings:

Bob Rose, Ellie Harrison, David Plumb, Ed Moreno

New Members

We welcomed the following new members during the month of December 2018.

Andy Romanisky

WOW's monthly food drive is Monday, January 7th



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The following is a list of WOW members who have contributed \$10 to fund the publication of the *Wings News* for 12 months.

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Ellie Harrison	

In Memoriam

During the month of December 2018, two members of Wings Over Wendy's "Flew West".

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Gus Manders

**May 3, 1921 to
December 20, 2018**



Photo by Shirley Andrews

Gus Manders was born in Germany on May 3, 1921. He immigrated to the United States at the age of 17 and five years later enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942 and because he spoke three languages (German, English, and Italian) he was assigned as an Intelligence Specialist.

He served in North Africa and Italy during WWII, mainly as an interpreter. In Vienna, after the war, he met the light of his life, Ricky, who happened to be the sister of his best friend's wife. When he passed, they had been happily married for 72 years, and had three daughters, Susan, Sylvia and Dana.

When they came to the US he worked as a CPA with noted firms until he started his own business, which he had for 45 years. He also worked at CSUN teaching Business Courses.

Gus had a long siege with lung and bone cancer. He will be remembered as a very dear man, who brought joy to all who knew him.

At his request, there will be no funeral. However, on Friday, December 28, there was an Open House at the Manders' home in Woodland Hills. A number of Wings Over Wendy's members attended including: Harlis Brend, Peggy Jean Bassett, Marion Lovelace, Leon Waldman, Lezar Saunders, and Bob Stiles

Judge Don Foster

**December 24, 1920 to
December 26, 2018**



Photo by Harlis Brend
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One of the longest attending members of Wings Over Wendy's "flew west" two days after his 98th birthday. Don Foster started attending the Monday lunches right after Dennis McCarthy's August 27, 2002 newspaper column about the weekly gathering of veterans at the Platt Village Wendy's. He faithfully attended every week and group event ever since.

Don was born the day before Christmas in 1920. He grew up in Peoria, Illinois. He attended the Virginia Military Institute and spent three years in the infantry and one in the horse cavalry program, but he developed a love of flying when he learned to fly in the late 1930's at an airfield outside his native Peoria, Illinois. He was instructed on the Piper Cub and then went to Indianapolis and took every course he could at the Roscoe Turner Aeronautical Institute. He learned aerobatics, night and instrument flying, cross country flying "the works" as he called it.

When WWII started he worked for the government as a civilian contractor flight instructor. He says "I was much more valuable as an instructor than as a soldier." He initially taught glider pilots then delivered planes all over the United States, Canada, and Alaska. He flew P-51 fighters, B-17 bombers and just about everything in between.

After two years as a civilian he joined the USAAF, trained as an officer and earned his Flight Officer wings. His assignment was to haul people and cargo around the United States and Canada. He was later tasked to fly transport missions between Oran, Algeria and Italy.

Following the war he turned to a career in the law. His law career began in 1947 by attending La Salle Law School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He did not finish because he was hired as a statistician at North American Aviation in Inglewood, CA.

He married Elayne in 1950 and they had three daughter and a son.

After a few years in California he finished his law studies at Southwestern Law School and became an investigator, claims adjuster and finally when he passed the bar he joined the legal department at triple A.

Later at the National Auto and Casualty Co. he served as their Chief Counsel. He continued growing professionally by joining several private law firms. At these firms Don handled the workmen's compensation cases. While employed as a general practice lawyer in Beverly Hills he took a judge's exam and was placed on the list.

In 1972 he became a judge handling all workmen's compensation cases in Bell Gardens. He was promoted to presiding judge in Norwalk in 1982 and continued to make decisions about workmen's compensation cases until he retired at age 70 in 1991.

Don stated that "There is no question that my experience helped me to be a better lawyer and judge. The discipline and an understanding of the world; seeing how

other people live. It was a great eye-opener and gave me a perspective I never would have had otherwise."

His favorite hobby was touring the United States on his motorcycle at 70 years of age. He went to Canada six times and even rode on his bike to Tijuana, Mexicali and Ensenada. He was a strong proponent of Electric Cars and Solar Panels.

Don was active not only in Wings Over Wendy's but also as an advisor to law firms on how to use computers to expedite workmen's compensation cases; the Shiners as an active member of the Hollywood Lodge of the Masonic Order; and the Dandelions (military club of pilots). He had a display every year in the Veterans Hangar at Wings Over Camirillo and spoke at many schools and veteran's functions. In May 2018 he was one of the Grand Marshall's of the Canoga Park Annual Memorial Day Parade.

His cheery smile, jokes, fist bumps, white jacket and gentle manner will be missed by all that knew him.



Photo by Harlis Brend

The Judge and his Grandaughter with his 2018 display of the many WWII aircraft he flew at the Wings Over Camirillo Veterans Hanger, August 2018.

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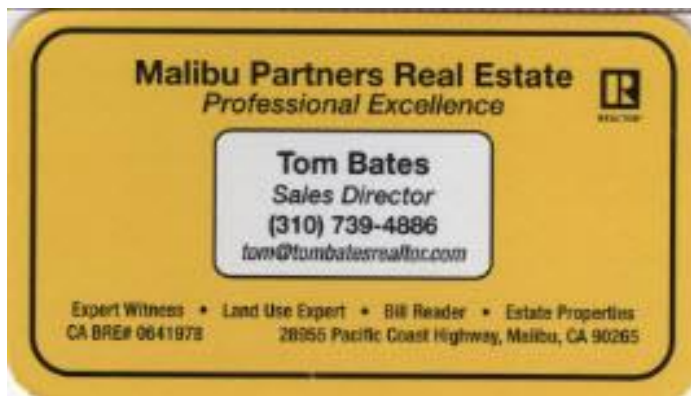
Assembly Days

There will be no Assembly Day in January 2019. The next one is February 23rd Saturday, 9am - 12pm Sign up to attend

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

On June 6, 2018 Kevin Schmiegel sent out a message challenging us to support their Care Packages. Many of Wings Over Wendy's donate their time in support of the Operation. I want Wings Over Wendy's to support the Operation in addition to volunteering time. Working with members like Karen Vegtel we came up with the idea of a post card that individuals could write a message on and have it included in a Care Package.

I printed 1,000 of the cards in the design below that I will distribute to our members to write a personal message on the back.



We all want raffle prizes!

Please search your closets and garages and bring your items to the next Wings Over Wendy's meeting.

Suggested Items: Military books, magazines, DVD's, tools, etc. **Thank you!**



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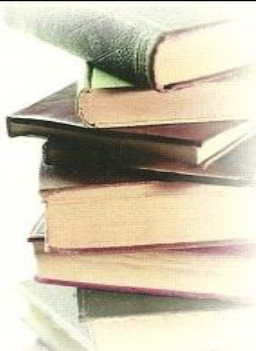
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