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Meet the Wing's New President – Peggy Trumbo

Peggy was born at the end of the Second World War and can still vividly recall life in that post-war era. She says, "I remember all of the sandbags around town, the rationing coupons, and putting yellow food coloring in white lard to make it look like butter, but most of all, I remember the 'flyboys' who would join my father, a Presbyterian minister,



and the rest of our family around the piano on Sunday evenings to sing songs and share in our dessert. This was my first association with the Army Air Corps. Later, we moved to South Carolina where I spent my high school years. I returned to Virginia to attend Mary Baldwin College, a woman's college, which helped me to learn that women have an important place in the world and not to hide our abilities." Upon graduation from college, Peggy worked for her alma mater in the area of news and publications as well as doing some administration work. She majored in music and taught piano for about 20 years. Her main profession has been as a full-time volunteer in many organizations including the Fairfax County, VA, public school system, which awarded Peggy a lifetime honorary membership in the National PTA for establishing a county-wide volunteer program. Peggy has recently retired after 30 years as the "flower lady" at her church, and has been involved for the past 30 years with Christian Education, mostly with children and teens.

In 1965 Peggy married Richard, a young captain in the Air Force, and he swiftly took her away from her familiar East coast to a new life way out west at the University of Southern California where he was earning his Ph.D. in Physiology. His many assignments took them all over the country including the Mojave Desert in California; Tucson, AZ, with the U-2; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado; Montgomery, AL; Beale Air Force Base, CA, with the U-2 and the SR-71 program; and to Washington, DC. Peggy and Dick have made the Washington area and Alexandria, VA, their home since 1975. Their two sons, Hunter and Raleigh, were both raised in Alexandria. Peggy says, "We had always expected to retire elsewhere, but our sons have moved back to their "growing up" neighborhood, are now married, and have given us three grandsons with another on the way. There is no way we could leave now!"

Peggy has been a Wing member for the last 32 years, having become more active in the last 10 when Dick retired from the Air Force and went to work as the Assistant Executive Director at the Aerospace Medical Association's headquarters. Says Peggy,

"That was a wonderful opportunity to go on site visits, get to know Wing members better, and to learn how AsMA worked. When Dick retired from that job, it was time for me to enjoy the Wing. I am very excited about the next year and hope that all of the AsMA members' spouses will include the Wing in their lives."

President's Column by Peggy Trumbo

Congratulations to Susanna Bellenkes and her enthusiastic board for an outstanding meeting in Boston. Gathering with our Wing friends, old and new, is a high point of the year, and the setting in Boston nurtured our relationships, stretched our minds, and expanded our waistlines! Thank you to Susi and her team.

And now Susi goes from being President of the Wing to being the Wing's Honorary President as her husband Andy assumes the presidency of the Aerospace Medical Association. We will learn more about Susi and her many talents on a future Wing Page.

I am delighted to be your president for the next year. Plans are underway for our meeting in May 2009 in Los Angeles. Lunch at an ocean side yacht club, a back stage tour in Hollywood, exploring the new Getty Museum, maybe some shopping on Rodeo Drive – watch for all of the Wing events for May 2009 as the program for the meeting is finalized.

A challenge is issued to each of us during the next year: Bring a new member into the Wing. As you go to a new assignment or someone is transferred into your spouse's organization, you will meet a person who will be a great Wing addition. We are waiting to meet them, and we will all enjoy an even larger Wing membership with new opportunities for friendships and experiences. I hope you will accept the challenge to find a new member. It is not possible for us to have too many members.

Many AsMA members do not know about the Wing, so let's educate the Association members about us and urge them to have their spouses join us. That's male or female spouse, by the way!

Can you think of a "catchy" phrase/bumper-sticker-style that describes the Wing for you that would make a spouse look twice at what the Wing is doing? If so, send it to me at dptrumbo@aol.com. The best "bumper stickers" will be printed in the Journal! Hopefully they will catch the eye of Association members to intrigue them about us.

This will be a year of teaching the world about the Wing. We want everyone to know about our unique organization. We exist to support our partners in their aerospace-related medical professions. In return we receive support and encouragement from each other in the Wing in our commonality of goals. I am so impressed and humbled by the Wing members and your backgrounds and interests. Thank you for letting me be a part of you.

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You can read The Wing Page online! Go to AsMA.org. Click on AsMA News Online. Then click on Wing News and Notes for the latest Wing page. For past issues, click on AsMA News Archive. And then click on the particular issue you wish to read. Thanks to Rachel Trigg and Pam Day in the AsMA Headquarters office for making this possible.

The Wing Page is going to have a new look and a new schedule in 2008-09. Look for the Wing Page every other month: June, August, October, December, February, and April. On alternate months, look in the same section of The Journal for highlighted announcements from your Wing board. Just look for our Wing logo.



Join the Wing!

The Wing of the Aerospace Medical Association was formed in 1952 "to support the specialty of aviation, aerospace, and environmental medicine by facilitating cooperation among its practitioners and by increasing public understanding and appreciation of its importance." A second purpose of the Wing is "to promote sociability among its members and their families." Each year at the scientific meeting, AsMA spouses meet new friends from every corner of the world, sharing in the many cultural experiences and educational opportunities of the host city. Dues are \$20 per year. For further information, contact:

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NEWS OF CORPORATE MEMBERS

Infoscitex Becomes Newest Corporate

Infoscitex, a company committed to excellence in the defense, aerospace, life sciences, energy, and environment markets, recently became the Aerospace Medical Association's newest Corporate Member. The company was founded in 2000 and has been successful as a niche firm for many years, providing solutions to organizations such as Corning Incorporated, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Air Force. For the past 2 years, they have been recognized for being one of America's fastest growing firms by being included in the Inc 500 List.

Infoscitex also recently received a contract from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Joint Science and Technology Office for "Electroactive Textile System for Controllable Protection from ChemBio Threats." This award was issued by the DTRA, Fort Belvoir, VA. The DTRA has contracted Infoscitex to develop the Advanced Chem-Bio Agent Protective Suit. In the absence of a chemical or biological threat, the suit will remain breathable and provide superior comfort to the user. In the event of a threat, the electro-textile based suit can instantly switch to a sealed state, thereby protecting the user from contamination. Once the threat has passed and the suit has been decontaminated, the suit can return to its open state for enhanced breathable comfort.

--- Adapted from "About Us" (http://64.144.206.170:8181/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=45&Itemid=57) and a press release found at http://64.144.206.170:8181/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=122:infoscitexaward799308bydtraforchembiosuit&catid=47:news-events&Itemid=59.

Baxter Makes Needleless IV Connector Available to Hospitals

Baxter Healthcare Corporation recently announced its V-Link Luer-activated device (LAD) with VitalShield protective coating, the first needleless intravenous (IV) connector to contain an antimicrobial coating, is now available for hospitals in the United States and Canada. V-Link with VitalShield has been shown to kill on average 99.9 percent or more of specific common pathogens (infection-causing agents) known to cause catheter-related bloodstream infections. Pathogens can contaminate medical devices used to deliver IV fluids and medication to patients. The new antimicrobial coating helps to prevent contamination and growth of specific common pathogens such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA.

Baxter completed a pilot launch of V-Link with VitalShield with a select group of leading teaching institutions and hospitals in the U.S. and Canada and is now making the product available more broadly to customers

throughout those regions. Baxter will expand to other global markets, including Europe and Australia, later this year.

--- From a press release found at http://www.baxter.com/about_baxter/news_room/news_releases/2008/04-09-08-v-link.html.

Kelsey-Seybold Hosts Pediatric Obesity Event

Kelsey-Seybold held a seminar in early April to teach parents how to combat the problem of childhood obesity. A Kelsey-Seybold pediatrician, a nutritionist, a childhood development specialist, and a parent hosted a panel discussion and addressed questions about healthy eating habits and ways to reduce a child's risk for heart disease and other health problems. A gourmet chef also entertained parents and kids with an interactive healthy lunch event after the discussion. A take-home recipe book was also offered.

--- Adapted from a press release at http://www.kelsey-seybold.com/Whats_New/Pediatric_Obesity_Event.cfm

Wyle Awarded Navy Aircrew Contract

Wyle has been awarded a contract to provide aircrew support and related services by the U.S. Navy's Naval Air Systems Command Aircraft Division, Naval Test Wing Atlantic and Naval Test Wing

Pacific. The contract has a current value of \$10,068,870 and a total value of \$56,454,125.

Under the 5-year contract, including a base year and 4 option years, Wyle and its subcontractors, Jahn Corporation and Sierra Management and Technologies, Inc., will support aircrew, engineering, operations, scheduling and technical services, independent analysis, and technical support related to air vehicles at Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Directorate, Patuxent River, MD.

Wyle has one of the world's largest independent flight test organizations, headquartered in Lexington Park, MD, and has provided aircrew services to the Department of Defense for more than 30 years.

--- From a press release found at <http://www.wylelabs.com/news/2008/04-08.html>

Sanofi-Aventis to Open Canadian R&D Facility

Sanofi-Pasteur, the vaccines division of Sanofi-Aventis Group, recently announced that it is investing in a new state-of-the-art research facility at the company's Connaught Campus in North Toronto, Ontario. The investment will include construction of a facility, the purchase of specialized research and development (R&D) equipment, and the support of R&D jobs over the next 5 years. For this project, Sanofi-Pasteur will partner with the government of Ontario, which will be contributing money through the Biopharmaceutical Investment Program administered by the Ministry of Research and Innovation.

Construction of the new facility will begin in 2008 and is projected to be completed in 2010. Research conducted at the new facility will help support the company's global research and development efforts to improve existing vaccines and create new ones. This research will target pediatric combination vaccines, pneumococcal protein vaccines, and cancer vaccines.

--- Adapted from a press release found at http://en.sanofi-aventis.com/Images/150408_rd_canada_EN_tcm24-20760.pdf

AOPA President Receives Award

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) President Phil Boyer recently received a special award from the FAA Southern Region Administrator and the Chairman of Sun 'n Fun. The award featured an aerial photo of a crowded Lakeland Linder Regional Airport with the inscription, "All of the above extend sincere thanks to Phil Boyer for your efforts on behalf of aviation in general, and Sun 'n Fun in particular." Boyer was praised for being "a passionate advocate for general aviation, aggressively debating issues that threaten it, and promoting ideas and technology that advance [GA]."

--- Adapted from a news column at <http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/articles/2008/080411ptm.html>

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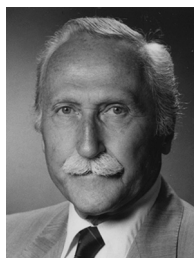
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Per Årva, M.D., previously Medical Director of the Norwegian Aviation Authority, was recently appointed as Honorary Member of the Norwegian Aeromedical Association for outstanding contributions to the development of the association and teaching activities in aviation medicine. Dr. Årva is Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association, and a member of the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine. He is still active as an aviation medical examiner.



In Memoriam



Fuchs

Heinz S. Fuchs

by Brig. Gen. Erich Rödiger, GAF, MC

Sadly, Maj. Gen.(ret.) Professor Dr. Heinz S. Fuchs died on 12 March 2008 following a short period of illness. Aerospace medicine in Germany will forever be associated with his name.

Along with Auffret [deceased], Ernsting, and Finkelstein, to name but a few, he was in the front lines of Aerospace Medicine. He was always custodian and mentor to Hans Pongratz and me, introducing us to the international aviation medicine family. AGARD, AsMA, IAASM, and the Internationalis Astronautica Academia will have had to do without a highly skilled colleague of outstanding merit.

Professor Dr. Fuchs was born on 12 September 1917 in Plauen Vogtland. As an Air Force member of the Military Medical Academy he studied at the Universities of Berlin and Vienna. During World War II, he served as a unit surgeon, flight surgeon, and Senior Medical Officer, and after his return as a prisoner of war in 1946 he also served as the chief physician of a center for tuberculosis. In 1958, he made available to the Bundeswehr his large experience gained from his former activities in the fields of internal medicine, pulmonary diseases, occupational medicine, sports and aviation medicine. It was no more than 10 years later that he was promoted to Brigadier General Medical Corps and assumed the post of Surgeon General German Air Force. In the period from 1972 to 1977 he

was Commander of the Bundeswehr Medical Office in the rank of Major General Medical Corps. But he never forgot his attachment with "his Air Force" and thus with aviation medicine. In the period from 1973 to 1978 he was president of the German Society of Aerospace Medicine.

In addition to this high duty workload he took on numerous societal functions, e.g. as a honorary professor at Gießen University until 1983, as a fellow of the American Astronautical Society, as a honorary member of the Académie de l'Air et de l'Espace and in numerous similar international associations.

For his merits he received several national and international awards such as the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Officer Cross of the U.S. "Legion of Merit", the Médaille d'Honneur du Service de Santé de l'Armée de l'Air of the French Republic, the Hubertus-Strughold Medal of the Space Medicine Branch of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), the Theodore C. Lyster Award from AsMA, and he was named Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic. Besides, he was named honorary flight surgeon of different international air forces. He published more than 100 medical articles as well as numerous book reviews and critical reviews. No doubt his career activities will be duly appreciated in view of his outstanding achievements.

His life's work in that decisive epoch made significant contributions to and thus left an indelible mark on today's aviation medicine.

Andrew R. J. Prior

Andrew R. J. Prior, former Wing Commander with the RAF, died recently. Prior was a former member of AsMA and received the 1994 Eric Liljencrantz Award in recognition of his landmark research related to life support equipment and improved G-suits. His research provided vital information regarding the problems of exposure to high +Gz forces.

Prior received his B.S. in physiology in 1974 and his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science in 1978 from St. Thomas Hospital Medical School University of London. He joined the RAF in 1979 and in 1992 was appointed Head of the Biodynamics Division, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine.

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