

# **NEWSLETTER**

April 2023

#### Mission

The Friends of Ontario Airport is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization that unites people of all backgrounds into a special group with a common interest in aviation, and in the development and growth of Ontario International Airport (ONT) for the benefit of all persons.

# Message from the President, Myron Saulpaugh



Hello Friends, It's spring already, and warmer weather is on the way. This means people are planning vacations and other travel, and using ONT as their airport of choice! Inside the airport, there are many new options for food and shopping opening up, including the much-awaited Chick-fil-a. Even if you aren't traveling, you can still go see everything that ONT has to offer by using the gate pass program, ONT+. You can apply for an ONT+ pass and then go see loved ones off at the gate, enjoy

a bite to eat, or just watch planes take off for a little while. ONT has so many great features for an airport, and we would love for you to come to our meetings to learn more.

#### **Schedule of Events**

Members Meeting April 20, 2023 4:00 PM ONT Museum

Field Trip August 17, 2023 More details to follow. Holiday Party
December 22, 2023
More details to follow.

Members Meeting June 15, 2023 4:00 PM ONT Museum

Members Meeting October 19, 2023 4:00 PM ONT Museum

### **ONT Reaches Major Passenger Milestones!**

ONT has a lot to be proud of when it comes to what it has accomplished with its passenger service.

First, in February of 2023, their passenger count jumped 12.75% domestically and nearly doubled internationally, for a total of almost 413,000 passengers for the month. That's exceptional for this time of year, and a great increase over February of 2022's totals!



Additionally, ONT hit a major milestone in March – 30 million passengers since the return to local control! Rancho Cucamonga Jessica Burchett was so happy and so surprised to hear her boarding pass called as the magic number on her midday flight to Denver en route to her son's hockey game.

READ MORE ON ONT'S MILESTONE

READ MORE ON CONTINUED GROWTH

With ONT growing at the rate it's growing, 40 million or 50 million passengers could be on the horizon soon!

### **China Airlines Resuming Daily Nonstop Service to Taipei**

China Airlines has held its position at ONT despite the interruptions of the pandemic and travel restrictions. But as conditions have eased, China Airlines has been gradually increasing their service from Ontario to Taipei, and now, they are back to daily service! Additionally, they're going to begin using a larger aircraft that can hold more passengers – the Boeing 777-300ER.



This should continue to elevate ONT's passenger numbers in the coming months, and hopefully serve as an example of how ONT can truly be an international airport.

READ MORE ON RESUMED FLIGHT

## **Eren Cello Promoted to Chief Marketing & Communications Officer**



READ MORE ON EREN CELLO

Ontario International Airport's Eren Cello has been elevated to Chief Marketing & Communications Officer after nearly five years as the Director of Marketing & Communications. She has led this department since the return to local control, contributing to greater awareness and growth for the airport. The highly successful marketing and communications efforts you see at ONT, including a full rebranding and the winning of international industry awards, are the result of Eren's leadership.

Eren and her team have also helped us greatly, by helping organize our meetings, revamping our website, and producing these newsletters. Please offer Eren your congratulations!

## **April is Autism Acceptance Month at the Airport**

We want everyone traveling through ONT -- especially in the month of April -- to have a So Cal, So Easy experience. And for those who have autism, problems with cognition, other disabilities or medical conditions, traveling with mobility issues, or traveling with someone who does, we'd like to remind you that ONT and your airline have resources available to help make your trip easier!

EXPLORE SPECIAL SCREENING

Through TSA Cares, you can arrange a special screening that caters to your individual needs and helps you go through the process with ease. And starting in late April, ONT will be participating in the Sunflower Program, a self-identify program for individuals with a hidden disability.

EXPLORE DISABILITY RESOURCES



Additionally, throughout the month, travelers with autism or their families can stop by our Traveler's Aid desks on the first floor of either terminal to claim an ONT gift bag, featuring an assortment of fun activities for your trip.

### **Parking Lot 5 Is Under Renovation**

Parking Lot 5 is temporarily closed so that it can receive some upgrades, including license plate recognition and cashless parking. Next time you need to park, simply use the other lots!

VIEW ADDITIONAL PARKING OPTIONS



## **ONT Hosting CAPA Americas Aviation Summit in April**



The CAPA Aviation Americas
Summit 2023 is coming to
Ontario this April and bringing
400+ global leaders in travel
and high-level airline executives
all around the world to our city.

# **Check out the New Vending Options at ONT**

ONT is bringing a lot of unique vending machine options to the terminals! Check out some of the new additions:

- ·Pinkberry (frozen yogurt)
- ·Farmer's Fridge (salad, wraps, soup & yogurt parfaits)
- ·illy Coffee
- ·Solely (dried fruits & fruit jerky)
- ·Lego
- ·Sounds (technology accessories)
- ·Petal Pocket (fresh flowers).



### **ONT's Nonstop Routes**



Stay up to date on the full list of nonstop routes! There is so much to see, and it all starts at ONT.

> VIEW NONSTOP ROUTES

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