

Friends of Ontario Airport

February 2019

FRIENDS 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.

A few words from your "Prez"

Message from the President:

I wasn't able to attend the Christmas celebration last year but I hope you all had a good time. There are a lot of great things going on at our airport. Last month the airport sponsored a Bar-B-Que to help the TSA agents that were working without pay to keep us safe at the airport. Hear more about the airport at the meeting.

-Myron Saulpaugh



FEBRUARY 21ST WE ARE MEETING
IN THE BOARD ROOM IN THE
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, February 21,
2019

Friends of Ontario Airport
Board of Directors Meeting
3:00 – 4:00

General Membership
Meeting
4:00 - 5:00

In the ONT Administration
Building

Light Refreshments Served

February 21st Speaker: Willie Edwards

Willie Edwards is the Director of Customer Experience for Ontario International Airport. An accomplished Senior Operations Executive with 40 years of extensive experience in leadership development, customer service, and compliance training. Proven ability to build effective teams that exceed business and cost-saving objectives while providing Legendary Customer Service. Consistently successful in strategic planning, project management, increasing productivity and improving profitability by collaborating with employees at all levels from front line employees to senior leaders. Excels at Customer Service delivery by establishing and maintaining a thriving corporate culture across multiple divisions.

Retired from Southwest Airlines after 30 years of service, during which he held several high-level leadership positions. Retired as a Senior Director of Airport Operations, responsible for 8 airports, over 1200 employees.



**Check out the
Friends website...**

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Why join the Friends?

Free admission to the Friends bi-monthly meetings, summer field trip, and annual holiday party; 6 issues of the Friends newsletter; invitations to exclusive airport special events; and a new set of "friends" who share a common interest in the success of ONT. Be a part of the airport "inner circle"!

Dues Reminder:

Join for calendar year 2019 for only \$20.00 for an individual or \$30.00 for a couple or business. Please pay online or remit to:

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Ontario International Airport Authority extended appreciation to federal workers during the government shutdown this month by throwing a BBQ on the greenbelt next to Terminal 2. More than 200 federal employees from the Transportation Service Administration and Federal Aviation Administration enjoyed the meal. “We just really want to show our appreciation to all federal partners,” said Deputy Executive Officer Atif Elkadi. “They can all come out and enjoy some food.” Ontario Reign and Agua Calientes Clippers sent representatives with support while Frito Lay and Delaware North provided food and beverages. (pictures above)



(Ontario, California – January 30, 2019) – In a festive celebration, local officials and guests welcomed the grand opening of the Escape Lounge at Ontario International Airport (ONT), offering a new level of comfort and convenience for airline passengers at the nation’s fastest growing airport. The new premium lounges will be accessible to all travelers for a fee.

AIRPORT NEWS

Ontario International Airport passenger count was over 5,000 ,000 for the 1st time since 2008.

Another milestone is ONT is the number one airport in the country for freight. ONT passed Atlanta Airport as the number one freight handler.