AIR SERVICE/ AIRLINE NEWS

Allegiant starts new service to Louisville, KY on May 24th. This brings Allegiant’s total non-stop routes to 54. Adding on Sunwing and Sun Country, PIE serves 57 non-stop destinations. Sunwing had an excellent season and will be returning this fall with service to Toronto and Halifax.

March 2017 marked the milestone month of most passengers served in the history of PIE! With 206,806 passengers, it was also our first time breaking the 200,000 passenger mark in a single month. April followed with a strong 24% increase over April 2016.

STAR CUSTOMER SERVICE REWARD PROGRAM COMING SOON!

This summer we will be launching a new program to reward stars in customer service working at PIE! We want to hear from our customers and are excited to learn about employees and volunteers going that extra mile.

Email us at STAR@fly2pie.com.

DIRECTOR’S HIGHLIGHTS

On our 25th consecutive month of surpassing the prior year’s monthly passengers, PIE broke its all-time monthly passenger record in March with over 200,000 passengers! We are pleased so many passengers are enjoying the non-stop low cost air service offered at PIE.

In an effort to manage and plan for continued growth, we will be initiating an Airport Master Plan early this summer. An Airport Master Plan is a comprehensive analysis of current and future airport infrastructure to determine long-term development plans. The Airport Master Planning process provides opportunities for political entities and the public to participate in the development of aviation plans. It provides a framework for individual airport development programs consistent with short, intermediate, and long-range airport system requirements and determines future financial requirements.

The Airport Master Plan will address the development needs for the next 20 years. It graphically displays the concept and reports the data and logic upon which the plan is based. The master planning process considers the needs and demands of airport tenants, users, and the general public. The guiding principle of the airport master planning process is the development of a safe and efficient airport. It must also be responsive to area-wide comprehensive transportation planning. The Master Plan includes the following elements: (1) Background and Inventory of Facilities; (2) Aviation Activity Forecasts; (3) Airfield Design; (4) Building and Development; and (5) Finance and Implementations.

I look forward to everyone’s participation and input during the master planning process as we develop the 20-year long range plan to ensure PIE’s ability to accommodate continued growth well into the future.

Onward and upward…your Airport Director, Tom Jewsbury

Sunwing Airlines Vice President of USA and Cruise, Reg Mendes, was on hand to throw out the first ball and award a lucky family a giveaway vacation at a recent Toronto Blue Jays Spring Training game in Dunedin. Sunwing, along with PIE, gave away a vacation for two which included round-trip airfare, accommodations at Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, a rental car from Alamo, and baseball tickets to attend the Jays/Rays games at Tropicana Field in April.
**Terminal Renovation Phase 3**

The 12,000 square foot expansion of the passenger hold room in the Gate 7-10 area is currently under construction. This $9.8 million dollar project provides an additional 350 seats, increasing total passenger seating to 750. The security checkpoint will be relocated and an additional lane will be provided to increase screening capacity. An additional security checkpoint lane has already been completed for Checkpoint-A. The third lane and the introduction of TSA Pre✓Check has increased passenger throughput from 320 to 570 passengers per hour. Other amenities will include expanded space for food and beverage and news & gifts concessions. Also, a new children's play area designed by Great Explorations Children's Museum will be added. Construction is to be complete by the end of 2017.

**Airport Capital Projects**

*In Progress*

**Taxiway Rehabilitation Phase 2**

This is the second phase of the airfield rehabilitation pavement program. This final phase involves the rehabilitation of Taxiway "A", "B", "M", and "T". This $8.3 million dollar project will be complete in November 2017. The majority of the project is funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

*Upcoming Projects in 2017*

**New Maintenance Facility**

The Airport will begin construction on a $1.3 million dollar Maintenance Facility in August 2017. This 10,500 square foot facility will provide maintenance personnel a new facility for operations and storage of equipment. This project is funded 50% by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and 50% Airport Reserves.

**Ticketing "A" Checked Baggage Inspection System**

An estimated $14 million dollar new checked baggage inspection system will be installed in Ticketing “A” beginning in late 2017. This system will allow the Transportation Security Administration to screen checked baggage at a much higher rate than the current system. Once completed, Allegiant will relocate their ticketing operations to Ticketing “A” to provide additional ticketing space to accommodate continued growth. This project is funded by a Department of Homeland Security grant, Passenger Facility Charges, FDOT, and Airport Reserves.

**Airport Landside and Parking Lot Improvements**

Improvements to the airport’s landside facilities will begin in August 2017. This estimated $16 million dollar project will provide a new circulation roadway system that will better transport visitors to the terminal curbside and parking areas. Access to the parking areas will be greatly improved, the rental car ready lot will be expanded, and long-term parking spaces will be increased by 50%. This project will also set the stage for a future parking garage. The project is funded by a combination of FDOT and Airport Reserves.

*Completed*

PIE’s Apron Hardstand Phase 2 Project, completed in 2016, won a sustainability award from the American Slag Association. SLAG is the by-product of the blast furnace elements produced when creating cement. SLAG reduces the amount of cement used in making concrete, so it is a sustainable material.
AIRPORT OPERATIONS

Noise Affairs Update
For information, contact the Noise Affairs Office at (727) 453-7877 or email airportnoise@fly2pie.com. Airport Noise Abatement Task Force Meetings are held quarterly to discuss noise affairs at PIE. Meetings are held at 3:00 PM in Airport Conference Room #234. 2017 Dates: July 19, October 4

Staff News
Welcome Aboard!

Van Cobb join PIE’s Facilities Department as Craft Worker 2 Plumber. Van has been employed with Pinellas County since 1995.

Denis Dumoulin joined the Airport Facilities team in December 2016 as a Trade Service Field Worker. Denis was hired by Pinellas County after initially working at the airport through our contract agency.

Marlon Suazo joined Airport Operations as a full-time Traffic Assistant and Richard Myer as a part-time Traffic Assistant.

Promotion - Congratulations to Jeff Carrington promoted to Fire Chief! Jeff joined the Airport as a Firefighter in 1997 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2005.

Retirement - Chief Rick Rauscher joined ARFF in 1993 after more than 20 years experience from MacDill Air Force Base Fire Department. Throughout his years at PIE, he has received multiple commendation letters from the FAA, nearby airports, United States Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board. Rick has been a Certified Instructor to many of the mandated courses each ARFF Firefighter must complete. Chief Rauscher has contributed and led the ARFF team with over 15 years of discrepancy free inspections conducted by the FAA. He is respected by his co-workers and is looked upon as a leader in Fire Rescue by his peers. After retirement, he plans on relaxing, enjoying his grandchildren, traveling, and no longer responding to Alerts. We will miss him. Best to you Chief!

Airport Employee of the Year Congratulations to Erin Johnson selected as this year’s Airport Employee of the Year! Erin is an Airport Operations Supervisor assigned as the Airport Security Coordinator. Erin is a key team member in successfully completing the Annual FAA Certification Inspection with our 12th year of zero discrepancies. She received praise for her great attitude, knowledge, and willingness to always assist co-workers.

Tri-Annual Airport Emergency Drill
On April 18th, the airport completed a full scale emergency drill, required every 3 years by the FAA, to assess emergency response capabilities in case of an actual air disaster.

Agencies involved in the exercise included Airport Rescue and Firefighting, Airport Operations, FBI, Allegiant Airlines, 911, FAA Air Traffic Control, Emergency Services (Municipal Fire/EMS), Law Enforcement, Transportation Security Administration, Medical Director’s Office, Office of Emergency Management, and Red Cross.

Pinellas Park High School First Responders Program students participated in the drill by portraying incident victims. Additionally, PIE’s Big Brothers Big Sisters/Clearwater High School Workplace Mentor Students participated as observers and received regular reports as would be provided to the media and public.

ARFF Tri-Annual Drill held April 25th at PIE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Presentation & Education Tours
The airport provides presentations and tours to schools, scouts, and leadership/civic groups. For more info, see our website: fly2pie.com/about-pie/airport-tours or contact: Michele Routh at mrouth@fly2pie.com or 727-453-7879.

War Era Veterans Honor Flights  PIE hosted its 27th War Era Veterans Honor Flights with Honor Flight of West Central Florida on April 25th. The next one is on June 6th, Reception at 8:30 PM. The Veterans and their "Guardians" fly to Washington D.C. for the day on an Allegiant Charter to visit the War Memorials and enjoy fellowship with other veterans. Hundreds of people come out to PIE for their return to honor our veterans. Please join us in this memorable and happy occasion! For more information, visit Honorflightwcf.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Workplace Mentor Program with Clearwater High School  - PIE is proud to be completing its first year of our mentor program. Employees from PIE airport and airport based businesses, including Allegiant Air, Signature Flight Support, National Aviation Academy, US Customs and Border Protection, and Hertz Rental Car committed to be a mentor to Clearwater High students in Aviation/ Aerospace and Business programs. Bigs are matched with littles in their Junior year of High School and will meet monthly through their Senior Year.

Pictured here are Bigs and Littles observing during the Tri-Annual Airport Rescue Firefighters Emergency Drill.

Concert Series  – The airport hosted its latest concert in March, curated by The New Music Conflagration, featuring Classical Guitarist Sebastian Johnson. The next concert will be in June.

Jannus Awards – December 1, 2017
Congratulations to Doug Parker, Chairman and CEO of American Airlines! For info and sponsorships, visit tonyjannus.com.

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