

# FIELDNOTES

*A Common Field One Day, A Field of Honor Forever*



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Memorial Plaza in Snow / Brendan Wilson

## What's Ahead in 2020

This year has been incredibly successful in supporting various projects and programs at the memorial. The Friends were able to hire a new executive director and take ownership of a major direct mail campaign that will continue next year. We also look forward to our new Learning Center Coordinator starting in the new year. As such, we are excited for the start of 2020! Highlights from our plans for the year ahead are below. We are thrilled to be kicking off the new year working closely with our longtime partner, the National Park Service (NPS), to develop a work plan that outlines priority programs and projects for Flight 93 in 2020. The Friends remain grateful to the NPS for its unyielding commitment to the memorial and to the Friends. We are honored to continue our tradition of supporting the NPS and its invaluable work preserving the memorial for future generations.

Steve Clark updated the membership during the annual meeting that the three NPS priorities are as follows: Distance Learning Studio, Oral History Audio Review Project and maintenance around the September 11 event field. The Friends will be supporting these projects as well as our three annual events, the Speaker Series, educational programming and more next year.

Annual visitation in 2019 reached over 400,000! Thanks to generous grants, the Friends supported educational programming which educated over 8,000 students this year, once again surpassing the prior year's figures. The Tower of Voices webcam has reached over 2 million views since it was installed – you can find the live webcam and time lapse of the memorial on the Friends' website [here](#). The Friends look to plan for another Dark Sky Program in 2020 and will keep you updated on a new event date once it is scheduled. Thank you all, and we'll see you in the next decade – the roaring '20s!

### Welcome New Members!

#### September

Francis Petrell, Sharon Campbell, Garnett Payne, Elmer Dake, Deborah Franciosi, Barbara Keller, Kira Finkler, Michelle Cohen, Ann Marie Zeiler, William and Elaine McCausland, Shannon Morris, Barbara Dissinger, Lisa Jarrett, Marjorie A. Will

#### October

Joseph & Helen Berezansky, Michael J. Wallace, Katrina Perkosky

#### November

Douglas and Karen Mold, David Finoli, Brittany Argall, Robert Lambert

#### December

Ernie Grush

# Welcome New Board Members

The Friends of Flight 93 would like to welcome and introduce our three new board members, David Finoli, Stacey Heitzenrater and Katrina Perkosky. We are very excited to welcome these community leaders to our organization to expand our leadership team!

David Finoli currently serves as the Human Resources and Operating Manager of Kohls Department Store. Finoli will bring Friends awareness to the North Huntingdon area and provide Human Resource support to the organization.

Stacey Heitzenrater is Vice President of Human Resources at FedEx Ground. She has been with the company since 2001 and formerly was Supply Chain Vice President before making a lateral move in early 2019. Heitzenrater is from the Aliquippa area and will be a valuable asset to the Friends' leadership team in the area of Human Resources.

Katrina Perkosky is a writer, editor and fundraising professional. Perkosky serves as the Donor and Development Services Officer with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and will assist the Friends in the areas of donor development and grant writing.

With the help of our new directors, we look to expand our organizational presence regionally. We look forward to using our expanded reach to facilitate more networking and fundraising opportunities next year to help increase educational opportunities, donor cultivation and development, and volunteer support to improve the visitor experience at Flight 93 National Memorial.

The Friends would also like to thank Chief of Interpretation MaryJane Hartman who is retiring in January. Hartman joined the Flight 93 NPS leadership team in 2015 and we are so thankful for all she has done in support of this memorial, in expanding education and interpretive services, and honoring the memory of the 40 passengers and crew members. Please send your well wishes to MaryJane!

We look forward to the year ahead with our new board leadership, staff and NPS partners.

## Stay Connected!

### Facebook

Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial (Friends)

### Twitter

@FriendsFlight93 (Friends)

### Instagram

@flight93\_nps (NPS)

### YouTube

Flight 93 National Memorial (NPS)



Children Explore the Visitor Center Exhibits / Chuck Wagner



## Walk 93 Recap

This year's Walk 93 on October 12 helped raise over \$30,000 to support completion of the original memorial design at Flight 93 National Memorial. To the over 400 pre-registered participants and approximately 250 physical walkers - thank you for supporting the annual memorial walk! And lastly, a big shout out and thank you to our team captain winner and board member Fred Lukachinsky!

We would like to thank those who donated and supported the walk, including:

- FedEx Ground
- UPMC Health Plan
- Global / SFC Valve
- AK Steel Corporation
- Donna Gibson
- Terry L. Butler
- H.F. Lenz Company
- Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
- First Commonwealth Bank

Our goal of registering 500 walkers is within reach and we can't wait for next year's walk to surpass the success of this year!



Walk 93 Participants / Brenda Torrey



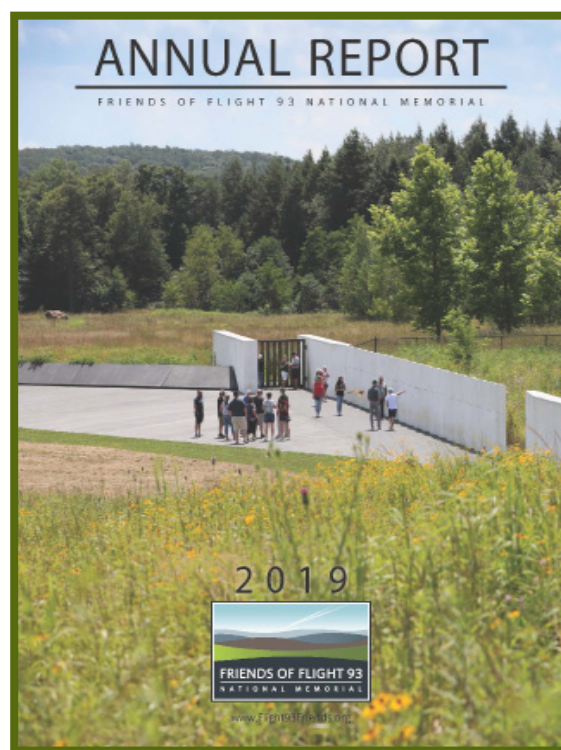
2019 Walk 93 Team Photo / Brenda Torrey

## Family Donations

Thank you to Family members' Ken Nacke and Eileen Brady for recent donations to the Friends of Flight 93. Our organizations have been intricately linked since the Friends formed in 2009 and we are grateful for all the Families of Flight 93 have done to complete the memorial.

Thank you to Ken Nacke (brother to Louis J. Nacke II) who has created 'Ride with the 40' t-shirts to sell through Highland Harley Davidson and is donating proceeds to the Friends. These t-shirts are available for sale at the shop in Somerset so grab your gear today!

Family member Eileen Brady (sister of Deborah Jacobs Welsh) has donated in support of general environmental purposes around the memorial, including the pollinator project and reforestation. We would like to thank La Difference, Delaware Valley Bus Referral Group, Inc. and Beth Chandler for supporting this contribution.



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You can view it online at:

<http://www.flight93friends.org/annual-reports>

# Member Recognition

On November 2, the annual meeting of the membership was held in the Learning Center. This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, and with this milestone, we were proud to recognize new 5-10 year Friends' members! All members receive a special pin in recognition of their years of support to the organization, and we would like to say thank you to the following members:

## 5-Year Members

Lisa Gardner  
Kirby Gardner  
Morris Wiener  
Diane Wiener  
E. Van R. Milbury  
Matt Kratz  
Karen Zimmerman  
Gary Zimmerman  
Ritha Wolfe  
Peggy Shepler  
Gerald Shepler  
JoAlyce Kopinski  
Mary Margaret Kerr  
Christine Fuller  
Dawn C. White

## 10-Year Members

Greg Keiling  
Ginny (Virginia) Barnett  
John Reynolds  
Barbara Reynolds  
Margaret "Betsy" Stevick  
Jerry Spangler  
Susan Mahler  
Lladel Lichty  
Sherin H. Knowles  
Kathy Kinzey  
Hank Kinzey  
Mahlon Fuller  
Dawna Bates  
Deborah Borza  
Patrick G. White  
Karl Glessner  
Donna Glessner

*Thank you to the Friends of Flight 93 membership.*

## DONATE NOW

Join the Friends next year in supporting the mission of Flight 93 National Memorial by donating online:

<http://www.flight93friends.org/donate>



*Wetlands Bridge in Snow / Chuck Wagner*



*Allée Foliage / Brenda Torrey*



*Ranger Katie Cordek in Action / Brenda Torrey*

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