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Mayor John S. Brenner
City Hall
50 West King Street
York, Pennsylvania 17405

Dear Mayor Brenner:

I am interested in applying for the City of York seat on SARAA (Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority). It is my understanding that the current representative for the city has resigned and the position is open.

My interest in aviation began many years ago when I acquired my private pilot's license, which was followed by a commercial license and an instrument rating. I have raced in the Air Race Classic Inc., an all women's transcontinental air race, for the past seventeen years (finished third in the 2008 race). Through this race I have landed my Cessna 182 Skylane in the 48 contiguous United States and also Canada. Now serving on the Air Race Classic Inc. Board of Directors, I am Chairman of the Endowment Fund and I coordinate the Scholastic Outreach programs. I am a member of The Ninety Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots, through which I have served as a Trustee of the Endowment Fund with a term as Chairman.

I am a member of AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association), EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association), Cessna Owners Organization, WAI (Women in Aviation International), and Women's Air and Space Museum.

Central Pennsylvania can be a vital area for general and commercial aviation by channeling funds for airport improvement and maintenance, upgrade of navigation facilities, and innovative marketing to attract the general public in capitalizing on this essential mode of transportation and/or to enjoy aviation as a sport.

Specifically my recommendations as follows are to...

- Aggressively market the convenience of HIA (Harrisburg International Airport) when traveling within or out of the state e.g. ease in short/long term parking, modern terminal, major airline service, congenial knowledgeable personnel
- Aggressively solicit additional commercial airline service at HIA which can offer greater variety of arrival/departure times

- Support and encourage general aviation and commercial services at CXY (Capital City Airport), FCRA (Franklin County Regional Airport) and GRA (Gettysburg Regional Airport)
- Encourage establishment of aviation academies in affiliation with magnet high schools and colleges which will attract young people to the profession and/or sport
- Encourage development of flight schools at the four airports and support growth
- Create public interest in aviation by supporting air shows, air races (such as Air Race Classic, Inc.), NIFA National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region III Safecon, EAA Young Eagles program, open houses, and community celebrations at airports
- Airmark airports with identifying call signs and compass roses (see FDK Frederick MD and GAI Gaithersburg MD as examples)
- Acknowledge that the internet is the preferred mode for communication and therefore, continually update the SARAA website
- Facilitate study to establish a restaurant at CXY for convenience of employees/pilots and to attract general public

Aviation is my passion! Most of my flight training occurred at CXY and I am very familiar with the recent plight of this crackerjack physical facility. I have my Cessna 182 serviced regularly at Wings 'n Things which is based at CXY and my Central PA Chapter of 99s meets at CXY. Can the aviation spirit once demonstrated at CXY be revived to produce an invigorating hub of activity? Despite the current economical challenges, I am convinced that CXY can rise again with SARAA's enthusiastic support.

I am interested in serving on the SARAA governing board to encourage these developments. With experience in landing at over 130 general aviation airports throughout the US and Canada, I can contribute successful practices. Your consideration would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Career Profile: Experienced educator skilled at effectively creating, implementing, and supervising a variety of instructional programs. Proven capability to develop and maintain challenging educational and social, organizationally sound environments. Excellent teaching, leadership, speaking, research and writing skills. Particularly ambitious in multimedia active learning.

Education:

The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

- *Doctorate in Educational Administration, Cognate in Business/Law*
- *Certificate of Advanced Studies, Educational Administration*
- *Master of Arts in Education, Emphasis in Reading*

West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania

- *Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education*

Professional Experience:

Principal, Vice Principal, Educator, Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School, Baltimore, Maryland

- Implemented, monitored, evaluated instructional program in areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies for Pre-School through Grade 8; developed research based curriculum and related instructional guides.
- Managed exemplary instructional program which consistently resulted in school standardized test scores at the 99th percentile and being named recipient of Blue Ribbon School Award presented by U.S. Department of Education, 2000-2001
- Supervised and evaluated professional and auxiliary staff of approximately 100

Reading Specialist, Elementary Teacher, Team Coordinator, Williamsburg James City County Public Schools, Williamsburg, Virginia: resource specialist in remedial reading and G/T (Gifted and Talented) enrichment; taught grade 4; coordinator of 6 classroom teachers and aide

Assistant Instructor/Adjunct Instructor, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia: supervised practicum in reading for master's level teachers pursuing certification as Reading Specialists; identified specific skills in students' needs for content reinforcement and enrichment

Team Member, Association of Maryland Independent Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, participated in the accreditation of ten public and private schools

Consultant, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., publishers of educational materials, evaluated high interest/low vocabulary reading program for teenagers

Proficiencies

Microsoft WORD 2007, POWERPOINT, PUBLISHER, EXCEL

Publications

- History of Women's Air Races, pub. 2000, copyrighted by The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
- York Twinning, Fifty Years of International Friendship, commissioned to write history of an international exchange program
- Editor "*Section Connection*" newsletter, The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Mid-Atlantic Section, 2005-present

- Air Race Classic Activity Booklet, designed for students ages 6-14, and Teacher's Edition
- "A Study of Assessment Centers as a Process for Identifying Prospective School Principals and Assistant Principals", *Dissertation Abstracts International*
- Bibliography for dissertation (above) circulated by *National Association of Secondary Schools Principals, Reston, Virginia*
- Book Review, Your Child Can Become a Super Reader, by Len Kusnetz, *Daily Press newspaper*
- Book Review, George S. Patton's Typical Soldier, by Thomas W. Clarke, 2009, republished analysis
- Cessna Owner, aviation magazine, summary of research on Air Race Classic, 2007
- www.ninety-nines.org and www.airraceclassic.org referenced research and Teacher's Guides posted on websites
- "A Wing of Their Own", documentary DVD, conducted research for producer and appeared in interview

Ancillary Experience:

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots, 501©3non-profit, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

- Chairman/Trustee, Endowment Fund, 2002-2008
- NASA grant recipient 3 times, managed by Mid-Atlantic Section
- Recipient, Amelia Earhart Memorial Research Scholarship, wrote History of Women's Air Races
- Featured Speaker, Mid-Atlantic Section Meetings
- Featured Speaker, ZONTA, association of women in businesses

Aviation Related

- ASEL (Airplane Single Engine Land) Private/Commercial License, Instrument Rated, approximately 1400 flight hours, landed Cessna Skylane 182 N21017 in 48 contiguous US states and Canada
- **Air Race Classic, Inc. , Alva, Florida**, all women transcontinental air race
 - ♦ *Participated in air races from 1993-present (17 races- came in third place 2008)*
 - ♦ *Air Race Classic, Inc. Board of Directors*
 - ♦ *Coordinator of Public Relations/Scholastic Outreach*
 - ♦ *Coordinator of Girl Scout/Girl Guides Education Program*
 - ♦ *Chairman, Endowment Fund*
- EAA (Experimental Aviation Association) Young Eagles Flight Leader
- Frequent presenter to school & civic groups on subject of aviation and air races
- President, Whiteflite, Inc. airplane investment corporation
- Active member of AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association), EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association), The Ninety-Nines Inc. Air Race Classic Inc., Cessna Owners Organization, WAI (Women in Aviation International), Women's Air & Space Museum
- Subscribe to aviation related websites e.g. Aviation eBrief, Propwash, Flight Aware, WAI Connect, 99s Listserve

Personal

Married, two children, three grandchildren