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Hiller Aviation Museum Celebrates 20th Anniversary with “Bold Dreams, New Frontiers” Benefit Gala

SFO Airport Director to Share his '30,000 foot' Perspective at Oct. 20 fundraiser

SAN CARLOS – The “Bold Dreams, New Frontiers” gala at Hiller Aviation Museum will feature San Francisco International Airport Director Ivar Satero who will share his behind-the-scenes insight into the seventh busiest and one of the world’s fastest growing airports in North America.

“It is definitely an interesting time to hear about aviation’s future promise and the challenges in air travel that are unfolding in our backyard,” said Jeffery Bass, President & CEO of Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. “He will also speak about SFO’s \$35 billion annual financial influence on the region.”

The Oct. 20 event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, silent auction, open gallery and museum exploration. The Drone Plex, Invention Lab and Flight Sim Zone will be open for business, plus numerous exhibits and demonstrations. There will also be a “Grab and Go” area where gift cards can be purchased at face value. At 7 p.m., dinner will begin followed by speakers and then the live auction portion of the party. Afterward, party-goers are invited back into the gallery to continue to enjoy the exhibits.

About 200 guests are expected. Tickets are \$300 each or sponsorships begin at \$3,500 for a table of 10.

This auction party is the most significant fundraiser of the year for museum, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. All the money raised at this event will go to STEM education programs and exhibits.

The museum has 108,000 visitors each year including more than 12,000 students from diverse regional schools. Core programs for youth are based on state and national academic standards and support K-12 school curricula in history, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), including interactive, hands-on programs developed in partnership with NASA.

The museum makes it possible for any school to visit by providing fee waivers and transportation reimbursement for low income institutions.

The Hiller Aviation Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate. It opened in 1998 by helicopter designer and inventor Stanley Hiller Jr. and features more than 50 aircraft from over a century of aviation history. Since opening to the public, the museum has had more than 1.5 million visitors. The Hiller Aviation Museum is a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit Public Benefit organization.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (650) 654-0200 x204 or go to <http://www.hiller.org/gala>.

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