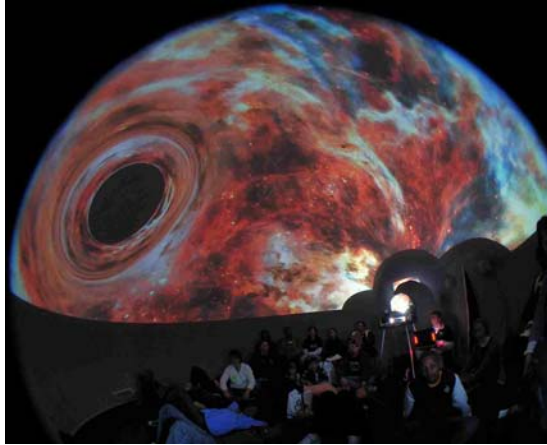


Stafford Air & Space Museum Receives \$60,000 Sarkeys Foundation Grant



School children and visitors of all ages will soon have the chance to learn about science in a digital planetarium at the Stafford Air & Space Museum, thanks to a \$60,000 grant from Sarkeys Foundation.

The planetarium will seat about 40 school children and plays high quality, educational videos through a computer system that projects the images on the dome's ceiling.

Available videos feature lessons on science, mathematics, space travel, astronomy, history, and geology. New videos for the system are available on an ongoing basis. The inflatable and portable planetarium will be installed in early 2009, and will be the centerpiece of the new Rose and Tom Luczo Educational Center which

is now under construction on the south side of the museum.

Former astronaut Lt. General Thomas P. Stafford stated, "I am especially grateful for this generous grant from Sarkeys Foundation, which is one of the most prestigious foundations in Oklahoma. This project will aid in the motivation of school children to excel in the important disciplines of mathematics and science. Amazing scientific technology such as this planetarium will influence learning in students of all ages in Weatherford and western Oklahoma."

Sarkeys Foundation was formed by S.J. Sarkeys in 1962, and since that time has granted over \$55 million toward the mission of "improving the quality of life in Oklahoma."

With assets of around \$100 million, Sarkeys Foundation grants to a diverse group of nonprofit organizations and institutions, almost all of which are located in Oklahoma.

Concerning this grant, Ann Way, Interim Executive Director of Sarkeys Foundation said, "We believe the Stafford Air & Space Museum is a true treasure for our state, and we are proud that Sarkeys Foundation is able to be a small part of the program expansion."

According to Stafford Air & Space Museum Co-Director Chuck Dougherty, "We are extremely appreciative for the opportunity to partner with Sarkeys Foundation to expand the interactive educational offerings of the museum. This planetarium will be a unique asset to the museum that will benefit school children for years to come." Museum Co-

Director Lynne Thurman added, "The planetarium is another step in the right direction in our goal to become a more interactive learning environment. This Sarkeys Foundation grant will allow us to complete a meaningful project we might not have otherwise been able to fund."

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New Additions to Coming to the Museum!

- Rose and Tom Luczo Education Center
- 747 Cowling
- V2 Rocket Engine
- Inflatable Digital Planetarium
- Boiler Plate from Apollo Mission
- More flight simulator computers

2009 Stafford Air & Space Museum Board of Directors



the "Voice of Aerospace America" for the 21 years it ran in Oklahoma City.

Dan is well-known as an aviation historian and lecturer, and often can be heard emceeding an aviation event or gathering. He is the only Oklahoma broadcaster to have covered the first launch of the shuttle "Columbia" live from the Cape.

Dan is on the council of the Children's Miracle Network, which has raised over \$500,000 from the KXY Radiothon. He has also been a docent at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History.

He is currently helping to rebuild a German V-2 Rocket for the Stafford Air & Space Museum. He also is looking forward to volunteer as a docent at the museum.

The board for 2009 has changed. Taking over as chairman is Kay Tautfest; The vice-presidency is now held by Thad Wolgamott; Secretary is Bill Moore; and Treasurer is Rick Miller.

There were three spots available for the board. Jim Friesen and Audie Corning, both on the

2008 boards were voted to stay three more years. The board has also introduced a new member, Dan Stroud of Oklahoma City.

Dan Stroud has been a fixture of OKC media for decades, now going into his 28th year at KXY Radio(96.1).

He also has a love for aviation. He first began solo flying at the age of 14. Dan is now a flight instructor in many different areas for over 18 years. He also received the "Oklahoma Aviator of the Year" Award in the past.

Dan began announcing airshows when his job allows. He is known as

The new year brings...

Tom and Rose Luczo Education Center

The newest addition to museum, the Tom and Rose Luczo Educational Center is almost complete! The project began in the beginning of 2008.

The 5,000 sq ft educational center will be dedicated to academic motivation an excellence through "hands-on" learning experiences that will incorporate the relationship between mathematics and science as they relate to successful

flight and space travel.

The room will include hands-on activities, a digital inflatable planetarium, a flight simulation computer lab, the museum's space plane, and segway trail through the planets.

Rose and Tom Luczo are the parents of Stephen J. Luczo, Board Chairman of Seagate Technology, who is the major donor for this new addition.



Membership



Lifetime Members :

Kelly Gale Amen,
Noble Amen,
George and Donita Bryan,
Jim and Harriet Friesen,
Leon and Emily Lacy,
Stephen Luczo,
Kristen Kelley & Brian Poisson,
Tom and Mary Rollins,
David and Kay Taufest,
David and Jann Tenebaum.

Benefactor Member:

Don Waite

Supporter Member:

Tom and Cyndi Fagan

Join the Stafford Air & Space Museum as a member and support our mission to educate, excite, and inspire our next generations of explorers. Your investment will impact the lives of thousands of students and visitors while receiving

community recognition and tax savings.

Membership confers benefits. Members receive free admission to the Museum and most Museum programs, Gift Shop discounts and the Museum newsletter. Additional benefits are accumulated with each level

of membership.

These memberships are annual and can be started at any time!

On the last page of the newsletter is information on the levels and a form to fill out if you are interested in joining!

Inasmuch Grant

Visitors of all ages to the Stafford Air & Space Museum will soon have the chance to learn more about flight and space history by engaging in interactive learning activities sponsored by a grant from the Inasmuch Foundation. The \$122,500 grant will be used to build rocket collection display cases and interactive kiosks that will highlight major exhibits at the museum. Also included in the grant is funding for a busing and museum admissions

scholarship program that will grant financial aid to school groups visiting Weatherford from outside the immediate area. According to retired astronaut Lt. General Thomas P. Stafford, "This is fantastic news for the museum, the city of Weatherford, and western Oklahoma. It is significant that a great foundation such as Inasmuch has recognized the potential of the museum to motivate students to excel in mathematics and science."

Inasmuch President and CEO Bob Ross stated, "The educational potential and historical preservation at the Stafford Air & Space Museum truly fits the mission of the Inasmuch Foundation. We are pleased we can make a difference in the academic experiences of children in Oklahoma." Chuck Dougherty, Co-Director stated, "We are grateful for the generosity of Inasmuch Foundation. This grant will further the museum's mission by allowing us to

add exciting new interactive exhibits, which will attract more students and visitors of all ages." Co-Director Lynne Thurman added, "We know there is tough competition for limited funds, and we owe Inasmuch Foundation our gratitude. This grant represents an important step in the Stafford Air & Space Museum's efforts to do what we can to help out in K-12 education, and in the preparation of the next generation of American scientists and engineers."

What's Happening...

Membership Options

Stafford Air & Space Museum



**Chuck Dougherty
Lynne Thurman
Executive Directors**

**Katie Yeager
Museum Coordinator**

**Kay Tautfest
Chairman of the Board**

Discover the Wonder!

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Weatherford, OK 73096

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For Lifetime Membership, please
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Active Military/ Senior \$30/\$50 Couple

- ~I.D. Card
- ~10% off gift shop
- ~On-line newsletter
- ~Invitation to member events

Individual \$35

- ~I.D. Card
- ~10% off the gift shop
- ~On-line newsletter
- ~Invitation to member events

Family- \$65 (\$54 tax deductible)

- ~I.D. Card
- ~10% off the gift shop
- ~on-line newsletter
- ~invitation to member events
- ~free admission 2 adults and (grand) children
- ~SASM patch or t-shirt

Supporter- \$500 (\$441 tax deductible)

- ~I.D. Card
- ~20% off the gift shop
- ~free admission 2 adults and (grand) children
- ~1 free director's tour for 10 guests
- ~on-line newsletter
- ~invitation to all events
- ~SASM Patch or t-shirt
- ~SASM cap
- ~4 SASM Mugs
- ~1 Apollo Room fee waiver
- ~Recognition in the newsletter
- ~Discount to events

Benefactor- \$1,000 (\$866 tax deductible)

- ~I.D. Card
- ~20% off gift shop
- ~up to 3 free director's tour for 10 guests*
- ~on-line newsletter
- ~invitation to member events
- ~SASM patch or t-shirt
- ~SASM cap
- ~4 SASM Mugs
- ~1 Apollo Room fee waiver
- ~Recognition in newsletter and museum lobby
- ~Autographed copy of "We Have Capture"
- ~Discounts to museum events

Corporate- \$3,000 (\$2816 tax deductible)

- ~5 I.D. Cards
- ~10% off gift shop with I.D. cards
- ~3 free director's tour for 10 guests*
- ~On-line newsletter
- ~Invitation to all events
- ~Recognition in newsletter and museum lobby
- ~Autographed copy of "We Have Capture"
- ~25 free admission passes
- ~2 Apollo Room rental fee waivers
- ~2 SASM embossed padfolios
- ~5 SASM caps
- ~5 SASM patches or t-shirts
- ~8 SASM mugs

*Tours must be scheduled a week in advance

Yes! I want to become a member!

- Active Military/Senior 60+ - \$30.00/\$50.00 couple
- Individual - \$35.00
- Family - \$65.00
- Supporter - \$500
- Benefactor - \$1,000
- Annual Corporate Sponsorship - \$3,000
- My company has a matching gift program _____

Company Name

Membership will be in the name(s) of _____

Address _____

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I am enclosing an additional tax deductible contribution of \$ _____

Enclosed is my check payable to SASM in the amount of \$ _____

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Name on card _____

Card No. _____

Signature _____ Exp. date _____