

Brief von Christine Robertson an Hedwig Sensen



Dear Hedwig Sensen

I am Nancy-Bird Walton's PA and I have seen your signature on cards kindly sent to Nancy from the German Women Pilots' particularly the one for her birthday.

The VDP 02.2008 magazine has just arrived and congratulations on the 40th year.

As you will know Nancy was present with Elly Beinhorn and the other eight women when the Association was formed and Nancy is member number 10, the first overseas member.

On Nancy's 90th birthday three years ago (2005), Qantas announced that it was going to name its first Airbus A380 after her. It is such a great honour. The aircraft was finally delivered to the Qantas Jet Base in Sydney in September and the Naming Ceremony took place on 30 September 2008. I was wondering if the magazine would be interested in publishing this news about her.

I can provide any further information as required or write to whomever you suggest. In the meantime I have attached two photos taken by her son at the Ceremony.

Nancy sends her best wishes for a happy New Year to all the German Women Pilots.

Kind regards
Christine Robertson

2. Brief:

Dear Hedwig (Hedi)

Nancy-Bird has asked that I write and thank you very much for showing an interest in her great honour and for sending kind wishes to her with that lovely photo of you in your aircraft. It brought a smile to her face to see you. Nancy has many happy memories of her visits to Germany and time spent with the women pilots there.

Nancy would like to give a copy of her autobiography "My God! It's a Woman!" (an exclamation made in the 1930s by a prospective male passenger stranded by floods, who thought the pilot coming to rescue him would be a male!) to the Association. I have just returned from the Post Office and have sent it to you for sharing. It seems you all have a very good command of the English language.

I have also enclosed a copy of the report in the Qantas News which covered the speeches and will give you further information. Nancy was so interested in your Qantas connections and I am too as I was employed by Qantas for over 20 years travelling with unaccompanied children under 7 years of age and elderly passengers.

As you will know, Nancy writes her name as "Nancy-Bird Walton, AO, OBE" when it is in an official capacity. However, to you she sends her very best greetings. Being in touch with you has given her much pleasure.

Thank you and if I can help further, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind regards
Christine