

## Colodny challenges employees to be a winner together

"We must keep our employee family secure and feeling good about the organization," USAir Chairman and President Ed Colodny told the more than 1,000 Piedmont employees and guests in his remarks at the service awards banquet.

Colodny recognized Piedmont founder and Chairman Emeritus Tom Davis who was present at the dinner. "Tom, I can only say that none of this would have been possible without the great tradition you conceived and was carried out by the great Piedmont team." In addition, "you in this room who've been with Piedmont for 30 years or more made this all happen, because you started an organization which was a survivor."

On the upcoming merger of Piedmont and USAir, Colodny told the group. "Both companies have been winners separately, and now we are challenged to be a winner together."

"It's important that we do not lose sight of certain fundamentals," Colodny continued. "We're a service business—the customer has choices—and we cannot afford to lose the loyalty that has been built up over the years by each of you with the Piedmont consumer."

Further, the success of the merger "really rests on your shoulders. It's how well all of you and your counterparts manage the process."

In closing, Colodny said. "Tonight, I've had the privilege of observing the Piedmont spirit first-hand, as I have on many prior occasions, but never have I seen it in such great quantity and enthusiasm as I've seen it tonight. . . Congratulations to each of you who are being honored."



L to r: Carolyn Beard (INT), who has been with Piedmont 20 years, and her husband Bob Beard (INT), who has 30 years of service, chat with Cary O'Neal and her husband Don O'Neal (CLE), also a 20-year veteran.



L to r: Vicki Merritt (GSO), Trula Scott (INT) and her husband Bill Scott (CLT), and Hugh McClusky (ATL) and his wife Rosa remember their early years together at Piedmont. McClusky has 25 years with Piedmont, and Merritt has 20.



L to r: INT employees Karen Starling (20 years), Becky Goodman (15 years), Delane Holden (20 years), Dottie Cornelius (20 years), and Phyllis Footland (20 years) enjoy the reception prior to the banquet.

These four women, all of whom joined Piedmont in 1963 just a year after the airline began hiring females for the position of stewardess, reminisce with Piedmont's founder Tom Davis about the airline's earlier years. Prior to 1962, Piedmont hired only men to serve as pursers in the cabins. The 25-year honorees, all CLT-based, are (l to r) Patsy Benton, Margaret Queen, Carol Fair, and Evelyn O'Brien.



Seniority is high at TRI where Piedmont has provided service since 1948. Among those at the banquet from TRI were (l to r) Marion Everall with her husband Bill (20 years); Felecia Kosco (20 years) and Stan Bishop (23 years); Betsylynn Galloway with her husband Howard (32 years-retired); and Norma Starr with her husband James (30 years).



Jim Bailey, IAH  
15 years



Sherry Garnett,  
GSO  
20 years



William Brennan,  
CVG  
20 years