

CONNECT, INSPIRE, AND LEAD



Who She Is – [Patty Clark](#) is a Retired Aviation Executive who recently served as the Chief Aviation Strategy Officer for The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Patty commenced her illustrious career at the age of 17 working for US Senator Daniel Moynihan and intertwined government and nonprofit organizations to achieve results wherever she worked. In her “retirement” she started an aviation advisory firm, PCAA, a business unit of Project Gestalt, Inc. She is dedicated both in her work with PCAA and her volunteer activities, in improving and supporting women and other underrepresented individuals and entities in the aviation industry. She currently serves as a Board Member for Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, which is an IAWA Scholarship Partner. She is currently serving as a Co-Chair for IAWA’s Mentoring Committee.

[Why You Should Listen to Her](#) – Patty personifies courage and resilience. She was working on the 65th Floor of One World Trade Center when it was struck on 9/11 and she ushered her colleagues to safety (you can [hear her recount her experiences here](#).) Realizing that our paths are not linear when we attempt to move toward equilibrium after traumatic events, she leaned into her community – which includes IAWA - and incorporated purpose into her work and the importance of finding your own space to recharge, reset, and refresh.

In our podcast, Patty speaks about the importance of mentoring young women AND young men; the gratification that comes from watching people grow and who in turn, empower others; and how IAWA’s Mentoring Program is designed not only to support the needs of the next generation of female leaders in the aviation industry, the program will help IAWA Members become better mentors.

How You Can Apply Her Wisdom To Your Career – A few of the take-aways to contemplate:

- Courage comes in all shapes and sizes. What are some of the challenges that you have overcome and how did you develop a way to reframe the obstacle in the way that caused you to keep moving forward?
- What does your community look like and how can you support it during times of crisis?
- What does mentoring mean to you?

Fun Facts About Patty:

- She loves Shakespeare. She reads it, watches it, drives many miles to see his plays performed.
- Influences:
 - Book – The Confidence Code. She gives it to all the women she mentors
 - People – JFK, Sue Baer, and RBG
 - Story – The Hamptons and the Portable Fax machine
 - Cancer
- Patty is married to Neil Jacobson and they have a very handsome 22 year- old son, named Ian.

