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MEMORIAL HALL of FAME

See our Officers page [ACAS Officers \(acasinc.net\)](#) for the highly appreciated Health Pioneers and Tobacco Control Champions who have helped and supported us for decades.

It is indeed an honor to welcome all of you here today virtually. My name is Philip Carpenter and I serve as the Executive Director of Arizonans Concerned About Smoking, Inc. As I mentioned with my invite to all of you, I learned of this most significant achievement a few months ago when Betty's Granddaughter contacted us and asked if we were planning anything for the 50th Anniversary of this remarkable advancement in tobacco control that has now happened world-wide.

Looking back in time, I'm extremely proud that our ACAS Founder, Betty knew this was wrong, that she had the opportunity to be a difference maker, and decided to do something about it. Betty and her husband flew a lot back then and she must have surely been troubled by being in an enclosed workplace, in this case an aircraft cabin, and everyone being subjected to toxic Secondhand smoke. She was obviously motivated to seek and assure herself and other passengers along with Flight Attendants on that long-scheduled flight from New York to Phoenix that they deserved something better than smoky recirculated air. Back then you had no choice and for the longest time there were no designated non-smoking rows on airlines until August 8th, 1971.

In my closing, following the death of ACAS dedicated Founder and President Betty Carnes, at age 82 in Scottsdale, AZ in 1987, John F. Banzhaf III, Founder of Action on Smoking & Health (ASH), came all the way from Washington, DC to Scottsdale, AZ to deliver his personal Memorial Tribute at her Funeral Service. Betty was instrumental in fundraising for ASH. A very special Thank You to ASH and especially Megan Arendt and Nichelle Gray for making this 50th Anniversary Webinar a reality today!

Respectfully and with sincere gratitude,

Philip J. Carpenter