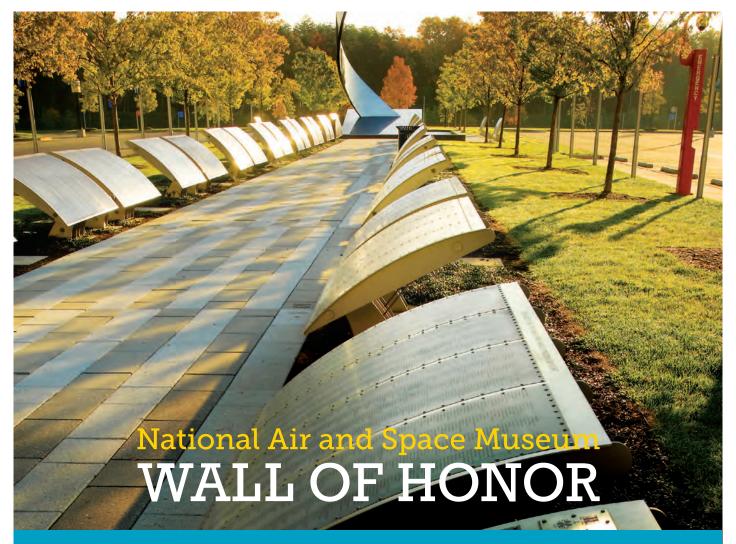


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The second annual *Bring Your*Daughter to the Conference Day introduced more than 50 young women and girls to aviation.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DR. PEGGY BATY CHABRIAN

Dear WAI Members:

What an interesting Conference the 2013 event turned out to be! In January some of our military members and sponsors let us know they would not be able to participate this year. When the Sequester went in to effect, we received more calls from government agencies

and others unable to exhibit or attend the Conference due to budget cuts. So we were facing a potential reduction in attendance for the 24th annual Conference.

Once we arrived on site and registration opened we learned that a number of the airlines that were exhibiting were hiring again. And the word had been spread through conversations and social media. We had a large number of on-site registrations which resulted in the most diverse Conference we have seen so far. We have traditionally had a 14-15% attendance by men and this year it was closer to 18%. And they were not just signing up to attend the Conference, 266 also joined WAI. Since its inception, WAI has been an organization open to both men and women and we appreciate the recognition we receive as an open and encouraging group for all individuals interested in aviation. The onslaught of on-site registrations was a blessing and a challenge, really. We discuss it, and solutions, in the The View From Here column written by WAI Board member Anna Dietrich on page 6. Again, we may have been caught by surprise, but it was a good problem to have and we will have solutions in place for our 25th anniversary Conference in Orlando next March.

In the meantime, it was great to see and talk with members during our Sun 'n Fun WAI Connect Breakfast. If you missed us there, you have other opportunities. Our summer plans are looking good for our largest WAI Connect Breakfast, held in conjunction with WomenVenture on Friday, August 2, right in the middle of EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Be sure to sign up early and let us know you will be participating at the breakfast, the annual picture, forums and more.

Our Chapter Relations Manager, Betty Huck, will be retiring in October of this year. Betty has done a tremendous job in growing our chapter program, including the international chapters, as well as handling the details of our exhibit booth at trade shows throughout the years. We will miss Betty in her role as Chapter Relations Manager, but she has promised to stay involved and help us transition her replacement.

Come autumn we are going to kick off our 25th Conference year with a special regional conference in Prescott, Arizona, October 4-5, 2013, hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Tying in with ERAU's OctoberWest homecoming celebration, the conference will conclude with a special air show on Saturday. An inspiring lineup of speakers, tours of ERAU, the air show, and a beautiful location in Prescott, Arizona, will make this an event you will want to attend!

I'll be looking for you at one or all of these events, and I want to thank our Chapters in the local areas for volunteering to make these events great. See you soon!

Dr. Peggy Baty Chabrian
President

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Educators Workshop participant enjoys the fruits of her labor during the opening day of the Conference. Page 24



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Chapter Relations Manager Betty Huck with a "Nelda" balloon. WAI members missed Nelda, bur we'll see her next year.

# Do your dreams have Wings?







# Summer is Coming—Save the **Dates for WomenVenture!**



omenVenture is again shaping up to be a tremendous experience for women pilots and student pilots—past and present. Come build camaraderie and inspire and motivate women of all ages to get engaged in aviation—for fun or as part

of their career aspirations. There are so many avenues and opportunities—taking the first step is key.

We'll network all week long, culminating in the WAI Connect Breakfast on Friday, August 2. And if you have the time and the inclination, consider volunteering to mentor teenage girls in the Women Soar, You Soar program, which runs August 1-4. You'll join a prestigious group of women who have given their time to help girls interested in aviation and aerospace careers get a better picture of what we are all about. Know a girl who would benefit? You can find out more at: www. airventure.org/attractions/ womenventure.html.



# Winner of the new **WAI "Enthusiasm" Award**

Sandrine Rohrer of Switzerland

WAI loves enthusiasm! And we want enthusiasts to come to the Conference. For that reason, WAI created a new award for the member who best explains why attending the Conference is important to them. Winner Sandrine Rohrer was awarded a full Conference registration for the Nashville Conference. This scholarship is our way of saying thanks for your enthusiasm, so remember to apply for next year.

# **Mentors, Campers Needed!**

The Women Soar, You Soar committee is looking for a few good women in aviation careers to mentor high school-aged girls to follow their dreams in aviation-related fields and beyond. They are looking for qualified high schoolers, too! Women Soar, You Soar is held each EAA AirVenture Oshkosh since 2005 to educate and inspire young girls and help them network with professional women in their dream careers. The program also features scholarships for participants that support the girls as they pursue their dreams.

Mentors are selected in May so don't delay. For information on being a mentor and the Women Soar program, visit http://tinyurl.com/ wsmentor to fill out the mentor application. Campers can apply at www.airventure.org/ attractions/women\_soar\_plan.html.



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# **WAI** Kickoff Celebration at ERAU Prescott!

"Since 2014 is our 25th anniversary Conference, we have big plans already for next year," said Dr. Peggy Chabrian. The kick-off event will be a very special weekend in October 2013 at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Campus in Prescott, Arizona.

# Friday, October 4 Events:

**Tours of ERAU Campus** 

Luncheon

Speakers: Dr. Peggy Chabrian; Dr. Frank Ayers, Chancellor, Prescott Campus; Betty Blake, WASP;

Barbara Barrett, aviation industry executive Airshow Performers panel: Melissa Pemberton, Julie Clark and

> Matt Chapman Reception

# **Saturday October 5 Events at the Airport:**

ERAU Fly-In and Breakfast

**ERAU Flight line and** simulator tours

Speakers: Anna Dietrich, COO Terrafugia; Karen Gebhart, VP Business Development HAI Saturday Lunch at the Airport

Private Air Show with Melissa Pemberton, Julie Clark, Matt Chapman, plus the ERAU Jet Dragster

Conference Hotel: Hassayampa Inn—You must book your room by calling the hotel directly at (800) 523-5002. Refer to group code: 111437 For more about how to register for the event (including hotel pricing) at www.wai.org.



Purdue University won the coveted WAI Chapter Logo contest this year at the Nashville Conference. Best website award went to both the WAI Mile High and WAI Chicago's Leading Edge Chapters.

Thank you to our volunteer writers and photographers who chronicle *The Daily* on behalf of the membership. You'll see their work on WAI's blog and in this and upcoming issues of *Aviation for Women*.

Their words and pictures bring the Conference to life for those cannot attend and provide great reminders of an exciting Conference to those do. Thank you for your commitment and hard work.

# Swiss International Airlines Joins WAI Members to Sponsor Scholarship for the First Time

WAI members are known for their networking prowess, and Christi Dobelli, Evelyne Tinkl, Deborah Hecker, Melinda-Jane Benson, Debbie Tyzack, Refilwe Ledwaba,

Janet Patton and a few other key players work hard to build funds and resources to bring their scholarship winners from the African continent to the International Women in Aviation Conference. Most recently the group tapped into the resources of Ledwaba's South African Women in Aviation (SAWIA), to support the budding aviators and allow them to build careers and networks in



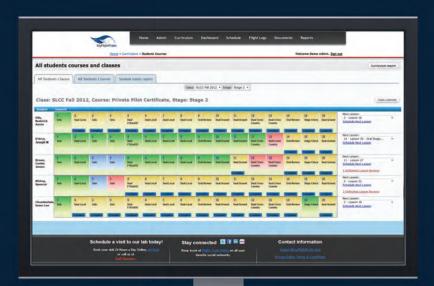
their home country and on an international basis. Dobelli resourced her contacts within Swiss International Airlines, which generously made it possible to send **Nyasha Manyika**, a 25-year-old Zimbabwean, and **Faye Statt** of George, South Africa, to the WAI Nashville Conference this year.

This type of scholarship opens minds and can change a life. It is not a monetary scholarship for flight training or any other type of flight education, but it enhances opportunities and ensures that its recipients meet and network with the right kind of people from around the globe. Both women found precisely that at the 24th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference.

Group scholarships and "Pay it forward" awards are one of the very best parts of what WAI is all about. Now is the time to begin the process of creating your own (or contributing to a group) WAI scholarship. Who would you like to help?

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# ANNA MRACEK DIETRICH

# A GOOD PROBLEM TO HAVE

he 2013 WAI Conference in Nashville this year reminded me why I was so excited to get involved with the organization originally. The positive energy, the presentations, the friendships,

the diversity of the attendees, and the sense of camaraderie that I have come to associate so closely with WAI were all on full display. It was clear that WAI is taking its place as a

key player in the international aviation community in a unique and powerful way: as an inclusive catalyst to help all of us who love flying and things that fly achieve our dreams.

During the Conference, and even at the airport on my way

home, a popular topic of conversation was the noticeable increase in the number of job-seekers at the Conference and the fact that a healthy percentage of those hopeful applicants weren't women. Some of the comments were positive, some not as much; it was referred to as a "paradigm shift" in the Conference Daily. Some were simple logistical matters and will be addressed with practical solutions as part of next year's Confer-

ence; some highlighted a complex and generational evolution in the aviation industry. As an organization, it is important that we acknowledge and grow from them all.

For those who were not in attendance at the Conference I'll explain. We were not aware we would have so many onsite registrations, and because those registrants were primarily interested in the Exhibit Hall, it created a logistical problem there. Particularly on opening day, there were large lines of people blocking the aisles, waiting for an opportunity to talk to companies accepting résumés. By the second day we had initiated a system to better accommodate these unexpected attendees. For next year we have put together a task force, made up of WAI staff, board members, and airline representa-

tives to look at solutions, including potentially having a separate career fair area. Another suggestion made was to have a time slot sign-up system, where an individual will be given a time to return so as not to have to stand in line for a long period



JENNY BEA

The young men that joined WAI and recently attended the 2013 Conference did so because they, directly or indirectly, respect and appreciate what the women in this industry have accomplished.

of time. Companies are also planning to hold seminars to answer many of the typically asked questions and explain their specific hiring processes. Again, we may have been caught by surprise, but it was a good problem to have and we will have solutions in place for our 25th anniversary Conference in Orlando next March.

If you'd like to share your suggestions or feedback, please send them to WAIhq@wai.org. We appreciate your input and involvement!

The more nuanced issue that was raised as a result of the increased numbers of job seekers at the Conference—and the fact that nearly half of them were men!—is that of the role of gender in this new generation of aviators and aviation professionals. Quite honestly, this is a difficult one. We were



incredibly fortunate again this year to be able to hear from some of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who served their country flying military aircraft during World War II. Their courage and excellence in the face of unique challenges is a quality we are all grateful for. More recently, the airline pilots that rarely if ever get to fly with another woman, or who deal with the occasional inappropriate remark in the cockpit, continue to challenge stereotypes and break through glass ceilings. In other aviation careers and educational programs, women continue to be the minority. As a member of that minority, I am deeply grateful for the women that came

before who fought so hard to open the doors I have walked through by proving so many prejudices wrong. So it is understandable that some attendees reacted negatively to having a larger number of men than usual turn out for the 2013 Women in Aviation International Conference.

I believe this should make us incredibly proud: the young men that joined WAI and recently attended the 2013 Conference did so because they, directly or indirectly, respect and appreciate what the women in this industry have accomplished. Not just as aviation pioneers, but simply as peers, co-workers, mentors, role models, talented pilots, engineers and mechanics: accomplished professionals who have something valuable to offer them and the aviation industry. For generations we have worked for respect and equality, and not just in aviation. I propose that this is what the beginning of true and lasting success looks like: young men coming to the International Women in Aviation Conference because people that they look up to in the industry recommended it to them as the best place to be for networking and professional advancement. Think about the impression that it must have made on those job seekers to be standing in line! Genders split more or less equally, all dressed to impress and eager to advance their flying careers

I would encourage us to look at each of the new Conference attendees that came looking to advance their own careers in aviation as potential ambassadors for WAI.

by talking to the exhibitors, many of whom were women who found their jobs at previous WAI Conferences: it was the picture we have always hoped to see in aviation hiring.

As a member of the generation that is just now starting to make our mark in aviation, I feel it is vital that we continue to honor and respect the incredible challenges that were faced by those that came before, and WAI will continue to do that with gratitude. Part of hon-

oring that commitment to equality and excellence for me is a desire to one day simply not have gender be a remarkable factor when it comes to what I do for a living. To achieve that, we of course had to prove that women can perform with exceptional competency throughout aviation. I am grateful to all those who did just that despite incredible obstacles. I believe that what we saw in Nashville is a case in point showing that we are making great strides, giving us more of an ability to focus on the stated goal of Women in Aviation, International: "to encourage women to seek opportunities in aviation."

I would encourage us to look at each of the new Conference attendees that came looking to advance their own careers in aviation as potential ambassadors for WAI: who knows what young women and girls they will inspire with their love of airplanes and flying! Maybe some of them will come back next year with daughters, nieces, or even younger sisters for the third annual "Bring your Daughter to the Conference Day." Maybe their gender blindness will be contagious in their workplaces and communities. Maybe their experience at WAI will further erode the already weakening stereotypes about gender roles in aviation.

I am proud to be in the service of WAI and its membership as the organization continues to garner well-deserved respect and act as a force for profound good in the aviation industry. As the word gets out about what an incredible organization we have created, we have a unique opportunity to share our commitment to community building, camaraderie, compassion, and inspiration, along with our professional expertise, with the world. Thank you to all who got us here. And thank you to all who will help us take the next step.

Guest columnist Anna Mracek Dietrich (WAI #22563) is Chief Operating Officer of Terrafugia and a WAI Board member.





# **EDELWEISS CHAPTER**

A partnership has been established between president Sandrine Rohrer (WAI #40912) and a Dutch firm named Space Expedition Corporation (SXC). SXC makes space accessible for everyone by providing spaceflights (www.spacexc. com). New member, Marie-Françoise Le **Cornec** (WAI #54524), is a pilot with an incredible experience of flight: glider, helicopter, but also jet airplanes like the Hawker Hunter or Mirage III. Marie-Françoise is able to fly almost every kind of flying engine, and will be the chapter's first future astronaut. She signed with SXC to fly aboard the Lynx and to cross the Karman line, the space border at an altitude of 100 kilometers. >>



Left to right: Maggie Hortman (WAI #54268), Kim Lamond-Burkhart (WAI #53819), Alicia Sikes (WAI #630), Marianna Catrullo (WAI #51908), Barbara Little (WAI #53627), Heidi Ames (WAI #1509), Lt Jennifer Paulson (WAI #51483), Kristin Eaton (WAI #11379), Jill Meyers (WAI #16138), Brienna Henwood (WAI #53847).

# **INDEPENDENCE CHAPTER**

The new Philadelphia-area Independence Chapter held their January meeting at the United States Coast Guard Air Station in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where chapter member and Coast Guard helicopter pilot Lt Jennifer Paulson (WAI #51483) is stationed. The pilots at the Air Station fly MH-65 Dolphin helicopters on rescue and patrol missions up and down the East Coast, and were instrumental in responding to the Hurricane Sandy storm. On the day of their visit, current and prospective WAI members were treated to a complete tour of the Air Station, including the aircraft hangars, crew rest areas, and the operations center. Two of the pilots and one of the rescue swimmers performed a Search & Rescue demonstration for the group. Lt Paulson and Independence Chapter President Jill Meyers (WAI #16138) were interviewed by two local news stations, and a story of this event and the new WAI chapter was all over the news on both Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey TV stations. \*\*

# **FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER**

Seven women convened at a busy Cuban restaurant in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to enjoy amazing cuisine and warm camaraderie. While they waited for large portions of homemade Cuban cooking, they discussed exciting WAI Chapter events—such as exhibiting at the Chapter Showcase booth at the WAI International Conference and their Second Annual Girl Scout aviation badge event at Sheltair FBO at Fort Lauderdale's International Airport (FLL).

It was great to reunite with **Danielle Corbett** (WAI #14787), **Lisa Shler** and **Sivan Solomon** (WAI #51624). They were also thrilled to start working with the new Membership Chair **Maria Haddad** (WAI #2371), who brings a wealth of experience from her years of service at the International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA +21). During the meal they listened to **Virginia Knudsen** (WAI #46000) speak on her efforts during the Women of Aviation Worldwide Week 'Fly it Forward' event in Titusville, Florida. \*\*

**ERAU-PRESCOTT** The Embry-Riddle Prescott Chapter has been working with local schools for their bi-annual Girls Rock-It science event. Local girls went to Embry-Riddle for a day of fun science activities like building and setting off rockets. The chapter also had a movie night to raise money for chapter members to attend the WAI Conference. Thanks to their school's generous monetary donation they were able to send more people than ever to the Conference this year; a total of eight! >>

# YORK COLLEGE/CUNY

The York College Chapter's overriding goals are to promote the aviation industry to female students and to support the aviation industry through volunteerism and advocacy. They have accomplished this by growing their student chapter through active recruitment and high visibility on campus, and through their commitment to organizing events, activities and volunteering. Some of these events have included student tours of LaGuardia and JFK International Airports, volunteering at American Airlines events at JFK Terminal 8, and for their annual Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon.

K Terminal 8, and for their annual Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon. To provide on-going professional development and networking

opportunities for their members, each semes-

ter speaker events are organized at York College, including speakers from organizations like British Airways, Delta Air Lines and American Airlines. The highlight

of their members' year is attending the Annual WAI Conference, and each year their attendance has been generously supported by the aviation community. This year, American Airlines donated 14 airline tickets and a private donor supported their Conference registration.



York College Chapter Officers with Advisor, at JFK ARFF 911 Wall of Remembrance.

# MSU NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER AND STARS OF THE NORTH CHAPTER

The MSU Northern Lights Chapter attended a mock interview night that was hosted by the new WAI provisional chapter, Stars of the North, at the Sun Country hanger at MSP. MSU Northern Lights Chapter Vice President Lane Dulon (WAI #51269) thought this was a very educational and beneficial night. It was business casual; the night started off with a skit on 10 things *not* to do at an interview from Deon Ridenour (WAI #10320), a Captain at SkyWest and Outreach Chair for the Stars of the North Chapter, and Cheri Rohlfing (WAI #1691), an FO at Delta Air Lines and Secretary of the new Stars of the North Chapter. It was hilarious but also informative. From there the interviews started. The attendees had the option to do a mock interview with various pilots from Compass and other airlines, or do an interview for an internship being offered by Sun Country. After the interview process they had an opportunity for their résumé and cover letter to be edited and looked over. Also the night was a great opportunity to network!



**Cheri Rohlfing** attended an MSU Northern Lights meeting to share what the life of an airline pilot is like, the details of which proved very interesting. All of the chapter members wore their matching polos, but it looks like Chapter President **Laura Goblirsch** (*WAI* #50628), did not get the memo on what color to wear. •

MAY/JUNE 2013



Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter Treasurer Maureen Hallacy (above) announcing the winners of the chapter's silent auction.

# **CHICAGO'S LEADING EDGE**

The members of Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter hosted their first annual fundraiser on February 19 at Fitz's Spare Keys in Elmhurst, Illinois. Roughly 70 of their closest friends, family and supporters turned out to help raise an astonishing \$2,200! They hosted a trivia game with cash prizes (which all of the victors charitably gave back to the organization) and also ran a silent auction. All of the auction items were donated, including a ride in a Waco, a private skyline sailing cruise, a hot air balloon ride, Cubs tickets and more. All of the proceeds go towards funding scholarships and an annual outreach event. The chapter is grateful to all their generous sponsors for helping to make the night such a success, and they look forward to next year! >>

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## **NW ARKANSAS CHAPTER**

The NW Arkansas Chapter gave a PowerPoint presentation to students at West Fork High School that included a broad spectrum of aviation careers and what the positions entail and paths towards obtaining the careers. They had several students with great questions and some so interested they stayed after class to talk further with the chapter members. They have already been asked to come back to West Fork for future classes and career day events.

For the NW Arkansas February meeting, invited guest speaker **Dr. Lisa K. Low**, senior aviation medical examiner and family medicine doctor, discussed the flight physical process and preventive health. Our members had a great range of questions for an informal round table discussion ranging from concerns specific for women to general health and special issuance. \*\*



### **DEUTSCHLAND CHAPTER**

The Deutschland Chapter has taken on quite an ambitious project—a worldwide traveling photo exhibition: "Women in Aviation." This traveling exhibition is set to feature at airports throughout the world in the next three years!

The objectives are to have a traveling historical exhibition that shows the amazing development of the aviation industry in the last 100 years; to raise awareness about the important role women have played in the development of aviation; to encourage international tolerance and understanding and to raise funds for scholarship opportunities in the aviation and aerospace industry. All funds collected during the project will first be directed towards encouraging education, and then focusing on aviation careers by awarding scholarships to help children achieve

milestones along their career paths in aviation.

The chapter aims to encourage many more women to consider aviation as a career. We would like them to continue their journey to the top of the industry. We hope to encourage women to be more confident in applying for top managerial positions.

The exhibition was launched on 30 January 2013 in Dubai, during the Emerging Market Airport Awards. After that there were events at the

Frankfurt Airport in Germany and Bucharest–Henri Coanda International Airport in Romania. In May the exhibition will be seen during the Dubai Airport Show 6-8 May 2013. In June/July the exhibition will travel to Vilnius in Lithuania and Moscow in Russia! Visit and like the chapter's Facebook group: www.facebook.com/pages/Women-in-Aviation-Exhibition/397421993685997



Mrs.Talar Faiq, the only female Airport Director in the Middle East, at the opening ceremony in Dubai.



# **UNO MAVERICK CHAPTER**

The UNO Maverick Chapter took part in a Reverse Career Fair and was voted as first place for best booth, winning a \$200 gift certificate to the school bookstore. The fair gave student members an opportunity to showcase their organizations and chapter activities to the representatives of various professional and employment organizations from the community. The chapter members met representatives from College Possible, which helps high school students from low-income backgrounds by mentoring and tutoring them. The chapter discussed (with their rep) doing an aviation presentation to generate interest among these students about attending college and studying aviation.  $\rightarrow$ 

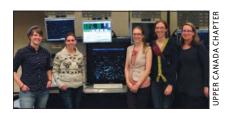


### **WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER**

The Washington State chapter members had a busy February. Members participated in Boeing Engineers' Week events and a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Night at the Future of Flight Foundation in Everett, Washington. They capped off their active month at the NW Aviation Conference in Puyallup, Washington. The conference is a major outreach event for the winter season. Chapter members promote WAI, gather contact information from interested attendees, and sell aviation-themed merchandise. Proceeds from their sales support their scholarship fund. This year, the chapter is adding a second scholarship in memory of long-time chapter member Yukiko Howell (WAI #10141), who passed away suddenly while volunteering at the STEM Night. Yukiko was a retired school teacher, who never passed up an opportunity to reach out to the next generations. >

# JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER

The Jacksonville University chapter has been deliberately working on their on-going membership drive. They have been individually recruiting new members throughout the entire semester. They are in the process of planning a large membership event, which will consist of a BBQ and prizes for current members. On February 28th, aviation historian and author Chris Berman spoke as part of their Speaker Series. He enlightened the chapter, as well as many other members of Jacksonville University's aviation department, on the topic of Soviet women combat pilots during WWII. The chapter has been working out arrangements to volunteer at a local Jacksonville organization inspiring girls to be strong, smart, and bold. >>



# UPPER CANADA CHAPTER

The Upper Canada Chapter recently toured the Toronto Area Control Centre thanks greatly to tour guides Tracy and Mike. A very informative and entertaining tour ensued. Attendance included: Allison Couch (WAI #44181), Claire Lemiski (WAI #29380), Darlene Sly McKechnie, Sherry Kremko (WAI #45170), Ashley Darling (WAI #53761), Contessa Bishop (WAI #13464), Mary-Jane Learmonth, Anna Mandra (WAI #54471), Afsha Noorian (WAI #50287) and guests Valecia Gulcharan, Orin Ramsumeer and Maria Petines. The Upper Canada Chapter was also proud to have Erika Kangas join their group for this event. Erika was the 2012 recipient of the Rising Star with the Elsie McGill Northern Lights Award. →

# ST. LOUIS WOMEN WITH WINGS CHAPTER

The Women With Wings Chapter had a highly visible booth at the Missouri Aviation Conference and Trade Show (MACTS). The first day of the conference was for just the aviation community—but the second was open to the public. A steady stream of paper airplane makers made for two busy and interesting days.

The chapter also provided the staffing for an aviation table at the Rockwood School Career day for eighth graders. The students could ask questions and receive career guidance for their future educational endeavors. •



# GREAT SALT LAKE CHAPTER

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The Great Salt Lake Chapter continued its ongoing community outreach efforts with Hawthorne Elementary School by inviting 30 sixth graders to the Westminister Campus. They enjoyed a mini ground school and an aviation weather lesson, and then practiced taking off and landing in two of Westminster's flight training devices. Chapter members enjoyed working with the enthusiastic students and the students enjoyed the hands-on learning. **Gail Avendano** (WAI #15000) and **Zeke Elias** (WAI #52172) taught weather, while **Cody Gillins** (WAI #51241) ran the simulators. •



# CAREERS

**Gloria Bahn** (WAI #1434) received the James G. Byrnes Aviation Excellence Award at the Missouri Aviation Conference and Trade Show (MACTS) conference. This is a yearly award given to the person in the aviation community who has contributed the most toward promoting and furthering the cause of aviation. Bahn is the first female to be given this honor.

c) Collins (WAI #150) has been designated as the FAA Senior Representative to South Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Pakistan). Her office is located in the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India.



**Mikasha Dye** (WAI #54033) soloed on February 23, 2013. This was a big accomplishment for her as it is her goal to become the first African American female to receive her Private Pilot certificate in the State of Nebraska.

**Kelsey Fultz** was the recipient of this year's Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter Conference Scholarship, and **Crystal Reveles** was awarded the Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter Private Pilot Training Scholarship.



**Roy Garner** (*WAI #53551*) of the WAI NW Arkansas Chapter earned his ATP.

Fantasy of Flight announced that **Gina Hubbard** has joined their flight crew
as an Event Sales Representative. Hubbard spent 19 years within the Walt
Disney organization, holding positions
with their merchandise, human resources and convention sales teams. She was
the Sales Manager for the ESPN Zone in
Atlanta before returning to Orlando to
create magic with Disney's Fairy Tale
Weddings. Hubbard will oversee corporate and leisure event sales for Fantasy
of Flight.

**Sabina Koukourinkova** (*WAI #49413*) earned her Private Pilot certificate on January 8, 2013.

James Lenord (WAI#52247) started working with the Omaha Fire Department as an Aviation Rescue Firefighter. Lenord is a chapter member and senior at UNO and is working on the cross country phase of his Private certificate.

WAI Corporate member Cape Air's



Chief Administration Officer **Linda Markham** has been appointed president of the Hyannis, Massachussetts-based carrier, which will make her the only woman president or chief executive of a North American airline, according to the company. She succeeded retiring president **Dave Bushy** on March 18. Cape Air operates Nantucket Airlines and has 1,000 employees and serves 37 cities.

**Arlene Steier** (WAI #29363), the Chapter Outreach Chair for UNO Maverick Chapter, has been awarded the ACE 2013 Regional GA Award. This also makes Steier a finalist for the FAASTeam Rep of the Year National Award.

Elizabeth Williamson (WAI #54766) performed her first solo in a Cessna Skycatcher with Flight Training Professionals in Orlando, Florida. Brandi Strudgeon (WAI #51978) passed her Sport Pilot checkride in the Skycatcher, also with FTP. Both ladies are students of CFI Maggie Larsen (WAI #8963) and have worked hard for their accomplishments. Congratulations!

# **PASSAGES**

Long-time Washington State chapter member **Yukiko (Yuki) Howell** suffered a serious stroke at the Family STEM Night event at the Future of Flight. She

was there as a volunteer for the Washington State chapter. She was taken to Providence Hospital in Everett, where chapter members Trish Beckman, Rochelle Oslick, and Laina Reeves kept vigil. She



died just two days later. Yuki had longtime ties with the WomenFly event at the Museum of Flight and was an active participant in other aviation education events throughout the Puget Sound.

Yuki will be missed for her infectious enthusiasm and dedication to the causes that were close to her heart. (Read a tribute to Yuki written by Trish Beckman in the In Our Own Words column on page 48 of this issue of Aviation for Women magazine.)

# CFI TIPS MEG GODLEWSKI

I just started flying with a student who has about 20 hours and has had a lot of gaps in his training. I soloed him last week. Yesterday we were coming in for a landing and I told him to go around because we were too low and he had overshot the runway. He wouldn't, so I

grabbed the airplane. We went around again and when we landed he told me that he wouldn't have gone around, he would have gained altitude and gone back to the runway. I explained to him that when I say go around it means GO AROUND. I said if he pulled that again I'd pull his solo ticket. He just smiled and shrugged, and repeated that he would have landed. What do I do?

Oooh, can you say anti-authority and macho? These are classic hazardous attitudes as defined in the Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge. Anti-authority usually surfaces in people who are resentful towards comments or advice from others, be it superiors or subordinates. They also tend to disregard operating procedures, rules and regulations. Many mistake anti-authority as a solution to balance out the power

gradient in the cockpit. As for *macho*, the FAA defines that as pilots are trying to prove themselves in the wrong way, which often results in taking unnecessary risks.

I would suggest first going back over these definitions with this student, and showing him that the antidote for antiauthority is "follow the rules!" For that matter, the antidote to a macho attitude is remembering that taking chances is foolish (again, these are direct quotes from FAA-generated material). Now, if he protests too much, you might remind him that as his flight instructor, you have every right and are frankly obligated by the agency that certificated you to get a black laundry marker and LINE OUT the solo endorsement on both his medical certificate and in his logbook. That's right. If a student cannot demonstrate with reliability the good judgement of a solo pilot then you've got to UN-solo him or her.

If it comes to that (and, to comfort you I have to say that it almost never does) cover yourself by making a photocopy of the marked up certificate and logbook pages, and be prepared to send them to the FAA via certified mail with a letter explaining that you have rescinded this student's solo endorsements, and why.

You may lose this person as a student, but if he repeatedly exhibits such dangerous attitudes you will probably be better off without him on your roster.

Meg Godlewski (WAI #8165) is a Master CFI and active flight instructor. She also writes for www.GeneralAviationNews.com.

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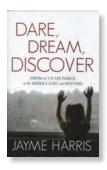


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Dare, Dream, Discover by Jayme Harris, as told to Trudy Marshall-Bowler

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# Eight Miles High by D. B. Borton

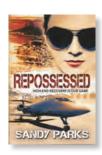
at Caiban is one fun lady. She's an admitted detective in training, and in Eight Miles High the mystery she's challenged to solve is a doozy. Someone is knock-



ing off the WASP, women who bravely served during World War II delivering aircraft and flying training missions during a critical time of war for the United States. Cat's challenge is daunting and we're along for the ride.

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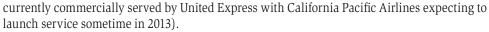
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# ATTITUDE INDICATOR HEATHER SHARP

# FINDING STRAIGHT AND LEVEL AGAIN

am on my second brain injury. Most people don't have any accidents their whole life. I am only 45 and I have had very serious ones. I was a C130 pilot in the USAF. I flew the Air-

bus 320 and the Boeing 747 for Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines. The first accident was in November of 2008. I was T-boned at highway speeds. I had a crushed pelvis,

a shattered collarbone and a mild traumatic brain injury. Miraculously, I recovered and I was back flying.

Then on Halloween Day of 2010, a tree fell on my head. Who has ever heard of that? The same helicopter that came the first time, came and airlifted me again to the hospital. I

had my skull removed so they could do brain surgery to stop the bleeding. I was in the ICU for eight days and in the hospital for 32 days. I had 12 fractures in my back and a severe brain injury. I had a doctor come in and ask me, at the time, if I knew that this accident was much worse than the first one. I thought, "No, not really." He said, "Yeah, the first accident was a 2. This one is a 10. This is really, really bad."

What did I know? I was sky-high on pain medication. I couldn't even remember yesterday, let alone the first accident.

The doctors saw the x-rays, read the reports, and knew factually what they were dealing with. Statistically, they would forecast my recovery somewhere on the bell-shaped curve. Two things, my faith and my attitude, would affect my recovery. The doctors couldn't quan-

tify those two things. They didn't know if my attitude would be a plus or a minus. Two years post-accident I am doing unbelievably well. I am not back to work yet, but that is my plan. Recently, I went back and they said, "Your recovery is a miracle. You are so far off the charts. We are amazed."

The same trait that made me a pilot was the skill that I applied to my recovery. If you are reading this magazine, you have the same trait too.

My uncle was a world champion. He called it *heart*. He said that no matter what they do, golf, ping-pong, Olympics, or whatever, people who succeed have heart. It is often not the person with the most talent that wins. It is the person with the most heart.

The definition of Heart is hard for me to explain. If they

have heart, they have desire or drive. They won't quit. Heart means they will keep going when other people will stop. All they think about is getting better. I guess it is similar to a hunger. It is a burning in their belly that they can't put out. They have tenacity and persistence. People who have heart keep



going. They keep trying. They have resolution and conviction. Nobody, nothing, is going to get them down.

You can't describe it or put your finger on it but you have seen it. Firemen have it, people in the military have it, some everyday people have it. The checker at the grocery store, the teacher at your son's school, the stay-at-home mom that you work out with; They all have heart.

When I was trying to describe heart, I said, "All they think about is getting better." Hmmm...getting better. Before the illness or the accident, it meant getting better at whatever was your passion. Now it simply means getting better. You can use that exact same skill. If you did it before, you can do it again.

For example,

if you stayed up all night to finish a school paper...

if you worked long hours to get something you really wanted... If you have heart, you can use it again, this time for another purpose.

# Your attitude is extremely important.

Often, when people experience a tragedy they say, "The timing of this could not be worse." As if there is a good time for a disaster? As if you would say, "Yes, I have room for cancer in between my kid graduating and moving my parents into assisted living. I could fit it in." Or, "Sure, I have loads of time for a traumatic event, I will just put my job on hold. They don't really need me anyway. My life isn't built around that income. No problem."

Let's face it, there is no good time. You would not say yes to this. It was not invited in. Although you would like to, you



can't go back. You can't erase and re-record. I got T-boned and then a tree fell on my head. That is not going to change.

You can admit, "Yes, This is the pits." There is no sugar coating it. It sucks. But am I going to give this thing (whatever it is) power over my spirit? My emotions? My attitude? Oh, I don't think so.

I feel sorry for the disaster or the illness. Let's call it the enemy. I feel bad for it. It has no idea what it signed up for. You seemed like such a nice, mild-mannered person and now it is in your life. There is no amount of wishing that will make it go away. You have to deal with it and it has to deal with you.

Having heart doesn't mean that you are selfish or mean or hard. I have seen plenty of really nice people with lots of heart. It means you won't quit. You can do that with a smile on your face. Nothing is going to beat you. You can be nice about it. The enemy just made a bad choice when it picked you; it should have picked someone who was a pushover. It should have picked a wimp.

I had a lot of heart when I wanted to be a pilot. I had expertise in not stopping until I got what I wanted. I was a nice person, but I was determined. After the tree fell on me, I used that same skill. This time I wasn't going to fly jets; I was going to get better. I wasn't going to make the enemy go away, but I was going to make it sorry that it chose to deal with me.

The enemy is thinking, "This girl is nuts. She is pushing

back. How on earth do I get out of here? I knocked over a hornets' nest." Some enemies are tough, they are going to stick around. You won't win every battle. You will have bad days. Better doesn't mean cured. It doesn't mean 100%. It is not going to go away. If you want a total cure, that is not my department. That is someone else's department. Call in the big guns. The disease, illness, or traumatic event might get physical points in the battle but you are in control of your mental attitude.

I talked to a guy with terminal cancer and at that moment the cancer was winning. He had a pretty bad attitude. I said, "Well, what did you do before all of this? What was your life like before you had to deal with all this crap."

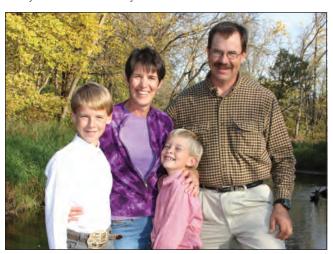
It took him a while. After searching around and thinking about it he said, "I was an Eagle Scout."

I leaned forward and wrinkled my nose, "Really? I bet that was hard."

He barked, "It was VERY hard."

I smiled, "So, that is good news."

I leaned back and threw up my hands in the air. "You already have the skills. You know what to do. It has been many years, but you still have that inside. Just find it and dust it off and apply that same skill. In this case, it is just a different target. But you know how to hit a bulls-eye. Dealing with cancer is hard, too, but you have expertise. You have demonstrated that you have that ability."



That guy was not a wimp. For a moment, the cancer had the upper hand. He still had cancer; he was still terminal. But after that, he was in control. He later died. Cancer might have taken his body but it did not control his attitude and it did not

take his heart.



If you are reading this magazine, you have heart. If you and the enemy went into a room together, only one of you would come out. You, if you have it inside, would win.

Heather Sharp was a pilot in the United States Air Force, and is currently on medical leave from Delta Air Lines.

# API: Jobs For Today's Business Aviation World

# Jan Barden, CEO, Aviation Personnel International Sheryl Barden, President, Aviation Personnel International

n 1971, Federal Express, Amtrak and more than 25 air carriers, including Southwest Airlines, were considered startups. That was also the same year that Janice K. Barden benefited from her 16 years as a professional aviation psychologist to create her own startup—Aviation Personnel International, the first female-owned and operated retained search firm designed exclusively to serve the hiring needs of private and business aviation professionals.

"I had been in the aviation business for a number of years, starting out at Teterboro," explained Jan Barden. "I worked for Pilot Employment Agency, it was very early on. We did airline and cargo carrier placements. I had a degree in business and a specialty in industrial pyschological testing. I had no aviation experience when I was recruited by the company. My undergraduate work was at Miami University of Ohio and my graduate degree in industrial psychological testing was from Kent State University."

Barden was recruited to establish a battery of psychological tests that would tell the company which pilot candidates it should look into, and which pilot candidates would be those that it should stay away from.

At the time there were many trained pilots coming right out of the military, Barden explained. "I did a great deal of work with the air-

lines in those days, which I enjoyed very much. But corporate aviation was beginning to come into its own. They were buying military surplus aircraft and equipping them to do corporate work. There were big players in there, such as U.S. Steel, Procter & Gamble, Texaco and IBM."

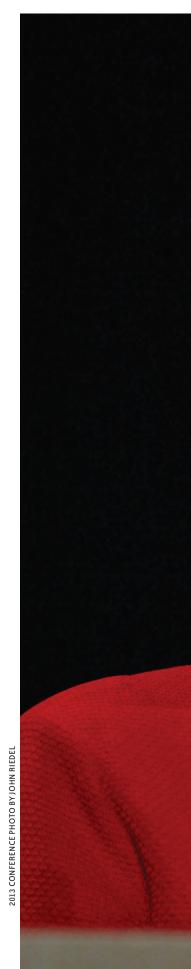
With "Aviation 101" under her belt, as Barden affectionately calls her time

with the Pilot Employment Agency, she decided to go out on her own. She recalled, "There were relatively no women in the aviation business then. In the beginning they'd start meetings with 'Gentlemen,' and then look over at me and go, 'Oh, and Jan.' It evolved from that."

"I'm passionate about this business," she smiled. "I've always been a people person. I learned a lot because so many people confided in me throughout their careers. It helped me in understanding other people's problems. Now my daughter Sheryl has worked her way up and taken over the company, and that makes me feel great."

Sheryl Barden went to college, following in her mom's footsteps, exiting with a business degree

Jan Barden was recruited to establish a battery of psychological tests that would tell the company which pilot candidates it should look into, and those they should stay away from.





In today's world

API is more than just an employment service.

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and concentration in what is today Human Resources. "I wanted to make it on my own, though, so I went off to a Fortune 500 company and learned leadership skills in sales, marketing," she said, explaining why she did not start working right away at API.

"I always kept my hand in the business, though," she continued. "I was back once a month to do a lot of our interviewing. I would take two or three days, going out to interview pilots and maintenance professionals." She came back permanently to API 11 years ago, opening a remote office for API in San Francisco. "We were just getting into having a web presence," she said. "We were beginning to utilize that technology to extend our reach. I've focused on putting an emphasis on that technology." The API Talent Navigator™, Environmental Communicator and Candidate Introduction software sets the company apart from its competition.

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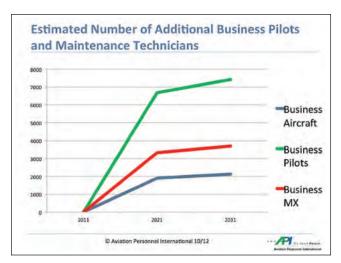


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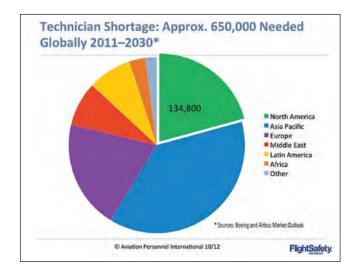
API is poised for upcoming growth in business aviation, according to the Bardens. The Bombardier Market Forecast for 2012 projected that over the next 20 years, there will be 31,000 business aircraft worldwide with nearly 14,000 in North America alone. There will be a need for about 1.75 maintenance technicians per every new airplane. That's nearly 4,000 more maintenance technicians in the next 20 years. It takes about 3.5 pilots per airplane on average (and those are different size business jets); so companies will need an additional 7,000 pilots to staff the new aircraft. That doesn't take into consideration the fact that 63 percent of ATP pilots today are 45 or older and will likely retire by 2031.

So, how does the process at API work? Sheryl explained, "Generally we are approached by candidates who are passively seeking a job. Part of our advantage to our clients is providing them with candidates who don't need a job; they are successful but willing to be open to new possibilities."

The API technology can log and track criteria of the company's candidates, from language skills, interests, aircraft they've flown to whether they art liberal arts oriented or just job-oriented? Sheryl wants her employment candidates to take a hard look at the career, and be sure they understand what it means to be an aviation mechanic; a pilot. "I want them to



ask themselves, what is that going to mean for me, and my lifestyle, my working conditions, work-mates....people really need to examine that. You know, a pilot says I want to fly Gulfstreams...well, those are long haul and you won't be coming home each night if you fly that," she explained. Also, there's the subject of education. "We need people to understand their craft and their skills in depth, and that takes a secondary education. That is especially true when it comes to Flight Ops careers. It is an extension of the business, so you



need to understand business as well as aviation," she said.
"I think one of our biggest liabilities in this industry (business aviation) where security is such a big deal, is how peo-

ple use social networking. Employers look at that. If your social networking shows that you don't share the values that corporations are looking for, and if it shows you to be unprofessional in any way—that can come back to haunt you and make it difficult to get that dream job," warned Sheryl.

She continued, "We can offer candidates that fit specific company cultures because we discover candidate likes, dislikes, values...to make the job we recommend a good fit. If you have an employee who cannot assimilate into the corporate culture, it is never going to be a successful fit," she explained. If API decides to help you find that perfect job, you can expect a face-to-face interview with an API professional. As Warren Buffett famously said, "You ever give a firm handshake over a speakerphone? There is nothing like eye-to-eye contact to find that candidate's sincerity—to find the truth about who they are and what they believe."

On the client (employer) side, API spends a lot of time to get to know them very well first, according to Jan Barden's found-

According to both Bardens, a lot of the so-called barriers to women in aviation, corporate aviation, have been eliminated. "Many of our clients would prefer diversity in their operations." ing principles. Then the company goes out to try and find someone with more than just the skill set that its clients are looking for. "We find that corporate culture fit," declared Barden, with a smile.

Yes, the process is expensive. But the cost savings in the end, when you get the right person hired—a real fit—is huge, said both Bardens. "Just imagine the cost of having to find yet another candidate!" exclaimed Jan.

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nated. "Many of our clients would prefer diversity in their operations. But women have to understand the lifestyle choice of corporate aviation and be honest and ask themselves, how do I balance a 12-on, 12-off work schedule with a family life?" Sheryl said. "Frankly, that can be tough for men, too. It is hard to find life-partners that understand that kind of a schedule—especially with all the travel," she continued.

Jan piped in, "Solutions are there, though. Sometimes when two women have the same corporate flying job they share the job of handling their kids, I've found. Or one spouse decides to take the operations job that keeps them home each night, where the other takes the flight or maintenance position that has the longer, or nighttime schedules. There are ways to do it," she said. "I've seen it work well."



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"The biggest ever!" Dr. Peggy Chabrian, founder and president of Women in Aviation, International exclaimed when describing the 24th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference held this past March to an eager reporter. She wasn't kidding—the attendance numbers came in just under 3,400 for the 2013 Conference, held at the capacious Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee. Turn the page and find out who and what made the Conference great!

# 2013 Conference Speakers

There's more to the WAI Conference than tours, receptions, meals and exhibitions. Each day attendees come together for a morning general session that includes powerhouse speakers with strong messages. This year was no different. ATP CEO Caroline Daniels, API CEO Sheryl Barden, USAF Col. Jill Long, Boeing VP Neil Planzer, NGO Founder Ariel Talen-Keller, the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, and finally NTSB Chairwoman Deborah

Hersman (who could not be there in person because of sequester, but sent an excellent video about women and careers at the National Transportation Safety Board), all kept WAI Conference attendees informed, entertained and inspired.

Did you go to a general session? If you missed one, check out our You-Tube Channel, Women in Aviation, International, and see what you missed.





SPEAKER PHOTOS BY JOHN RIEDEL AND PAULA GRUBB Caroline Daniels Sheryl Barden

# Wednesday Tours



Tours were an essential component of this year's WAI Conference, and a direct response to members' requests. The Beechcraft Heritage Museum at the Tullahoma, Tennessee Regional Airport (THA), the Arnold Engineering Development Complex, located at Arnold AFB, Tennessee, and the Smyrna Airport tour kept WAI attendees busy on Wednesday, March 13, the day before the official start of the Conference.

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# 2013 Daughter Day Smiles Abound



Daughter Day Saturday at the WAI Conference is beginning to be a tradition, and a fun one, too, if you ask volunteer Barry Marz. "It was a real pleasure working with the FAA and the kids to help introduce them to aviation with fun, age-appropriate activities. I helped with the chart-reading and

tivities. I helped with the chart-reading and flight simulation. The smiles on the girls' faces when they figured it out was worth it all," he said.

The event included a few new features this year that came about from reading commentary left by participants from our first Daughter Day, at the 2012 WAI Conference held in Dallas, Texas. This year the event included a college fair and career panel for older girls and their parents, as well as a speaker, airline pilot Leah Hetzel, recruited just for the girls. Funding for

Daughter Day was supplied by generous grants from UPS and ConocoPhillips. Training materials, including sectional charts, log books and cockpit posters, were again donated by The Sporty's Foundation.

Daughter Day was not the only outreach Women in Aviation, International performed during the Conference. We hosted an Aerospace Educator workshop where local teachers could obtain materials, references and practical tips for using aviation in the classroom. An Aviation Maintenance professional IA Renewal seminar (thanks to our sister organization, Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance), was also offered on-site.

Want to help out next year? Get on the WAI Volunteer list early by emailing WAIhq@wai.org.



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# 2013 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame



# The Music



western crooner James Dean Hicks; from a high school color guard stand-out, to our own Annette Calicoat (*Aviation for Women's* Advertising Sales Representative) there was music at nearly

every major event during the 24th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference. It was only fitting at a venue such as the Gaylord Opryland Resort!



BONNIE KRATZ

Aviation for Women



# The Pioneers

The wonderful thing about Women in Aviation, International is that this organization knows where it came from. The history of women in aviation is as long and illustrious as the history of aviation worldwide. We honor our pioneers in many ways. At the Conference were the WASP, who were thrilled to tell the general session audience about their experiences flying World War II aircraft. It was a fitting introduction to the pioneers inducted into our WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame for 2013: Karen Brannen, Mary Silitch, and the Founding Board of WAI itself.



# The Exhibitors

WAI Exhibitors filled the Ryman Hall with excitement. The Air Evac Lifeteam filled the HAI HeliCenter with EMS pilots and flight nurses.

Nearby the FAA CAMI unit brought its popular oxygen chamber to demonstrate the effects of oxygen deprivation in real time to WAI attendees. Just around the corner from the FAA, the Society of Aviation Flight Educators (SAFE) had a full roster of enthusiastic pilots looking for dual time with a CFI in the Redbird Flight Simulations fullmotion simulator as part of the SAFE Pilot Proficiency project.

WAI's many partner organizations, from AOPA to EAA, AWAM to ISA+21, WMA, WCA, to The Ninety-Nines, welcomed attendees at their booths.

The story of the Conference, of course, was the on-site job fair that this year inundated the hall. Airline and aerospace industry applicants came from everywhere to line up for interviews and the opportunities that only a WAI Conference affords.











# 2013 WAI Scholarship Winners

# Airbus A320 Type Rating Certificate Scholarships

Helen Sherwin Consolino, Chandler, Arizona Lisa Leina'ala Riela-Enoka, Kaneohe, Hawaii

# **Airbus Leadership Grant**

Bob O. Agiro, Kalamazoo, Michigan Miyukiko Kelsey Kostelny, Warrensburg, Missouri

# Airline Ground Schools, Inc. / Flamingo Air

Miranda A. Satterfield, Bakersfield, California

# **New for 2013**

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# American Airlines and American Eagle Engineering Scholarship

Nelly Arzola, Columbus, Georgia

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Bee Yang, Roseville, Michigan Sonia Thiebeau, Tulsa, Oklahoma

# American Airlines Veteran's Initiative Scholarship

Karrie Brimhall, Newberg, Oregon James Lenord, Bellevue, Nebraska (Runner up) Heather Gomer, Warr Acres, Oklahoma (Runner up)

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Crystal Polen, Port Orchard, Washington

# **AOPA Student Pilot Scholarship**

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### New for 2013

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Tonya Hodson, Marion, Kansas

# *New for 2013*

# Beyond and Above Corporate Flight Attendant Training

Crystal Parker, Wichita, Kansas Tenisha Belcher, Delaware, Ohio

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Lauren N. Schumacher, Rolla, Missouri Whitney J. Brouwer, Raymond, Minnesota

# **New for 2013**

Bunny M. Connors Memorial Scholarship Jennifer J. Phillips, Livonia, Michigan

# CAE SimuFlite Citation Corporate Aircraft Training

Jessica Vinson, Spring, Texas

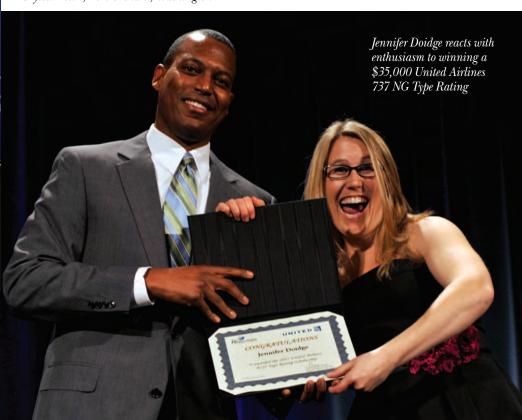
# *New for 2013*

# Candi Chamberlin Kubeck Award (NIFA Foundation)

Courtney Copping, Saint Charles, Illinois

# Carolyn M. Ford Memorial Scholarship

Laura Garrity, Wilson, Wyoming



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Karrie Brinhall won the American Airlines Veteran's Initiative Scholarshit

#### **New for 2013**

**Christine Reed Memorial Flight Scholarship** *Thea McKellar, Canton, Georgia* 

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LeAnne Gomez, Albuquerque, New Mexico Elyse Hildebrandt-Cooper, Farmington Hills, Michigan

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#### Delta Air Lines Aircraft Maintenance Technology Scholarship

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Cynthia Norton, North Charleston, South Carolina

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Kimberly Cousineau, Wilmington, Ohio Kara M Hatzai, Elgin, Illinois Linda K Beans, Parker, Colorado Lindsay E. Burns, Tampa, Florida

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Sylvie DeLaHunt, Waldorf, Maryland

#### **New for 2013**

Diane Endres Ballweg Scholarship Susan Mattacks, Dorset, England

#### Elisha Hall Memorial-Wright Chapter

Kelly McCoy, Strongsville, Ohio

#### FedEx Express 727 Aircraft

California Baptist University, Riverside, California

#### **FedEx Express JT8D Engine**

Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Duluth, Georgia

Linn State Technical College, Linn, Missouri

#### If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It

Emily Crombez, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

#### **Initial Helicopter Scholarship**

Lauren Cooper, Chicago, Illinois

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#### ISA+21 ATP Rating Scholarship

Sarah Wells, Honolulu, Hawaii

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**ISA+21 CFI Multi Engine Rating Scholarship** *Kelly Fisher, Melville, New York* 

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#### ISA+21 B-737 Type Rating

Leja Noe, Seattle, Washington Erin Sattler, Cottage Grove, Minnesota

#### Janet Clark Memorial Scholarship— Washington State Chapter

Crystal Polen, Port Orchard, Washington

#### Jeppesen Flight Training

Karen Vaughn, Tustin, California

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Kate Schafer, Boyero, Colorado

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Charles Nyakudya, Heidelberg, Gauteng, South Africa

#### **Kelsey Meyer Memorial Scholarship**

Taylor Ratliff, Fort Worth, Texas

#### **Pratt & Whitney Maintenance Scholarships**

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#### **R-W Foundation**

Megan Henderson, Topeka, Kansas

#### Ride the Sun

Alyssa Jhones, Wellington, Colorado

#### Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE) Scholarship

Liz J. Stalford, Scottsdale, Arizona

#### Sporty's Foundation

Meghan A. Worrell, Oakland, California

#### **New for 2013**

#### Ted Mallory Memorial Scholarship

Lynn Delean-Weber, Marthasville, Missouri

#### **United Airlines 737 NG Type Rating**

Jennifer Doidge, Brooklyn, New York Agata Pares, Walnut Creek, California

#### Universal Weather & Aviation FAAcertified Dispatcher Training Scholarship

Angela Kovaleski, Greenville, North Carolina

#### **New for 2013**

#### **WAI Enthusiasm Scholarship**

Sandrine Rohrer, Lausanne, Vaud, Switzerland

#### WAI Mile High Chapter Empowerment Scholarship

Andrea J. Cooper, Paris, Texas



#### WAI Oshkosh Chapter Spirit of Flight Scholarship

Remington Viney, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

#### Women in Aviation Management Scholarship

Sarah George, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

#### Women in Aviation, International Achievement Award

April Erhardt, Soldotna, Alaska (Individual) Janet Patton, Canton, Michigan (Student)

#### Women in Corporate Aviation Career Scholarship

Diana Cobas, Miami, Florida Taylor Ratliff, Fort Worth, Texas

#### *New for 2013*

#### Women in Corporate Aviation International Scholarship

Allison Couch, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

#### Women Military Aviators Dream of Flight Scholarship

Nicole M. Garrett, New London, Connecticut

#### Women Soaring Pilots Association (WSPA) Scholarship

Karrie Brimhall, Newberg, Oregon

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Tonya Hodson, Marion, Kansas



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# THE TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS JACQUE BOYD PhD

#### LEARNING STYLES, LEADERSHIP AND SUPER HEROES

remember when I read my first book on brain function and gender differences. Frankly, I was offended because it said that women's brains were "different" from men's brains. I'll preface that

by saying that was in the 1970s and yes, I was a bit of a radical feminist, as in: everyone should be able to do everything. I have since softened a bit to being simply a feminist (if that

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actually exists anymore) to saying: everyone should be afforded an opportunity to do whatever it is they think they're capable of doing.

With all that as a background, there really is some fascinating new research on the female brain. When you take a gander

at my iPad I've downloaded a bunch of new books including: Unleash the Power of the Female Brain by Daniel Amen, Boys and Girls Learn Differently by Michael Gurian, Successful Single-Sex Classrooms by Michael Gurian, Kathy Stevens and Peggy Daniels, and the one I'm actually reading now, Teaching the Female Brain: How Girls Learn Math and Science by Abigail Norfleet James. I'm taking each book separately; reading and di-

gesting. Next comes the part of comparing and contrasting. I agree with a lot, disagree with some and completely disregard a small portion.

As an educator I'm a healthy skeptic. I've been in the education field in some fashion for nearly 43 years. My mother was a teacher, her sisters were teachers, her brother ended up as a school superintendent. Her father, my grandfather, was a teacher in rural Kentucky. My niece is a teacher and my nephew is employed in technology in a school system. I used to say we had chalk dust in our veins, but chalk dust is now probably classified as an environmental hazard. Approaches go in and out of style, but I do believe the education field is much more attuned to individual learners than we used to be.

Undeniably there are differences in learning styles between boys and girls. Learning style is broadly defined as an individual's way of processing information, feeling, and behaving in learning situations. I was amazed when I read about the innate differences in hearing abilities. If a seven-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl have their hearing tested under identical situations, scientists have found that girls can hear sounds much softer than the faintest sounds heard by boys. At certain frequencies, girls have been found to have a sense of hearing two to four times better than boys. Now, take that difference into the classroom. If a girl is sitting in the front

row listening to a male teacher she may feel that he's yelling at her when he's only speaking in his normal tone. Conversely, the guys in the back of the room may not even hear a female teacher speaking in the front of the room because of the softer tones of her voice. Fascinating and interesting implications to

setting up any classroom.

There are some very broad statements made when it comes to discussing learning styles and differences between boys and girls. Again, I tend to try and not generalize but some of them are striking. In a study done in 2002 by Pomerantz, Altermatt and Saxon one of their conclusions stated that "girls are more concerned than boys are with pleasing adults, such as parents and teachers.

Most boys, on the other hand, will be less motivated to study unless the material itself interests them." I'm thinking of students in my own school and specific faces do come to mind.

During our first few weeks at the beginning of every year we have a specific "Advisory" class structure where we key in on certain information. Our sophomores go through the process of identifying their own learning styles. We've used various means to do that including the Gregoric Learning Style Inventory. This inventory breaks learning styles into four main categories, including the Concrete and Abstract: the Perceptual Quality and Sequential and Random: the Ordering Ability. For example, if a person is a Concrete learner, then they learn through their five senses. If a learner is Abstract, then they may learn through thinking abstractly—they may visualize and think beyond the obvious by being more intuitive or imaginative. Those two areas constitute the Perceptual Quality examining how a person perceives the world around them.

The Ordering Ability is about how the mind organizes information. A Sequential learner organizes information in a stepby-step process while a Random learner organizes information by chunking it in no particular order. Our learning style is a combination of the two. One year after the students determined their own styles, they analyzed each teacher to come up with ours. It's a fun exercise, but it also gives an insight

into how we do what we do in the educational environment.

We've used several other instruments through the years, including some that emphasize verbal skills, tactile approaches, personality traits and work habits. We've found the more the students know about how they approach learning, the better interaction we have in the classroom. By knowing their teacher's learning styles it also gives them insight into their teaching styles. Not all students and teachers mesh with each other and some of the differences are because of the styles we have.

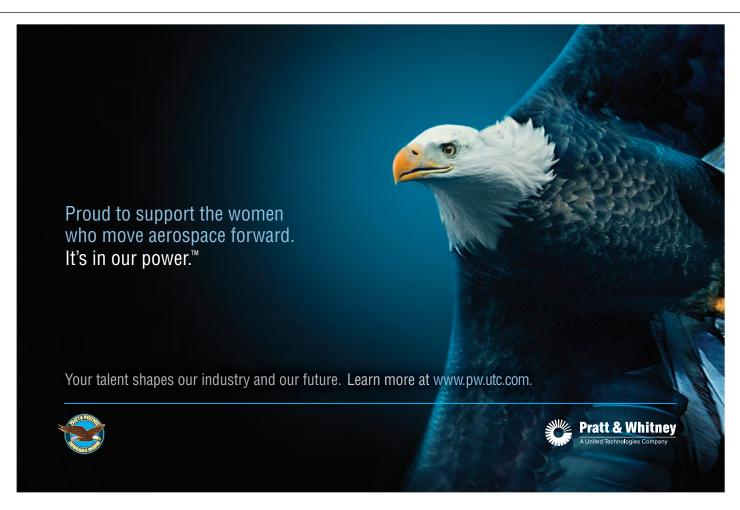
Last year I was involved in the Vanderbilt Leadership Consortium. We examined our own styles as school leaders and I learned that I tend to be a collaborative leader. I don't like to "tell" as much as I like coming to a conclusion through discussion and exploration.

The Seniors at my school must all take a class called Senior Portfolio. This year our 22 Seniors all chose to do project presentations. One student built a guitar from scratch, wrote an original composition and performed it at Senior Night. Another built a greenhouse and documented her planting project by taking time-lapse videos. One girl had all the faculty members fill out a survey asking questions such as; If you had a choice of where to live, would it be in a cabin in the woods, a house in the city or a hut on a beach? None of us truly knew where she was going, but we answered. Her project was to paint a mural using superheroes of her choosing, in her own drawing/painting style and present each in conjunction with an analysis of the faculty. I'm going to share her analysis of me, as I became Magneto, the superhero from *X-Men* comics.

"My understanding of leadership has greatly changed since meeting you. It has now become evident to me that leadership is not a quality, but a set of qualities within a person. Intellect, confidence, humility, sacrifice, and a solid sense of moral justice are all key qualities that make up a strong leader. You possess a strong consciousness in all these aspects. Magneto is the strongest of all mutants, not only for his metal manipulation ability, but because of his ability to make someone believe in something. Whether discouraged or afraid, Magneto understood the right course of action needed to rally the people toward his concept of progress. You also share this innate ability; you made me believe in the school. Small schools can be a risk in an academic aspect compared to the opportunities offered at high schools with larger student bodies. I was slightly concerned at first that it would not have been a good fit for me. But now, after experiencing all that I have, I say from the deepest core of my being that there is no other high school with such concepts of freedom and expression that enable me to develop into the young adult I am today. Never once did I feel abandoned or lost, but rather supported by teacher and student alike in one of the best learning environments I have ever had the honor of experiencing."

I don't think Magneto cries, but I did. McKenna: Thank You. You make me believe I am Magneto! →

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# MEDICAL Q&A PAULA CORRIGAN MD, MPH

## SKIN DEEP—SKIN CANCER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### I am confused about the different types of skin cancers are they all the same?

In general, there are nonmelanoma skin cancers and

melanoma. The non-melanoma skin cancers include basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, and they are the most common form of cancer in the United States. They can usually be treated with excision, cryotherapy (freezing), or other local treatments. There is some chance of recurrence, but in general there is little chance of spread or serious complications. Melanomas, on the other hand, are very serious cancers and depending on the depth of the lesion and stage, there can be high risk of spread and increased mortality. Treatment includes excision and sometimes chemotherapy or radiation.

#### I have heard that pilots are more likely to develop skin cancer—true?

Yes, studies have shown that there is an increased risk of all types of skin cancer in pilots; it is uncertain what is responsible for the increased risk. Studies have shown that the windscreen on airplanes generally blocks all UVB and UVC rays, and up to 70 percent of UVA rays, which can be a risk for skin cancer. Dosimeters worn by pilots have shown less UVA exposure than bicycle racers on the ground. There is increased exposure to cosmic radiation at altitude, but most researchers feel it is a combination of risks which is responsible for the increased rates of skin cancer in pilots.

#### What are the warning signs of skin cancer?

Early warning signs of skin cancers include a new bump or spot on the skin that oozes, bleeds or does not heal, change in the size or color of a mole, the spreading of color around a mole or a change in sensation or chronic itching of a skin lesion. Many physicians recommend regular self-examination following the "ABCD Checklist":

- A = Asymmetry: Melanoma lesions are typically irregular in shape (asymmetrical); benign (noncancerous) moles are typically round (symmetrical).
- B = Border: Melanoma lesions often have irregular borders (i.e., ragged or notched edges); benign moles have smooth, even borders.
- *C* = Colors: Melanoma lesions often contain many shades of brown or black; benign moles are usually a single shade of brown.
- D = Diameter: Melanoma lesions are often more than 1/4 inch or six millimeters in diameter; benign moles are usually less than 1/4 inch or six millimeters in diameter.

#### What are my reporting requirements to the FAA if I do get a skin cancer?

Basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas are typically not disqualifying conditions. The FAA policy on this type of cancer is that a pilot is cleared to return to fly after documentation of completed treatment and released to return to unrestricted activity by their treating doctor. The pilot should bring a short summary note from the dermatologist and the pathology report to their aeromedical examiner (AME) at their next FAA medical exam. If treatment is going to be delayed, the pilot should check with their AME to see if they will allow them to continue to fly with basal cell or squamous cell carcinoma until treatment is completed, but usually the treatment occurs within a few days of diagnosis. Controllers must obtain specific clearance to return to work through the Regional Flight Surgeon (RFS). For reporting of melanoma, because of its aggressive nature and tendency to spread, the FAA requires a pilot/controller diagnosed with melanoma to not fly/control until they have reviewed the case. Usually a waiver (Special Issuance or Special Consideration) is required. Observation periods required before returning to safety sensitive duties varies from shortly after surgery to up to five years after completion of treatment for advanced disease. The observation periods are determined by the depth of the lesion and spread to lymph nodes or other organs.

#### How can I prevent getting skin cancer?

Avoiding sun exposure is one of the best ways to prevent skin cancer. If possible, avoid sun exposure between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If you must be in the sun, use a hat, sunglasses, long sleeves and full pants to provide protection. Many fabrics now contain specific UV protection. Always use a broad spectrum sunscreen with Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher that protects for both UVB and UVA absorption. While there is increasing protection afforded with an increased SPF, there is little data to show that products with SPF greater than 50 provide any greater protection. It is best to apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes prior to exposure, and reapply every two hours, after swimming or sweating, and immediately after towel drying.

AMAS recommends that everyone get a skin examination annually. If any suspicious skin lesions arise, seek an evaluation sooner rather than later. Family physicians and dermatologists can identify skin cancers at an early stage, which is the best way to minimize the danger.

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o become an honest-to-goodness rocket scientist is an impressive achievement by any measure. But it still comes in second to Kelly Moran's childhood dream of being a professional pilot.

When she was three, Kelly's parents took her to an airshow. At that moment, a pilot was born. She says, "From then on, every time I saw a plane in the sky I watched until it was out of view. And I thought, 'I'll be a pilot some day." However, a lifetime of type 1 diabetes stood between her and a medical certificate.

So Kelly settled for getting as close to a cockpit as she could, flying vicariously through the pages of FLYING Magazine. But she never lost her determination to become a pilot. Surely, someone with the smarts to become an aerospace engineer could find a way around the FAA's unforgiving medical standards.

#### Where there's a will, there's an LSA.

The solution came when Kelly read an article in FLYING about a new category called Light Sport Aircraft and a rating that would let her fly without a medical certificate. She had only one reaction: "Perfect! Let's go!"

She found a flight school with a Remos Light Sport Aircraft. Two quick months later, Kelly flew off as a Sport Pilot. Next on her to-do list was her own airplane. Kelly says, "I had fallen in love with the Remos while training. It's just so much fun." She and a friend bought a new Remos GX, which they promptly turned into what is certainly the world's only Remos in warbird dress.

Kelly flies at least once a week, often taking family and friends on sightseeing tours or to dinner. She does some serious cross-country flying, too, sometimes 300 miles or more.

She intends to get her medical one day. "But I'm going to be extremely careful because I would be devastated if I couldn't fly anymore. I'd love to be an aerobatic performer."

#### Don't just keep up, get ahead.

Kelly is a typical FLYING reader. Just like Kelly, 74% of student pilots read FLYING. So do 82% of pilots who train to fly more sophisticated aircraft. She is part of a new generation of pilots who read the magazine that started it all and is still reaching for what's next.

If you want to reach the majority of active pilots, from students to veterans, turn to the magazine they all trust to show them where they're going from here: FLYING.



# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PATRICIA LUEBKE

### SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING SHOULD BE EASY

need a vacation. How about you? At this time of year, my thoughts turn back to my childhood and that last day of school. Was there anything more sublime than that last day? I remember

counting down the days; some years we had to make up for snow days which was a good ear-

ly lesson in "actions have consequences." The bill for that January morning where it was so

Men who took annual

vacations reduced

their risk of premature

death by 20 percent.

delicious to stay in bed and then go play in the snow comes due in June with an extra day tacked on. Back then, I remember summer stretching before me in endless weeks. Back then, it seemed as if summer lasted forever.

Not so much these days. Professionally, July flies by with the run up to EAA AirVenture and the countless details it

takes to exhibit at such a large show. Once I'm home from Oshkosh, it always seems as if the summer is almost over. Where does the time go?

Unless I make a specific plan to have a summer vacation, it won't happen. I'm not the type to spontaneously take off, even for a weekend. But there's the quandary. After months of work and

travel, I just want to relax. With no specific destination calling me, it's difficult to decide where to go, when to go and with whom.

Doing some quick online research, I learned that there are a whole bunch of good reasons to take a vacation—ranging from strengthening your relationships, becoming less depressed, tense and tired, to flat-out living longer. Yes, a survey by the State University of New York found that men who took annual vacations reduced their risk of premature death by 20 percent. And those men who didn't take vacation didn't fare well. They had the highest incidence of heart disease and death.

And so it was that I was happy to field a suggestion from a college friend that she and I, and another college friend, rent a house in the Outer Banks for a week this summer. I've traveled with these two women before, and we are totally in synch with each other's habits, routines and peculiarities. Plus we have a rule of no exerting pressure to participate in anything. If you want to sit and read a book by yourself, fine. If you want to go skydiving, fine.

I've never been to the Outer Banks, not even to Kill Devil Hill (aka Kitty Hawk). For someone who has made her career in aviation, that is an experience I need to have and so I immediately said yes and we started searching for that perfect rental house online. My only condition was that the house be right on the beach. I wanted to be able to throw a stone

from the back deck into the water. I didn't want "short walk to beach access" or "beach nearby." I want to see, hear and smell the ocean. For me, one of life's great pleasures is to fall asleep with a breeze coming through an open window to the sound of the surf.

We found an ideal house, but at \$3,000 for the week, it was

at the very high end of our budget. However I noticed that the same house that rents for \$3,000 a week in July drops to \$1,000 a week on September 1. I thought it was because summer is over and kids go back to school, but one of my friends said, "hurricanes."

Now that gave me pause. I've seen the TV news films of sad families packing

up their cars, cutting short their beach vacations, and heading inland. It could happen. What are the chances of a hurricane hitting the Outer Banks the first week in September?

I decided to consult the person I know who knows the most about weather: Richard Collins, general aviation icon, who has written countless articles and entire books about aviation weather. He could tell me the odds and advise me. And he did. Richard told me to go for it. Not entirely convinced I sought second opinions from two fellows who know a whole lot about weather—EAA Director of Publications Mac McClellan and Sporty's Founder and Chairman Hal Shevers. Each agreed with Richard's assessment, although Mac pointed out that if a hurricane is coming, he would recommend evacuation. Gee, thanks for that tip.

And so the deposit was sent for our beach house and we're set. One of the other benefits of vacation is that you take time to play. I think I'll do just that—I'll play in the surf, hunt for shells and maybe even build a sand castle or two. So how about you? Make some plans, however humble or budget-constrained, just to give yourself a change of scenery and time to play. You need a vacation as well, and please think good weather thoughts for me for the first week in September.

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# THE JUGGLING ACT JO DAMATO

### BUSINESS AVIATION AND A STORM NAMED SANDY

s working parents in aviation we expect to miss some of the milestone days. In October, I knew I was going to be away from my oldest on his birthday for the first time ever and I would

still be gone over Halloween too. I had known this for a long time since it was the same week as the NBAA Annual Meeting & Convention and the schedule for 2012 had been

published years in advance. As the event finally approached, I had let go of the guilt of traveling and took the "it's just a day" approach. With the business of planning all of this and preparing to be away for eight days I paid little attention to the weather forecast and something that was brewing by the name of "Sandy." I was focused on packing, and present-wrapping, and list making for the hubby in my absence. Then, the day before I was supposed to leave for Orlando, I got a call from my cousin, a meteorologist at NOAA, who said that I should consider staying home with my family in our New Jersey town.

I listened and stayed home. We moved into standard storm prep mode that consumed the rest of the weekend with Sandy making landfall on my son's birthday. We helped our neighbors prepare and I found time to get a birthday cake since school was cancelled and my eight-year-old would now not only have his mom home on his birthday but would also have no school for the next three days. What more could a kid ask for?

The storm came and went. We thankfully survived without damage to our home although it took a full day to clear all of the large branches that had fallen all over our yard and the street. We had power while many of the neighboring developments had none. By Wednesday though a new reality was taking place on the TV news. We were learning more about the widespread devastation only an hour from our home. People being rescued by boats from their upstairs windows, the ocean taking over entire coastal towns, a roller-coaster being swept out to sea. Shelters were full in both our county and the neighboring ones. People didn't have basic toiletry items, safe drinking water, or formula and diapers for babies. And, the weather was cold since we were now in November. That's about the time that I realized that my staying home from the NBAA Convention was meant to be. I was local. I had escaped devastation. But I had the resources of the business aviation army ready and willing to aid where needed ASAP. And I knew people affected who knew where the specific needs were.

First I received calls from colleagues in Orlando at the Convention Center who knew I had co-founded a charity in 2010, Sky Hope Network, with the mission of using business avia-

tion resources to help those in need. These people were all calling me to ask if they could walk over to wherever I was at the Convention to talk about some needs in New Jersey. Imagine their surprise when I told them I wasn't in Orlando because I was in my home in New Jersey. So I started making calls on their behalf. I checked into the operating status of the local airports such as RJ Miller Airpark in Toms River, New Jersey, one of the hardest hit areas near me. I contacted some of my Facebook friends who lived in some of the devastated areas and asked what they needed. What could business aviation do to help? I also was contacted by Marianne Stevenson and Doug Schultz who co-founded Aerobridge, another business aviation relief organization, who were taking the lead on getting supplies into New Jersey and New York via airplane and tractor-trailer. Aerobridge's efforts were nothing short of amazing on all fronts.

Almost immediately, specific needs were being met quickly with business aviation resources through Aerobridge and through NBAA's members. I posted those needs I was aware of on NBAA's member-only listserv. I worked with FBOs at MMU, TEB, and TTN to set up collection areas where airplanes flying in with passengers could also drop off donated clothes, food, bottled water, diapers and anything that was on the donation lists I posted. From there local members of the business aviation community ensured that the donations got into their own towns, their families' towns and shelters where the needs were the greatest and where FEMA had not yet responded. I have a few favorite stories that demonstrate the best of what I witnessed over the course of that week and the next

On that Thursday I posted to the NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers (S&D) message board asking for NBAA members to consider participating in the relief effort. Later that night I got an email from Howard Moses, managing partner of Blue Star Jets, who had asked his local FBO to establish a collection area for supplies. Kathy Dawson, at Ronson Aviation at New Jersey's Trenton Mercer Airport (TTN), quickly agreed. Meanwhile, Patti Squire at LR Services based at ABE, and local volunteers including Sandra Sabatini, sales executive with World Fuel Services and April Honnen, director of char-

ter sales at East Coast Jets filled Patti's Beechjet 400 with supplies to take to TTN. The aircraft arrived at TTN on November 5 where a local charity group, Youth Advocate Programs, helped to get the donations—which included three pallets of MREs—directly to where they were needed in Atlantic and Ocean counties.

Also that weekend, my posts on the message board prompted NBAA member C&S Wholesale Grocers to donate not only

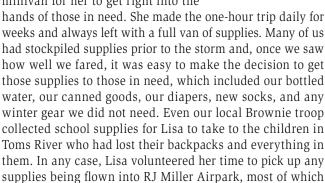
600 pounds of medical supplies and first aid items to go to a local food bank but also they flew the supplies to Teterboro airport on their Challenger 600 and the supplies were accompanied by C&S Wholesale Chairman and CEO Rick Cohen and his wife Jan. When I learned these supplies were



coming in I contacted Corinne Ruff, a mom, Delta pilot, and Long Beach Island resident directly affected by Superstorm Sandy who was able to coordinate the pickup of these supplies. The Cohens also helped Corinne's volunteers load a truck to carry the supplies to a food bank in Neptune, New Jersey. Corinne Ruff and her local friends made more than a few trips to Morristown, Teterboro, and RJ Miller Airpark to get supplies to those in need, even as they and their families were also directly affected by the storm.

The final story I want to share goes beyond the reach of

business aviation and into my local community. A friend and neighbor of mine, Lisa Gonzalez, is a mom to three boys under the age of six, a fultime middle school teacher, and is from Toms River, New Jersey, where most of her family and friends were directly impacted. In her "spare time" Lisa was bringing our neighborhoods together in directly contributing donations from our households into her minivan for her to get right into the



were coordinated by Aerobridge. Each time Lisa took her fiveyear-old son with her and eventually her other kids and her young nieces and nephews. These kids would sit on the ramp in wonder as they watched airplanes land and taxi over to them and then they would help to unload the supplies into Lisa's van. Can you imagine the impression that the positive exposure to aviation and helping their fellow man left on them? I think we might have more than a few local kids dreaming of piloting their own aircraft one day.

So, yes, I stayed home from my employer's biggest annual event. And, yes, I technically was here for my son's eighth birthday and for the Halloween, but mostly I stayed home from my favorite professional aviation event to end up working anyway with the best aviation professionals our industry has to offer and making an immediate difference in our state. I think the lesson I learned here is that working parents have to honor their personal and professional commitments whenever possible but we should not be in a position where making a

choice towards the personal results in such stress about not choosing the professional. I'm a mom before anything else. I am fortunate I work for an employer and have a boss who understands that



being a parent will always come before my being an employee when safety or well-being of mine are at risk and he knows I would never take advantage of that. I also was thrilled that my faith in my fellow man and in the good people in the aviation

industry was reinforced through this experience. People answered the call to help from as far as California and Arizona with NBAA members loading tractor-trailers bound to New Jersey brimming with donations. Airplanes came in from all over the U.S. dropping supplies at the FBOs that were then picked up by our local aviation families who knew how to get them to those in need. I even had two anonymous donors contact me asking me to

help them find Sandy-impacted aviation families in need that they could directly help with monetary assistance. As aviation professionals, be proud of the humanitarian capabilities of your industry and remember that when there are those in need the solution might be as close as your airplane. P.S. New Jersey will rebuild so consider a trip to the real Jersey Shore one of these summer days. We can guarantee you'll make memories to last a lifetime.

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# FINANCIAL TIMES SHERRY PARSHLEY PhD

#### **ADJUSTING YOUR** FINANCIAL FLIGHT PLAN

good pilot knows that a flight plan is necessary for a successful flight. Thinking along that path, a plan is also needed for your financial future. Your flight plan and financial plan need

to be adjusted for those unexpected headwinds or tailwinds. There are several new developments this year related to taxes, health care, education debt and upcoming FAA legislation that

The Airline Safety and

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may put a headwind or tailwind in your financial plan.

First, let's look at some changes in the tax laws. You may have noticed that your paycheck got a little smaller this year.

The Social Security payroll taxes returned to 6.2% after a "holiday" in 2011 and 2012. For the past two years, the employee portion of the social security tax was reduced to 4.2%. Self-employed persons also received the same reduction from 12.4% to 10.4%. Think of this change as being like the unexpected headwind. You cannot change it, but you need to adjust your spending so that you still spend within your means.

Many of the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (i.e. health care reform) do not go into effect until 2014. But one that may affect you this year is a new limit on the amount employees can contribute to tax-free flexible spending accounts for medical expenses. These plans allow employees to put money aside from their paychecks to pay for out-of-pocket health care costs.

For 2013, the limit is \$2,500 and indexed for inflation thereafter. Prior to 2013, there were no legal limits to the

amounts you could contribute, although some employers imposed limitations. These accounts presently remain "use-it-orlose-it," meaning that you cannot roll those funds over to another year if unused. So you need to make sure you do not put more funds in the account than you will need for eligible expenses for this calendar year.

Another development related to health care reform is the employer mandate that goes into effect in 2014. A business that employs an average of at least 50 full-time employees during the preceding calendar year is subject to the requirement to offer health care coverage. What this means for 2013 is that many small businesses may hire more independent contractors rather than employees, or even reduce their workforce to be under the limit. There are, however, special Internal Revenue Ser-

> which are beyond the scope of this column. Many of us in aviation either work for or own small businesses so need to be aware that there may be incentives to reduce payrolls below this 50-person head count to avoid meeting these requirements. The positive outcome, however, could be that more part-time work could become available.

> There is some good news related to education debt. A new federal program should make it easier for recent graduates to keep their loan payments more manageable. We have discussed the current program, the Income Based Repayment program (IBR) in a previous column (see Aviation for Women Nov/Dec 2009 issue, p. 45). The new option, known as Pay as Your Earn Repayment Plan (PAYE) lets eligible borrowers lower their monthly loan payments and qualify for loan forgiveness faster than the existing Income Based Repayment program.

> Pay as You Earn limits student-loan payments to 10% of discretionary in-

come as defined by government formulas. Borrowers who make regular payments could have the remaining unpaid amounts forgiven after 20 years.

Monthly payments can be adjusted each year based on the borrower's income and size of their family. The new program is more generous than the previous IBR program, launched in 2009. IBR caps loan payments at 15% of discretionary income and borrowers can have unpaid amounts forgiven after 25 years. Under both programs, borrowers with public-service jobs may qualify for loan forgiveness after just 10 years.

Pay as You Earn is available only to borrowers with federal direct student loans. If you have other types of federal student

vice rules for classifying workers as independent contractors,

loans, you can consolidate existing federal student loans into a direct loan to take advantage of the program.

Eligibility is based on borrowers who took out their first federal student loan after September 30, 2007 and received at least one federal student loan after September 30, 2011. Much like the IBR program, eligibility is also based on the size of your debt, discretionary income and family size.

To remain in the program, borrowers must provide their loan servicer with updated information about their income and family size. A couple of caveats—under current federal rules, many borrowers will be taxed on the amount of the debt that is forgiven, which can re-

sult in a substantial tax bill. Debt forgiven under the public service loan forgiveness program is currently tax-free.

On the aviation legislation side, there is a new challenge. As of August this year, the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010 will require that every pilot flying for a commercial airline must hold an Airline Transport Certificate (ATP) rather than a mere commercial pilot certificate (the regulation today). This effectively raises the flight hours needed to obtain an entry airline position from the present limit of 250 hours to 1,500 hours, beginning at 00:01 AM on

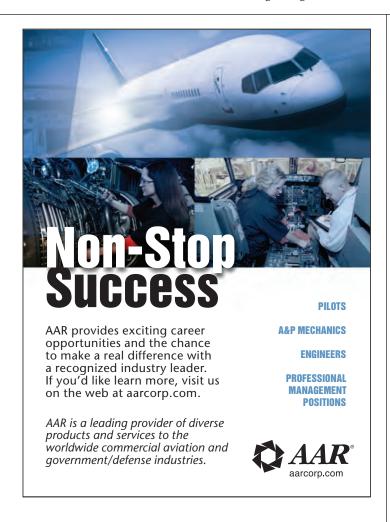
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August 3, 2013. This means that aspiring airline pilots will need to spend more time collecting experience and adding to their flight hours before an airline will be able to consider them.

How will they do it? By flight instructing or flying for non-scheduled service providers, such as freight companies or charter operations. The obvious implications are that it will take longer to obtain an airline pilot position. The new rule also means that flight schools, charter operations and freight haulers will be able to hold on to pilots a bit longer. Predictions are that we are facing a shortage of airline pilots in the future, which may mean that once you land that job, you could ob-

tain seniority more rapidly, leading to greater pay. We'll leave that topic for a future column.

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# IN OUR OWN WORDS

#### A TRUE INSPIRATION

ometimes in your life someone just touches you deeply. My friend Yukiko Tanakadate Howell, with whom I shared many a WAI event, was like that. Born in Tokyo, Japan, on April 23, 1948, she mar-

ried, moved to America, raised two children, became a U.S. citizen, learned to fly, taught high school math and science, and became widely known for her dedication to mentoring young

people. She passed away, surrounded by loved ones, at Providence Hospital in Everett, Washington, on February 8, 2013. Her life was entirely too short but her legacy will endure for generations. She will long be appreciated by the young people she mentored, as well as by the many friends she inspired to join in those efforts.

I met Yukiko soon after I arrived in Seattle, and she became one of my best friends. She was the sweetest, kindest, most compassionate, and most humble person I have ever known. She had a brilliant scientific mind, but she also loved the arts. She was an accomplished violinist, painter, and photographer. Yukiko taught math, science, and Japanese language for many years at Annie Wright School, a private school in Tacoma, Washington. After she obtained her private pilot certificate in 1998, Yukiko taught weekly aviation lessons at her school, including the basics of flying.

She advocated aviation in her school lessons, emphasizing math and science proficiency as a means to achieve an exciting aviation career. She used her own flight training and flight experience to motivate her students, and she enlisted the help of aviation colleagues to complement her own experience. As a result, some of her students have chosen aviation as their career and are already active in the profession.

At Annie Wright School, Yukiko created a four-day aviation program to introduce students to a variety of aviation careers, not only piloting commercially but other fields such as military programs, engineer, flight instructor, business aviation, maintenance and flight controller. All of her students experienced an introductory flight. She took her students to the Boeing simulators where they experienced simulated flying in the Boeing 737, 767, and 777, until repercussions following 9/11 prevented their further use. She continued this program at Annie Wright until three years after her retirement, when other teachers took over the program.

Shortly after she purchased a Cessna 172, Yukiko joined The Ninety-Nines and Women in Aviation, International. She was a pilot for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles Program, which has given thousands of young people free flights in private airplanes as a means to introduce them to aviation.

Yukiko was also a member of the Bremerton Pilots Association, which sponsors two major programs in which she was active. First, she served as a member of their scholarship committee. Second, she participated in their annual Blackberry Fly-In, a huge event which has been held during Labor Day weekend, with the cooperation of Port of Bremerton, for about 15 years. On each Fly-In day, she set up a WAI booth to educate the public about the significant participation of women in aviation careers.

It was an honor to volunteer with Yukiko at the annual International Women in Aviation Conferences; with our local WAI Washington State Chapter scholarship committee and at our education/outreach events; at Sally Ride Science Festivals; and on the Museum of Flight Women Fly planning committee. Her strength being Aviation Education, she had happily volunteered in 2001 to be a member of Educators Leadership Advisory Board (ELAB), formerly the Teachers Advisory Board (TAB), at the Museum of Flight.

Yukiko was a volunteer at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. It was at the Family STEM night at The Future of Flight museum in Everett on February 6th that she experienced the stroke that took her life two days later. She was doing something she loved, and with people who loved her, when she was taken from us too soon.

At the time of her passing, Yukiko was still actively flying as a pilot. Her most recent endeavor was pursuing proficiency training in the Piper J4 Cub.

Flying was literally in Yukiko's blood. Although she loved her adopted country, she also was very proud of her maternal uncle, Nobuo Konishi. He was an Imperial Navy fighter pilot who flew the Zero in World War II and perished in the Rendova Island Campaign at the very young age of 19.

Yukiko embodied the quality most desired by anyone interested in the future of America—the ability to inspire young people to pursue technical career fields. I am thankful she shared her considerable talents with her adopted country.

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