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December 2023 WAI Chair's Challenge



Captain Deborah Hecker, WAI Board Chair

As the current WAI Board Chair and a Lifetime Member of Women in Aviation International, I have received many gifts over my 27 years as a member. I've made lifelong friends through WAI. I've benefitted as a recipient of a WAI scholarship, which helped me on my way to a rewarding career with American Airlines. I've found my work as a WAI volunteer board member to be incredibly rewarding. I am proud to help lead the largest organization in the world dedicated to increasing the number of women involved in all aspects of aviation and aerospace.

I believe it's critical for those of us who value our WAI membership and who have benefited in so many ways to give back. That's why I am offering a match challenge called the **WAI Chair's Challenge**. From now till the end of the year, I'll match dollar-for-dollar every donation you make up to \$10,000. In this way, you can double your support of this wonderful organization that gives so much to us, its members.

Here's how you can participate in the WAI Chair's Challenge campaign:

Make a Donation: Visit our website at www.WAI.org/donate to contribute to WAI. I will match every dollar you donate between now and December 31 up to \$10,000, effectively doubling the impact of your gift. Your gift of any amount is appreciated.

- **Spread the Word:** Help us reach our goal by sharing this exciting opportunity with your friends, family, and colleagues. Encourage them to join you in supporting WAI during this special match campaign.
- **Follow Our Progress:** Stay updated on our progress toward the \$10,000 goal by following us on social media. Over the next four weeks, we'll be sharing stories of the impact your donations are making in real-time.

By participating in this match campaign, you are not only supporting WAI, but you are also inspiring others to do the same. Together, we can create lasting change and build a brighter future for all women in aviation and aerospace.

I invite you to be a part of this opportunity to double your support, and I'm excited to see the collective impact we can achieve. I look forward to celebrating the success of this match campaign with you and all the members of WAI.

With sincere thanks,

Capt. Deborah Hecker, WAI Board Chair

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Harvard Emerging Leaders Applications Due December 31!

Applications for the *Women in Leadership: A Program for Emerging Leaders* course, a three-day, on-campus professional development program hosted by WAI at Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts will be offered for the second year! The intensive, three-day program will be held May 7-9, 2024, with a follow-up virtual leadership coaching session to be scheduled in June 2024.

The application deadline is **December 31, 2023, by 11:59 p.m. EST.** Rising women leaders in the aviation and aerospace industry are encouraged to apply to this course to further their career goals and leadership skills.

Questions? Need more information? Email scholarships@wai.org.



Harvard University's campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts

Note, that this program is not designed for entry-level nor executive-level women. This course is designed to give mid-career WAI members the skills needed to rise to the C-Suite. No more than 30 WAI members will be chosen to participate and receive funding support that will include program fees, hotel, meals, and a stipend for airfare.

Those selected to attend will be notified by January 31, 2024.



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Join the Fun in Orlando Next Year!

Where can you best connect, engage, inspire with thousands of WAI members and friends? The answer is at the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Orlando, Florida, March 21-23, 2024.

[Save and register early](#) by February 13,

2024, and start planning your trip to our annual three-day gathering. More than 100 companies have already registered to exhibit. Learn more about all the exhibiting options and pricing [here](#).



You can also book your hotel rooms at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Group rates start at \$242 and are available through January 26, 2024, or until sold out. On-site parking is available for \$22 per day/entry. Valet parking is available for \$35 per day/entry.

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Join thousands of WAI members and friends at the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 21-23, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

Please note the the Orlando World Center Marriott is a cash free facility.



Register to Attend WAI2024

Register to Exhibit at WAI2024

Congrats to the 2024 Pioneer Hall of Fame Inductees!



WAI will honor the 2024 Pioneer Hall of Fame inductees (L to R) Katherine Johnson, U.S. Air Force First Undergraduate Navigator Class 78-01, U.S. Army Air Force World War II Flight Nurses during WAI2024. Learn more about these trailblazing women [here](#).



Chapter News

Officers and leaders from all WAI chapters are welcome to participate in our monthly webinar to give you the best resources to help Women in Aviation International chapters grow and succeed. Watch the Chapter Leader Facebook page, the WAI Connect newsletter, and the [WAI Chapter Resources page](#) for registration links monthly.

Please register for this month's Chapter Leadership Connect webinar!
December 15, 2023 - (1-2 p.m. EST)

Topic: I'm Willing to Share This With You: Effective Delegation

[Register here.](#)

Note: You must be a current WAI member to attend.

Thinking about starting a WAI Chapter? Have questions about WAI Chapters? [Email Jessi Rowden](#), WAI chapter relations manager!



As chapters work across geographic distances, understanding the principles of effective delegation can positively impact both productivity and volunteer satisfaction. Join this month's Chapter Leadership Connect on December 15, 2023, at 1 p.m. EST. Register to attend [here](#).

Nominate a Chapter Volunteer!

Do you know of a chapter member who has excelled in her/his duties during 2023 to support a WAI chapter?

Submit your nomination for the Dorothy Hilbert Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award [here](#) by February 1, 2024. Questions? [Email Jessi Rowden](#).



(L to R) Jessi Rowden, WAI manager of chapter relations, presented the 2022 WAI Dorothy Hilbert Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award to Mina Carlson, treasurer of the WAI Stars of the North Chapter.




Season of Giving

The holiday season is a time of reflection, gratitude, and generosity. It's a fitting period to give back to our Women in Aviation International community and support our work to increase the number of women involved in all aspects of aviation and aerospace. Your year-end contributions help us plan for the upcoming year so that we can continue to provide support to our 17,000 members worldwide. Here are just a few ways you can support WAI.

<p>1. Online Donations: Visit the WAI website and make a secure online donation. Your contribution directly supports programs like Girls in Aviation Day, Mentor Connect, and all our professional development education programs.</p> <p>2. WAI Giving Circle: For just \$100 a month, you can join the WAI Giving Circle. This sustained support provides a steady foundation for WAI's initiatives.</p> <p>3. Corporate Matching: Check if your employer offers a matching gift program. This can amplify the impact of your donation.</p> <p>4. Legacy Gifts: Consider including WAI in your estate planning. Leave a lasting legacy that supports women in aviation for generations to come.</p>	<p>5. Corporate Support: Encourage your company to become a corporate member or sponsor. They'll gain visibility while supporting WAI's mission.</p> <p>6. Stock or Securities: Make a gift of appreciated stocks or securities, potentially providing tax benefits while supporting WAI.</p> <p>7. Tribute Gifts: Make a donation in honor of someone special, celebrating their love for aviation and supporting WAI's mission.</p>
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As we approach the year-end, we invite you to stand with us. Your donation, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on the lives of women in aviation and aerospace around the world.

*With heartfelt thanks,
The WAI Board and Staff*



Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
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- **Enterprise and National Rental-A-Car:** special discount rates with promotion code
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*"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."
- Edith Wharton*



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