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Thank You for Supporting WAI!

WAI's Chair's Challenge has been a huge success! We surpassed our goal and raised \$32,000 before the end of 2023. We are grateful to WAI's Board Chair Captain Deborah Hecker and everyone who rose to her challenge. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on your donations to help us increase the number of women who are involved in all areas of aviation and aerospace. But we can't stop there.

Did you know many companies offer a matching gift program to encourage giving among their employees? And some companies also match gifts from spouses, retirees, and part-time employees.

When you make a donation to WAI, your company can double or even triple the value of your generous gift in a matter of minutes. Women in Aviation International's employer matching gift program provides an easy way to increase the impact of your donation through corporate matching gifts.

Want to know if your company will match your gift to WAI? Use our [Matching Gift search tool](#) to find out.

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In Appreciation of Deb Baugh

Former WAI Board Member **Deb Baugh** completed her board term recently, and our current chair Captain Deborah Hecker met with her recently to present a gift of appreciation for her long years of service. With member number 583, she has been an active contributor to the WAI mission and members for decades.

Deb started the WAI Music City Chapter in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2016, and continues to lead and organize multiple events including Girls in Aviation Day in her local community.

She served on the WAI Board of Directors for multiple terms as our treasurer—guiding the financial strength of our organization. While



Deb Baugh (L) receives a special tribute from

Deb officially retired from her board position in March 2023, she continues to serve on WAI's financial committee. All of us at WAI extend our sincere thanks to Deb Baugh.

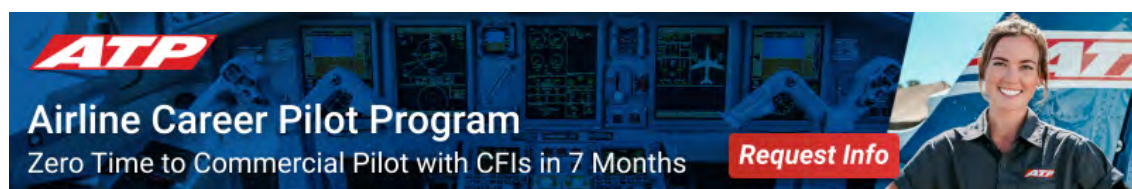


Celebrate National Mentoring Month in January

We know that having a mentor to guide you through your career in aviation is critical to retaining women working in our field. We also know that being a mentor is one of the most rewarding ways you can give back to your community.

Are you a member of WAI Mentor Connect or do you want to find out more about this exclusive program for WAI Members? Join the team at Guider, WAI staff, mentors, and mentees to learn about all the resources and tools available during the first of three special hour-long webinars beginning on January 23 from 11-noon (US) ET. [Register here for free.](#)

Join almost 600 other WAI members today who are putting their WAI membership to work by being a part of WAI Mentor Connect - [register for Mentor Connect here.](#)



Your Place to Connect, Engage, Inspire

Start your 2024 by planning your attendance at the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Orlando, Florida, March 21-23, 2024.

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!
January 26, 2024 - (1-2 p.m. EST)

Topic: Planning Your 2024 Chapter Calendar

[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!



Ignite your chapter's goals, objectives, tools, and volunteers for 2024, and ensure that your events provide meaningful member experiences and engagement. Join this month's Chapter Leadership Connect on January 26, 2024, at 1 p.m. EST. Register to attend [here](#).

Invest in a Student

Each year there are college students who need financial help to attend the conference. Sponsor a student for \$200 when registering for the conference. Your support will provide a memorable experience to a deserving student.

Are you a student looking for a WAI2024 conference sponsorship? [Fill out this form](#) and submit by **January 12, 2024**. Questions? Contact [Donna Wallace](#) at dwallace@wai.org.



[Meet Amanda Dischinger](#), WAI 102906, and listen to her 2023 conference experience in Long Beach, California, as a student sponsored WAI member.

Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! When you join Was, you'll have access to exclusive discount programs and benefits, including many diverse benefits, available only to our valued members.

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
- **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees

Enterprise and National Rental-A-Car: special discount rates with promotion code

General Aviation News subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription

- **King Schools:** free package of 5 King courses focused on Risk Management and 20% discount on all King Schools courses
- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
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Ordering:
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After this date, conference merchandise can be purchased at the WAI Store during show hours
Pick-Up pre-orders at WAI Store: March 21-23, 2024 during show hours

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- Melinda Gates

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