



# WAI Connect

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## **All New WAI Mentor Connect Program Launches Today!**

WAI membership surveys indicate there are two things that consistently rank at the top of the list of reasons people join WAI— to give back/or forward to the next generation of aviation/aerospace professional, and to take advantage of mentorship opportunities with other WAI members.

Timing, funding, and technology have come together this summer to allow WAI to develop an all new [WAI Mentor Connect program](#) that will speak directly to those two priorities of our WAI members.

This new program is available to all current WAI members and will kick off today on the Guider platform. The all new WAI Mentor Connect program is available to all current WAI members, to either be a WAI mentor, or get a WAI mentor—or both. The WAI Mentor Connect program will recommend mentor-mentee matches, or allow members to make the matches themselves. Through the



Mentor Connect platform, mentoring-partners will set goals, set up meetings (virtual or in person), and track their progress together. There is a helpful learning library to help members establish an effective bio, be a good WAI mentor or mentee, share lessons for successful mentoring experiences, ask good questions, stay organized, and reflect on the mentoring journey.

So, if you're looking for an opportunity to give back, to pay it forward, to help another WAI member realize their dreams, become a WAI mentor today. If you could benefit from a dedicated and knowledgeable WAI mentor, a life-changing opportunity is just a click away. Do both—be a WAI mentor, or get a WAI mentor and join our webinars listed below for all the details.



*Join the all new WAI Mentor Connect program and take advantage of this life-changing opportunity exclusively for WAI Members.*



WAI MENTOR  
CONNECT

# Mentor Kick-Off

1 June 2023 | 11:00 a.m. (US) ET

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WAI MENTOR  
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# Mentee Kick-Off

15 June 2023 | 11:00 a.m. (US) ET

**PSA**  
AIRLINES

APPLY TODAY  
**PILOT**

+ Sign-on bonus up to \$100,000  
through September 30

## Join Us for Breakfast at OSH2023!

WAI members and friends attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this summer, July 24-30, can take advantage of all the WomenVenture events during the week. Wednesday, July 26, will kick off with the WAI Connect Breakfast at 8 a.m., sponsored by Avemco and United Airlines. The breakfast, featuring Royal Shoen, will be held at the Paul H. Poberezny Center (PHP Tent) located just outside the admission gate.

Advance tickets can be purchased online for \$18 until July 21, and \$20 at the WAI booth, Hangar B-2041. [Click here to purchase your ticket to the WAI Connect Breakfast!](#)



*During the WAI Connect Breakfast, meet Royal Shoen, WAI 65011, aircraft owner and pilot with a passion for general aviation.*



## Girls in Aviation Day Planning Begins!

WAI Chapters and Corporate members are encouraged to use [all the available WAI resources](#) to help you organize an amazing learning experience for girls, ages 8-18. [Register your Girls in Aviation Day event here.](#)

The official date for the 9th Annual Girls in Aviation Day is Saturday, September 23, 2023. Some events will take place before or after depending on the schedules of your local community.

Use the [new Girls in Aviation Day Host Kit](#) featuring examples of hands-on activities, permission forms, volunteer guidelines, activity kit orders, and much more. As a reminder, all GIAD merchandise and activity kits can be ordered through the [WAI Chapter Store](#).



Kenya Chapter  
Nairobi, Kenya

*To ensure timely delivery, orders for international and events prior to September 23 are due by July 21. Orders for U.S. events on or after September 23 are due August 1.*



## 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

[Resources page](#) for registration links monthly.

Please register for this month's Chapter Leadership Connect webinar!  
June 16, 2023 - (1 p.m. EDT)  
Topic: Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork: Effective Team Leadership  
[Register here.](#)

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



Learn how to use teamwork to make the dreamwork during the June 16, 2023, Chapter Leadership Connect. Register to attend [here](#).



## Upcoming Events

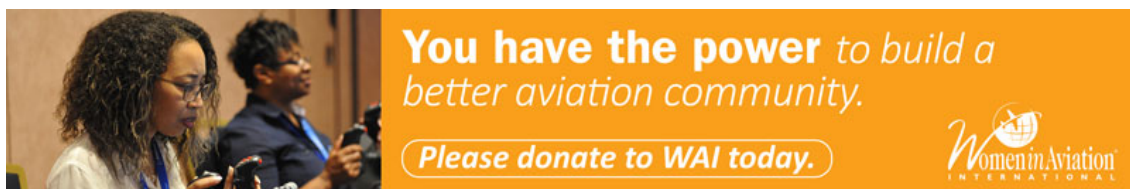
The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. Events marked with \* are WAI events that we sponsor, exhibit, or partner.

Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? [Email Rorie Ainbinder, Chapter Relations Specialist](#), to sign up.

### 2023

\*July 26 - [WAI Connect Breakfast](#) at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 24-30, [www.EAA.org](http://www.EAA.org)

August 9-11 - Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP), 47th Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, [www.OBAP.org](http://www.OBAP.org)



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 valued members.

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*"But dreams do not come true just because you dream them. It's hard work that makes things happen. It's hard work that creates change."  
- Shonda Rhimes*

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