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Women in Aviation
Conference

The Daily



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Let's Get This Party Started

Are you ready to change your life? Recharge your batteries? Make new friends? See old friends? Ready to Connect, Engage, and Inspire? We are for sure, and, after more than a year's worth of planning, we're set to go. You'll enjoy a roster of motivating speakers, an exhibit hall packed with companies and organizations who want to meet you and dozens of education seminars to educate and inform. Round that out with meal events, social gatherings, and impromptu get-togethers and you've got a full three days ahead.

If you are a repeat attendee, welcome back. We're glad you're here. If you are a first-timer, you will be able to experience for yourself what all the talk is about. We are often told that attending a WAI conference can be life changing. New people, new learning experience, new contacts, new life strategies—new jobs? They are all possibilities here.

We've set the stage for all of this change to happen, and the rest is up to you. What you take home is a result of what you put in to your activity over the next few days. Study your conference guide, confer with the WAI conference app to make sure you take advantage of all the opportunities here. One other bit of advice: consider donating an hour or two of your time as a volunteer. It's a great way to meet new friends and become more than just an attendee.

This is not a time to be shy. Introduce yourself to people, ask questions, listen, and step out of your comfort zone. There are literally thousands of fascinating women and men here with lifetimes of experience to share. Take advantage of everything. Here's to a great conference for all of us!



CHRISTOPHER MILLER



Spread the Word!

Help share the excitement of attending a Women in Aviation Conference by using the hashtag **#WAI17** and **#IamWAI** on social media.



ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY

New Members Coffee
DURANGO 1
10-10:45 a.m.

By invitation; ticket required.

WAI Membership Meeting
FIESTA 6
11 a.m.-Noon

Open to all WAI members; come and learn what's new at WAI.

Exhibit Hall Opening Ceremony
IN THE LOBBY OF THE VERACRUZ EXHIBIT HALL
12:50 p.m.

Exhibit Hall open
VERACRUZ EXHIBIT HALL
1-5 p.m.

Fundraise Like a Pro (for Chapters)
CORONADO G
2:30-4 p.m.

Presented by Lyndse Costabile

Networking 101 (for Students)
MONTERREY 1
4:30-6 p.m.

WAI Connect Reception and Birthday Party
CORONADO BALLROOM
6-7 p.m.

Ticket is required for the Opening Reception.

Hangar Dance
MONTERREY 1
8-10 p.m.
All are welcome.

PAT TAYLOR



Dr. Peggy Chabrian
WAI President and CEO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#WAI17 Is Good to Go!

We're ready. Are you? For the next few days, you'll enjoy a range of experiences—educational, inspirational, thought-provoking, and just plain fun. We've got a diverse line up of speakers for our general sessions and dozens of education sessions for every taste and interest. Our theme continues to be to Connect, Engage, Inspire, and that's what we hope to do.

My first welcome is to first-timers. We're glad you're here. We recognize for all our members that attending a conference most likely requires time juggling and often financial juggling too, so thanks for making the commitment. We think you won't be disappointed.

Welcome back to all our friends whose faces we see year after year. You are the lifeblood of the conference and make it happen. We appreciate your being here as well as your generous volunteering to keep the conference moving. We couldn't do it without you.

Here's a quick run through of what's in store. Gather tonight (Thursday) for our opening reception—lots of fun and refreshments and a chance to get to know your fellow attendees. Friday and Saturday begin with a general session with terrific speakers, followed by an afternoon each day of education sessions. In between are Friday's lunch, lots of meetings, social events all culminating in Saturday evening's closing banquet where we induct this year's women into our International Pioneer Hall of Fame. All conference long, we'll also be distributing thousands of dollars in scholarships.

We hope you're charged and ready to go—don't forget to use #WAI17 and #IamWAI on social media as you share this week. Enjoy the conference!

Conference 411

No more ticket exchanges!
At previous conferences, attendees were asked to exchange their tickets for a particular seat. That system has been eliminated for simplicity sake, so if you have a ticket for any event, you're good to go.

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You're Invited to a Birthday Party! Celebrate WASP Dawn Seymour's 100th birthday

At Thursday's Opening Reception, WAI will be celebrating WASP Dawn Seymour's 100th birthday (coming up in July 2017).

If you're attending the reception (ticket required), join us for rousing birthday wishes for a role model and pioneer. Dawn and her family will be on hand to blow out the candles at approximately 6:30 pm.

Make sure you sign Dawn's WAI birthday book which will be circulating at the event. You are free to write a birthday message to Dawn. If you don't get to the book at the reception, don't worry—the book will be available all conference long at the WAI Membership booth and presented to Dawn at the conclusion of the conference.

In addition, you can meet some of the WASP here this week during an education session on Friday 4:15-5:15 p.m. in **FIESTA 5**.

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A Hometown Welcome from the Central Florida Chapter

The Women in Aviation Central Florida Chapter 54 is delighted to welcome you to Orlando, the City Beautiful! This year's conference organizers have planned a robust agenda, and we are proud to be your host chapter.

Central Florida Chapter 54 was established in 2006 as the first Florida Chapter of WAI. We began with 12 professionals, and one student who is now on our board of directors. We have steadily picked up new members, and today we comprise over 30 women (and men) from all areas of the aviation industry: pilots, flight attendants, aircraft mechanics, airport managers, instructors, and educators from airlines, flight training



inside a stripped down B757 undergoing a C-Check, control aircraft in ATC simulators, operate fire engine booms, and much, much more.

Our members participate in numerous charity events, including the annual Run for the Angels 5K run and Special Olympics Plane Pulls. These outdoor events are very fulfilling, and a unique way to enjoy the natural beauty of Orlando. We hope to see you at the conference's first Fun Run/Walk on Saturday morning.

The Central Florida Chapter has always been active in our local community, with projects such as hand-painting the compass rose and airport designator at Orlando Executive Airport. We are especially proud that one of our members placed sixth in the 2016 Air Race Classic (and it was her first air race!). We have taken advantage of the diverse aviation community here in Orlando, with educational visits at JetBlue University and FlightSafety International, visits to the MCO ATC Tower and Central Florida TRACON, and a special behind-the-scenes day at Kennedy Space Center.

We also enjoy hosting joint events with our local EAA Orlando Chapter 74, and several local chapters of the Ninety-Nines. There is so much to offer to aviation enthusiasts here, so please do take advantage of the wonderful tours offered during this conference. We are proud to have Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a major sponsor of our chapter, and we encourage you to visit this world class institution. You will be amazed at all they offer.

So as Central Florida Chapter celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2017, we are especially excited about the agenda of this year's conference. You will have the opportunity to experience so many tours and events that have been the highlight of our last 10 years as a WAI Chapter. Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities, and be sure to explore all the wonderful things to do during your stay in the City of Orlando. Welcome to all!

—Members of WAI's Central Florida Chapter collaborated to present this welcome.

schools, TSA, FAA, Air Force, and airports, to name a few. It certainly pays to attend the workshop on "How to Start a WAI Chapter."

We are especially excited about the upcoming Girls in Aviation Day Orlando. We conducted our first major outreach in 2010, inviting 37 Girl Scouts to Orlando Executive Airport (MCO) to take part in an "Around the World" tour. We provided learning opportunities about airport operations and up close tours of a Falcon luxury jet, a news helicopter, and a Cessna 172. Central Florida Chapter has since hosted two Girls in Aviation Day events at MCO, offering the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council and the Boys and Girls Club of Orlando the chance to fire pyrotechnics for wildlife control, crawl

SPOLAR AVIATION PHOTOGRAPHY



AOPA Offers Free Seminar for Turbine Pilots "Get back to your roots" on Friday night

AOPA has initiated a new program—Back to Your Roots—specifically tailored to turbine pilots. Topics in the seminar include a review of airspace and VFR weather minimums, how to get a VFR weather briefing, using flight following, and a review of sectional charts. During the seminar's debut at this past year's National Business Aviation Association convention, VFR pattern entry was a hit, and so were communications at nontowered airports. A review of reading maintenance logs was another segment.

AOPA Director of Flight Training Initiative Chris Moser, who taught the seminar, said that almost everyone attending had been flying jets, turboprops, and helicopters under IFR. Moser said the attendees weren't knowledge-deficient about VFR flying, just "really rusty on how to do all the old VFR stuff."

This seminar is open to both WAI attendees and area pilots. No registration is necessary. The seminar will take place on Friday, March 3, from 6-9 p.m. in Fiesta 5.

Volunteering to Network

The first time I attended the International Women in Aviation Conference I certainly wasn't thinking about the ways the event could/would change my life. It was an event I'd heard good things about

PAULA GRUBB



Kelly (right) with chapter volunteer award winner Rose Dorcey.

and was excited to experience, but I figured I would simply return home having learned something and then continue on with my life and career. Instead, the conference became a standing appointment on my annual calendar, and the friends and contacts I've made have been life changing.

One of the best choices I made that first conference was to volunteer. I went to the press room

and offered my services, and they quickly put me to work sharing the stories of attendees. While this was the start of an impactful friendship with the WAI staff and volunteers working on *The*

Daily—and one that later led to the opportunity to work as WAI's Director of Communications—it also helped me meet women who have become wonderful friends over the years since our interviews.

This year marks my 12th conference. It's a little baffling to me still that I have made it here 12 consecutive times. Some of those times my employer paid my way, some of those times I scraped by—driving to the conference with a friend, staying in seedy hotels along the way, and packing food in my luggage so I could afford to eat while I was here. I've come as an attendee, as an exhibitor, as WAI staff, and this year will be returning as an exhibitor. It has all been worth it, and it seems that each of those years have had unexpected benefit to my life and career.

The key to my success in networking and enjoyment of the event? Being open to invitations and experiences. There is always something going on here—volunteer, attend the evening social gatherings, meet new people, and stay in touch. You just never know who might have a job lead or career development opportunity for you down the line.

And keep an open mind—this industry is diverse. I'm a private pilot and fly for fun. Commercial flying is not something I aspire to, but I still find amazing value at this conference. There are people in all careers and at all levels willing to reach out and offer advice—and friendship—if you're open to expanding your network.

—Kelly Nelson, WAI 18201, *is executive editor for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).*

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We know how far you have travelled, probably changed planes once or twice and can't wait to make it to your hotel room to recharge and refresh. Make sure you are rested up and ready for your time here, as the opportunities are endless to network, attend seminars, tour the exhibit hall with 150 plus stands and attend the luncheon and evening events. Never a dull moment at this conference!

Back in 2011, I attended the Reno WAI conference as a first-time international attendee. I was broke, after a divorce and struggling to pay for flight school in the north of England. Discovering WAI as an international member enabled me to apply for a Concorde Chapter scholarship (former WAI Chapter in U.K.) which I won! The prize was to have the conference trip all paid for... and this was just the start of an endearing personal aviation journey with life-changing events. The phone call came from Captain Christi Dobbeli based in Miami, and I remember screaming with joy into the phone. I made a personal promise to attend every WAI conference

International members:
We want to help you get your story out about your country's unique perspectives on women in aviation. Come to the Press Room in Yucatan 3 and find Editor-in-Chief Kelly Murphy or email kmurphy@wai.org.

traveling over from England and volunteer for the UK chapter.


Let's fast forward to 2017 and now I reside in Washington D.C., married with a step-daughter who adores aviation and have a U.S. aviation non-profit called DC Youth Aviation Build A Plane Inc. which is co-directed with my WAI friend, M. Lucia Mencia. We have a hangar at Washington Executive airport and are building real planes with area youth and mentoring STEM projects. This is my dream come true; however, this would not have become a reality without a whole group of fantastic WAI women who have mentored me and supported each other's

dreams, and are there for the wins and falls of life.

So this year I am a domestic attendee, and I say to you all: Believe in your dreams, make time to connect to people here at the conference. Have business cards at the ready, and spend quality time with people to make friends. Book yourself on a tour, and see some aviation sights/facilities. This year I will be volunteering in the press room and writing for *The Daily* which I have done since my first conference.

Pick up a conference schedule and highlight all the things you wish to attend, or download the app. Chat with people at the end of the education seminars, hang around at the end and ask questions. The bar and lobby area are inviting to chat at the end of the day to relax and unwind with the new international and domestic friends you will make.

—Melinda Benson Viteri is a Washington D.C.-based teacher at British International School of Washington and co-director of non-profit Youth DC Aviation Build A Plane Inc.



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Take 7 for the WAI Conference

So much to take home with you that you'll experience at this conference. Here's a guide on how to do it so you can get the most out of your participation here.

TAKE TIME TO... review your conference program. Events are going on all day long. Choose your education sessions; check out exhibit hall hours, and all the social events and meetings happening each day. Don't miss out!

TAKE A CHANCE... when you are selecting your education sessions. Of course there will be obvious choices for you that directly impact your career goals. But beyond that, try out a session on a subject that is totally new for you. What intrigues you? What do you want to know more about? Don't just follow your friends into whatever session they're going. Take a chance to learn something new.

TAKE A STEP... out of your personal comfort zone. Introduce yourself to a fellow conference attendee. Join in on conversations. It's great to be a listener, but you need to be a talker as well. Stick your hand out and say hello.

TAKE A TIP... from long-time conference attendees and make sure you follow up on all the contacts you made here. Don't let an opportunity slip because you didn't follow up. Collect contact info and send out notes to people you met here.

TAKE A MOMENT... amidst this astounding collection of vibrant women to consider all the women who came before like the WASP—who fought for your right to be here and to enjoy the career or educational experience you're having. These women opened doors to make the opportunities you have today a reality.

TAKE A LOOK... at WAI's Silent Auction, set up in the exhibit hall. Loads of useful, fun, and cool stuff. It's easy to bid and all proceeds go to WAI's endowment fund. Just a dollar to get involved. If you've never participated in a Silent Auction, it's simple to get started. Patient WAI'ers will help you.

TAKE A BREATH... You'll be walking miles so don't forget to sit a bit and catch your breath. Rather than going to your room, sit in a public place and strike up a conversation. You never know who that fellow attendee is or how she may be able to help you.



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(closed for luncheon)
1:30-5 p.m.

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 4**
10:30 a.m.-
3 p.m.

Silent Auction

Support WAI scholarships and educational programs! Pick up a bid number for \$1 from the silent auction table to bid on any item.

(Auction is only open during exhibit hall hours)

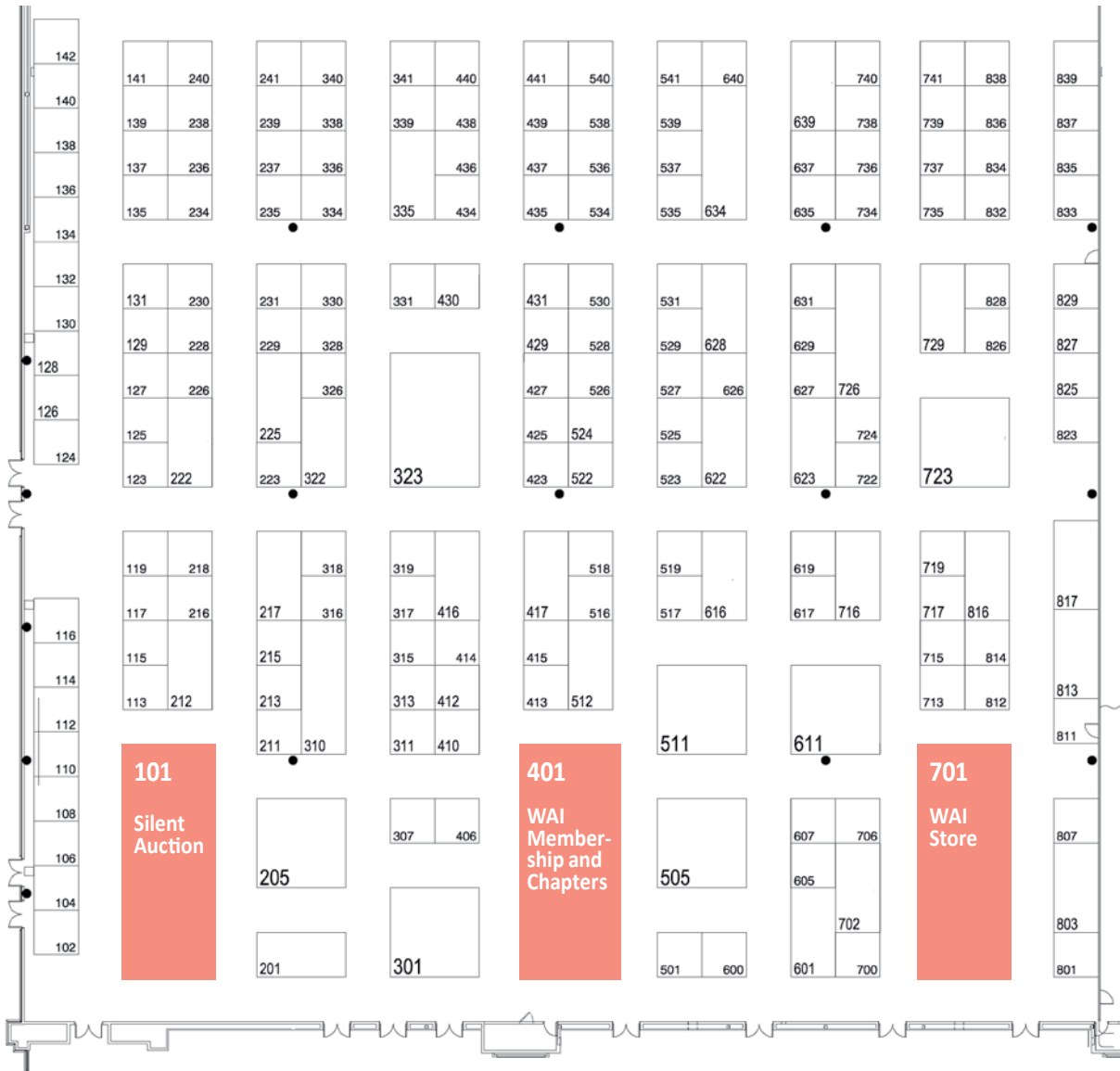
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Have News for *The Daily*?



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There are two more issues of *The Daily*: Friday (deadline noon on Thursday) and Saturday (deadline noon on Friday).

Press Room Hours

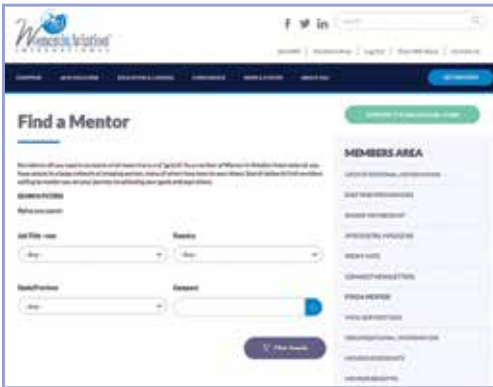
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Making Onsite Connections

Is your mentor here at the conference?

Many of you are here in the hope of building some relationships, including finding someone who could become a potential mentor. Having a mentor is a tremendous boost to your career to help you take advantage of opportunities that present themselves, while avoiding corporate pitfalls. Here are some tips to get you going in the right direction.

1. Make a great first impression and second and third and so on. Remember that you are attending a multi-day professional event. Conduct yourself like a professional the entire

time you are in town—even after-hours. You never know when you might run into the person again over the course of the conference but you want them to leave each interaction thinking positively about you and your future potential.

2. People love a firm handshake and good eye contact. Do not offer a limp handshake. Make it firm, give it a good pump, and hold it just a second longer than you think you should while making eye contact and offering a smile. Confidence is memorable.

3. Have your business cards at the ready and be sure to offer one to the person you meet before you part ways and be sure to ask for one of theirs. “May I have your business card so we can stay in touch?” Only give them a résumé if they ask for one. If they do, and you don’t have one handy, then ask if you can email it to them or connect with them on Linked-In. Remember you are looking for a potential mentor and not a potential employer.

4. Follow-up with them after the event. It’s okay to go back to your room that night and send them an invite on Linked-In while their memory of you is still fresh. Once you leave the conference though, send them a personal follow-up thanking them for their time and letting them know you enjoyed speaking with them. A handwritten and mailed letter is always a nice touch and makes you more memorable.

5. If you made a connection that you think has potential for a mentoring relationship, then continue to nurture it. When you are ready, then ask for what you want. Remember that a mentor is not going to come to you. Put yourself out there. You have nothing to lose and a wonderful career in aviation to gain!

—Jo M. Damato, WAI 6829, is a mom, certified aviation manager, marathoner, and director of educational development and strategy for NBAA.

Special Interest Group Meetings 2017

Please note that these events are by invitation or open only to current members of a particular group. When in doubt, check with a representative of that group or company.

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THURSDAY MARCH 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.	FIESTA 7
WAI International Reception	
THURSDAY MARCH 2, 4:30-6 p.m.	ACAPULCO
UND Aviation Alumni & Industry Reception	
THURSDAY MARCH 2, 7-9 p.m.	CORONADO M
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FRIDAY MARCH 3, 7-9 a.m.	MONTERREY 1
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FRIDAY MARCH 3, 5-6:30 p.m.	CORONADO M
Embry-Riddle Alumni Reception	
FRIDAY MARCH 3, 6:30-9 p.m.	DURANGO 1
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FRIDAY MARCH 3, 6:30-10 p.m.	CORONADO S
Women Military Aviators Flight Suit Social	
FRIDAY MARCH 3, 7-10 p.m.	CORONADO P
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FRIDAY MARCH 3, 7-11 p.m.	MONTERREY 1
AWAM Scholarship Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Pratt & Whitney</i>	
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Atlanta WAI Chapter Funds Conference Attendance for Dedicated Member

Congratulations Brenda Nava!

The Atlanta Gone With the Wind Chapter wanted to give back to its members and provide a scholarship opportunity to an individual who supports the chapter throughout the year. In order to do this, the chapter offered a scholarship for a local member that included 2017 WAI conference registration, \$300, and airfare sponsored by Delta Air Lines.

The scholarship was advertised and the application deadline was set. The Gone With the Wind Board of Directors proudly gave the scholarship to Brenda Nava, WAI 50249. The Gone With the Wind team works extremely hard by conducting outreach events, professional development opportunities, networking events, and fundraisers. Brenda is a huge supporter of all these activities. The chapter hosts two education outreach events a year: Aviation Career Day and Girls in Aviation Day. Attendees come from all over the Atlanta area to learn from our chapter volunteers, which always includes Brenda.

The chapter likes to take advantage of the local aviation industry. In the past year, Gone With the Wind has had the opportunity to tour ExpressJet, Delta Air Lines Technical Operations, Commemorative Air Force Dixie Wing, Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, and Atlanta Hartsfield Airport Operations. As the secretary for Gone With the Wind, Brenda plays an integral role in ensuring communication is provided to our members about these opportunities.

Gone With the Wind is dedicated to doing a fundraiser once a quarter. The chapter partners with GroupRaise and chooses a local restaurant to host a fundraising event. Not only is it an opportunity to get chapter members together to network, they are able to share with the local community about Women in Aviation and what the local chapter offers. Because of these fundraising events, the chapter is able to host education outreaches and scholarships.

Brenda is a recent graduate of the University of Dubuque and currently works in Delta Air Line's Flight Safety Department as a Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) analyst. Concurrently, she is completing her certified flight instructor license. Her goal is to fly for a major airline and have a role in its safety department.

The conference registration scholarship is one way to give back and say thanks for being a fantastic chapter member. As we all know, the WAI conference provides endless opportunities and connections.

—In addition to her activities with the Gone With the Wind Chapter, Becca Friesen, WAI 50249, is an air safety investigator, flight safety, with Delta Air Lines.

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WAI CHAPTER ACTIVITIES HELD WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

WAI Chapter Reception

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 1

6:30-7:30 p.m.
MONTERREY 1

By invitation

This is a unique reception that provides anyone who is a member and/or leader in their local WAI chapter with the opportunity to meet, socialize and get to know other WAI chapter members and leaders from all over the world.

Attendance at this event is by invitation only. Anyone who is registered to attend the annual WAI conference *and* is also listed as a chapter member will receive an invitation.

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Chapter Leadership Workshop

THURSDAY,
MARCH 2

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
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*Presenter: Molly Martin,
WAI Outreach Director, and
other chapter leaders*

All chapter leaders are invited to come together to network, share ideas, solutions to challenges and best practices, ask questions, and learn about chapter management tools and strategies. If you are an officer or a leader in an existing chapter and want to meet other chapter leaders and learn about their challenges and how to overcome them and keep your chapter vibrant, engaged, valuable and robust, then this session is for you.

Establish Chapter Partnerships— Fundraise Like a Pro

THURSDAY,
MARCH 2

2:30-4 p.m.
CORONADO G

Presenter: Lyndse Costabile

In this interactive workshop, WAI chapter leaders and chapter members will improve upon skills and tools to brand your chapter, set yourselves apart from a competitive market in securing support. You will also learn the proper way to identify, cultivate, engage, steward and retain corporate partners, and plan your annual fundraising strategy. Participants will leave the workshop understanding the steps needed to create a solid Case for Support that encompasses your cause, programming and project to communicate in securing financial support. Lyndse will even walk participants through IRS rules and guidelines governing the non-profit industry, specifically 501(c)(3) entities.

How to Start a Chapter

FRIDAY,
MARCH 3

10:45-11:45 a.m.
DURANGO 1

*Presenter: Molly Martin,
WAI Outreach Director*

Are you considering starting a WAI chapter in your area? Attend this session to learn the necessary steps to form a chapter, the different stages of becoming a chapter, and to understand all the tools that are available to help you form your chapter and to manage it successfully over the long term. All WAI members are welcome!



Check out these events to strengthen your WAI chapter and your involvement in it.

WAI Chapter Showcase

(located in the WAI Membership Booth 401 in the Exhibit Hall)

Chapters from around the world are scheduled to be in the membership booth in the exhibit hall during the conference. Meet members from different WAI chapters and learn about their activities. Some chapters also have items for sale to help raise funds for their scholarship programs and annual calendar of events.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

1-2 p.m.

Central Florida Chapter
Heart of Florida Chapter

2-3 p.m.

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3-4 p.m.

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4-5 p.m.

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The Rise of the Female Airline Transport Pilot and More

Despite what you might hear, all is not doom and gloom when it comes to the number of women entering professional aviation. U.S. Federal Aviation Administration statistics going back nearly 10 years, from 2006 through 2016 show that even though the number of female private pilots and commercial pilots have declined, there has been a 23 percent increase in the number of women holding Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certificates.

The ATP certificate requires a minimum of 1,500 hours of flight time, plus high performance aircraft knowledge, and today, high altitude experience. All commercial airlines that fly jets are required to hire pilots who meet or exceed ATP standards, and all jet airplane captains flying U.S. registered aircraft are required to hold ATP certificates.

So what does it mean when we see the female ATP statistics going up? More women are choosing to fly jets for a living. The International Society of Women Airline Pilots, ISA+21, predates Women in Aviation International, celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018. Twenty-one female airline pilots got together in 1978 to form the organization to provide camaraderie and support for women airline pilots.

Members have donated more than \$1 million USD for women as-

piring to be airline pilots. ISA+21 members are among the very first Women in Aviation International members, and have been a driving force within our organization (and active WAI conference participants) since conference number one, way back in 1990. Here at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort this week,



ISA+21 is interviewing its own scholarship applicants and exhibiting at booth 114 in the exhibit hall.

So what about those declines in the number of women holding U.S. private and commercial pilot certificates? Some of them clearly upgraded to an ATP certificate, but the numbers show it wasn't all of them. A healthy percentage became flight instructors. And there is more good news. In the same time period, the number of women with student pilot certificates has risen 34 percent. That means there

are more women in the pipeline, some of whom may one day decide to be professional pilots.

Are you one of those student pilots? Make sure you check out the WAI booth at the front of the exhibit hall for information about WAI chapter activities near you (so you can meet more like-minded aviation-bent individuals,) and especially about scholarship opportunities that can ease the financial burden of that path to the turbine-powered aircraft cockpit.

—Amy Laboda, WAI 14, is a Florida-based freelance writer and former editor of *Aviation for Women*.

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Without fail, the International Women in Aviation conference touches each of the attendees in unique and positive ways. Whether it's your annual meet-up with old friends, or your first experience dedicated to making new acquaintances and career connections, you will learn more about yourself as a person and as a female aviator.

For me, it's my first time attending as director of communications and working on *The Daily* having joined the WAI staff in September 2016. In many previous years, I've come to the conference as a representative of another company with my MO to interview, record video, and write about the WAI conference reporting about the speakers, exhibitors, and activities of the week.

Along the way, I remember my first time listening to the talented WAI Jazz Band before the opening of the exhibit hall, observing the explosive growth of the airline hiring sessions (now known as Fast Pass), and learning about the fascinating journeys that women have launched on to pursue their aviation dreams. I'm always in awe to see the beaming faces of so many scholarship winners march across the stage and collect their "tickets" to future success stories.

All of these collective moments is why 2017 marks WAI's launch of a new marketing campaign that highlights the accomplishments and diversity of our 14,000 members. It's simply called #IamWAI. Why? Because it allows us to showcase our members' breadth of diversity whether it is in career pursuits or age groups. We are Girls in Aviation Day attendees, college students, professionals, and retired military aviators with an urge to show our WAI pride of membership, and a desire to meet and connect each year at our annual conference.

During this week, you'll see photographers roaming to capture our members enjoying all the benefits of our gathering this week. You can help us reach 10,000 twitter followers by taking some selfies or snapping some pictures of your group, and posting on social media with our new hash tag #IamWAI.

In my first *AFW* issue as editor-in-chief (November/December 2016), I encouraged our readers to reach out to me with their thoughts, ideas, and news. Thank you for your input, and remember maybe your story is one others will learn from and inspire another person to join WAI.

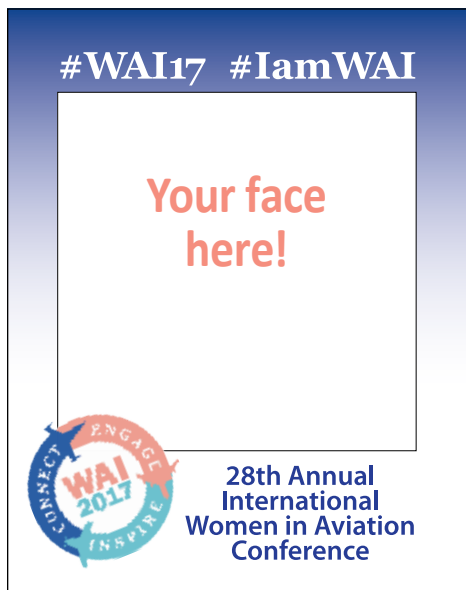
This week, there are lots of ways to get involved as a WAI member—volunteer for an hour or two, sign up to become a mentor, stop by the membership booth and take your picture with the #IamWAI picture frame, or visit *The Daily* office and share your thoughts.

I value all of your feedback, and understand that we learn from each other and provide critical support as part of the WAI membership group. Our collective voices are connected in a common theme—to be part of this ever-changing aviation industry in various roles as new entrants or long-time participants!

I hope to meet many of you. Don't be shy, as I'm approachable!

—Kelly Murphy, is WAI director of communications and *Aviation for Women* editor-in-chief.

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Take Advantage of This WAI Member Benefit

Ask the WAI experts in the Exhibit Hall
WAI MEMBERSHIP BOOTH 401

Financial Guidance
with Geoffrey Palenik

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
2-4 p.m.

Legal Guidance
with Katherine Calhoun

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
2-4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
10:30 a.m.-noon

Résumé Guidance
with Amy Kienast and Robert Raskey

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
2-4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
10:30 a.m.-noon

Check out Scholarships beyond WAI

GAMA

General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) is taking applications for two prestigious aviation scholarships. Each award comes with a \$2,000 cash prize.

The Edward W. Stimpson "Aviation Excellence" Award is named for founder and past president of GAMA. Given annually, the scholarship goes to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to and will be enrolled in an aviation degree core program at a university or college of his or her choice. Applicants are judged on the basis of academic skills, extracurricular activities, and an essay on what aviation means to the student and how he or she plans to pursue an aviation career.

The Dr. Harold S. Wood Award for Excellence is given annually to a college student who is a flight team member at a National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) member school. Named for Dr. Wood, founder and past executive director of NIFA, the award comes with an engraved propeller trophy in addition to the cash prize. Students are judged on the basis of academic skills, extracurricular activities, and an essay on their plans to pursue aviation in the future.

Both applications are due April 14, 2017. For more information or an application, please e-mail scholarships@gama.aero.

Women in Corporate Aviation

To celebrate its 10-year anniversary of providing global pilot and cabin crew training, TAG Aviation has selected Women in Corporate Aviation's scholarship program ([WCA-intl.org](http://www.wca-intl.org)) as a means to launch two inaugural scholarships. Current WCA members age 18 and older are encouraged to apply for the scholarships now through March 26, 2017.

TAG Global Training division is the approved training facility for TAG Aviation as well as some 70 other companies globally. Both of the following U.K.-based training courses meet European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) regulations:

- EASA Ground School Pilot Training Scholarship (Value £1815.00) includes a 5-day training program at TAG's training center at its U.K.-based Farnborough Airport location. The classroom curriculum includes: Fire and Smoke, First Aid, Security, Wet Drills, Safety and Emergency Procedures, Crew Resource Management and Survival. The online courses include: Dangerous Goods and Winter Operations.

- EASA Cabin Crew Attestation Scholarship (Value £700.00) includes a 5- or 7-day course at TAG's training center at its U.K.-based Farnborough Airport location. The recipient will attend the U.K. CAA-approved EASA Attestation training course to gain a Cabin Crew Attestation.

"As the first provider in the United Kingdom to offer this training, we've seen many crews benefit from having an Attestation, enabling them to freelance within Europe," noted Debbie Elliott, TAG Global Training training manager.

The scholarship awards ceremony will be held at WCA's annual member breakfast on Tuesday, May 23, during the European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE) in Geneva, Switzerland. Sterling Global Aviation Logistics will sponsor a free entry ticket to EBACE for the scholarship winner.

• View the scholarships at <http://www.wca-intl.org/scholarships.html>.

- Applicants must be current, dues-paying WCA members and 18 years or older. To join or renew your WCA membership, visit <http://www.wca-intl.org/join-wca.html/>.
 - To view the scholarship application, login at <http://www.wca-intl.org>.
 - Applications must include a 500-word essay, two letters of recommendation and certificates, transcripts and résumés, as applicable.
 - WCA is not responsible for housing, transportation or other associated fees.
 - Awards must be used within one calendar year.
- For questions not addressed on the WCA website, email scholarships-wca@wca-intl.org.



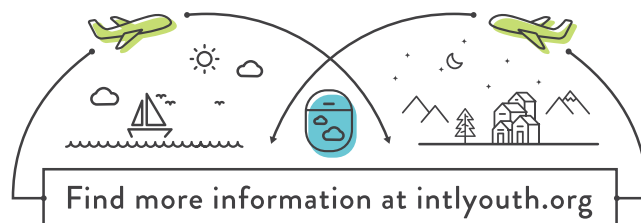
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