

The 28th Annual
International
Women in Aviation
Conference



Friday
March 3
2017

The Daily

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WAI17 is Student Friendly!

Women in Aviation International extends a warm welcome to the next generation and the future of aviation—our participating college and university students. WAI is glad you are here and want to help you to take advantage of the many resources designed just for you at #WAI17. To make the most of your time here, check out these offerings:

- **Networking 101 for Students**, sponsored by Signature Flight Support and the U.S. Marine Corps, helped attendees to connect and engage during #WAI17. Offered on Thursday, March 2, from 4:30-6 p.m., participants left prepared to make the most of the entire conference.

- **Young Professionals and the Future of Business Aviation**, presented by Jo Damato, Sierra Grimes, and Sheryl Barden, will feature an interactive session (led by professional millennials). A myriad of topics will be covered from job searches to compensation, essential info as you begin your aviation careers! Join us Friday, March 3, from 3-4 p.m.



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- **Creating a Professional Image for Young Professionals**, presented by Sierra Grimes, Sheryl Barden, and Lauren McFarland, will prepare you to cast a most professional image right from the start. This session will benefit the beginner, the young professional, as well as the experienced professional. Attend this session on Saturday, March 4, from 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Designed with fun in mind, we invite you to enjoy every experience during your time at #WAI17. And know that we are glad you are here; let us know if we can be of help!

—Jana Filip, WAI 49580, is a sport aviation administrator for DeLand Municipal Airport.

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UPDATE

Exhibit Hall Change:

The National WASP WWII Museum, scheduled for booth 431 has cancelled. In its place is new exhibitor Defense Contract Management Agency, now in 431.



ON THE SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY

Marines Work Out
DURANGO 1
7-8 a.m.
Pre-register

Yoga
CORONADO T
7:30-8:30 a.m.
Pre-registration required.

Friday General Session
Vernice "FlyGirl" Armour
Mark Baker
Jenette E. Ramos

Exhibit Hall open
VERACRUZ EXHIBIT HALL
10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

How to Start a WAI Chapter
DURANGO 1
10:45-11:45 a.m.

Friday Luncheon
David Bronczek

Young Professionals Reception
CORONADO H
6-7:30 p.m.
Ticket required.



AOPA Seminar
"Back to your Roots"
FIESTA 5
6-9 p.m.
All are welcome.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Something for Everyone

Who here had the energy to get up and go work out with the U.S. Marines this morning? Or maybe you're more the yoga type who started your day joining the yoga group. Or maybe you had a hearty breakfast or simply coffee with a friend. No matter, because that's the whole point of this conference. There is something for everyone. Whether you're a pilot or not, an executive, a student, a flight instructor or just someone interested in our rich aviation history, this conference has something for you. Make sure you check out all of the offerings for this afternoon's education sessions and you're sure to find some that interest you.

Same with our exhibit hall. Whether you're interested in speaking to a recruiter, learn about career possibilities, choose an aviation-oriented university, or just want to find some goodies to buy to bring home, the exhibit hall is the place for you. Thank you for all our exhibitors who together make the exhibit hall such an intriguing place to spend time. Walk the aisles and see for yourself.

Now's a great time to add another thank you for our corporate sponsors. We couldn't have all these activities to offer our members without them. We know that companies and organizations have many choices of where to spend their sponsorship dollars, and we're grateful that they've chosen us. If you see someone with a sponsor ribbon, thank them.

Ready for a fun day?

Consider a Career in Unmanned Aircraft **Aurora Flight Sciences**

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
4:15 p.m.
CORONADO G

Aurora Flight Sciences is here and is hiring engineers. Now's a good chance to become familiar with this now-emerging market. "The Demand for Unmanned," hosted by Aurora Flight Sciences Program Manager/Chief Engineer Carrie Haas will focus on the growing demand for medium and large unmanned aircraft systems in civil and commercial applications, and all the technologies that make it possible. This education session is today at 4:15 in Coronado F/G. Visit Aurora Flight Sciences in the exhibit hall at booth 223.

Have a Banquet Ticket You're Not Using?

If your travel plans prevent you from attending Saturday evening's banquet and your ticket will go unused, do a good deed and turn it over at the **Volunteer Desk**, Veracruz North across from the exhibit hall. Your ticket will be passed along to a deserving student on a limited budget. The evening will feature special scholarship awards and other surprises along with the induction ceremony for WAI's International Pioneer Hall of Fame.

"Networking is one letter away from not working."

—Kerry Hannon,
Love Your Job: The New Rules for Career Happiness

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WAI Welcomes New Members

Dr. Peggy Chabrian introduced New Member Social sponsor Aircraft Owners And Pilots Association to a packed room on day one of the 2017 International Women in Aviation Conference. AOPA Senior VP Katie Pribyl encouraged the new members in the room to get back to their roots in aviation and join AOPA speaker and flight instructor Jaime Beckett Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. in Fiesta 6 to learn more about the grassroots general aviation initiative.

The organization also awarded their \$3,000 Student Pilot Scholarship to Sarah Horan, WAI 71160, of Poetry, Texas, a high school student who is planning on attending The Ohio State University's aviation program in the fall of 2017.

In the crowd was a dizzying array of aviation enthusiasts and professionals, from pilots to mechanics, dispatchers to managers, students and retirees, military, public servants and civilians alike. Anchorage, Alaska-based Atlas Air first officer Nancy Devine said, "I'm amazed! It's my first time at this conference and what do I find? So many people I have known and worked with in all the other jobs I had in aviation leading up to the position I now hold at Atlas Air. Seriously," she pointed to the gentleman sitting next to her, "I worked with him, her," she pointed to the woman on the other side of her. "The only person I knew was coming was my friend volunteering to take tickets at the door!"

Nancy is here at the conference to attend the education seminars and explore all the possibilities still out there for her in aviation, and was excited by AOPA Katie Pribyl's invite to get back to her roots. Are you a new member or first-time conference attendee? What excites you? Come tell us at the WAI booth in the entrance to the Veracruz Exhibit Hall. We want to know!

—Amy Laboda, WAI 14, is a Florida-based freelance writer and editor.

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AOPA Scholarship winner Sarah Horan (right)

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Audrey Swanson Wins Abingdon Scholarship

Audrey Swanson Esi Kumwa, originally from Ghana, is the lucky recipient of the 2017 Abingdon Welch WAI scholarship which will allow her to continue her flight training in South Africa. She trains on Cessnas and Pipers, using Jeppesen text books and flies with their charts.

While earning her PPL, there were five young ladies and 78 young men as classmates. Audrey's parents are very supportive of her ambitions. Her first cross-country flight was from Secunda (FASC) to Witbank (FAWI) to Wonderboom (FAWB) to Springs (FASI). Much of her home area in Ghana is Class G airspace, but the city of Rand has a tower and is Class C.

This is Audrey's first time in the United States, a trip that took 21 hours. Audrey is especially interested in networking with aviation colleges and universities that will be on display in the exhibit hall to see about furthering her aviation education in the U.S. Audrey hopes someday to be a professional pilot. With her energy, determination and winning smile, no doubt we will see her in the blue skies very soon.

—M. Lucia Mencia, WAI 69512, is a member of WAI's Washington D.C. chapter.



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WAI Membership Meeting Focuses on the Future

Women in Aviation Board Chair Karen Gebhart put it succinctly as she addressed the roomful of WAI members on Thursday: “Your board of directors are volunteers who serve at your pleasure. Our goal is the future of this organization.”

With that she set the tone of the 2017 annual membership meeting for Women in Aviation International. Karen posed this question to the membership, “How will you engage with your co-members? We want you involved. Our goal is to have empowered members,” she explained.

She then introduced Board secretary Marcie Veronie, who read the minutes from the 2016 meeting, reminding the group of several hundred members in the room of where we have been. The minutes were unanimously approved, at which point she opened the voting procedures for the re-election of board member Deborah Baugh and the election of new board member Brittney Miculka.

Meanwhile, Deborah, the WAI treasurer, presented the financial report. Things are looking up, she explained, noting that the organization’s net assets were up by 14.5 percent at the end of the fiscal year (September 2016). Expenses, of course, rose, as well, but revenue increases offset that.

Development Committee Chair Linda Markham reported that the Endowment Fund is diversified and growing. The board currently has \$528,140 conservatively invested in a bond/stock portfolio, an annuity valued at \$147,589, and cash funds of \$157,613 available as liquid funds for outreach, scholarship and education initiatives. Silent Auction proceeds and Annual Fund donations, along with individual and corporate donations continue to help the Endowment Fund grow toward its self-sustaining goal.

WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian was quick to remind members of all the exciting new programs in place at this year’s conference. “We hope you all took advantage of the Vistaprint discount on business cards and brought them to the conference for networking!” she

said. She then moved on to virtual networking. “One of the things you’ll see this week is the #IamWAI. About 65 percent of our members are pilots, but we have engineers, mechanics, managers, and



Dare to Dream scholarship winner Alyssa Harvey (right)

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more. We thought it was a good time to get the message out through social media of how diverse we are in both age and profession.”

Recruitment and growth are definitely on WAI board members’ minds, and it showed in the Education Report by Lauren McFarland, as well as the Scholarships & Awards and Membership Committee reports by Capt. Deborah Hecker and FO Abingdon Welch Mullen, respectively.

Speaking of face-time, Governance Chair Brian Bolt invited WAI members to come meet and mingle with board members on Saturday morning in Fiesta 5 at 11 a.m. “We encourage you to come talk to us and learn how to become a board member for your organization! We want to meet you and hear from you. We want to take this to the next generation of change,” he said.

Scholarships totaling \$25,000 were awarded on Thursday to get the show rolling, but there’s plenty more to come. As of the opening of the exhibit hall there are more than \$630,000 in scholarships and awards going out to 118 individuals at this year’s WAI Conference!

—Amy Laboda, WAI 14, is a Florida-based freelance writer and ATP.



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Jenn Nash of WAI First in Flight Chapter is Chapter Volunteer of the Year

After long deliberations, the selection committee has considered 10 nominees, and has selected Jenn Nash, WAI 51225, from the WAI First in Flight Chapter, as the recipient of the 2017 Dorothy Hilbert Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award.

Nominated by chapter member Val Barrett, Jenn was cited for being an enthusiastic participant in chapter events, even when she was deployed to the Middle East. Jenn set up the chapter's website, calendar and arranged a Google Hangout, including creating a video on how to use Hangout, for chapter meetings. She has also been active in Girls in Aviation Day events.

In nominating her, Val concluded, "Usually a task that would make most of us furrow our brows in puzzlement, Jenn has a smile and a little shrug and says, 'I can do that no problem.' She does this even before we can think to ask. No excuses ever, she does it. She doesn't do it for recognition or glory. She is humble about it, and doesn't expect anything in return for it. She just does it because she loves it. We are so lucky to have such a talented and dedicated woman on our team."



Happy Anniversary AWAM!

This conference marks the 20th anniversary of the Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance. Thanks to all the women in AWAM who keep the airplanes we fly and ride in tip-top shape. Here's to many more years of success and accomplishment.

A large advertisement for Pratt & Whitney. The background is a warm orange gradient. On the left, there is a collage of six photos showing women in various aviation-related roles: a woman in a blue uniform, a woman working on a propeller, a woman in a lab coat, a woman in a black dress, a woman in a grey suit, and a woman in a blue shirt. On the right, a bald eagle is shown in flight against the orange background. The text "Innovation from day one." is written in white in the upper right. At the bottom, there is a call to action: "Pratt & Whitney's innovative products, technologies and services are leading a new era in aviation. Visit us at Booth 323 to discuss career opportunities and drop off a resume. Learn more at www.pw.utc.com/careers." Below this is the Pratt & Whitney logo, which is a circular emblem with an eagle and the text "PRATT & WHITNEY" and "DEPENDABLE ENGINES". At the very bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Twitter, along with the text "A United Technologies Company" and "Connect with us".

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EXHIBIT HALL

Exhibit Hall Hours

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

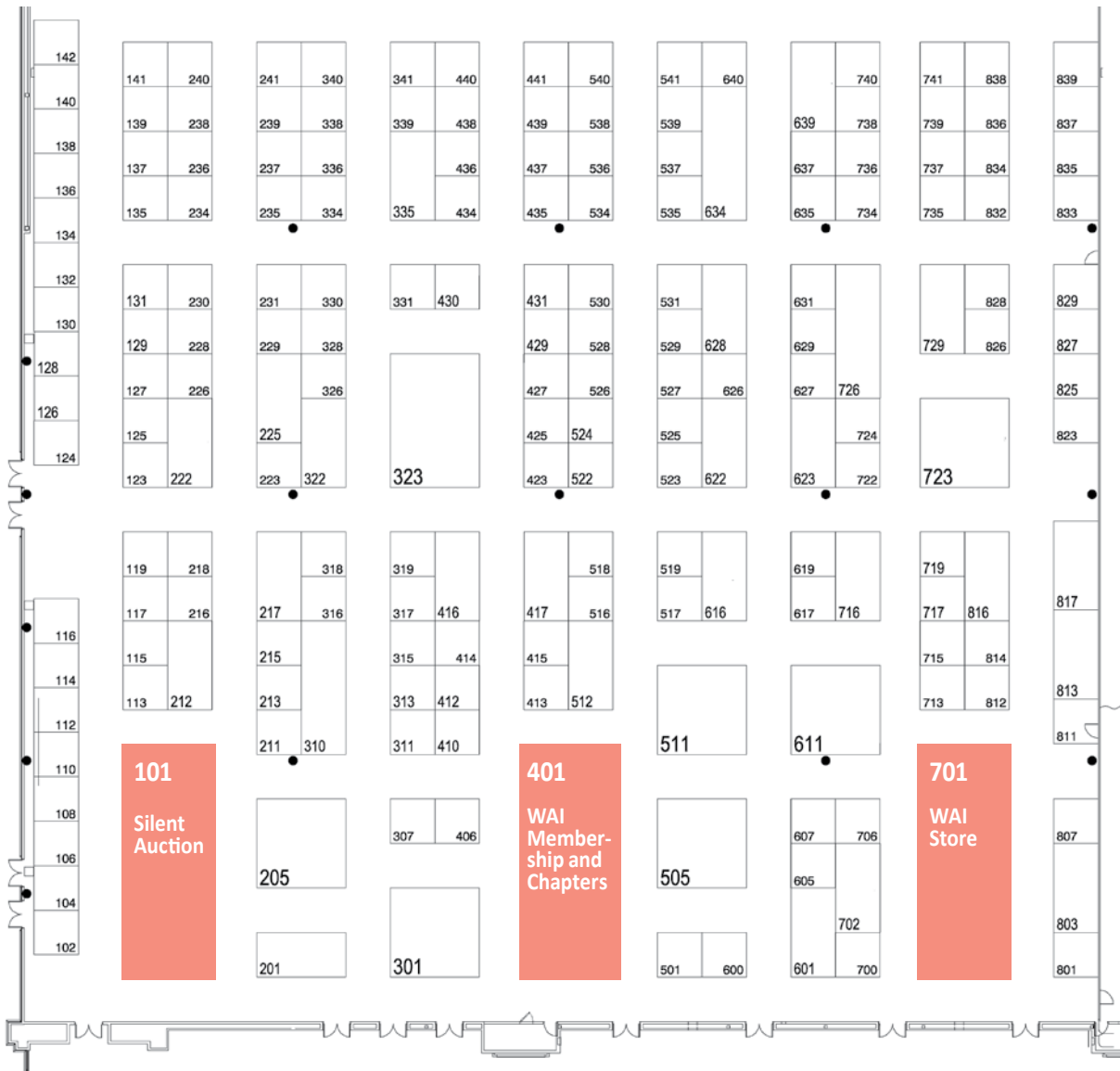
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VERACRUZ EXHIBIT HALL BOOTH 101

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
10:30 a.m.-noon
(closed for luncheon)
1:30-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Have News for *The Daily*?



If you're an exhibitor, speaker, or represent a group that has appropriate news for us, come tell us about it in the WAI Press Room, located directly across from the Fiesta Ballroom in **YUCATAN 3**. If you have a press kit, please bring one to us and supply additional copies for other media covering the conference. There are two more issues of *The Daily*: Friday (deadline noon on Thursday) and Saturday (deadline noon on Friday).

Press Room Hours

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
2-4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
8 a.m.-noon



A Dream Fulfilled

My first word was plane and my first love was the sky from the earliest days. I could think of nothing greater than to pursue to earn my WINGS. I am fortunate enough to have seen my dream come to fruition, but my journey was not an easy one.



As a child growing up in Iraq, women simply did not become pilots. My high marks in school meant all careers were open to me except a career in the sky. I was told repeatedly that flight school was for boys. I struggled against the current for a while. I knew my dream would not come true in Iraq. I left Iraq for the Land of Freedom and Opportunity to make America my home. Leaving my family at a young age was the hardest thing I had to do, but I knew it was necessary to pursue my dream.

I came to America with my clothes on my back and \$150 in my pocket and a dream. But soon I had a whole new life I couldn't imagine having.

In a few years, my career in aviation started as an in-flight crew member with JetBlue in October 2000. Nobody at JetBlue told me that a woman couldn't fly, and I received nothing but support and friendship from all the pilots during my 13 years with the JetBlue family.

I left the company to pursue my dream as a pilot, but I will always be proud of the work I did and grateful to JetBlue for giving me the first taste of the sky.

Meanwhile, I met and married my amazing husband and my strongest supporter. Together we raised a family of five boys on Long Island, New York, while pursuing my aviation career as a pilot.

I started my flight training in 2010 in New York. And

from there, I went to earn all my pilot ratings and became the first Iraqi-born commercial female pilot.

I presently work with North American Charter from Islip Airport in New York. I am amazed and proud to be a member of such an amazing group as Women in Aviation International. I want my voice to be heard globally through WAI: Girls can become pilots!

Today at the conference, I hope my story provides a spark of inspiration for the next generation of female aviators. Those of us who made it so far must light the way!

—Lily Schwartz, WAI 73358, is a New York-based commercial pilot and is here at the conference looking for her next opportunity. You can contact Lily at formationpilot@gmail.com



Lily Schwartz always knew she wanted a career in aviation. She explains, "In the photo above, we were out of station and weather rolled in very quickly and dumped inches of snow. There were no other tools than brooms and our hands to clean the airplane so we could fly." Below: Lily's family gathers to celebrate her son Peter's graduation from the DEP.



WAI Members Share Their Aviation Starting Points

We asked attendees about their first aviation job and, more importantly, what they learned from it.

—Photos and interviews by Jana Filip, WAI 49580



Buppachart "Toy" Blue

Buppachart "Toy" Blue, WAI 6534

Current job: Captain on ERJ 175 with SkyWest Airlines based in San Francisco

First job (1987): Flight Attendant for Thai Airways

• What I learned: Customer service. "By knowing the functions of customer service, passenger safety, and passenger comfort, it is easier to know what to expect of your co-workers. Thus, it builds a more effective team."

Jennifer Morgan, WAI 94501

Current job: only female maintenance inspector for Southwest Airlines

First job (1991): AME with the U.S. Navy (worked on pressurization, air conditioning, oxygen, ejection seats)

• What I learned: Hand-eye coordination and to pay attention to detail.

Jennifer Schober, WAI 2070

Current job: Site Manager at El Mendorf Air Force Base, support for the F-22, F119 Engines.

First job (1990): assisted my dad in aircraft mechanics and builds

• What I learned: Communication. "From my dad to my current team of 20, effective communication is key."

Lynette Ashland, WAI 5921

Current job: two-fold. 1. Director and president of the Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance. 2. Maintenance supervisor for Endeavor Air.

First job (1992): window repair technician for Microsurfaces, working on corporate and airliner cabin windows

• What I learned: "The A&P license I got in the beginning I still hold and use today. A specific skill used in my first job and today is attention to detail."

Katie Albury, WAI 16549

Current job: First Officer on MD-88, Delta Air Lines

First job (2007): CFI at KSU, Salina

• What I learned: Patience. "Because I was a student, I remember I was in this place. I've been a passenger and so I've been stranded, and have had a bad day..."

Diana Frohn, WAI 112

Current job: Flight Standards District Office Manager FAA—Orlando

First job (1974): the first woman jet engine mechanic for the Navy

• What I learned: Tenacity. "As a woman you have to go get it. Decide what you want, take the high ground, stay with your values and stick it out." Diana has enjoyed an entire career in aviation and will retire later this year. After her 22 years with the FAA, Diana has absolutely no regrets.

Davida Reeves, WAI 73367

Current job: Aircraft Support Mechanic for Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta

First job (2010): Ground agent for Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta

• What I learned: Teamwork. "It is easier for all involved to work as a team. Teamwork also provides the most efficiency in each job."

Olga Miletic, WAI 73211

Current job: Structural Analyst for Airbus, based out of Wichita

First job (2006): Industrial Engineer for Cessna/Textron, based out of Wichita

• What I learned: Listening. "Effective oral communication is imperative on the job at all levels. Also, critical thinking will help one to read the problem and use critical thinking to find the solution."



Jennifer Morgan



Lynette Ashland



Diana Frohn



Olga Miletic



Jennifer Schober



Katie Albury



Davida Reeves

FRIDAY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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!

WAI Chapter Showcase

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Air Capital City Chapter
Nigeria Chapter**

2-3 p.m.

Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter

3-4 p.m.

**Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter
Jacksonville University Chapter**

4-5 p.m.

ERAU Daytona Beach Chapter

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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FRIDAY MARCH 3, 7-9 a.m.

MONTERREY 1

The Ninety-Nines PPLI Reception

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 5-6:30 p.m.

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Embry-Riddle Alumni Reception

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 6:30-9 p.m.

DURANGO 1

International Women Airline Pilot Association ISA+21

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 6:30-10 p.m.

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Women Military Aviators Flight Suit Social

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 7-10 p.m.

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AWAM Social 20th Anniversary Celebration

FRIDAY MARCH 3, 7-11 p.m.

MONTERREY 1

AWAM Scholarship Breakfast

Sponsored by Pratt & Whitney

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 7-9 a.m.

MONTERREY 1

WCA Annual Membership Meeting & Networking

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

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Empower yourself to succeed. Set goals for yourself for each of the activity-packed days. Develop questions and topics the night before the discussion. This will help you to identify and coordinate with the right people and to gather accurate information. Also, pre-planning and setting goals will prepare you to tackle the day with confidence.

Learn. Grasp something advantageous to further your aviation career. It's your career; so take charge of it by acquiring some insight from the people who do it! Be bold; plan to ask relevant questions, and discuss ideas. Take good notes.

Expand your perspective and be attentive. Listening to what others have to say about how they see the world and the situation at hand. You will not only learn something new but also build relationships with people at the same time.

Vulnerability. Take a step outside of your comfort zone to explore new viewpoints. Don't follow the crowd or your friends. Turn off your cell phone and tune into new possibilities. Go to

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sessions that speak your career language. Be curious and engaged in discovering new ideas. You may recognize new career options you didn't know you wanted!

Align. Think contact, communication, and connection. You want to contact the correct people who can provide guidance and support. You want to communicate with those people effectively. Be clear, concise, and open. Moreover, you want to make a connection, so don't be afraid to ask for an email and keep the connection going by thanking them.

Task. Imagine your biggest career goal, what is it that you want the most? This is a task you have given yourself to achieve. HAVE FUN, get excited, and make this conference all about you! There are over 200 companies here willing to assist you in achieving your goals! Break through self-doubt, ask questions, start conversations, and get involved!

Euphonious. Think of a symphony, all different instruments working together for a common goal. Challenge yourself to meet like-minded people who can help you advance your career. Interact and network with a purpose. Be prepared to meet influential figures in your field. Be genuine, and put your best foot forward. These interactions may lead to new connections in your career field.

—Angela Carswell, WAI 70882, is a student pilot and blogger. Follow her @AviatorAngie and www.AviatorAngie.com

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Did You Get Your IamWAI Pin Yet?

Here's Kelly Murphy, WAI director of communications and editor of *Aviation for Women*. Kelly is WAI. But so are you. WAI is not all about pilots. WAI embraces people from every aspect of aviation whether you are new to aviation or an aviation community veteran. Show yourself off as a WAI member with these (free!) pins.

To get your pin (and there are only 2,500 of them), go to the WAI membership booth in the exhibit hall.

And don't forget one of the goals of this outreach—WAI wants 10,000 Twitter followers. Log on now and follow us. After all, you are WAI.



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Make Sure to Sign WASP Dawn Seymour's 100th Birthday Book

We're celebrating WASP Dawn Seymour's 100th birthday and WAI members can show their appreciation and support. A birthday book with hundreds of special birthday and personal messages has been put together ready to present to Dawn.

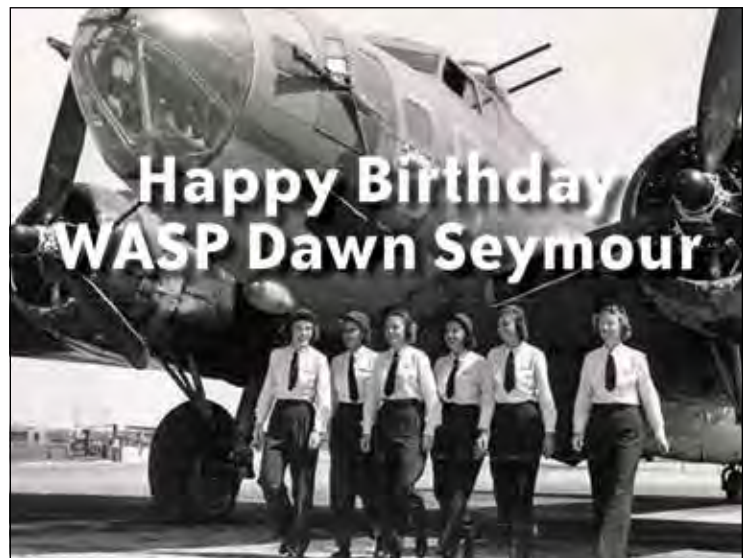
Hyunsu Kim who is a university student and K-State Polytechnic chapter member wrote, "Dear Dawn, Happy 100th Birthday! I really appreciate what you've done for all of us as a pioneer in the aviation industry. You make me proud to be a woman in aviation and I think you are an inspiration."

Andrea Weeks, member of WAI Gone With the Wind chapter wrote, "Thank you for breaking the mold of what a female aviatrix can be and achieve! What an incredible milestone in your life."

PAULA GRUBB



Maria Killian writes her birthday greetings.



Dawn flew B-17s on training missions in Florida and New Mexico and was later based at Buckingham Air Force Base flying daily in the B-17 to train gunners.

"The WASP have made a huge impact on aviation for all of us and truly broke the glass ceiling. For this, we thank you forever," wrote Maria Killian, president of the WAI Capital Region Chapter.

From all of your friends at WAI, we thank you for your service and wish you a very happy 100th birthday!

Dawn's book will be based at the WAI membership booth in the exhibit hall. Stop by and include your birthday greetings for Dawn.

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

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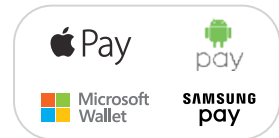
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