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February 2017 - Message from WAI

30 Days to the Annual Women in Aviation International Conference


In about four weeks, we look forward to kicking off our 28th annual International Women in Aviation conference March 2-4 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. It will be a great time to renew friendships, meet new friends, and get inspired! Everything you need to know to help you plan your trip to sunny Florida can be found [here](#). General registration prices are available until February 20, 2017, and can be [completed online](#). Plan to [book your hotel reservation](#) by Wednesday, February 8, 2017 to take advantage of the hotel discount rate.

Fast Pass Update: Release dates have been changed


February 6, 2017: Preference time slots are assigned

February 9, 2017: Any passes left after advance preference assignments will be released as first come, first serve

Fast Passes will only be available on Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3, 2017.



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WAI Conference Info

10 ways to make the most of

#WAI17!

1. [Book a tour](#) to: Kennedy Space Center, Piper Aircraft, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.
2. [Take your pick](#) of professional workshops and seminars.
3. Visit the WAI Membership Booth and [get free advice](#) on legal, financial,

- and resume prep.
4. Bring your running shoes, and [register for WAI's first Chase Your Dreams Fun/Walk](#) or call (937) 839-4647.
 5. Get your professional digital headshot for only \$10. Space is limited, [email](#) to book your appointment.
 6. [Donate an item](#) to the Silent Auction, one of the principal fundraisers for the WAI Endowment Fund.
 7. Check out the [Author's Corner](#) and WAI merchandise at Booth 701.
 8. [Register](#) girls age 8-17 for Girls in Aviation Day Orlando.
 9. [Sign-up to volunteer](#), and meet lots of attendees.
 10. Students are invited to a [free workout alongside the U.S. Marines](#) at their morning training exercise. If you'd like to participate email: marinesworkout@uwgny.com



DISNEY'S CORONADO
SPRINGS RESORT

March 2-4, 2017



A Women in Aviation International® Event

Conference Fees & Registration

Member News

Alaska Airlines Capt. Jodi Harskamp, WAI 6299, will save a co-worker's life by donating a kidney to Flight Attendant Jenny Stansel. They are hoping [their story](#) will inspire others to consider organ donation.

Patty Wagstaff, WAI 480, took a break during the recent U.S. Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring Air, to pose in front of Dreams Soar Beechcraft Bonanza with other enthusiastic aviators. Picture from (L to R): Lyndse Costabile, Women Soar Advisory Board member and Dreams Soar, Inc. Chair and



Capt. Jodi Harskamp with Jenny Stansel

Board of Directors; Melissa Mathieson, Sikorsky Helicopter test pilot; Jamal Larkins, Ascension; La'Shanda Holmes, USCG helicopter pilot; Patty; and Shaesta Waiz, Dreams Soar, Inc. Founder and President.



Patty Wagstaff and group

Chapter News

CHICAGO'S LEADING EDGE

In December, Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter held their annual holiday party at Pilot Pete's Restaurant at Schaumburg Airport (06C). The chapter collected donations for Toys for Tots, and had a great time celebrating yet another successful year as a chapter. The group also transitioned to a new slate of officers and announced the chapter's scholarship winners. Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter is looking forward to many exciting events in 2017 including volunteering, a tower tour at Chicago O'Hare International (ORD), and much more.



Chicago's Leading Edge

FORT LAUDERDALE

WAI members in the Fort Lauderdale area gathered in January for a get-together to revitalize the Fort Lauderdale Chapter--with great success. Over 30 people showed up, and the 2017 outlook for the Fort Lauderdale Chapter is bright!



Fort Lauderdale Gathering

Member Benefits

WAI members seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! If you're a lover of all things

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

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

aviation and aerospace, and enjoy sharing your passion with others, we'd love to have you!

- Enterprise Rental-A-Car: special discount rates with promotion code
- Flying magazine subscription: annual subscription for only \$8.00
- General Aviation News subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- King Schools: purchase a professional training course and receive a second course at a 50% discount
- MedJetAssist: reduced annual and multi-year rates
- SmithAmundsen: free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- Vistaprint: discounted business cards
- And much more!

Learn more

[Use Your WAI Benefit to Order Business Cards](#)

If you're planning on coming to the conference next month, you should definitely come supplied with business cards.

Vistaprint makes having your own cards economical. The minimum order is for 100 cards for \$7.99, but you can buy 250 cards for \$8.99, and 500 cards for \$9.99. You'll have your choice of eight business card templates in full color, and you can "fancy up" your card for additional charges. You can even print on two sides.

At these prices, it makes sense to add to your good-to-go persona with a business card. Note that this benefit is year-round, and not just for the conference. To take advantage of these prices, and to be prepared for your next networking opportunity, access Vistaprint via WAI's portal at: <http://WAI.biz.vistaprint.com>



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[Featured Item:](#)

[Conference T-Shirt](#)

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2016 Conference Shirt pictured

jersey, topstitched rib v-neck collar and taped neck.

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Featured Job Corporate Pilot

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<http://bit.ly/FlySouthern>

Are you hiring? Email Kelly Murphy to promote your job opportunity to Women in Aviation International members.

First Ladies



Vanessa Blacknall-Jamison

Are you a first lady, or know someone who is?
Send your info to: kmurphy@wai.org.

NAME: Vanessa Blacknall-Jamison

CURRENT OCCUPATION & JOB TITLE:

Leadership Coach and Change Management
Advisor - AFS Leadership Development,
Federal Aviation Administration

HER FIRST: First chairwoman of
Organization of Black Aviation Professionals
(OBAP), and first non-pilot to be elected

LEARN MORE: www.obap.org

1) Was it important to you to break this
barrier, or were you just doing your job?

I was doing my job by engaging again with
OBAP, and when the opportunity arose to be
on the Board of Directors, reality strike me
that I could be the Chair although the Vice
Chair Carole Hopson should have been the

We are developing a growing list of living aviation First Ladies that have made their personal mark in their community, job, school, or family. Thanks for sharing!

first.

2.) Who is your inspiration?

My mother is my inspiration! I never heard I couldn't do something or when I achieved any success (big or small), she is always my biggest supporter. I have observed over the years how my mother makes everyone feel special. She has a gift which I have inherited, and that's a genuine love for mankind!

Industry News

EAA Announces WomenVenture Sport Pilot Academy Scholarship

EAA has announced it will award a scholarship to cover tuition and onsite costs for a woman to attend the August 2017 session of the EAA Sport Pilot Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The WomenVenture Sport Pilot Academy Scholarship will be presented during the annual WomenVenture Power Lunch at EAA AirVenture 2017 on Wednesday, July 26.

The EAA Sport Pilot Academy helps aspiring pilots obtain their sport pilot certificate during a three-week training program while staying on the EAA grounds. Applicants must be a former Young Eagles participant.

For more information on the EAA Sport Pilot Academy visit www.EAA.org/sportpilotacademy. The application for the scholarship opens March 1 at www.EAA.org/scholarships. Application materials must be received by May 1. Learn more about WomenVenture 2017 at www.EAA.org/womenventure.

2017 Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. The following are events at which Women in Aviation is a sponsor, partner, or exhibitor. Volunteer to help at events where WAI is participating! [Email Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) to sign up!

February 7-10 - [NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), Fort Worth, Texas (Visit WAI in Booth 1714)

March 2-4 - [International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

March 6-9 - [HAI Heli-Expo](#), Dallas, Texas (Visit WAI in Booth 4205)

March 31-April 2 - [International Brazil Air Show](#), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

April 4-9 - [SUN 'n FUN Int'l Fly-In & Expo](#), Lakeland, Florida (Visit WAI in booth A-57)

May 22-24 - [EBACE](#), Geneva, Switzerland

July 24-30 - [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#), Oshkosh, Wisconsin

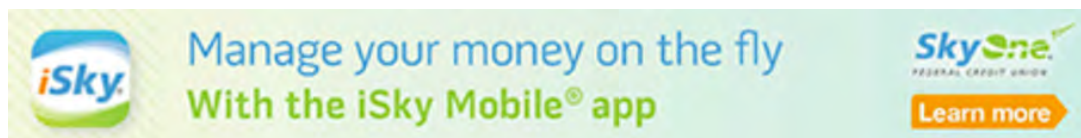
September 13-15 - [UAA Fall Education Conference](#), Riverside, Wisconsin

September 23 - [3rd Annual International Girls in Aviation Day](#), Contact your local WAI chapter!

September 24-27 - [RAA 42nd Annual Convention](#), Palm Beach, Florida

September 29-30 - [WAI Connect Dayton](#), Dayton, Ohio

October 10-12 - [NBAA-BACE 2017](#), Las Vegas, Nevada



"Women, like men, should try to do the impossible. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others." -
Amelia Earhart

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Education & Careers

Scholarships



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