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April 2017 - Message from WAI

Thank you for your support of #WAI17

Just a few weeks ago, some 4,500 WAI members and friends gathered in Florida for our successful 28th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference. Thanks to a long list of sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers, our 2017 event was a unique and memorable event. If you missed this year's conference, catch up on #WAI17 news by reading [the three issues of The Daily here](#). One of the many conference highlights was awarding [120 scholarships totaling \\$643,274](#). Save the date for #WAI18 in Reno, Nevada, March 22-24, 2018.



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WAI Connect Lunch at SUN 'n FUN 2017

Friday, April 7 • Noon • Buehler Aerospace Skills Center

Visit the WAI booth A-57 at #SNF17

See you at Sun 'n Fun!

Enjoy lunch, a panel discussion of accomplished women and role models, plus an opportunity to network with other WAI members at the Connect Lunch on Friday, April 7, 2017 at noon in the Buehler Aerospace Skills Center. You can purchase your advance tickets today for \$18.00 by [registering online](#).

Meet panel moderator WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian, and bring your questions for panelists: Patty Wagstaff, six-time member of the US Aerobatic Team; Barbara Walters-Phillips, an aviation education teacher in Orlando, Florida, who

incorporates aviation principles supporting non-traditional careers for girls; Abingdon Mullin, an airline pilot and entrepreneur who has developed watches for female pilots, divers, and mechanics; Karissa Strickland, operations specialist for Lakeland Linder Regional Airport; Brittany Dieker, a recruiter for United Airlines; and Kelly Murphy, WAI director of communications and editor-in-chief for Aviation for Women magazine.

We look forward to seeing you in Lakeland, Florida!

Thanks to Gleim Aviation, when you visit WAI booth A-57 at Sun 'n Fun and join or renew your WAI membership, you will receive a voucher for a FREE Gleim FAR/AIM book and your choice of an online Flight Review Ground Training Course or Pilot Refresher Course. A \$46.90 value. Go to Gleim Publication booth C-037-038 with your WAI membership receipt (or Gleim voucher) to receive your free materials while you are in Lakeland, Florida.

[Register for Connect Lunch](#)

Member News

Congratulations to Ambassador Barbara Barrett, WAI 103 and chair of The Aerospace Corporation, for being named the first female recipient at this year's Leadership in the Nation's Interest Award. Barbara will be recognized as an extraordinary business leader in the aerospace industry during the Committee for Economic Development's Spring Policy Conference in Washington, DC, on April 19-20, 2017.



Barbara Barrett, WAI 103

Olivia Lisbon, WAI 59371, recently was hired as the new Flight Operations Coordinator for ICON Aircraft at the Tampa Flight Center.



Olivia Lisbon, WAI 59371

Linda Castner, WAI 9639, has recently released a paper, co-authored with Rich Stowell, titled [Effective Outreach: Preserving General Aviation by Putting the 'Public' in Public-Use Airports](#). A Master Instructor, Linda has been involved in general aviation for decades having grown up on her family's public-use airport, Alexandria Field Airport in Pittstown, New Jersey. She has developed and tested numerous outreach programs for pre-K children all the way up to corporate professionals.



Linda Castner, WAI 9639

Christina Tindle, WAI 34955, invites WAI members and their friends to this summer's Woman Wise AWESome Adventures in Cascade, Idaho (U70) July 6-9, 2017 for a seminar that she describes as a "powerful and fun way to identify passion, rid fears, improve judgement, lift confidence, expand competence, clarify purpose...and fly planes". Learn more about the itinerary [here](#).



Christina Tindle, WAI 34955

Smile for the camera! Thanks to a generous member donation, the mission and work of WAI are visually displayed [in this two-minute video](#) that was aired at the #WAI17 conference, and now available on [YouTube](#) for public viewing. Enjoy!

Chapter News

A dedicated team in Brazil, led by Sator President Paula Faria and ERAU's Fabio Campos, has formed the newest WAI chapter at the first [International Brazil Air Show \(IBAS\)](#) in Rio de Janeiro, March 29-April 2, 2017. As the organizer of IBAS, Paula was in a unique position to bring focus to growing the roles of women in Brazilian aviation by making the opening day of IBAS, Women in Aviation day. A full day of activities were held that featured notable speakers such as ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu (the first female Secretary General of ICAO), Boeing President of Latin America Donna Hrinak, FAA Deputy Administrator Victoria Wassmer, FAA Executive Director of International Affairs Carey Fagan, and Embraer's Global HR Director Ana Lundberg just to name a few. To kick the aerial portion of the event off, new WAI member and WAI Brazil Chapter member Patricia Ramanuskas, First Officer



The first meeting of the new WAI Brazil Chapter took place at IBAS.

at Azul Airlines and aerobatic pilot, performed the opening fly-over in her Decathlon. Already, nearly 50 new members have joined the WAI Brazil Chapter. Bem vinda!

Congratulations to the new Heart of Florida Chapter of Lakeland, Florida, for winning the WAI Chapter Logo Contest by popular vote during the 2017 International Women in Aviation Conference.



New Heart of Florida Chapter logo

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



Use Your WAI Benefit to Save on Your Insurance

Avemco Insurance Company offers a 5% discount to all WAI members, and is effective immediately in most states, and benefits members who own and rent aircraft. If [applying online](#) for an insurance quote, simply type WAI in the box asking if someone referred you to Avemco. If applying by phone call 888-241-7891 for an insurance quote, and mention your WAI membership, and an Avemco representative will provide you with details.

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WAI Online Store

Featured Item: Folding Umbrella

Compact manual-opening umbrella has 41" polyester canopy featuring the WAI logo with matching color sleeve. Three-section folding metal shaft collapses to 9" long to tuck inside briefcase, handbag, or glove box.

Ergonomic, matte black plastic handle with wrist strap.

Colors: Black, Royal

Shipping Weight: 1.50 pounds

Code: [30079](#) Price: \$10.00



Folding Umbrella with WAI logo

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

First Ladies



Captain Melissa Haney

NAME: Melissa Haney

CURRENT OCCUPATION & JOB TITLE: Dash 8 Captain, Air Inuit

HER FIRST: First female Inuit Captain at Air Inuit

LEARN MORE: Melissa started with Air Inuit as a flight attendant in 2001, and in 2003 started her flight training. About 300 people met her flight at her hometown airport Inukjuak, Quebec, to help celebrate her achievement. <http://bit.ly/2o5lkbK>

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

"I was just doing my job, when I first started flying it wasn't in mind that I would be making history. When I did my line check as captain and people were so proud of me I realized it was an important barrier to break for young Inuit girls to show that they too can aim for anything. "

2) Who is your inspiration?

"I have many people who have inspired me over the years. I look up to all the women pilots in our company who have paved the way before me. Many of the Inuit pilots that showed us that we can follow our dreams, especially Johnny May the first Inuit pilot. I also look up to my mother, who showed me that you can be a wonderful mother and follow your dreams in a career that you love.

Are you a first lady, or know someone who is?

Send your info to: kmurphy@wai.org.

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!

Industry News

CAF Rise Above: WASP

Honoring the past and inspiring the future, [WAI Chicago's Leading Edge](#) is hosting a luncheon program on April 12, 2017 at DuPage Airport to hear Heather Penney and Erin Miller speak about how they personally were inspired by the WASP and are now dedicated to ensuring the WASP story is told to inspire new generations. [Register here.](#)

ERAU Presents Live Panel Discussion on Airline Pilot Shortage

On Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. EST, join Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University faculty and alumni subject-matter experts for [Lift, Off the Page](#), a lively discussion and in-depth examination of the pilot shortage, its contributing factors and industry projections, as well as possible outcomes and solutions. The event is open to the public, and can be attended in person at ERAU's Daytona Beach, Florida, campus or online. [Register here.](#)

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!

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

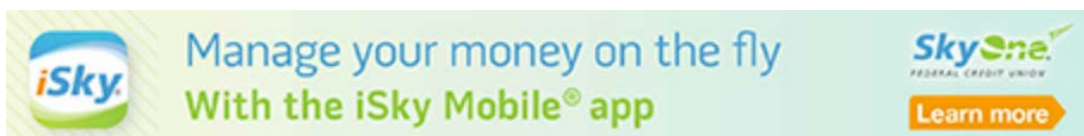
September 13-15 - [UAA Fall Education Conference](#), Riverside, California

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



"A true aviator really sees aviation as a whole, constantly improving but while still being humble, and realizing that you can never know everything there is to know." -Patty Wagstaff

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