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## July 2017 - Message from WAI

WAI is pleased to announce the 2018 scholarships are [now online](#), and it's time to apply! With 100 scholarships totaling \$546,965, our members can find financial rewards for pursuing careers in aerospace engineering, aviation management, dispatcher, flight, maintenance, and other related areas. All requirements and tips for applying are on the [WAI website](#), or learn more in the [July / August 2017 issue](#) of Aviation for Women magazine. New this year, all qualified applicants can apply for up to 3 scholarships, plus internships. Questions? Contact [Donna Wallace](#)



The Airbus Leadership Grant was presented to Piper Sigrest (r) of Woodbridge, Virginia

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## Join Us in Oshkosh to Celebrate 10 Years of WomenVenture!

WAI members attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this month can take advantage of all the WomenVenture events throughout the week. Wednesday, July 26, 2017, will kick off with the WAI Connect Breakfast at 8 a.m. featuring speakers: Connie Bowlin, president of EAA Warbirds of America, and Susan Dusenbury, president of EAA Vintage Aircraft Association. Connie leads the efforts of promoting the safe operation of ex-military aircraft as well as preservation of warbirds, and Susan heads the largest organization in the world dedicated to the preservation and restoration of vintage aircraft.

Click here to register for the WAI Connect Breakfast, generously sponsored by Avemco. Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$20 on site.

Following the breakfast, plan to attend the annual WomenVenture group photo on Boeing Plaza at 11 a.m. A limited-edition WomenVenture t-shirt is available to all women who participate (while supplies last).

The photo is immediately followed by the WomenVenture Power Lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Theater in the Woods featuring guest speaker Dr. Janet Lapp, a flight instructor who is also a renowned teacher and author, and the creator of the Emmy-nominated CBS health series Keep Well.

Women Fly event will be hosted by ALPA on Friday, July 28 starting at 5:00 pm. at EAA's Partner Resource Center. This free meet-and-greet event offers an opportunity for aspiring airline pilots and aviation-oriented college students to network with female airline pilots from major carriers. Pick up your free ticket at ALPA's Booth C-11 at the Education and Career Center at EAA's Aviation Gateway Park.



Connie Bowlin (l) and Susan Dusenbury (r) will be the featured speakers during WAI Connect Breakfast on Wednesday, July 26 during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.



The annual WomenVenture group photo will take place on Boeing Plaza at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 26.



Join or renew your WAI membership at Booth 2041, Hangar B and receive a FREE Gleim FAR/AIM book and your choice of an online course, including communications, flight review ground training, or pilot refresher. A \$46.90 value. Visit the Gleim Aviation Booth 1105/1106, Hangar A with your WAI membership receipt (or Gleim voucher) and receive your free materials while you are at EAA AirVenture.

During the week, visit WAI Booth 2041, Hangar B. We welcome volunteers to assist us at the booth. If you are interested, email Molly Martin. Visit [www.EAA.org/WomenVenture](http://www.EAA.org/WomenVenture) for the week's show schedule.

Register for Connect Breakfast

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### Chapter News

The Phoenix Valley of the Sun and Arizona State University Chapters have recently merged to form a single, strong, and dynamic group. Many members recently attended a tour of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Tower and TRACON.

For the seventh consecutive year, Central Florida Chapter members were out in force for the annual Run for the Angels 5K Charity Fun Run. The chapter plays a big part in assisting the organizers, as well as earning medals. Hosted by Angel Flight Southeast, over 300 participants enjoyed running and walking on active runways and taxiways at Orlando Executive Airport (ORL).

The Yankee Ladies Chapter toured the Detroit Metro Airport Firehouse with the help of the firefighters IAFF L741. The group had a wonderful time checking out the firehouse, equipment, and learning how the various equipment works. A couple of lucky members were treated to a ride in one of the firetrucks.

### Member News

Congratulations to the numerous WAI members that participated in the [2017 Air Race Classic!](#) WAI participated in the Mingle with the Racers Youth Aviation Event on Saturday, June 17 at the Frederick Municipal Airport (FDK) prior to the race start from FDK on Tuesday, June 20. [Visit the ARC website](#) to see the race results and adventures of the female pilots during their 4-day competition to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Bobbie Roe, WAI 12, recently finished 15 years as 99News publisher, but will continue to enjoy her love of travel.



Phoenix Valley of the Sun and Arizona State University Chapters



Central Florida Chapter runners and volunteers



Yankee Ladies Chapter at the Detroit Metro Airport Firehouse





WAI exhibited at the Mingle with the Racers Youth Aviation Event at the 2017 Air Race Classic kick-off event



### Connect with members in Dayton!

WAI members are invited to attend Connect Dayton on September 29 and 30 for a unique two-day gathering. Not only the birthplace of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, will offer the perfect venue for tours of local aviation sites--showcasing historical and future technologies, an evening reception and author book signing, plus a full-day of impressive speakers. More details and hotel registration can be found [here](#).

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is recruiting flight instructors.  
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### Get Ready for Girls in Aviation Day!

Girls in Aviation Day 2017 is less than 3 months away, and chapters all across the world are putting together fun and inspiring activities and agendas to reach the kids in their communities. WAI encourages members to get involved in your local WAI Chapter, and play an important role in Girls in Aviation Day events on September 23, 2017. Find your local WAI chapter [here](#).

Chapter leaders and corporate members have access to lots of [online resources](#) to help organize your local event. Be sure to order your GIAD materials using [this form](#). International chapter orders are due July 15, and U.S. chapter orders are August 1.



### Girls In Aviation 2017 [WomeninAviationIntl](#)

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### Member Benefits

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.

### Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- Avemco: 5% discount on insurance
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### Use Your WAI Benefit to Expand Your Summer Reading List

## FLYING

Flying magazine offers WAI members a special annual subscription rate of \$8.00, representing a savings of more than \$6.00 retail per issue. [Complete the subscription form](#) to receive your discount. Special offer applies to new Flying magazine subscribers only.

## GENERAL AVIATION NEWS

General Aviation News extends a special offer to sample 6 issues free of charge to WAI members. If you like it, you simply pay 50% off subscription bill (only \$17.50) to receive

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## WAI Online Store

Show your WAI membership pride by purchasing merchandise during EAA AirVenture at our Booth 2041, Hangar B. There will be lots of items to choose from for both children and adults. Show your valid membership card and receive a 10% discount on all items!



Are you a WAI Lifetime Member? Purchase exclusive Lifetime Member merchandise at the booth during EAA AirVenture.

[Shop online](#)

## Job Openings

### WAI-Advertising Sales Representative

Women in Aviation International is seeking an advertising sales representative to promote and support the mission of our growing, non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging women of all ages to pursue the aviation career of their dreams. The preferred candidate could work remotely, on a part-time, commission-base, and report to the Director of Communications to support advertising revenue for WAI's two magazines, Aviation for Women and Aviation for Girls. In addition, the candidate would handle website and eNewsletter advertising, as well as all job postings. Preferred candidate would have at least 3+ years of print and digital advertising sales experience, attention to details and deadlines, a teamwork approach, and ability to build relationships with existing and prospective advertisers. [Email Kelly Murphy](#), director of communications.

## First Ladies

NAME: Stephanie R. Grant, WAI 42959

HER FIRST: Member of the first all-female African-American flight crew in the United States (February 12, 2009)

CURRENT OCCUPATION & JOB TITLE: Airline pilot/first officer

LEARN MORE: [www.stephaniergrant.com](http://www.stephaniergrant.com)



The crew making history during their ASA Flight 5202 on February 12, 2009. (L to R) Flight Attendant Diana Galloway, Capt. Rochelle Jones Kerr, FO Stephanie R. Grant, and Flight Attendant Robin Rogers.

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

It still amazes me that showing up to work that day ultimately brought more awareness that this barrier needed to be broken-actually it needs to be shattered! Our historic flight has given me an enormous platform to inspire women, especially women of color, to pursue aviation as a career path. There's less than 100 African American women pilots that fly commercially in the United States, so there's still so much more work to be done.

2) Who is your inspiration?

I'm inspired by anyone that has the intestinal fortitude to step out on faith and go after their goals and dreams. Thanks to the various social media platforms, I read about such stories almost every day. It makes me want to set new and improved goals for myself. There are many trailblazers in aviation that have inspired me along my journey to the cockpit. But, by far the most influential and inspirational is my cousin, Herman Samuels. He is a retired American Airlines captain and ironically was a member of the first all male African American flight crew in the U.S. He continues to be an amazing mentor and friend!

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## 2017 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 Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) to sign up.

July 24-30 - [\\*EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#), Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Visit WAI in Hangar B, Booth 2041

July 26 - [\\*WAI Connect Breakfast](#), 8 a.m. EAA Nature Center, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Click here to register.

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

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

September 24-27 - [\\*RAA 42nd Annual Convention](#), Palm Beach, Florida. Visit WAI in booth 235.

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

October 6-7 - [\\*AOPA WAI Chapter Events](#), Groton, Connecticut

October 10-12 - [\\*NBAA-BACE 2017](#), Las Vegas, Nevada. Visit WAI in booth C10335.

October 27-28 - [\\*AOPA WAI Chapter Events](#), Tampa, Florida

## 2018 Events

March 22-24 - [\\*29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nevada

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-Winston Churchill

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