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Message from WAI

Our thoughts continue to be with all our members of the WAI family that have been affected by the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Our third annual international Girls in Aviation Day reached an estimated 9,700 attendees around the world with 74 events held in 12 countries. We thank the significant contributions from our chapters, corporate members, sponsors, and hundreds of volunteers to make these events a memorable and unique outreach program to young girls age 8-17.

WAI staff welcomed Dreams Soar founder and pilot Shaesta Waiz, WAI 45659, in Washington, D.C. during several events that marked her successful solo around-the-world flight. Inspiring women and girls everywhere, Shaesta's 33 stops over five continents in 20 countries promoted STEM and aviation education. Learn more about her trip at DreamsSoar.org.



WAI staff attend events in Washington, D.C.



#GIAD17 Dallas Chapter event



Shaesta Waiz and her Dream Team in D.C.

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Girls in Aviation Day Reaches 9,700!

Check out the highlights:

- 9,700 attendees estimated
- 12 countries participated
- 74 events by chapters and corporate members
- 35 U.S chapters
- 16 collegiate chapters
- 15 international chapters
- 8 events by WAI corporate members

Save the date for Girls In Aviation Day,
October 13, 2018!

Thank you to this year's GIAD sponsors, and
the many sponsors and supporters at the
chapter and local level!

- Air Wisconsin
- American Airlines
- Aurora Flight Sciences
- Bell Helicopter Foundation
- California Baptist University
- Cape Air
- Delta Air Lines
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Greater Capital Region Chapter #GIAD17



[This year's Aviation for Girls magazine was distributed at all Girls in Aviation Day events.](#)

Check WAI social media for coverage of #GIAD17 events around the world. Here's just a few examples:

[Chicago O'Hare Airport](#)

[Denver International Airport](#)

[McCarran International Airport](#)

[Share our #GIAD17 promo video](#) and get inspired for next year's events!

History, Camaraderie, Authors, Networking, and More in Dayton

WAI members and friends gathered at [WAI Connect Dayton](#) Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2017, for a unique event at Marriott at the University of Dayton. In addition to local aviation site tours, attendees enjoyed an evening reception and book signing, and heard from numerous speakers during Saturday's agenda. Read all about this two-day event in the November/December issue of Aviation for Women!

Thank you to our sponsors!

- Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau
- ExpressJet
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Attendees enjoyed a day of interesting speakers



Hawthorn Hill, The Wright Brothers' Family Home



The weather was beautiful for drone demos

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Reasons to Come to Reno!

[Our new conference brochure](#) has details on speakers, education and professional development sessions, hotels, registration info and more. We've got [10 reasons](#) for you to join us in Reno for the 29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference in Reno, Nevada, March 22-24, 2018. Whether it's your first-time attending or your annual gathering with other members, the WAI conference is like no other. Check out [our website](#) to start making your plans for our annual gathering next year!

Have a look at some video highlights of our 2017 Orlando conference [here](#).





① **Start Training
From Zero Time**
Graduate in 9 Months

Time to Apply for Scholarships

Over 110 scholarships, valued at \$632,965, are available for WAI members this year. Any active member by November 1, 2017, can apply for up to three scholarships this year, plus an internship. Newly added are three American Airlines \$5,000 educational scholarships. Qualifications and application information are available on the [WAI website](#). Thinking about how to spend your summer of 2018? Delta Air Lines is offering a [13-week internship](#) for students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree in business management or industrial engineering.

Member News

1st Lt. Sophia Matias, WAI 60817, was recently recognized as the only Hispanic-American pilot in the Illinois National Guard officer who flies UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.



1st Lt. Sophia Matias of the Illinois National Guard

Chrystina Jones, WAI 45090, will receive the 2017 Katherine Wright Trophy from the National Aeronautic Association and was chosen for her commitment to encouraging women across the globe to pursue and succeed in aviation careers.

Irene Koki Mutungi, WAI 28097 and B787 Dreamliner captain for Kenya Airways, recently was named [Africa Travel 100 Women Winner](#).



Scholarships are a major membership benefit!



Chrystina Jones and her family

Chapter News

The WAI Connecticut Chapter recently awarded Caitlynn Reilly, a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations!

Industry News

Tammy Duckworth, a 2011 inductee to the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame, is proposing a plan that would allow airports to use existing funds to build proper spaces for nursing mothers. Out of 100 airports in this country, only 8 percent have a place that meets the minimum requirements for lactation rooms -- private, clean spaces with a chair, table, and electrical outlet. [Read more](#) and sign up to support Tammy's mom-friendly airport plan.

The first certified educator conference at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, will be offered by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation (AMF) on July 11-13, 2018. SPACE is co-sponsored by the NASA Nebraska Space Grant and registration is limited to the first 300 certified teachers. [Sign up here](#) to receive registration information as soon as it is available.



Congratulations Caitlynn Reilly!



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.

Use Your WAI Benefit to Apply for Scholarships!

Scholarship awards are a major benefit of WAI membership, and help our members reach their goals and advance into the aviation and aerospace careers they have always dreamed about. The 2018 scholarship program began in July and runs through November 13, 2017. This year, members can apply for up to 3 scholarships plus an internship. Check out the growing list of scholarships [here](#).

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- Avemco: 5% discount on insurance
- Aviation Medicine Advisory Service: 5% discount on standard case fees
- 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 about Member Discounts](#)

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Featured item: [WAI Umbrella](#)

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Colors: Black, Royal

Code: 30079 Price: \$10.00



WAI logo umbrella

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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.

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

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

October 17-19 - [*ERA General Assembly](#), Athens, Greece

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

2018 Events

January 24-27 - [*Sebring U.S. Sport Aviation Expo](#), Sebring, Florida. Dr. Peggy Chabrian will be a forum speaker on Friday, January 26.

February 6-9 - [Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), Long Beach, California.

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

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-- Maya Angelou

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Scholarships



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