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## Message from WAI

Happy New Year, and a special thank you to our members and sponsors for your support in 2017! WAI looks forward to a very bright future based on the continued growth of our organization.

On December 20, 2017, [WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian acknowledged bipartisan legislation](#) introduced in the Senate by Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Susan Collins (R-ME) titled Promoting Women in the Aviation Workforce Act of 2017. The bill cited WAI's Girls in Aviation Day as a program that helps "young women be introduced to the different opportunities that are open to women in the aviation and aerospace industry."

#WomeninAviation looks forward to seeing many of our new and existing members in Reno, Nevada, at the [29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 22-24, 2018](#). Take advantage of early registration prices and save. [Register here](#) by January 29, 2018 midnight EST. Be a part of #WAI18 and get ready for 3 days packed with tours, keynote speakers, educational seminars and professional development workshops, exhibit hall, networking, and mentoring.

Have you seen our [new #GoReno video](#)?



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## Bid on a flight with Julie Clark at the WAI Silent Auction

During the WAI2018 conference in Reno bid on lots of cool items at our [annual silent auction](#). It is one of the principal fundraisers for the WAI Endowment Fund. Are you or your company interested in donating at item? [Click here](#) to fill-out the donation form. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Girls in Aviation Day Reno  
Saturday, March 24  
Reno-Sparks Convention Center  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
For girls ages 8-17

Introduce your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, friends of conference attendees to the career possibilities and amazing lifestyle aviation and aerospace present. Through a host of hands-on activities, speakers, games and more, girls will be immersed in all that aviation has to offer. What's more, Girls in Aviation Day Reno is all fun!

Older girls will be able to meet with representatives from aviation colleges and universities. There will be no shortage of role models for the girls as they hear from working women about their unique aviation careers. Flying a simulator, reading a sectional chart, learning the phonetic alphabet are all part of the day! Registration for girls and chaperones is \$10 each (which includes lunch). Girls must be accompanied by adult. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Online registration will be available [here](#) on January 12, 2018.

Girls  
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### Member News

Capt. Vannakay Hurenvich , WAI 27409, is featured in a [Sass Magazine Woman to Watch story](#). A fan of aviation at a young age, Vannakay talks about her career, biggest challenge and offers advice to other women. Her journey started flying in small planes with her father and today she commands the cockpit of Delta's MD-88 and MD-90.

### Industry News

Three female Alaska Airlines pilots were [featured on the cover of the December 2017 issue](#) of the airline's in-flight magazine, Alaska Beyond. Capt. Kimberly Gabrelcik, FO Chaz Peters , and Capt. April Eriksson share thoughts about the inspiration that led them to their respective aviation careers.

Dr. Sally K. Ride , 2014 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame inductee and the first American woman to soar into space, will become only the second NASA astronaut ever to be honored with a [United States "Forever" postage stamp](#). The U.S. Postal Service will announce the exact issue date later; however, the preliminary stamp design was released on December 12, 2017.

The [Ladies Love Taildraggers organization](#) is providing six scholarships for women by women--all to train women to get a taildragger endorsement, learn aerobatics, or mountain flying. Most of the scholarships include travel expenses. Must be female, at least 18 years of age by May 1, 2018; hold a minimum of a sport pilot certificate; write a short post about your prior training experience; and be passionate about tail dragging. [Deadline to apply online is midnight February 28, 2018.](#)



Delta Capt. Vannakay Hurenvich



Alaska Airlines pilots on the cover of in-flight magazine



Preliminary design of 2018 Sally Ride stamp

Apply for six scholarships by February 28, 2018

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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
- 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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## WAI Online Store

### Featured Item: Fleece Vest

Cool days ahead, layers required! This cozy micro-fleece vest is super lightweight, but provides enough warmth to keep you feeling just right. Layering remains "in" as a fashion trend, and this vest is easy on the budget as well. Two pockets are big enough to stash your phone, keys, and more. Of course, the WAI logo adds prestige to the look.

Code: 30133

Price: \$33.00

Available in White, Dark Fuchsia, Light Royal, or Black

Sizes: Small to XL



The WAI Fleece Vest is perfect for layering

[Shop online](#)

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## 2018 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.

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

April 10-15 - [\\*Sun 'n Fun](#), Lakeland, Florida

May 29-31 - [EBACE](#), Geneva, Switzerland

July 23-29 - [\\*FAA AirVenture](#), Oshkosh, Wisconsin

September 22-26- [\\*RAA Annual Convention](#), Long Beach, California

September 26-28- [UAA Conference](#), Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas

October 13- [\\*Girls in Aviation Day 2018](#)

October 16-18- [\\*NBAA-BACE](#), Orlando, Florida

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"Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve."  
--J.K. Rowling

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