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Message from WAI

In exactly 50 days, Women in Aviation International members and friends will gather in Reno, Nevada, at the [29th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 22-24, 2018](#) for three days packed with tours, keynote speakers, educational seminars and professional development workshops, exhibit hall, [Girls in Aviation Day Reno](#), networking, and mentoring. While WAI will not host Fast Pass this year, [click here](#) to see the list of [14 airline and aviation companies](#) that will be holding hiring briefings.

Thanks to a team of volunteers, we welcomed a number of new and existing members at the recent [U.S. Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring, Florida](#). During the show, Dr. Peggy Chabrian gave two presentations on "Would a Real Lady Fly" and "Everything You Want to Know About Learning to Fly."

This month, WAI staff will host our first WAI Business Card Connect event at [NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers in Long Beach, California](#). These 15-minute sessions are perfect for a meet-and-greet of other WAI members, and an opportunity to network and exchange business cards. Stop by Booth 1231 on Wednesday, February 7 or Thursday, February 8 from 10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. or 2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.



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Join us at #WAI18!



Thanks Ruth Jacobs, WAI 5199, and Cristin Coniglio, WAI 75106, for volunteering at the WAI booth at Sebring.

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Help Wanted for Students

One of the keys to inspiring the next generation of female aviators is to provide them with real-life role models. You can provide this unique and important opportunity by investing in a student through a WAI 2018 conference registration. Each year there are college and university students who need financial help to attend conference. Please consider sponsoring a student conference registration for \$200, or a student celebration dinner ticket for \$95. [Email Sue Coon](#) or call 937-839-4647.



Provide a memorable conference experience to a deserving student

See You at Sun 'n Fun

The annual [Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In & Expo](#) will be here before you know it, and WAI will be on site all week April 10-15, 2018, with an exhibit booth in Hangar A (Booth A-056). Don't forget to add the WAI Connect Lunch (sponsored by Mooney and Piedmont Airlines) to your plans on Friday, April 13 at noon at the Buehler Aerospace Skills Center in Lakeland, Florida. WAI members can purchase advance tickets for \$18 [here](#) (non-members \$19) until April 9. Get your tickets early as the price increases on April 10.



Enjoy lunch with your WAI members and friends during Sun 'n Fun

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Mentoring Magic



Being part of the WAI community means you can benefit from lots of mentoring opportunities and relationships! These important connections are easy to make through WAI's website. If you would like to offer yourself up as a potential mentor for another WAI member [login](#) and update your mentor profile today. For mentees, the Find a Mentor options are only available to [WAI members logged in](#). Help us grow a robust community of women helping women through these enhanced website options.

Are you a Super Mentor?

If you have over 35 years of experience in the aviation and/or aerospace industries, we invite you to become a WAI Super Mentor at the WAI 2018 Conference in Reno, Nevada. Your dedicated experience and passionate knowledge of our industry can provide valuable insights to our student members, younger professionals, and anyone who is new to the conference as they rise up through the ranks by learning from those of you have "Been there, done that!" [Ready to be a Super Mentor?](#) You can pick up your Super Mentor button to wear at the conference at the information booth or the membership booth.



Being a mentor to WAI members helps our growing community



Been there, done that!
TALK TO ME

Look for Super Mentors wearing these buttons at the WAI 2018 conference!

An advertisement for ATP Flight School. It features a white American Eagle airplane flying against a blue sky. The ATP logo is prominently displayed in red and white. To the right of the airplane, the text reads 'Join ATP Flight School » Become an Airline Pilot' in black and red. Below this text is a red button with the text 'Learn More »' in white.

Chapter News

The WAI Connecticut Chapter had a tremendous turnout at our holiday dinner, which featured Maya Raichelson, General Manager, Hot Section Module Center, Pratt & Whitney, as guest speaker. In addition to learning a lot from Maya and enjoying each other's company, our gift basket auction raised over \$670 to fund our annual



scholarship. Special thanks go to Kim Hagerty, Scholarship Chair, who did a stand-out job as auctioneer.

The WAI Connecticut Chapter Holiday Dinner

Passages

WASP Gloria Heath, passed away on December 16, 2017, at the age of 95. A founding member of Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), Gloria was instrumental in the earliest efforts to disseminate aviation safety information worldwide. She was a long-time resident of Greenwich, Connecticut, and flew B-26 bombers during World War II. After the war, she was an original employee of FSF, working with founder Jerome Lederer, who described her efforts as indispensable. Gloria was inducted into the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame in 1999.



RIP WASP Gloria Heath

We've reached shmoozing altitude.

Rub wings with JetBlue leaders and crewmembers during the 2018 International Women in Aviation Conference. The evening will include guest speakers, a Q&A session and refreshments. Join us Friday 3/23/18 from 6-8PM at the Peppermill Resort!

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[Weekend Flash Sale!](#)

Shop from the convenience of your home this weekend! It's time to complete your wardrobe with WAI branded merchandise during our weekend flash sale featuring 10 items at up to 70% discount! Buy for yourself or a friend, and show your WAI membership with pride. Inventory is limited, so don't delay. Discount pricing is available until noon Monday, February 6!

[Ladies Barrier Jacket](#) \$78.00 (regular price \$125.00)

[Ladies Superpro Oxford Shirt](#) \$25.00 (regular price



\$38.00)

[Ladies Sleeveless Polo Shirt](#) \$12.00 (regular price \$24.95)

[WAI Bling T-Shirt](#) \$15.00 (regular price \$22.00)

[WAI Conference T-Shirt](#) \$5.00 (regular price \$15.00)

[Kids Chicks Fly Shirt](#) \$9.00 (regular price \$13.95)

[Go Fly Toddler Shirt](#) \$9.00 (regular price \$13.95)

[Book: Military Fly Moms](#) \$20.00 (regular price \$60.00)

[Book: WAI 20th Anniversary](#) \$1.00 (regular price \$6.00)



WAI Bling T-Shirt



Kids Chicks Fly Shirt

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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
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- **King Schools:** purchase a professional training course and receive a second course at a 50% discount
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- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Vistaprint:** discounted business cards
- And much more!

[Learn More about Member Discounts](#)

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.

February 6-9 - [*Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), Long Beach, California. *Visit WAI at Booth 1231 and attend our Business Card Connect event!*

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

April 10-15 - [*Sun 'n Fun](#), Lakeland, Florida. *Join us at the WAI Connect Lunch (co-sponsored by Mooney and Piedmont Airlines) on Friday, April 13 at noon at the Buehler Aerospace Skills Center.*

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

July 23-29- [*EAA AirVenture](#), Oshkosh, Wisconsin. *Join us at the WAI Connect Breakfast (co-sponsored by Avemco and MzeroA.com) on July 25 at 8:00 a.m. at the Nature Center.*

September 25-26 [UAA Annual Conference](#), Long Beach, California

September 26-28- [UAA's 71st Annual Collegiate Aviation Conference](#), Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas

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

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

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--Confucious

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