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## Message from WAI

It's back to work and back to school time! We look forward to visiting with many of our Women in Aviation International members and friends during the next few months at various chapter activities, industry events, and of course Girls in Aviation Day. It's also the time to confirm your membership status prior to November 1 and [apply for scholarships](#) by the November 12 deadline. In 2019, WAI will award more than hundred different scholarships totaling over \$600,000.



Andrea Coppick (right) presents a \$3,000 Dare to Dream scholarship to Christine Potje.

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How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History

## Southern California Welcomes WAI for 2019 Conference

Long Beach, California, will be the destination for next year's [30th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 14-16, 2019](#). Enjoy all that Southern California has to offer by using the [WAI Long Beach Trip Planner](#).

The [2019 Exhibitor and Sponsor Prospectus](#) has lots of details about this unique three-day gathering featuring a variety of inspiring speakers, education sessions, professional development seminars, and Girls in Aviation Day Long Beach. [Click here](#) for conference fees and registration form. To register now please email [Stephanie Gordon](#).



## [Long Beach Hotel Information](#)

### Member News

[Martha King](#), WAI 642 and co-owner of King Schools Inc, has been appointed to the Civil Air Patrol's Board of Governors.

On August 30, [Shaesta Waiz](#), WAI 45659 and the youngest woman to fly solo around the world in a single-engine aircraft, [christened Wingfoot Three](#), the newest Goodyear Blimp, during a [special ceremony](#) at Goodyear's Wingfoot Lake Hangar near Akron, Ohio.

[NOAA Hurricane Hunter pilots Lt. Commander Rebecca Waddington](#), WAI 50310, and [Capt. Kristie Twining](#), Lifetime WAI 80179, made history on August 5, 2018, when they piloted a Gulfstream IV toward Hurricane Hector in Hawaii as the first hurricane hunting mission piloted by an all-female crew.



*Sarina Houston (right) receives The Martha King Scholarship for Women Flight Instructors from Martha at #WAI18.*



*(L to R) Goodyear CEO Rich Kramer, christener Shaesta Waiz, and Goodyear blimp pilot Taylor Deen*

## Industry News

[Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance 2019 scholarship program](#) is accepting applications online this year, and AWAM members must submit applications by November 1, 2018.

Happy 100th birthday to NASA Pioneer [Katherine Johnson](#)! And congratulations to the [unveiling of a bronze statue](#) in your honor at your alma mater of West Virginia State University!



A bronze statue of Katherine Johnson at WVSU



NOAA pilots Rebecca Waddington and Kristie Twining in Hawaii



AWAM is offering scholarships for its members, and applications are due November 1, 2018.



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# Girls IN AVIATION DAY

A Women in Aviation International® Event

## Girls in Aviation Day 2018 is Saturday, October 13

Around the world, chapters and corporate members are making plans for the estimated 15,000 girls that will attend the fourth annual international Girls in Aviation Day on October 13. GIAD18 is expected to be the largest ever, so make sure you have all the tools WAI offers and that your chapter's event is included on the [website list](#) and our promotional activities. You can provide all the details about your event [here](#).

If holding an event in the U.S. on October 13, your order is due TODAY, September 1, 2018. *No orders will be accepted after the cut-off date.*

Thanks to the [generous WAI sponsors and partners](#), WAI is able to provide each chapter holding an event with up to 100 free backpacks, Sporty's VFR Sectional Training Charts, Aviation Fun Patches, and *Aviation for Girls* magazines.

If you have questions about events, tools, or need more information email [Molly Martin](#).



Thanks to a [growing list of partners](#), Girls in Aviation Day 2018 will be another great success for thousands of girls around the world. Interested in learning how you can support this year's event? Email [Jennifer Saddler Thomas](#).

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## WAI Offers College/University Student Membership Program

For only \$10 per student (paid for by the university), your aviation program can provide all WAI's benefits, including access to over \$600,000 in scholarships.

- Membership includes all WAI benefits, including *Aviation for Women* magazine digital edition, monthly Connect newsletter, access to WAI's jobs, internships, social media, mentoring, networking opportunities, discounts to attend WAI events and on aviation products and services, and more.
- Students (women and men) become eligible for WAI scholarships - more than \$600,000 available currently. The deadline for the 2019 scholarship program is November 12, 2018. Applicants must be a WAI member by November 1, 2018, to apply for up to 3 scholarships, plus internships.

Interested in learning more? Email [Cassandra Bosco](mailto:Cassandra.Bosco).



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## WAI Online Store

### Featured Item: Flight Bags

This combination backpack and briefcase is great for pilots on the go who need to protect expensive electronics like an iPad or laptop. It has a modern style and sleek exterior, but is loaded with pockets on the inside to keep everything organized.

#### Features:

- Two bags in one--includes a shoulder strap and backpack straps to convert instantly
- Airport check point-friendly protective compartment for laptop or iPad folds open
- Organizer section stores pens, flashlights, keys, cell phone and more
- Numerous mesh pockets organize and protect cords and smaller accessories
- Large main compartment will accommodate two headsets simultaneously
- Made from premium ballistic nylon, it will last for years
- Measures 16" long x 14" wide

Size: Pro (\$219.00) 16" long x 14" wide and Sport 13" long x 11" wide (\$169.00) Code: Pro: 85000 Sport: 85001

[Click here](#) to order Flight Bag PLC Pro.

[Click here](#) to order Flight Bag PLC Sport.

#### Flight Bag PLC Pro

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*Flight Bag PLC Pro with WAI logo Code: 85000  
Price: \$219.00 Shipping Weight: 5.00 pounds*

#### Flight Bag PLC Sport



*Flight Bag PLC Sport with WAI logo Code: 85001  
Price: \$169.00 Shipping Weight: 4.00 pounds*

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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 and National 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
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 15% discount on all products
- **Vistaprint:** discounted business cards
- And much more!

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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.*

September 23-26- [\\*RAA Annual Convention](#), Long Beach, California

September 25-28- [\\*UAA 2018 Collegiate Aviation Conference & Expo](#) Dallas, Texas

October 5-6 - [\\*AOPA WAI Chapter Events](#), Carbondale, Illinois

October 13- [\\*Girls in Aviation Day 2018](#) Interested in #GIAD18 partnerships? [Email Jennifer Saddler Thomas](#) or call 740-819-0471.

## 2019

March 14-16 - [30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Long Beach, California

October 5 - [Girls in Aviation Day 2019](#)

## 2020

March 6-8 - [31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

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*"Forget about the fast lane.*

*If you really want to fly, just harness your power to your passion."*

*--Oprah Winfrey*

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