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Message from WAI

Start your holiday shopping early, and show your membership pride by ordering from the [new WAI Store](#).

Sporty's and Women in Aviation International have been partners for decades, and now the two organizations have a new offering - official WAI merchandise. The [official WAI Store](#), hosted by Sporty's, offers a wide range of wearables with the WAI logo from jackets to golf shirts and t-shirts, as well as hats. A variety of flight bags is also available.

A portion of every order goes to support WAI's mission.

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Peggy Chabrian (left) with Sporty's Mark Wiesenhahn and John Zimmerman and door prize winners, Therese Malinowski, WomenSoar YouSoar camp participant, and Jan Anderson, NGPA vice president, at EAA AirVenture



Apply for WAI Scholarships

Remember 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 100 different scholarships totaling over \$600,000.

You can review a list of [2019 scholarships by category](#), [tips for a winning application](#), and [application requirements](#) to ensure your applications are submitted on time and complete.



Heather Rae Kelly and Angela Jennings receive 2018 FedEx Express Boeing 757/767 Type Rating Scholarships.

Make Your Plans for #WAI19 in Long Beach, California

You can now [register online](#) for next year's [30th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 14-16, 2019](#).

The [2019 Conference Brochure](#) provides details on the schedule of events, inspiring speakers, professional development seminars, and tours in the Southern California area.

Review the [WAI Long Beach Trip Planner](#) for destination discounts and travel trips.

Show your company's support of WAI's mission to promote more women in aviation through various exhibit and sponsor opportunities listed in the [2019 Exhibitor and Sponsor Prospectus](#).

Select your Long Beach conference hotel and see a walking map of area locations [here](#).



Enjoy waterfront shops and restaurants from nearby hotels and the Long Beach Convention Center during WAI2019.



Spend a day at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory during one of the WAI2019 tours and explore space-based astronomy and technology missions.

[Register for WAI2019](#)

[Book Your Long Beach Hotel](#)



Member News

[Gene Nora Jessen](#), WAI 6513, recently published a book on the first women's cross-country air race titled *Sky Girls*.

Members of the WAI San Diego Chapter were featured on [a special edition of KUSI News San Diego People](#) to talk about aviation careers and WAI membership and programs.



WAI San Diego Chapter members on KUSI News San Diego People

Industry News

During the [FAA Aviation Workforce Symposium](#) at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on September 13, Dr. Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, highlighted WAI and other advocacy groups need to come to the table for the common purpose to inspire more young aviators with safety as a priority.

FlyBe, Europe's largest regional airline launched an initiative to bring more women into aviation called '[FlyShe](#)'. The UK's only female airline CEO, Christine Ourmieres-Widener says "forty-one percent of FlyBe's workforce is now female, with women in every role from apprenticeship to the boardroom."



Dr. Heather Wilson at the Aviation Workforce Symposium at DCA



Girls IN AVIATION DAY

A Women in Aviation International® Event

Get Ready for Girls in Aviation Day 2018 on Saturday, October 13!

Around the world, 103 chapters and corporate members will be hosting an estimated 15,000 girls during the fourth annual international Girls in Aviation Day on October 13. GIAD18 is expected to be the largest ever with 97 events planned in 14 countries including 36 states in the U.S.

Corporate member United Airlines will host hundreds of girls at a dozen UAL locations in the U.S. and Europe on October 13. Details of all the GIAD events can be accessed [here](#).

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. A special thank you to Bell for a \$15,000 grant and the ISTAT Foundation for a \$12,000 grant. These funds assist with the continued expansion of Girls in Aviation Day around the world.

Look for worldwide coverage of all the events in the January / February 2019 issue of *Aviation for Women* magazine.



Girls in Aviation Day Dallas hosted over 1,000 girls



Girls in Aviation Day Australia was held on September 23

Chapters - Reminder of important dates

- Girls in Aviation Day Chapter photos are due October 19 to ensure your event is covered in the feature article of *Aviation for Women* in the January / February 19 issue.
- After October 1, all chapters can begin filing 990N forms online with the IRS. It will only take a few minutes.
- Be sure to send any changes to your roster of officers to [Molly Martin](#).

[Join the Fun!](#)

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!

[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.

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

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

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

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January 29-February 1 - [*NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), San Antonio, Texas

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

April 5 - Sun 'n Fun WAI Connect Lunch, Lakeland, Florida, during [*Sun 'n Fun April 2-7, 2019](#)

July 24 - EAA AirVenture WAI Connect Breakfast, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, during [*EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 22-28, 2019](#)

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

October 22-24 - [*NBAA-BACE](#), Las Vegas, Nevada

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

*"Look at failures as lessons you need to learn to be even more successful
in the next venture you try."
--Suze Orman*

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