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Message from WAI

WAI Founder Dr. Peggy Chabrian To Retire

With the organization in an excellent place marking record accomplishments in all areas including 14,000 members, more than \$12.5 million in scholarships awarded, a \$1 million Endowment Fund, and a solid financial position, Dr. Peggy Chabrian, WAI president and CEO, [announced her retirement](#) during the WAI Connect Breakfast at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

“It has been a pleasure to have established the WAI annual conferences 30 years ago, to create the organization 25 years ago, and to serve as its president since its inception in 1994.” Dr. Chabrian said.

This year, WAI helped change the lives of more than 100 WAI members awarding a total of \$948,000 in scholarships.



Dr. Peggy Chabrian and WAI members visit at the #OSH19 Connect Breakfast.



Dr. Peggy Chabrian [joined the WomenVenture group photo](#) on Boeing Plaza with more than 1,000 participants at #OSH19.



King Schools To Offer More Discounts for WAI Members

WAI members now receive a 20% discount on all King Schools courses and a free Risk Management series of courses as part of additional membership benefits.

[The announcement](#) made during a press conference at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, also recognized The Martha King Scholarship for a Female Flight Instructor will continue to be offered in 2020, and for the fifth year will include \$5,000 cash toward CFI certification, and free lifetime access to the entire King Schools courses.

[Learn how to apply here.](#)



John and Martha King join Dr. Peggy Chabrian at a #OSH19 press conference to announce new King Schools membership discounts.

[Learn More About WAI Scholarships](#)

We Want More CFIs!

CFIs are invited to join WAI for a special intro rate of \$40, or \$35 with auto-renewal.

Perhaps you know a CFI who would like to be a part of our organization?

Enjoy member discounts, apply for scholarships, and receive *Aviation for Women*.

Use discount code CFI19 and [sign-up online](#).

Valid until December 31, 2019. New members only.



See you in Florida next March!

WAI will hold its 31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference March 5-7, 2020, at the newly renovated Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. Start planning your trip with [early registration](#) and [hotel reservations](#).

Questions? Check our [FAQs page](#) for more information.




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Passages

WAI Flying Scholarship in Memory of Francesca Norris

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of Francesca Norris, WAI 79348, who was involved in a light twin accident in Gainesville, Texas, on July 29, 2019. Francesca, a 25-year-old flight instructor at US Aviation Academy, was following in her father's footsteps, American Airlines Capt. Brian Norris, as well as those created by her brother Alec, who is currently an Envoy First Officer. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested [donations be made to the Women in Aviation International Scholarship Fund in her memory.](#)

Yu Qiu, a 22-year-old student pilot from China, was also onboard and did not survive.



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Member News

Congratulations to Karen Ann Kalishek, WAI 47502, for being awarded a National General Aviation Award as [2019 National FAA Safety Team \(FAASTeam\) Representative of the Year](#). A captain in the Wisconsin Wing's Brown County Senior Squadron, Karen is an independent Master Flight instructor, FAA Gold Seal instructor and a Cirrus Training Center instructor.

Julie Clark, WAI Lifetime 2428, received a special WAI personalized staff polo shirt during the WAI Connect Breakfast, in recognition of her more than 40 years as a solo aerobatic pilot. Julie marks her 50th year as a pilot and has logged more than 34,000 flight hours and is a retired Northwest Airlines captain. On October 19, 2019, she will perform her [farewell air show at Rancho Murietta Airport in California](#).



Karen Ann Kalishek was honored at #OSH19.



WAI recognizes Julie Clark during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh for her retirement this year from the airshow circuit.



Southwest Capt. Tammie Jo Shults, WAI 16430, gave an inspirational presentation during the Connect Breakfast and will publish her book [Nerves of Steel](#) this fall.



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Chapter News

Countdown for Girls in Aviation Day 2019

Join a growing number of WAI chapters and corporate members that are planning to host an event for this year's Girls in Aviation Day on October 5, 2019. WAI estimates more than 100 events will be enjoyed by an estimated 20,000 girls, ages 8-17, participating in this fun and educational program.

Chapters, please tell us about your GIAD 2019 plans [here](#).

Corporate Members, please tell us about your GIAD 2019 plans [here](#).

The GIAD Host Kit is live [here](#).

GIAD merchandise orders are due

Place your merchandise orders by August 23 for U.S. events being held on or after October 5.

Interested in being a [supporting partner](#) for this important event? [Contact Jennifer Thomas](#)



Girls around the world are getting ready for the Fifth International Girls in Aviation Day.



WAI expects 20,000 girls to participate in #GIAD19..

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. Are you a corporate member and want to offer WAI members a discount for your product or service? Email [Cassandra Bosco](#).

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- Avemco: 5% discount on insurance
 - Aviation Medicine Advisory Service: 5% discount on standard case fees
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 - *Flying* magazine subscription: annual \$8.00 rate for new subscribers
 - *General Aviation News* subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription
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 - MedJetAssist: reduced annual and multi-year rates
 - SmithAmundsen: free 30-minute consultation on legal services
 - Travelpro®: exclusive 15% discount on all products
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Upcoming 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.

2019

July 31- August 2 - [*OBAP 43rd Annual Convention & Career Exposition](#), Los Angeles, California

September 4-7 - [44th RAA Annual Convention](#), Nashville, Tennessee

September 13-14 - [*AOPA Fly-In, Tullahoma, Tennessee](#)

October 5 - WAI Fifth International [*Girls in Aviation Day](#)

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

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