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Message from WAI

WAI Founder Dr. Peggy Chabrian has transitioned to retirement as our 25-year-old organization stands strong with more than 15,000 members, another successful Girls in Aviation Day reaching 20,000 attendees, and more than \$620,000 in scholarships to be awarded in 2020.

The WAI board and staff are thankful for her long-term vision and guidance, as well as her commitment to provide year-round resources to our members and industry partners. The board has retained Virginia-based executive recruiter Purposeful Hire to develop a job description and select potential candidates for the new position of CEO. The process is underway, and the board will announce a new leader in the near future.



Peggy hosting the Sun 'n Fun Radio Show in Lakeland, Florida.



Peggy with Vanesa De Velasco, WAI 84031 based in Spain, at WAI2019 in Long Beach, California.

Apply for WAI Scholarships!

Scholarship awards are a major benefit of membership in Women in Aviation International and will help you reach your goals and advance in your career. There are [more than a hundred scholarships listed](#) for aerospace engineering, aviation maintenance, aviation management, dispatcher, flight training, helicopter, and more. Members in good standing can apply for up to three scholarships, plus a Delta Air Lines - Business Performance Internship.

Application deadline is November 12, 2019, for these 2020 scholarship awards.



SUBMIT YOUR WAI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BY THE NOVEMBER 12, 2019 DEADLINE!



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Show Your WAI Membership Pride

Donate to the Annual Fund and get a **brand new version** of the Pioneer Tote Bag featuring 15 trailblazing women from the [WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#). The white canvas bag with blue type is roomy enough for workout gear or groceries!

With a [minimum donation of \\$25](#), you will receive this year's unique tote bag *and* support our endowment and education programs. Helping to fund these important WAI youth outreach programs will inspire more females to pursue aviation and aerospace careers in the future.

Donate to the Annual Fund and get the latest WAI Pioneer Tote



Get the tote bag that inspires!

[Donate to the 2019 Annual Fund](#)

Conference Countdown

WAI guarantees a great time at [#WAI20](#) with inspiring speakers, relevant education and professional development sessions, and lots of opportunities to network and have fun.

Learn about [hotel reservations](#) at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, and a [complimentary airport shuttle](#) on Disney's Magical Express Service.



Learn about speakers, tours, and the conference schedule in the [new WAI2020 brochure](#).

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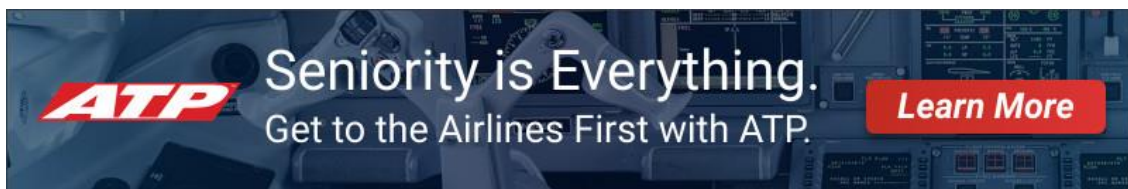
Member News

Congratulations to **Chelsea Montgomery**, WAI 71672 and member of Stars of the North Chapter, for passing her checkride this month and becoming a private pilot at St. Paul Airport in Minnesota.

The National Aviation Hall of Fame named [Sarah Byrn Rickman](#), WAI 11533, the 17th Annual Combs-Gates Award recipient during this month's NBAA-BACE. Sarah is the author of nine books about the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).



Chelsea Montgomery at KSGS in Minnesota



Industry News

Nominate a Deserving Aviator today!

The General Aviation Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2020 class of National Honorees. The deadline to submit the documents is November 30, 5 p.m., EST. The GA Awards are annual awards presented to the National FAA Team Representative of the Year, National Aviation Technician of the Year, and the National Certificated Flight Instructor of the Year. To submit nominations and learn more visit

www.generalaviationawards.org.



National winners for 2019 were recognized at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this past summer. Nominate a deserving aviator by the November 30 deadline.

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](mailto:Cassandra.Bosco@wai.org).

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
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- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

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](mailto:Molly.Martin@wai.org) to sign up.

2019

November 17-20 - [NGPA Aviation Inclusion Summit](#), Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale, Arizona

2020

March 5-7 - [31st Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

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"It actually doesn't take much to be considered a difficult woman.

That's why there are so many of us."

--Jane Goodall



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