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Taking Off With a Fresh Start!

As we launch into the New Year, we are also counting the days until we meet virtually from the convenience of our homes or offices during our [all-virtual WAI2021 Conference](#) on March 11-12, 2021. WAI is excited to deliver the same inspiring content through a virtual platform to stay connected with our members and friends. Look for more details in the coming weeks at [WAI.org/21conference](#).

The entire WAI team wishes our members and friends a wonderful and productive 2021 filled with new opportunities. Your support throughout the year for #WomeninAviation activities and programs is especially appreciated during these challenging times.



Begin this brand new year on the right course. Join WAI at our all-virtual conference, March 11-12, 2021, and connect, engage, inspire with other WAI members and friends.

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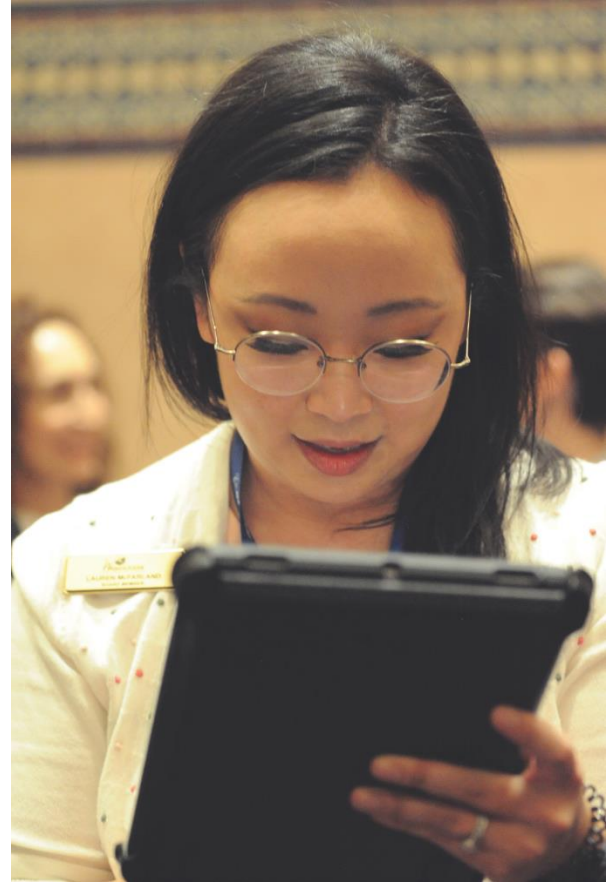
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What Can You Expect at WAI2021?

There's no better place to be inspired, share your enthusiasm, and connect with others who share your passion for the aviation industry. While we can't meet in person, we look forward to this year's gathering to connect, engage, and inspire with our valued members through a virtual platform on March 11-12, 2021.

[Read our Conference Overview](#) and learn about the [Top 12 Reasons to Attend #WAI21](#)! Follow your interests by attending our [education sessions](#) and [professional development seminars](#). Learn about [exhibiting](#), donating items to our [silent auction](#), and attending the virtual [Pioneer Hall of Fame Induction Celebration](#).

Find out how your company can support WAI's continued mission to create a more diverse workforce and reach the next generation through [conference sponsorship opportunities](#).



WAI looks forward to delivering the WAI2021 Conference through a virtual platform during two days, March 11-12, 2021.

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Chapter News

Calling all WAI Chapter Members! Be a part of our virtual annual conference this year. and show your chapter pride as one of our 145 chapters around the world.

Due by February 1, 2021, to Outreach Director Molly Martin at mmartin@wai.org:

- Nominations for the Dorothy Hilbert Chapter Volunteer Award (Note: one nominee per chapter may be submitted)
- Submissions for the Chapter Logo Contest
- Reservations for Virtual Chapter Showcases



WAI Chapters can access all kinds of resources to help plan 2021 activities and handle administrative tasks for the new year by visiting WAI.org/chapters/resources.

Member News

Capt. Linda Pauwels, WAI 97535, is calling on email pilots from the four corners of the world to submit poetry for her second book *Beyond Haiku: Women Pilots Write Poetry*. The themes in this book will be 1) On Strength and Endurance, 2) On Radiance and Beauty, 3) On Love of Flying, and 4) On Finding Balance. Vignettes on Blood Ties will feature poetry from mothers, daughters, and sisters who fly. And of course, a good dose of wry pilot humor is always welcome.

Like Linda's first book, [*Beyond Haiku: Pilots Write Poetry*](#), this will be a shared creative effort, with all illustrations by children of pilots. Proceeds from the book will go to fund scholarships for young women who dream of a professional career as a pilot. Please submit a maximum of three original, unpublished haiku or short poems **before March 31, 2021**. Send them to pilots.haiku@gmail.com in an attached Word document. Include your name, city and country, and current flying assignment.



Proceeds from *Beyond Haiku: Pilots Write Poetry* will go to the Allied Pilots Association Emergency Relief and Scholarship Fund in support of furloughed pilots and their families.



Linda's daughter, Nathalie, enjoys collaborating with her mom on her book projects using her artistic talents!



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.

2021

February 4 -7 - NGPA Winter Warm-Up (*CANCELED*), Palm Springs, California ngpa.org

March 11-12 - 32nd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, All-Virtual WAI.org/21conference

March 22-25 - 2021 HAI HELI-EXPO, New Orleans, Louisiana HeliExpo.com

September 25 - 7th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day WAI.org/giad

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

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
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No need to hurry. No need to sparkle. No need to be anybody but oneself.

—Virginia Woolf



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