



Girls in Aviation Day Helped Motivate This Teen



Strike up the Band! WAI's Jazz with Wings Band is back

If you've never been to a hangar dance, now's the time. WAI's Jazz with Wings Band will be providing music for this free event, open to all registered conference attendees. The hangar dance starts at 8 p.m. (Thursday) and will run until 10 p.m. The hangar dance is sponsored by Wings Financial. WAI's Jazz Band will perform at the opening of the exhibit hall today and play the Star Spangled Banner during tomorrow's general session.

The WAI Jazz with Wings Band represents musical skills of all levels. You don't have to be a professional musician or a virtuoso performer to join the group. Enthusiasm counts so if you want to take part next year, contact Barb Lauer (barblauer51@gmail.com) who organizes the Jazz Band.



Donations Wanted

Help students at Long Beach area schools by donating school supplies or gift cards at locations set up in the lobby area of the Long Beach Convention Center during WAI2019. Join us as we give back to the Long Beach community with WAI Tools for Schools.

My grandfather, Alden Herbert Kane passed three years before I was born. Having flown a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress in World War II, he instilled a lust for the skies upon the Kane family. This affinity for the air took no stronger hold than in my aunt and Alden's daughter, Adele Kane, WAI 5527.

My Aunt Adele, a corporate pilot, is a major inspiration and motivating factor in my quest to become a pilot. Much like my aunt, I look to flying as not only a thrilling profession, but also as a platform to advocate for more women in aviation.

As a female airline pilot, one day, I hope to enjoy every moment in the air, safely transport passengers, and inspire other young girls to consider careers in aviation.

My first exposure to WAI was at the 2018 Girls in Aviation Day at the MASCO hangar at Detroit Metro Airport. It was such an eye-opening day for me to be around so many female aviators and girls my age interested in aviation careers. I heard several inspiring stories of women in the aviation industry that I will carry with me as I continue my journey as a pilot.

My favorite part of the day was touring the Dassault Falcon and Embraer Phenom. Prior to this, I had only ever been in a Piper when I trained for my private pilot certificate. All future aviators will not want to miss the fifth international Girls in Aviation Day on October 5, 2019!

As I am currently a senior in high school, I intend to enroll in a college aviation program in the fall of 2019. Although I will have passed the age limit to attend GIAD, I hope to be facilitating this event alongside other young women from the WAI chapter at the college I decide to attend. Since I became a WAI member over a year ago, it has been a dream of mine to attend the WAI conference. While I cannot go this year, I look forward to attending throughout college and beyond.

—WAI adds that there is no age limit to Girls in Aviation Day and so Grace Kane, WAI 78108, is encouraged to attend this year's event—either as a participant or as a volunteer.