

**A Quarterly Communiqué from Women in Aerospace Canada - Maritimes**



*Eva Martinez (VP) and Val Wilson (President), WIA Canada*

And here we are...at the end of 2017. The holidays are literally days away and I hope that you are able to enjoy time with family and loved ones, doing things that you love while finding time to recharge the batteries so you can tackle the challenges and opportunities for 2018 with energy, confidence, good health, and positivity.

This last quarter gave me the opportunity to return to Ontario and visit with some of the women that have been instrumental in shaping Women in Aerospace Canada. Val Wilson and Leigh Kras are inspirational in many ways. I am thankful for their friendship and their mentorship and I value their work ethic.



*Eva Martinez and Leigh Kras*

2018 is going to be an exciting year for us. We will continue to grow the organization and we will be providing exciting opportunities for networking and professional development...so stay tuned!.

In the meantime, please share this newsletter with others you know in the industry and with young women considering careers in the aerospace sector. Doesn't matter their level of employment – from entry level to senior executives, from administrative to technical to engineering roles and everything in between. We want to reach all women in this field.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

***Eva Martinez, Vice-President WIA-Canada***

**Objectives of WIA-Canada**

**Women in Aerospace Canada** (WIA-Canada) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and professional development as well as increasing their visibility in the aerospace community by creating a professional network in Canada and across the globe. The objectives of WIA-Canada are to:

Identify, foster and promote the interests and professional development of women working in the aerospace industry and other related sectors.

To be a networking platform for women and men in the aerospace industry and other sector areas related to aerospace.

Advance aerospace education for women in schools, colleges, and universities.

Develop alliances with aerospace associations (provincially, federally and internationally) and other relevant associations across Canada and globally.

**Is WIA-Canada for You?**

Members of WIA-Canada represent all levels of employment in aerospace – from entry level to senior executives, from administrative to technical to engineering roles and everything in between. If you're a woman working in the aerospace industry, WIA-Canada is definitely for you!

**Recent Events**

**Falck Safety Services Tour**

Well worth the wait, WIA Canada Maritimes toured Falck Safety on Wednesday October 18, 2017 following a networking lunch at The Pilot Pub. Falck provides Helicopter Underwater Egress Training for DND as well as fixed wing ditching for Transport Canada. Falck Safety Services is a service-based company focused on delivering the highest quality emergency training for armed forces, maritime sector, and onshore/offshore oil and gas industry. During the tour, Falck staff demonstrated their Helicopter Underwater Egress Training (HUET) in their state-of-the-art full-effect simulation theatre is equipped with a helicopter simulator (METS), wave pool, wind fans, lights, sounds, and more.



**Sponsorship and Support**

The success of our organization and the quality of the events and programs offered are hugely dependent upon sponsorship from industry, consultants and individuals. Lending your name and financial support to an event will provide exposure to your business.

**Sponsor an event or host a tour** – a great opportunity to showcase your business, demonstrate your commitment to diversity initiatives, and support the region's aerospace and defense community.

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