

President's Message



As we say goodbye to 2016, we are very excited to welcome 2017. Women in Aerospace ended the year with our Annual Christmas "Landing Gear" Party. Thank you to Safran and UTC Aerospace Systems for co-sponsoring this wonderful event – it speaks to the collaborative spirit that can exist even between competitors. It has been a successful and busy year and the party gave us time to relax and visit with friends and colleagues.

There are many events planned for the coming year with our sixth Mentoring Event taking place at the end of January at Ryerson University. MHI is hosting us again with guest speaker Danny Pehar, "Once upon a Time... The Business of Awesome Storytelling."

International Women's Day is March 8, mark your calendar; the theme this year is #BeBoldForChange.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for all their efforts and the time they give to this organization to make it so successful. Congratulations to Eva Martinez for her success in organizing the Maritime's group. As the group gains traction in the Atlantic provinces, it's wonderful to see the objectives of this organization reaching so far.

If anyone is interested in joining the Board of Directors, please contact Leigh Kras at leigh.kras@wia-canada.org. Due to career progressions and geographical moves, the Board has a number of openings that need to be filled.

"May 2017 give you the opportunity to realize your dreams, rediscover your strengths, muster your will power and rejoice in the simple pleasures that life brings your way".

We hope that come the end of 2017, you will be able to look back and say you were inspired and bolstered by Women in Aerospace Canada.

Val Wilson
President, Women in Aerospace Canada

Upcoming Events

Speed Mentoring 2017, Ryerson – January 25, 2017

Looking ahead to next year, WIA Canada will be hosting our 5th annual mentoring event in collaboration with Ryerson. The event will be held at the Mattamy Athletic Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity for professionals from aerospace to share their experience and knowledge.

Aerospace Leaders: Once again, it is your opportunity to have a say in shaping and preparing our future leaders: consider being a Mentor. You will have more of an impact on the future of our industry sector than you can possibly imagine!

Students: Are you eager to get your careers off the ground? Do you have questions about your professional life after school? Sign up to be a Mentee and have an incredible opportunity to ask questions, solicit advice and explore opportunities with successful aerospace industry leaders who have varied and rich backgrounds.

Registration: [Link Here](#)

Recent Events

Mohawk College Breakfast & AMRC Tour – October 5, 2016

On October 5th, Mohawk College Additive Manufacturing Resource Centre opened their doors to Women In Aerospace Canada and, with their characteristic hospitality, provided a fascinating glimpse into the future. As they outlined leading edge technologies such as 3D metal printing, it was akin to stepping into a science fiction novel. The energy level in the room was high as attendees began to comprehend the possibilities of the technologies being presented. This mood was further enhanced when we were provided with a guided tour of their state of the art teaching labs and we were allowed to handle samples of "printed" parts. It was not necessary to have a technical background to appreciate the impact such technologies will have on the future and it was heartening to know that leading edge research is happening in our own backyard. Barbara K. Moser, P.Eng, WIA-Canada Director - Education



Lynch Dynamics Lunch & Learn – November 18, 2016

As members of Women in Aerospace (WIA), we were hosted by Lynch Dynamics, Mississauga, on Friday, November 18, 2016. Our visit included a delicious lunch, an exciting presentation that outlined the relationship between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at Kennedy Space Center with Lynch Dynamics. The history between both organizations illustrated how a Canadian Small Medium Enterprise (SME) can succeed with the most prestigious, high tech space entity in the world.

A tour of this successful SME Canadian role model followed the more formal parts of our event. A Lunch and Lecture held inside a live manufacturing facility, with robotics beside the caterer, gave this WIA event a different perspective of our real market. Along with the great networking opportunities, this event brought great value for all of us who are members of The Women in Aerospace Canada Chapter. Thank you to Lynch Dynamics for hosting a wonderful event!



Pratt & Whitney Canada Lunch & Tour – November 30, 2016



On Wednesday November 30, 2016, Women in Aerospace Canada Maritimes hosted a Lunch and Tour at Pratt & Whitney Canada (P&WC) in Halifax. P&WC had an opportunity to showcase their facility with a presentation and a shop tour following a networking lunch. The event allowed individuals with differing aerospace interests and diverse backgrounds to come together and get an inside look at the company's products and new Advanced Manufacturing Centres.

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For more pictures from the evening, please visit: <http://wia-canada.org/7th-annual-christmas-party/>

News

Top 10 Most Influential Hispanic Canadian Awards – December 15, 2016

His Excellency Luis Almagro Lemes, Secretary General of the Organization of American States, presented the awards at TD Bank's "10 Most Influential Hispanic Canadians" 2016. Since 2007, this award recognizes outstanding community members from across Canada. We are thrilled to see our very own Eva Martinez honoured for her work with Women in Aerospace. Way to go Eva!



Annual Christmas Party – December 8, 2016

We loved it so much last year, we decided to come back again this year. Our 7th annual Christmas party was held at Culinaria Restaurant, located in the historic Elliot House, a renovated farmhouse built in the Georgian style between 1836 and 1850. We all had the chance to roll up our sleeves, put on an apron and try our hand in Culinaria's kitchen working alongside colleagues, WIA members and friends. In between, we were captive audiences for the craft beer master and the sommelier. There was also some friendly competition when it came time to show off our knowledge in the world of spices. The evening ended in the dining room where we were served the delicious meal we all helped prepare. What a wonderful way to end 2016!

WIA-Canada wishes to thank Safran Landing Systems for their continued sponsorship of this annual event. WIA-Canada wishes to thank our newest sponsor UTC Aerospace Systems for their sponsorship of this event.



Membership and Benefits

The benefits of membership with Women in Aerospace Canada are numerous.

- Networking
- Programming
- Career Resources
- Professional Development
- Recognition of Contribution to Aerospace

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Maritimes: <https://wiamartimesmembership.eventbrite.ca>

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