



President's Message



Spring has officially arrived and WIA Canada is ready to celebrate. We are very excited to announce that our Global Network has expanded to include Japan and Mexico!!!! We look forward to meeting our growing network this summer at the Air Show in Paris. Our event at the end of this month is being held at Elliott-Matsuura Canada, with guest speakers, Jeff Noble from BDO and Emma O'Dwyer for the Matcom Group. Jeff will explore what it takes to be an effective leader

and her feelings on overcoming barriers to women in leadership. In May we are excited to announce we are returning to Pratt & Whitney Canada; look for details coming soon to your inbox. This spring we are looking for new board members who are interested in 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. Please contact Leigh Kras at leigh.kras@wia-canada.org or myself. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members for all their time and energy spent on our organization. Through events we have been able to learn, share, network and establish wonderful friendship. I am excited to continue working with you, growing our membership and enhancing our programming.

Val Wilson
President, Women in Aerospace Canada

Upcoming Events

WIA Lunch & Learn, Elliott-Matsuura Canada – April 27, 2017

WIA Canada is pleased to hold our second Lunch & Learn at Elliott-Matsuura Canada this April 27th. Join us as Jeff Noble, Director & Practice Leader for BDO Business Transition Services has a comfortable 'fireside chat' with Emma O'Dwyer, Vice President of Market Development and Corporate Affairs of the The Matcom Group. Jeff will explore Emma's thoughts on what it takes to be an effective leader and her feelings on overcoming barriers to women in leadership. Emma has worked within her family's organization throughout her life including being a key member of the executive team during all five acquisitions the company has done since 2005. As one of the few females in the room she is accomplishing this through her commitment, energy and enthusiasm for the success of family businesses and SMEs in Canada. Elliott-Matsuura supplies high quality machine tools for the Canadian metal cutting industry. We will have the opportunity to see some of these sophisticated tools during our tour.

Link: [Tickets](#)

OAC Annual Golf Tournament – June 5, 2017

Join us for OAC's annual Golf Tournament taking place on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Glencairn Golf Club. All who have attended in previous years have ranked this very popular event a great success. The day offers great networking opportunities while enjoying a fun day of golf at a prestige ClubLink setting. The tournament is a four

person scramble (Best Ball) with a shotgun start at 11:30 am. Show your skill (or your luck) in the on-course contests – Closest to the Pin (men's and ladies), Longest Drive (men's and ladies), Most Accurate Drive, Beat-the-Pro, Closest to the Barrel and Putting. Come and meet with WIA Board members at the Women's Longest Drive Contest that WIA Canada is sponsoring or mingle at the dinner afterwards.

Link: <http://theoac.ca/event/Golf2017>

Recent Events

Speed Mentoring, Ryerson University – January 25, 2017

In order to mark National Mentoring Month, on Wednesday, January 25th 2017, Women In Aerospace – Canada held its 5th Annual Speed Mentoring event, in conjunction with Ryerson University. Thanks go out to the Ryerson staff and personnel who have hosted the event for the past 5 years. This year approximately twenty influential Aerospace Leaders took up the invitation to act as mentors and generously gave their time to help prepare our future leaders. College and university students from half a dozen local and farther afield institutions took advantage of the incredible opportunity presented to them to ask questions, solicit advice and explore possible career paths. A special thank-you goes to our Key Note Speaker, Moira Harvey, Executive Director of the Ontario Aerospace Council. She provided a glimpse into the aerospace sector in this province which both Mentors and Mentees found to be extremely valuable. She also participated as a Mentor, offering insights she gained during her successful career in both the private aerospace sector as well as in her current role.

One of the Mentees summed up the experience by offering: "I cannot tell you how glad I was that I came. I almost cancelled because I had so much homework and I would have missed out on so much!" A Mentor contributed, "Thanks to WIA for organizing all this and I can't wait to come again next year."



WIA Lunch & Learn, MHI Canada Aerospace – February 16, 2017

It was a bounty of awesomeness beginning with a warm welcome from Mike McCarthy, President, MHI Canada Aerospace Inc, followed by an inspirational tale from MHI's Director of Supply Chain, Janet Wardle.



Our Keynote Speaker, Danny Pehar, shared his formula for effective communication. With humour and insight he had us engaged in his presentation. A Corporate Trainer, and Bestselling Author, all attendees were gifted with a copy of his best-selling book - *Awesome at Being Awesome: A Self-Help Book for People Who Hate Self-Help Books*. The event wrapped-up with MHI employees leading us on a plant tour.



WIA – Canada Was There – March 2017

Recently WIA-Canada attended aerospace events, speaking to students and industry members. On Mar 11-12 the Ryerson Student Chapter of CASI hosted the CSSA conference at their campus in downtown Toronto. The conference was filled with presentations from aerospace industry and association leaders and WIA-Canada had an opportunity to address the audience regarding WIA activities and the benefits of membership. Students voiced the need for more concrete instruction regarding networking, a topic which is frequently addressed at the WIA Lunch-and-Learns. Later in the month, the Ontario Aerospace Council held its second annual Research and Technology Symposium which featured an evening networking session during which dozens of students from numerous post-secondary institutions showcased their exciting and innovative research projects. WIA-Canada was able to speak with the students, faculty and industry representatives about the organization.

News

WIA Launches Two New Global Networks

One of WIA's key strategic goals is to position the organization to implement its mission globally. We are honored to announce that WIA Japan and WIA Mexico have been officially established.

WIA Mexico and WIA Japan join WIA's strong global network with WIA Europe, WIA Canada and WIA South Africa.

OAC Scholarships for Aerospace Studies – May 15, 2017

The Ontario Aerospace Council is pleased to be able to offer **three** scholarships for the 2017-2018 Academic Year for students going into or currently enrolled in an aerospace studies program at a post-secondary institution (college or university) in Ontario. The value of each scholarship is **\$2,000.00 CAD**.

OAC Scholarship (2 available):

- High school students in their final year who are entering an aerospace studies program at an accredited Ontario college or university
- Students currently enrolled in an aerospace studies program at an accredited Ontario college or university and continuing their studies in the 2017-2018 Academic Year

WIA Canada Scholarship (1 available):

- Young women attending high school in their final year who are entering an aerospace studies program at an accredited Ontario college or university
- Women currently enrolled in an aerospace studies program at an accredited Ontario college or university and continuing their studies in the 2017-2018 Academic Year

Applications must be received no later than Monday May 15, 2017.

Link: [Aerospace Studies Scholarships](#)

The Art of Leadership for Women – June 13, 2017

The Art of Leadership for Women is returning to Toronto on June 13th and Women in Aerospace members have an opportunity to participate in this exceptional day of learning. This one day conference features five internationally renowned bestselling authors and thought leaders, who will share an exciting blend of cutting edge thinking and real world experience on today's most critical leadership issues. Don't miss out on your chance to gain a competitive advantage and network with over 1,800 of Canada's most influential women.

A preferred rate has been established for WIA members that are interested in attending. Register using promo code WIA20 to save \$50 per pass.

Register Now: [register](#)

Give Hope Wings – Jan-Feb 2018

Give Hope Wings is an innovative fundraiser for Hope Air. In January and February 2018, two aircraft and their crew will fly 20,000 miles while circumnavigating Central and South America, stopping in 20 countries. Give Hope Wings is aiming to raise at least \$400,000 for Hope Air!

Hope Air is a national charity that provides free flights to Canadians who cannot afford the cost of an airline ticket to get to medical expertise or specialized medical technologies that usually exist only in larger urban centres. Since 2011, the charity's patron has been Canadian Governor General David Johnston.

Link: [Learn more here.](#)

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	

To join or renew your membership, go to:

Ontario: [Link here](#) to renew your WIA Membership

Quebec: [Quebec Membership Link](#)

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

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