

The Girls With Wings™ eZine

Using aviation to entertain and educate girls about their limitless potential for personal growth.

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Girls With Wings Scholarship Window Closed!

I had a lot of last minute submissions but I had to take a break to get this newsletter out! Sincere thanks to all of the applicants for their time and effort. I am so impressed by the achievements and drive of some of these women and only wish I had more funds to award. One winner will be announced here on December 1st for The First Ever \$500 GWW Flight Training Scholarship - the only prerequisite was that applicants must not have yet received her private pilot's license and showed potential to be a special Girls With Wings role model. I am hoping to get the applicants to agree to having their essays posted online permanently to inspire others in their situations. Read portions of the applications: <http://www.girlswithwings.com/scholarshipapps.html>



Send in your pictures! These are photos of Faith, courtesy of Mike Milne, who has been contributing many photos. He says, "the other day we had our grandniece up flying. Faith had been looking forward to it for a long time. Her initial 'lesson' went well - she enjoyed it! She loves your web site & seeing her cousins. We're getting quite a few 'converts' here... ps: Your web site is excellent in every way (very interesting & informative as well). Ordering GWW items went so well. Your site is flawless & a pleasure to use (don't get to say that too often do you?)" –M. See a video of all of our Future Girls With Wings: <http://www.girlswithwings.com/futuregwws.html>



Support Girls With Wings: Not only are we continuing our End of Year Clearance sale of 10 items that are \$9.87, \$6.54 and \$3.21, but we are also offering an additional discount to our Flight Crew Members – get an additional 10% off your GWW purchase during the month of November! Visit www.shop.girlswithwings.com. You can show your support for the mission of Girls With Wings with a Flight Crew Membership for \$12 per year (with perks) or Support Crew Membership (free) – either way you will receive a numbered membership card and a subscription to our monthly newsletter, keeping you in the know of all of the GWW happenings. www.girlswithwings.com/Membership.html

GWW makes the news I live in a great suburb of Cleveland, Lakewood, and the best local site, Lakewood Buzz, put together a super article on Girls With Wings. It starts: Lynda Meeks is one of those rare people who loves her job. She doesn't speak about her career. She gushes! When asked what she loves best about her job, Meeks is quick to answer in four words... "Small office, great view!" Read more: <http://lakewoodbuzz.com/Stories/Lynda%20Meeks-101707-Girls%20With%20Wings-Sarah%20Valek-Lakewood%20Ohio.html>.



Discovery Pictures: See some behind the scenes photos from the Discovery Launch before it returns to earth.

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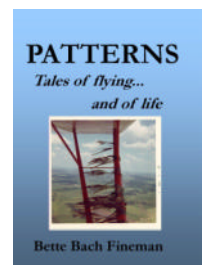
Nicole My dad worked as an avionics instructor for the Air Force. He taught aircraft mechanics how to work on some of the airplane systems. He used to take me to work with him and let me play with the trainers they had. When I was 10 years old he took me for a plane ride and from that moment on I knew I was going to be a pilot. Because of my dad's interest in aviation, I fell in love with flying at an early age, but because I have a learning disability called dyslexia, I struggled in school and many people told me I could never be a pilot. But I was determined to fly airplanes so I worked very hard, overcame my disability and became a pilot.



Ricki My dad has been my greatest role model. He has supported me in every way possible in order for me to reach my dream. Ever since I was little, we always go flying together. While living in Brooklyn, I remember driving out to Republic Airport to go flying on Sundays. We have years of memories flying to new places including the Bahamas and Canada.

When it Comes to Math and Science, Mom and Dad Count: Parent attitudes influence how their offspring take to those subjects. The connection between parental influence and children's motivation and achievement in math and science has received increasing attention among researchers, as educators and policymakers search for ways to urge more students to pursue advanced studies and careers in those subjects. A recent study by researchers at Pennsylvania State University, in University Park, and the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, for instance, found that fathers in particular have a major influence on whether their daughters develop an interest in math. It also found that parents tend to do more to encourage their sons than their daughters to develop that interest, through such actions as buying them math- and science-related toys and voicing stereotypes about girls' supposed shortcomings in those subjects. <http://www.edweek.org>

Recommended Reading: Submit your suggestions! <http://girlswithwings.com/Books.html> *Bette Bach Fineman asked me to read her autobiography, *Patterns: Tales of Flying and of Life*. Written by a Girls With Wings role model! Written in a casual story telling style, this chronicle of a woman's journey toward finding herself is very inspiring. Broadsided by her husband's betrayal (can you guess who he was?), she chose to exceed everyone's expectations of what a woman with aviation on her brain can accomplish. Mind you, she did this as a single mom of six kids! This is a very pleasant read of a woman who didn't let her circumstances keep her down. She doesn't dwell on how difficult it must have been to keep her family fed, just on her willingness to take advantage of opportunities that came her way, from mechanic to ferry pilot, flight instructor to artist. If the stories of the amazing flying adventures don't get you, the tales of the kindness of strangers and friends will. Visit her site <http://www.bettebachfineman.com/> Books are also reviewed on thegirlswithwingsblog.blogspot.com



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