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PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2014

FEBRUARY

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the March/April issue.

MARCH

14-15 Spring Board of Directors Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

15 Deadline for Fly Now Awards application submittal to Chapter AE Chairmen.

29 Northwest Section Meeting, Redmond, Oregon. Contact Andrea Chay, andrea40@juno.com.

31 Deadline for Fly Now Awards application submittal to AEMS F Trustees.

APRIL

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the May/June issue.

1-6 Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In and Expo, Lakeland, Florida, visit sun-n-fun.org for scheduled activities. Be sure to stop by The Ninety-Nines building!

4 WASP of World War II – 70th Anniversary Commemoration, Lakeland, Florida, honors surviving WASP, 11:30 a.m. at Buehler Restoration Center. Contact Nancy Wright, 727-946-1050 or wright99@tampabay.rr.com to purchase a ticket.

4-6 North Central Section Spring Meeting, Hilton DoubleTree Hotel, South Bend, Indiana, hosted by the Indiana Dunes Chapter. Contact Paula Hook, paula_hook@att.net.

11 New England Section Spring Meeting, Mount Washington, New Hampshire. Contact Lori Plourd, piperpilot2003@yahoo.com.

25-27 Southwest Section Spring Meeting, Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, California. Hosted by San Gabriel, Fullerton and San Fernando Valley Chapters. Contact Penny Nagy, pennyflys99s@surewest.net.

MAY

2-4 Southeast Section Spring Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Terry Carbonell, godusty@hotmail.com.

15-17 South Central Section Spring Meeting, Galveston, Texas. For more information, contact Brenda Landing at jb9505@hotmail.com or 281-370-9505 or visit scs99s.org.

16-18 South Central Section Meeting, Galveston, Texas, hosted by the Houston Chapter. Contact Cathy Prudhomme, cwappler99@hotmail.com.

30-Jun 1 East Canada Section Spring Meeting, London, Ontario, Canada.

JUNE

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the July/August issue.

JULY

8-13 2014 Ninety-Nines International Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.



28-Aug. 3 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. For more information, visit airventure.org.

31 Deadline for submitting Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) Application for Mentoring Session B. For more information go to www.ninety-nines.org/careers/ or email mentoring@ninety-nines.org.

AUGUST

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the September/October issue.

31-Sept. 1 37th Annual Colorado Balloon Classic, Colorado Springs, Colorado. For more information, visit balloonclassic.com.

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For advertising information, specs and rates, or to place an ad, please contact advertisingmgr@ninety-nines.org

On the Cover

Be ready to let the good times fly at the 2014 Ninety-Nines International Conference in New Orleans July 8-13.

An exciting schedule is planned for the Conference, this year located in the most celebrated city of the South. Explore its lively French Quarter and Garden District, mysterious bayous, gracious plantations and deliciously unique traditional foods. For registration and details on the Conference, see pages 6-14.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Touch & Go Section of the November/December 2013 issue, Molly McMillin was incorrectly identified as belonging to the Kansas City Chapter. She is a member of the Kansas Chapter. Molly was recently awarded the 2013 Gold Wing Award for Journalism Excellence from The National Business Aviation Association.

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WASP Ride with the Roses

Women Airforce Service Pilots took off on a different sort of ride on New Years Day. This one was on an elaborately decorated float slowly navigating the route of the 125th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

Eight WASP rode on the float, while 14 women military aviators and current airline pilots honored the WASP as they walked beside the float.

The theme for the WASP float was “Our Eyes Are On The Stars.” The float featured an AT-6, representing the aircraft the WASP flew in Sweetwater, Texas, while in training. A copy of the sculpture created by WASP Dorothy Swain Lewis stood proudly under the aircraft.

WASP riding on the float were Alyce Rohrer 44-W-4*, Virginia Lee Doerr 44-W-3, Flora Belle Reece 44-W-4*, Marty Wyall 44-W-10*, Florence Mascot 44-W-10, Shirley Kruse 44-W-6, Lois Bristol Young 44-W-3 and Margot DeMoss 44-W-5.

Flanking the sides of the float were 14 women pilots who represent the legacy of the Women Airforce Service Pilots: Lt. Colonel Jennifer Cress*, Captain Lucy Burwell Young, Commander Patricia Beckman, Captain Joellen Drag Oslund, Gina L. Louis, Colonel Sandra Opeka, Lt. Colonel Kimberly Scott, Commander Carol Skiber*, Captain Connie Tobias*, Suzette Umphrey McComas*, Lt. Col Wendy Cooper, Colonel Nancy Sumner, Lt. Colonel Samantha Weeks.

WASP attending the parade were Dawn Rochow Seymour 43-W-5*, A.J. May Starr 43-W-4*, Adeline Ellison 43-W-6, Betty Strohfus 44-W-1*, Alma Fornal 44-W-5, Millicent Young 44-W-10*.

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Women Airforce Service Pilots ride on the WASP float during the 2014 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

Photo by
Lilian Darling Holt

President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

I hope you all had a wonderful and stress-free holiday season. Art and I ended the year with a cruise that was as restful as we had hoped. During the cruise, we noticed a man with distinctive "mutton chops" and, sure enough, it was Burt Rutan, who was on board with his wife, Tonya. Many of you know who he is and about his Vari-EZ and Long-EZ designs, as well as the famous around-the-world trip of the Voyager aircraft and the high-flying Spaceship One. But for those who don't, go to his website, www.burtrutan.com for information about this original thinker and aircraft designer. We had dinner with them and were intrigued with his ideas for his latest projects. Of course, we made sure to slip in information about The Ninety-Nines.

With the New Year come the inevitable resolutions. Some of mine include making more time for flying, keeping more in touch with my children and grandchildren and getting rid of the couple of extra pounds due to the cruise dinners and buffets. Here's one resolution we should all make – to complete our reservations and plans early for attending The 99s Annual Conference being held in New Orleans in July. Hosted by the Southeast Section, Co-Chairmen Lisa Cotham Pizani and Janet

Gonzales and their Committee Chairmen have planned some exciting activities, tours and seminars for us. This issue contains information on the schedule, hotel and the printed registration materials. If you've not already done so, now would be the time to get your registration in and make your travel arrangements.



Katharine Wright Memorial Award winners

Above: Mary Feik

Right: Kim de Groh



As you know, at our Annual Conferences we present the Awards of Achievement for Contributions to the 99s, Con-



tributions to Aviation and Humanitarian Efforts to 99s members. We also give an Award of Merit to a non-99 who has made a significant contribution to any facet of aviation, and the George Palmer Putnam Award for support to The Ninety-Nines, again to a non-99. In addition, there is also a President's Award.

But, did you know that we participate in another award? It's the Katharine Wright Memorial Award given annually to a woman who has contributed to the success of others or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time.

This year there was a tie for the award, so two were given. The recipients are Mary S. Feik and Kim de Groh.

Mary S. Feik pioneered aviation maintenance during World War II, and for over sixty years she has worked in aviation, promoted aerospace education, and inspired generations of youth. Kim de Groh, a Senior Materials Research Engineer at the NASA Glen Research Center, is being honored for her tireless efforts in mentoring young women for over two decades and for her numerous technical achievements in the advancement of materials durability in the space environment.

Pat Prentiss, past 99s President, and I were on the Selection Committee, and Pat presented the trophies at the National Aeronautic Association's prestigious Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C., in November.

Have a wonderful 2014!



Art Phillips, Burt Rutan, Martha Phillips and Tonya Rutan.



The Ninety-Nines International Conference July 8-13, 2014 New Orleans, Louisiana

Let The Good Times Fly!

BY LISA COTHAM PIZANI AND JANET GONZALES
2014 International Conference Co-Chairmen

Bienvenue à la Nouvelle Orléans, where the good times roll. From the historic Vieux Carré to the elegant Garden District to the music-filled Faubourg Marigny where old-time culture blends with a hip, contemporary bohemianism, there is great food, music and more to be found all across the city. New Orleans – the Big Easy – is the most fun and authentic city in America.

Almost 300 years old, the French Quarter, or Vieux Carré, is the city's original settlement. Balconies adorned with intricate ironwork and courtyards filled with lush greenery and fountains showcase The Quarter's European roots. Every street has something to offer, from classic restaurants like Antoine's, jazz music at Preservation Hall to boutique and antique shopping and more.



Enjoy dining in one of New Orleans' picturesque courtyards.
Photo courtesy New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Garden District, upriver from The Quarter, presents a well-preserved collection of antebellum mansions, pristine gardens and southern charm. And long before the HBO series, Tremé district was heralded as a vital American landmark for African-American and Creole culture.

In November 2012, the Crescent City was voted "Best American City to Visit" in a readership poll taken by *Travel + Leisure* magazine and #1 in 13 other categories. *Traveler's Choice* chose New Orleans as a 2013 Top 25 Destination, and *National Geographic* ranks New Orleans as one of the Best Trips in 2014.

Conference week opens with optional activities. Choose a city tour that includes on-board lunch while cruising the mighty Mississippi River on the Steamboat Natchez; a French Quarter culinary walking tour featuring kitchen visits and tastings; a half-day visit to an exquisitely restored river road plantation house filled with period antiques and featuring 38 lush acres of gardens and ponds with lunch included; or shopping on Magazine Street with its small-town main street charm, home to museums, art galleries, restaurants, pubs and boutiques. And no visit to South Louisiana would be complete without a swamp tour or fishing in bountiful marshes and inland waters teeming with speckled trout, redfish and more.

Got more time? Start your trip early with a four-night, pre-conference fundraising cruise on the Carnival Elation. Sail from New Orleans to Cozumel, Mexico, and a donation will be made to The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund (see page 14).

Conference activities begin Thursday morning with the first training session on PROTE, the FAA's Portable Reduced Oxygen Training Enclosure. Over the course of four days, the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI), the FAA's medical branch from the Oklahoma City campus, will conduct oxygen deprivation



The New Orleans skyline sparkles by night.
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training in their portable chamber for both 99s and other pilots in the local area. They will also have a spatial disorientation demonstrator on hand. You must sign up through www.faa.safety.gov for the two-part oxygen deprivation training.

A New Members/First Timers Orientation, 99s 101, and the Pre-conference Board of Directors meeting will be the last order of business before day one ends with a seminar and casual Welcome Reception at the newly restored New Orleans Lakefront Airport 1934 Art Deco terminal building where Amelia Earhart overnighted during her last flight.

Friday's highlight will be the Amelia Earhart Memorial Celebrate Success! Scholarship Luncheon. Friday will also be filled with more educational opportunities. Tentative topics/presenters include representatives of Continental Motors; Survival and Safety Training; Weather by the U.S. Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters; Foreflight Software; Flying to Germany; Formation Flying including an exciting in-flight sortie (weather permitting); Light Sport flying; 99s Leadership, Women in Aviation History and more!

The annual business meeting will be Saturday morning following a buffet breakfast. But don't worry, you'll have free time Friday evening and Saturday afternoon to explore and enjoy the city's 1,548 restaurants or go sightseeing via the city's unique street cars.

With over 40 museums, including the National World War II Museum, the Mardi Gras Museum, the Museum of the American Cocktail (a one-of-a-kind for sure!), the hands-on Children's Museum, the Audubon Nature Institute's Audubon Zoo, one of the top zoos in the U.S., and the Butterfly Garden and Aquarium of the Americas, there is plenty to see and do.

The Black and Gold Awards Banquet on Saturday evening will cap off your New Orleans conference unless you choose one of Sunday's optional events, a gospel brunch or plantation tours.

You'll want to be in that number as we *Let the Good Times Fly!* way down yonder in New Orleans.



Experience New Orleans' legendary nightlife.



Conference Optional Tours



July 3 – 7. Pre-Conference Cruise to benefit The 99s Endowment Fund. Enjoy fun days at sea and a day in Cozumel, Mexico, while raising money for the Endowment Fund. Sail from New Orleans on the Carnival Elation on Thursday, July 3 and

return on Monday, July 7, just in time for the 2014 Conference. Cost per person based on double occupancy is \$665.73 for an Interior Stateroom or \$715.78 for an Ocean View Stateroom. Includes four nights cruising, all port taxes, fees, and prepaid gratuities. Carnival Cruise Lines and Bentley Hedges Travel will donate \$60 per cabin booked (minimum 8 cabins) to The 99s Endowment Fund. **Deposit is due no later than Saturday, March 1, 2014.** Final payment due by Thursday, May 1. Contact Bonnie at Bentley Hedges Travel for additional details and to make your reservation. 800-467-7402 or Bonnie1@bhtravel.com.

Tuesday, July 8. A River Runs Through It: New Orleans City Tour #1. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., \$62 per person.

An introduction to New Orleans. Upon departure from the hotel, observe the bustling Warehouse District and ride along the Mississippi River-edge of the French Quarter, where you will see famous landmarks including Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral and the vivacious French Market.



After traveling along picturesque Esplanade Avenue with its many antebellum homes, you will have a brief tour of one of New Orleans' famous "Cities of the Dead," where you will see architecturally-designed tombs and learn burial practices unique to the area.

Then wind through New Orleans City Park, at 1,500 acres the fifth largest urban park in America. View the Besthoff Sculpture Garden, a myriad of world famous sculptures in this beautifully landscaped park setting. Afterward, travel to the Garden District of New Orleans for a brief walk through another of New Orleans' famous neighborhoods, viewing mansions and intricate gardens.

Finally, back in the French Quarter, depart on a two-hour river cruise that takes you back to when life was as slow and graceful as the mighty Mississippi herself. Join Ninety-Nines from tour #2 for lunch aboard New Orleans' only authentic steamboat, the Steamboat Natchez. Live narration and lively tunes played on the on-board calliope will highlight the cruise on this major working river as well as the museum-quality Steam Engine Room.

Tuesday, July 8. A River Runs Through It: New Orleans City Tour #2. 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., \$62 per person. Same as Tour #1, but in reverse order so everyone will cruise and have lunch together.



Tuesday, July 8 and Thursday, July 10. New Orleans Culinary History Tour, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m., \$69 per person. New Orleans is world renowned for its food. Learn the history behind the food and how this unique city developed the country's only true regional cuisine. Discover why still today New Orleans ranks as a major destination for serious food lovers everywhere.

Learn historic cooking techniques as you stand in the kitchens of some of New Orleans' most famous restaurants and visit the dining rooms of other legendary eateries including Antoine's and Tujague's. Wind your way through the French Quarter making several stops for tastings and hear the fascinating stories behind legendary pre-Civil War restaurants.

Learn how ethnic and geographic factors influenced food development. Find out why food is so celebrated in Louisiana and New Orleans. *ADA: This tour is primarily a walking tour so wear appropriate shoes. Sidewalks in the French Quarter, as well as many of the historic restaurants, are not ADA compliant.*

Wednesday, July 9. Grande Dame of River Road: Houmas House Plantation and Gardens. 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., \$94 per person. One of the most picturesque



homesteads located on the Mississippi River Road, Houmas House, the "Crown Jewel of Louisiana's River Road," awaits your arrival. Extensive renovations returned the Mansion to the period reflecting the Great Sugar Empire of the 1800s. Begun in 1805 and completed in 1829, along with the original house built in the 1770s, the plantation rests among huge oak trees, some dating back 500 years. Enjoy a tour of the 16-room Mansion and stroll through the breathtaking gardens, the water lily ponds, fountains, sculptures, and dual hexagonal Garçonnières.

Lunch in the Pavilion is included in your tour. Old brick walls built from remnants of an 1883 cotton warehouse and accented with 250-year-old windows and large spans of glass allow picturesque views of the grounds. *ADA: The home on this tour is a historic building and cannot completely comply with ADA specifications.*



Wednesday, July 9. Miracles on Magazine: Magazine Street Shopping. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., \$36 per person. Lined with creole cottages that have been transformed into a multifaceted shopping and arts area, Magazine Street is a longtime favorite of locals. Once known more for its antique shops,

Magazine Street is a six-mile stretch of specialty stores including art galleries, bookstores, clothing, gifts, restaurants and coffee shops. From vintage to nouveau, retro to contemporary, this street has it all!

A guide will be on hand to direct you to interesting shops and answer any questions. There will be two stops along Magazine where you will be free to explore the myriad of specialty shops. Truly a “shop ‘til you drop” experience! *ADA: Most but not all of the buildings on Magazine Street are historic and do not meet ADA specifications. Wear comfortable shoes.*

Thursday, July 10. C’est La Vie on the Bayou: Honey Island Swamp Tour. 8 a.m. – noon, \$63 per person.

Honey Island earned its name because of the honeybees once seen on a nearby island. Honey Island Swamp is unique because it’s one of the least-altered river swamps in the country. It’s pretty much in its original condition, almost a pristine wilderness. Take a narrated nature tour to the 250-square-mile Honey Island Swamp. Nearly 70,000 acres is a permanently-protected wildlife area, the Nature Conservancy’s First Louisiana Nature Preserve.

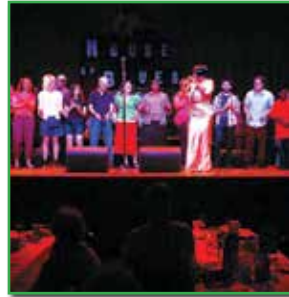


You may see the alligators, red wolf, deer, turtles, otters, nutria and indigenous wildcats. You may see herons, egrets, hawks and perhaps even a bald eagle flying overhead or hunting for food. *Boats are Coast Guard Approved and covered for your comfort, but please wear comfortable shoes. ADA: The boats are not ADA compliant.*

Thursday, July 10. Miracles on Magazine: Magazine Street Shopping. 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., \$36 per person. See Wednesday for details.



Saturday, July 12. Bayou Charters Fishing for Guests Only. 5 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$350 per person. Min 8 people. In Louisiana, the fishing season is year-round, and each season offers its own unique style of angling. Fish the marshes of South Louisiana, teeming with speckled trout and redfish, in a 24-foot Bay Boat. Live and artificial bait, rods and reels, tackle, gas and ice are provided at no additional cost. Fish cleaning and packaging are offered free by the guides at the end of the trip. Gratuity is accepted but not expected.



Sunday, July 13. Praise the Lord and Pass the Biscuits! Gospel Brunch. 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$48 per person.

This award-winning Sunday Gospel brunch at New Orleans House of Blues is a one-of-a-kind live music show and dining experience. Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat southern style buffet that features breakfast favorites plus

a host of southern specialties. The music is uplifting, energetic and guaranteed to get you standing on your feet!

The Southern-style menu may include cornbread muffins with maple butter, pecan caramel sticky buns, cheese-filled tortellini salad, traditional Caesar salad, hickory smoked bacon and sausage links, homemade biscuits and country gravy, breakfast potatoes with sautéed onions and peppers, homemade waffles, an omelet station, southern fried chicken, homemade macaroni and cheese, Creole chicken and shrimp jambalaya, carved smoked turkey breast, prime rib of beef, white chocolate walnut brownies, homemade fruit cobbler and white chocolate banana bread pudding.

Sunday, July 13. Plantation Pleasures: Destrehan and San Francisco Plantations. 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., \$75 per person.

Louisiana time seems to stand still at majestic Destrehan Plantation. One of the oldest homes in the Louisiana Purchase, Destrehan was constructed beginning in 1787 and completed in 1790. It is the oldest documented plantation home in the lower Mississippi River Valley and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



View the house and observe two special demonstrations: an open hearth cooking demonstration and bousillage construction, or mud between posts, the method and materials used in the construction of many plantation houses. The bousillage is made of clay and river sand mixed with moss to hold the mixture together. The solid mud wall was plastered and then painted.

You will also visit San Francisco Plantation. Constructed in 1849-1850, San Francisco is one of the most ornate of Louisiana’s plantation houses. With its potpourri of architectural designs, immense and ornate roof construction, and painting-decorated ceilings and door panels in the parlors, it is also a National Historic Landmark. *ADA: These homes are historic buildings and cannot completely comply with ADA specifications.*

Bus transportation is provided for all tours except where otherwise specified.

2014 INTERNATIONAL 99s CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel - New Orleans, LA

July 8 - 12, 2014

Preliminary Schedule - Subject to Change

Pre-Conference

Thursday, July 3 *Pre-Conference Cruise**
Monday, July 7 *Fundraiser for Endowment Fund*

Tuesday, July 8

9am-2pm *New Orleans City Tour #1 - \$62**
10:30am-3:30pm *New Orleans City Tour #2 - \$62**
2pm-5pm *New Orleans Culinary History - \$69**

Wednesday, July 9

8am-noon *Voler Marché - Fly Market set-up*
9am-5pm *Registration*
10am-3:30pm *Houmas House Plantation - \$94**
1pm-5pm *Magazine Street shopping - \$36**
1pm-5pm *Hospitality*
1pm-8pm *Voler Marché - Fly Market/Exhibits*
8pm-10pm *Hospitality*

Thursday, July 10

7am-8am *PROTE classroom training***
8am-8pm *Voler Marché - Fly Market/Exhibits*
8am-noon *Honey Island Swamp Tour - \$63**
9am-5pm *Registration*
9am-10am *PROTE classroom training*
9:30am-1:30pm *Magazine Street Shopping - \$36**
1pm-2pm *Session: Survival & Safety Training*
1pm-5pm *Hospitality*
2pm-4pm *Pre-conference Board of Directors meeting*
2pm-4pm *99s 101: New Members/First Timers Orientation*
2pm-5pm *New Orleans Culinary History - \$69**
4:30pm-6pm *Session: Light Sport Aircraft - Lakefront Airport*
6pm-9pm *Bienvenue à la Nouvelle Orléans - Welcome Reception at Lakefront Airport*

Friday, July 11

8am-11am *Registration & Credentials*
8am-8pm *Voler Marché - Fly Market/Exhibits*
8am-9am *Sessions: Mobile Devices, Doctor's Advice, PROTE classroom training*
9am-10am *Sessions: Women in Aviation History, Continental Motors*
10am-11am *99s Leadership Training*
12pm-1:30pm *Celebrate Success! AE Scholarship Luncheon*
2pm-5pm *Registration & Credentials*
2pm-5pm *Hospitality*
2pm-3pm *Session: Panel Discussion*
3pm-4pm *Session: Weather with the U.S. Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters*
4pm-5pm *Pre-conference Communication*
5pm - *Free time - Dinner on your own*
7pm-9pm *Governors & Presidents Reunion*
8pm-10pm *Hospitality*

Saturday, July 12

5am-1pm *Charter fishing-Guests only. \$350 Min 8.*
7am-8am *Registration & Credentials*
7am-8:15am *Buffet Breakfast*
8am-5pm *Voler Marché - Fly Market/Exhibits*
8:30am-noon *Annual Business Meeting*
1:30pm-2:30pm *Germany - Preparing for 2015 Conference Fun*
2pm-4pm *Hospitality*
2:30pm-3:30pm *Session: Formation Flying*
2:30pm-4:30pm *Post-Conference Board of Directors meeting*
5:30pm-6:30pm *No-host Cocktail Hour: "Laissez le Bon Temps Voler!"*
6:30pm-10pm *Black & Gold Annual Awards Banquet*
10pm - *Hospitality*

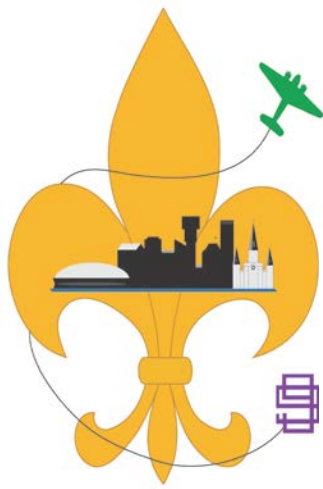
Sunday, July 13

8am-11am *Formation flight over New Orleans (wx permitting) Must use own aircraft.*
9:30am-12:30pm *Gospel Brunch at New Orleans House of Blues - \$48**
1pm-5:30pm *Plantation Pleasures - \$75**

NOTE: Because of the historic nature of the city, many of the sidewalks and older structures are not ADA compliant.

**OPTIONAL TOURS*

***Sign up prior to session at www.faa.gov*



Let the Good Times Fly!

Ninety-Nines International Conference

July 8-12, 2014

Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, New Orleans, LA

DATES TO REMEMBER
 -Cancellations – June 7, 2014
 -Last Day for Online Registration – June 8, 2014
 -Hotel Deadline June 10, 2014

For online registration, log on to the registration website, www.regonline.com/ninetynines. To register manually, use this form or print the form on the registration website and mail to **Pinnacle Events, Inc., ATTN: Ninety-Nines Registration, 1100 Poydras Street, Suite 3150, New Orleans, LA 70163**. You may also fax the form to Pinnacle Events at 504-525-9820.

For hotel details and a link to hotel reservations website, log on to the registration website and click the Hotel Information tab. Group Code is on the hotel reservations website. You can also call the hotel at 1-800-972-2791. Group Code NTY. **HOTEL RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS JUNE 10.**

Last Name _____ First _____ Name on Badge _____
 Guest _____ Guest Name on Badge _____
 E-mail _____ Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone () _____ Business Phone () _____ Fax () _____
 Chapter _____ Section _____

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> First International Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Section Governor	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee	<input type="checkbox"/> International Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Section Governor	<input type="checkbox"/> 2014 AE Scholarship Winner	<input type="checkbox"/> AWTAR Alumna
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> International Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Past AE Scholarship Winner	<input type="checkbox"/> ARC Alumna
<input type="checkbox"/> Section Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Past International President		

1. MEETING REGISTRATION (Please mark the appropriate Registration below.) **FULL REGISTRATION** includes: Welcome bag, Thursday Night Welcome Event; Friday Scholarship Luncheon; Saturday Buffet Breakfast, Awards Banquet and Business Meeting materials; All Seminars, Fly Market, Hospitality Room and Conference Program. **ONE-DAY REGISTRATION** includes Welcome bag, Fly Market, Hospitality, Seminars, Conference Program, Business Meeting materials plus meal event indicated.

99s MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Early Registration	postmarked by Mar 15	\$299
<input type="checkbox"/> On-time Registration	postmarked by May 31	\$339
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration	postmarked after May 31	\$369

99s MEMBER ONE-DAY REGISTRATION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, July 10	\$169	Welcome Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, July 11	\$169	Scholarship Luncheon
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, July 12	\$169	Breakfast, Awards Banquet

Menu selections, subject to availability:
AE Scholarship Luncheon, select one: #1 Cajun Chicken stuffed with Shrimp and Andouille Sausage. #2 Blackened Catfish with a Shrimp Butter Cream Sauce. #3 Vegetarian. #4 Special Need (explain) _____
Saturday Awards Banquet, select one: #1 Grouper baked with Artichokes, Olives, and Sundried Tomatoes in a Basil Cream Sauce. #2 New York Strip in Three-Peppercorn Rub. #3 Vegetarian. #4 Special Need (explain) _____

GUEST FULL REGISTRATION includes Welcome bag, Thursday night Welcome Reception; Friday Scholarship Luncheon; Saturday Buffet Breakfast and Awards Banquet; all Seminars, Fly Market, Hospitality Room and Conference program. A la carte registration includes all of the above but with only those meal events purchased. Guest registration is required for the a la carte option.

GUEST CATEGORY	RATE	# PERSONS	TOTAL
Full	\$255	_____	\$ _____
a la carte Registration	\$ 20	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Welcome Event	\$ 75	_____	\$ _____
Friday Scholarship Luncheon	\$ 60	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Buffet Breakfast	\$ 40	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Awards Banquet	\$ 85	_____	\$ _____
Total Guest Registration Fees:			\$ _____

GUEST MENU SELECTIONS Indicate selection based on options shown above:
AE Scholarship Luncheon: #1 #2 #3 #4
Saturday Awards Banquet: #1 #2 #3 #4

If more than 1 guest, attach a separate page with names(s) and menu selections.

2. ARRIVAL INFORMATION: ___ KNEW - Lakefront Airport @ Flightline First ___ KMSY-Louis Armstrong International
 Private Aircraft: Make/Model _____ Registration # _____ Hangar space ___ Yes ___ No
 Arrival Date _____ ETA _____ Departure Date _____ ETD _____
 Commercial Flight: Date _____ Airline _____ Flight # _____ ETA _____
 Other (please specify): _____ Arrival Date _____

3. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES. Please indicate number of persons per tour. Prices include taxes, fees, transportation, and meals where indicated.

Tuesday, July 8

9am-2pm New Orleans City Tour #1, includes lunch @ \$62 x ___ persons \$ _____
 10am-3:30pm New Orleans City Tour #2, includes lunch @ \$62 x ___ persons \$ _____
 2pm-5pm New Orleans Culinary History, includes tastings @ \$69 x ___ persons \$ _____

Wednesday, July 9

10am-3:30pm Houmas House Plantation, includes lunch @ \$94 x ___ persons \$ _____
 1pm-5pm Magazine Street shopping @ \$36 x ___ persons \$ _____

Thursday, July 10

8am-noon Honey Island Swamp Tour @ \$63 x ___ persons \$ _____
 9:30am-1:30pm Magazine Street shopping @ \$36 x ___ persons \$ _____
 2pm-5pm New Orleans Culinary History, includes tastings @ \$69 x ___ persons \$ _____

Saturday, July 11

5am-1pm Bayou Charter fishing. GUESTS ONLY @ \$350 x ___ persons \$ _____

Sunday, July 12

9:30am-12:30pm Gospel Brunch at New Orleans House of Blues @ \$48 x ___ persons \$ _____
 1pm-5:30pm Plantation Pleasures: Destrehan and San Francisco Plantation Houses @ \$75 x ___ persons \$ _____

Total for Optional Activities: \$ _____

4. SUMMARY/METHOD OF PAYMENT

___ Check Enclosed. Make check payable to Pinnacle Events.

___ Credit Card: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard

Member Registration \$ _____
 Guest Registration \$ _____
 Optional Activities \$ _____
 Member Fly Market \$60 \$ _____
Total Due: \$ _____

Card #: _____ Expires: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Name: _____ Billing Signature: _____

I have read and understand the cancellation policies as listed below:

Signature _____ Date _____

Advance Registration

- *Advance Registration will be open until June 7, 2014. Registration forms will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis
- *Tour spaces are limited. Pinnacle Events encourages early registration
- *All registrants will receive an email confirmation within 24 hours. If email confirmation is not received within two business days of your registration, please contact Pinnacle Events at 504.799.4513
- *Please bring your confirmation sheet to tour as this will verify your ticket

Cancellations and Refunds

- *Written notification of cancellation must be received (not postmarked) by June 7, 2014. Cancellations will not be accepted over the phone. Please send an e-mail to ninetynines@pinnacle-nola.com or fax to 504.525.9820. If an email confirmation is not received within two business days of your cancellation, please contact Pinnacle Events at 504.799.4513
- *Illness, changes in travel, inclement weather and arriving late to the tour departure area are beyond Pinnacle Events' control and will not be considered a reason for providing a refund
- *A \$45.00 processing fee will be charged for tour cancellations prior to June 7, 2014
- *A \$75.00 cancellation fee will be charged for registration cancellations prior to June 7, 2014
- *No refunds will be honored for cancellation requests received after June 7, 2014
- *Tours that do not meet the minimum requirements are subject to cancellation. All monies will be refunded in the event a tour is canceled

ADA/Special Assistance

- *If you have a disability that may influence your participation in the Tour Program, please email a written description of your disability-related needs to Pinnacle Events no later than June 7, 2014
- *Some tours include visits to areas that cannot provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please see each individual tour description for further details regarding ADA compliance

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Choose one King or two Queens. \$139/night plus taxes. No Deposit Required. Limited suites also available. Amenities include concierge service, free morning newspaper, flat screen HDTV,

cable/satellite TV, CD player, pay-per-view, in-room video check-out, free standard Internet service for all IHG Rewards Club members, wireless Internet available in Standard and Executive Rooms, Suites, Business Center and Public Areas (Standard Room Wireless Fee \$9.95 USD per day for non-members), in-room safe, rollaway bed/cot (nightly fee \$20 USD), and more.

Go no further than the hotel lobby to find one of New Orleans' top restaurants by one of the first families of New Orleans cooking. Dickie Brennan's Bourbon House Seafood serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with favorites like Eggs Creole, Shrimp Po-boy sandwiches, Redfish on the Half Shell or fresh-shucked oysters at The Oyster Bar. www.bourbonhouse.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The cut-off date for hotel reservations is June 10, 2014. There is an early departure fee of \$75.
- Valet parking is \$31.60 per day, or there are several public parking garages with 2-3 blocks of the hotel.
- The hotel is sold out July 4, 5 and 6 due to other conventions in town. If you try to add one of these dates when you make your reservation, it will show as unavailable and you will not be able to make your reservation.
- The group weblink does not support bookings from a mobile device.

Astor Crowne Plaza

Hotel Front Desk:

504-962-0500

Reservation Line:

888-696-4806

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Use Group Code NTY



Let The Good Times Sail on The 99s Endowment Fundraising Cruise!

BY LISA COTHAM PIZANI
2014 Conference Co-Chairman



Swim



Relax



Shop



Indulge



Play



Sleep

The Southeast Section, host of the 2014 International Conference in New Orleans, *Let the Good Times Fly!*, offers an exciting fundraiser for The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund: a four-night cruise on the Carnival Elation. Sail from New Orleans on Thursday, July 3 and return on July 7, just one day before Conference activities begin.

Arrive in Cozumel, Mexico, a Caribbean island perched atop a coral reef, on Saturday morning for a day of fun. The dock is just minutes from San Miguel's seafont shops and the white sand beach at Chankanaab National Park. Try a diving adventure along the Great Mesoamerican Reef, a leisurely day of snorkeling, a swim with the dolphins, the historic Mayan Ruins of Tulum, or simply kick back on the beach as the turquoise waves roll in. And my favorite (though it's probably not connected to *our* Pancho), Pancho's Backyard, is one of Cozumel's most popular restaurants.

Cost is per person based on double occupancy and includes four nights cruising, all port taxes, fees and prepaid gratuities to waiter, waiter's assistant and room steward, and other on-board amenities. Sixty dollars per cabin will be donated by Carnival Cruise Lines and Bentley Hedges Travel to The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund.

Rates are \$665.73 per person for interior stateroom or \$715.78 per person ocean view stateroom. Deposit is due no later than Saturday, March 1, and final payment due by Thursday, May 1. Reservations will be made through Bentley Hedges Travel in Oklahoma City. For more information, contact Bonnie Hedges at 405-237-3333, 800-467-7402, or Bonnie1@bhtravel.com.

Let the Good Times Fly! — or in this case, Float!



Explore

Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

Welcome Back Members

Arnac, Sarah, Antelope Valley Chapter
Bonnar, Jean-Marie, Fresno Chapter
Coltharp, Linda, Austin Chapter
Emerson, Morgan, Eastern New England Chapter
Hamner, Marvine, Sugarloaf Chapter
Hewgley, Linda, South Central Section
Isbell, Eva, Fort Worth Chapter
Jen, Laura, North Central Section
Kawa, Susan, Florida Spaceport Chapter
Kubina, Lenka, Utah Chapter
Lewis, Paula, Bakersfield Chapter
Longridge, Gretchen, Greater Seattle Chapter
Palmer, Kathleen, British Columbia Coast Chapter
Philpott, Glenda, Australian Section
Schillen, Maria, Florida Goldcoast Chapter
Smith, Charlotte, Aloha Chapter
Sutton, Kathleen, First Canadian Chapter
Swain, Kathleen, Phoenix Chapter
Symonette-Johnson, Vena, Old Dominion Chapter
Thorpe, Brenda, Northwest Section
Zimmerman, Donna, Indiana Chapter

Welcome New Members

Akashah, Taghrid, Arabian Section
Aljowder, Ameena, Arabian Section
Arabian, Arpi (F), Ventura County Chapter
Bordner, Kayleigh, Indiana Chapter
Bradley, Heather (F), Orange County Chapter
Brown, Tiffany, Northeast Kansas Chapter
Brunato, MacKenzie, Sleeping Giant Chapter
Campo, Nicole, Connecticut Chapter
Colwell, Claudette, Austin Chapter
Deisher, Debra, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter
DeVillers, Virginia (F), Michigan Chapter
Ehmann, Kerstin, Arabian Section
Ellis, Christi, Eastern New England Chapter
Emery, Megan (F), Wisconsin Chapter
Green, Sarah, Sleeping Giant Chapter
Horne, Samantha (F), Finger Lakes Chapter
Isaac, Nancy (F), Santa Clara Valley Chapter
James, Shauna, Sleeping Giant Chapter
Jarding, Elizabeth, South Dakota Chapter
Johannsen, Jenna (F), Manitoba Chapter



*Stefanie Spencer,
Tucson Chapter*

Keppler, Jennifer, Rio Grande Norte Chapter
Kirby, Kathryn, Tucson Chapter
Kitson, Lindsay, Manitoba Chapter
Kronberg, Staci, Aloha Chapter
LaFont, Cameron (F), Fullerton Chapter
Lambert, Lindsey, Intermountain Chapter
Lopeman, Holly, Rio Grande Norte Chapter
Lovley, Megan (F), Katahdin Wings Chapter
MacPhail, Nicola, Ambassador Chapter
McCorkle, Jo Ann, Fort Worth Chapter
Moore, Joanna (F), Bay Cities Chapter
Mufeez, Fajer, Arabian Section
O'Toole, Kimberly (F), Paradise Coast Chapter
Palmer Kersti (F), Alaska Chapter
Pendleton, Leora, Ventura County Chapter
Penson, Megan, Mississippi Chapter
Perdigao, Jennifer (F), Long Beach Chapter
Quinonez, Tatiana, At Large
Redfearn, Emma (F), Maple Leaf Chapter
Rimington, Clarissa (F), Sleeping Giant Chapter
Rydstrom, Miranda, Phoenix Chapter
Soares Da Silva-Patterson, Thais (F),
Greater Pittsburgh Chapter
Sochacki, Jennifer, Lake Erie Chapter
Spencer, Stefanie, Tucson Chapter
Stanley, Sarah (F), Katahdin Wings Chapter
Stansifer, Rebecca (F), Rio Grande Norte Chapter
Steele, Carol (F), Florida Goldcoast Chapter
Stephansen, Tiffany (F), Florida Goldcoast Chapter
Stueckrad, Romona (F), Colorado Chapter
Thomson, Barbara, Eastern Ontario Chapter
Tos, Paula (F), Sleeping Giant Chapter
Tournay, Madeleine (F), San Diego Chapter
Verhulst, Debora (F), Sleeping Giant Chapter

99s Elections 2014

BY TRISH SAUVÉ
Election Procedures Chairman

Your Nominating Committee has been very busy this year, and as a result we have a lot of candidates for the 2014 election. Kudos to Joan, Kathy, Lisa, Linda and Alanna for their hard work. The ballots for the 2014 election will be mailed by MARCH 1 and must be postmarked by MAY 1 to be counted. Please make sure HQ has your current address on file.

Members will be electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors. We will also be electing the Nominating Committee and Trustees for the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Candidates are listed in postmark or timestamp order within the office sought. PLEASE VOTE!

PRESIDENT — ONE POSITION

MARTHA PHILLIPS
Ventura County Chapter
Southwest Section



The Ninety-Nines organization has been a big part of my life since I joined in 1996. I have served my own Chapter as Secretary, Chapter Chairman, and Membership Chairman. At the Section level I have served as Treasurer, Governor, and as Co-Chairman of the 2010 International Conference in Hawaii, which was hosted by the Southwest Section. At the International level, I have served on the Council of Governors, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, International Treasurer, and now as President since 2012.

This term we've seen many challenges, but working with the members of the International Board of Directors, the four Trusts, the Section leaders, the various 99s Committees, and dedicated members, we have been able to meet those challenges and make the changes needed to grow the organization.

As a volunteer organization, The Ninety-Nines depends on the strengths of its members. Prior to my retirement, I owned and was president of a successful, profitable business for 20 years. My varied background in the education and business world includes teaching, marketing and corporate management. My strengths include the ability to manage a corporation and deal with administrative, personnel and financial issues.

I have the skills and the time to work toward financial stability, membership growth and retention and bringing us to the forefront of the aviation community as the international organization for women pilots. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve a second term as your President.

VICE PRESIDENT — ONE POSITION

JAN MCKENZIE
Colorado Chapter
South Central Section



The International Vice-President serves as the liaison for the International Conferences and to the Governors. In that capacity I have worked with the Conference Chairmen and Governors, negotiated the New Orleans and Munich Meeting Planner Contracts, the Munich Hotel Contract, and am now working on the 2016 Ottawa Hotel and Meeting contracts. During my term as South Central Section Governor I gained valuable insight into the needs of the Governors.

I am a SEL instrument and commercial helicopter pilot with over 2,400 hours. As an electrical engineer and corporate director, I have experience in setting goals, organizing teams and managing large organizations.

The Ninety-Nines' most valuable asset is its members. I was the Strategic Committee Chairman for 2½ years guiding the Membership, Financial and Technology Action Plans. One of the top priorities is retention and recruitment of members. To that end, we must support local Chapters to ensure their stability and growth, form new Sections throughout the world and continue to make ourselves more visible. To achieve any of our goals our organization must be financially viable. Growing our Endowment Fund is one of the ways to do this. For two years I have served as liaison to the Endowment Fund. In addition, I have introduced cost cutting ideas that have been implemented successfully.

I have a passion for The Ninety-Nines, what they represent and what they have accomplished. I would appreciate your vote and would be honored to serve as your International Vice-President.

SECRETARY — ONE POSITION

LISA COTHAM PIZANI

New Orleans Chapter
Southeast Section



It would be my privilege to be your International Secretary and join the ranks of those who've memorialized the legacy of The 99s. The International Secretary has the responsibility to accurately record the transactions of the annual membership and Board of Directors meetings and not just so we'll know who made what motion. Our minutes give us insight into the purpose or intent of actions taken. While we are enlightened and entertained by discussions documented by our early Secretaries, modern record-keeping requirements make it vital that we have proper documentation of our proceedings.

I joined The 99s 25 years ago for the camaraderie with other women pilots and to be part of the history that honors Amelia Earhart. I have served as International Director, 99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustee, Southeast Section Governor, Chairman of South Louisiana and New Orleans Chapters and various committee chairmanships at the International, Section and Chapter levels.

I was Section Secretary in 1999-2001 and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Women Pilots from 2000-2003. I have extensive experience taking minutes as part of my work history. I will also be mindful of member's input and do my best to represent them as I consider issues that come before the Board.

I hold commercial pilot and flight instructor certificates with single and multiengine and instrument ratings, and advanced and instrument ground instructor ratings. I am an aviation safety technician which requires research, documentation and technical writing skills.

CATHY WAPPLER PRUDHOMME

Houston Chapter
South Central Section



When I was a student pilot in 1982, the lineman fueling my plane asked me if I knew about "this great group of lady pilots." I did not, but he gave me some names, and I joined the Houston Chapter just as soon as I could. I still recall how awed I was by those women, and, many years later, I am still awed by The Ninety-Nines. It is an honor to give back time and energy to this wonderful organization.

Much has changed since then, and I am proud of the ways we have adapted to change. I believe we must honor the past but also embrace the future; strive to improve services and support for our members; seek out new channels for communication. Change is now a constant, and we should embrace that, for change is exactly what our founders were trying to achieve.

My experiences as an educator and my past service to The Ninety-Nines have provided me with skills that will be valuable in the office of Secretary. I have served as Chapter and Section officer and on committees at all levels. A huge honor was chairing the International Awards Committee, which gave me the opportunity to meet and introduce the award winners at the Oklahoma City and Providence Conferences. I am now serving as the South Central Section Governor, and I look forward to continuing to serve and support The Ninety-Nines at the Chapter, Section and International levels.

TREASURER — ONE POSITION

LESLIE INGHAM

Santa Clara Valley Chapter
Southwest Section



Although I received my private pilot certificate in 1963, almost 40 years passed before I joined The Ninety-Nines. I had no idea there was such a wonderful group of absolutely amazing women pilots. I have been a member for 12 years now and have received much value for the time I have committed.

I would like to see our visibility increase in order to attract more members. Mentoring new pilots is important for the long-term health of the organization. Financial stability is also critical, especially in these uncertain times.

As a Ninety-Nine, I am currently International Treasurer and have been Treasurer of Santa Clara Valley Chapter. Before joining The Ninety-Nines, I was Commander of Squadron 80, Civil Air Patrol and have also served as treasurer of numerous other aviation and non-aviation organizations.

Professionally, I am a CPA and up until last year was a financial planner. I founded my own CPA firm in 1981 and my financial services firm in 2000. I work with a broad range of clients, including businesses, estates and trusts.

DIRECTOR — TWO POSITIONS

CORBI BULLUCK

Kitty Hawk Chapter
Southeast Section



As we celebrate the 85-year history of The Ninety-Nines, we must also plan for our future. In moving forward, we face many challenges.

I believe we must: Protect our unique heritage and celebrate our traditions while continuing to evolve; provide assistance to our Chapters and Sections to ensure their success; cultivate and support our international membership; increase our visibility in the aviation community and beyond; seek outside sources of funds to help support our organization and its assets; provide resources to help our members achieve their aviation goals; purposefully reach out to our newest members, address their needs and cultivate their participation to ensure their lifelong involvement in The Ninety-Nines.

I don't pretend to have all of the answers, but I would like to participate in finding solutions. I offer my enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to listen to others and explore new ways to accomplish the mission of The 99s.

I am currently serving as the International Chairman of your Membership Committee. I have previously served as an International Director, Section Governor and Vice-Governor, Council of Governors' Spokesperson, International Awards Chairman, and Chapter Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Through my involvement, I have come to understand and appreciate the scope and complexity of The Ninety-Nines.

This organization has enriched my life immensely. In seeking the position of Director, I offer you my desire to serve and my willingness to lead. I would appreciate your vote and hope that you will allow me the privilege of serving as an International Director.

DIRECTOR — TWO POSITIONS

MALINDA 'LIN' CAYWOOD

Sugarloaf Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Section



During my first term as International Director (2012-14), I have represented the organization at Section Meetings in the U.S. and Canada, at EAA AirVenture and other aviation events. As liaison to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, International Awards Committee and Bylaws Committee, I've learned a lot about our great organization

I'm very proud of the contributions I have made to date and would like to continue working on opportunities to leverage our incredible member talents to further our mission. I've focused on gaining awareness of The Ninety-Nines by actively participating in mentoring associate members, providing coaching and leadership to volunteers at outreach events like compass rose painting, fly-ins, trade shows, and by providing a positive and enthusiastic presence while speaking about The Ninety-Nines to the Civil Air Patrol, flying clubs, and other service organizations. I've enjoyed presenting ideas and fresh approaches for both recruiting new members and supporting our existing members to the Board during our planning and business meetings.

I am a 1,100-plus hour single-engine land and sea private pilot with an instrument rating. I fly my 2007 Cessna 182 out of my home airport in Frederick, Maryland, where I am a charter member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the Mid-Atlantic Section. I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 2003 and became a life member in 2013.

I look forward to being able to serve the membership as an International Director for another term if re-elected.

LINDA MATHIAS

Hampton Roads Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Section



I have been attending International Board meetings since my election as Governor of the Mid-Atlantic Section in 2010 and will step down at the end of May, 2014. I am always impressed by the hard work performed by all the officers and directors of our organization on your behalf. Having worked with them on the Council of Governors and the Strategic Planning Committee, I would like the opportunity to increase my service to the organization from Section level to the International level.

I am always looking for opportunities to promote The 99s to the public and prospective members. I have served on the inaugural committee for Women Can Fly events in Virginia striving to increase the female pilot population; we conducted three events across the state in 2013 and introduced almost 400 women to aviation through free airplane rides and educational activities. As a pilot examiner, I am always pleased to encourage a female applicant to join The 99s. If elected to serve as Director, I will strive to increase our membership and to look for opportunities to promote The 99s throughout the worldwide aviation community.

DIANNE LAUREN COLE

San Joaquin Valley Chapter
Southwest Section



The 99s have a special and intense place in my heart. Besides the joy of flying, I love seeing my best friends (some of whom I had never met before) at various 99s meetings.

I have proposed the formation of a 99s credit union and insurance agency as a member of the IBOD Strategic Planning Committee. Having worked diligently to research and develop a plan for implementation, it would be a privilege to see this project through to actual completion. Having a credit union and insurance agency would provide The 99s organization with financial security and be a huge benefit for our members.

This is an exciting and challenging time, and I will use my experience from having owned small and medium sized firms, as well as founding an aviation associated non-profit organization, to benefit The 99s. Organization, public outreach, advocacy and lobbying government officials and industry leaders are all skills I have employed in the various positions.

In 2006 I was the recipient of the Achievement Award for preventing Buchanan Field in Concord, California, from closing. After founding and organizing a non-profit to fight this affront to aviation, I lobbied U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, House of Representatives George Miller and various officials, never giving up. After almost three years of battle, we won! I will apply this same perseverance to my duties as your Director.

The 99s have given me so much that I look forward to continuing to serve this great organization. I now ask for your support and your vote. Thank you.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — FIVE POSITIONS

JANICE PELLETTI

Tennessee Chapter
Southeast Section



I joined The Ninety-Nines in 1976 when I first became a pilot. As a member of the Minnesota Chapter I served as Chapter Secretary and chairman of a North Central Section Meeting. I also attended a number of North Central Section meeting and International Conferences. During my later years as a career pilot, I found it difficult to participate as actively as I would have liked in organizations like The Ninety-Nines. I hold both ATP and Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificates.

I retired to Tennessee in 2009, and since that time I've attended eight Section meetings and four International Conferences. I'm currently the Tennessee Chapter Chairman and chair the Chapter Girl Scout Aviation Days held each year at two airports in Tennessee. I joined the International Publishing Committee in 2010. Outside The Ninety-Nines, I'm a captain, check pilot and instructor for the Civil Air Patrol. I also participate in Pilots 'n Paws flights.

I strongly believe The Ninety-Nines can help our younger women pilots fulfill their aviation dreams through mentoring, scholarships and Chapter involvement.

PENELOPE 'PENNY' NAGY

Sacramento Valley Chapter
Southwest Section



When I attended my first Ninety-Nines Chapter meeting in 1982 as a "Sixty-Six," I knew that this organization would become a big part of my life. I just never realized at that time how big a part it would become. Since I attended that first meeting I've served in most Chapter offices as well as Section offices and am currently serving my second term as Southwest Section Governor.

Attending International Board Meetings has allowed me to see first-hand the hard work and dedication of our International Board. This means that it is imperative that dedicated, hardworking members are recruited to carry on. I know that we are a volunteer organization, but that does not mean there is not work to be done. I think it's important too, that the members know that even though there's a lot of hard work involved, it's also fun. I would never trade my time serving this organization for anything, and I think that it's important for the members to know this too.

Even though my time as Governor is almost complete, I'm not through. I'm now looking forward to serving at the International level. Thank you so much for your consideration.

ELIZABETH FRANKOWSKI

Houston Chapter
South Central Section



Since joining The Ninety-Nines in 2002, I have been very active in the Houston Chapter and beyond. I have served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of my Chapter and was Chairman of the South Central Section Nominating Committee.

I have attended 10 Section Meetings, four International Conferences and have flown the Air Race Classic twice. I am also a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight and serve as a Ninety-Nines volunteer to teach and share my passion for aviation with girls in middle school and in Girl Scout Troops.

I believe that the future of The Ninety-Nines depends on having leadership that will establish priorities to expanded membership, provide financial stability, preserve the history of Women in Aviation, expand scholarship opportunities and new programs for continuing education.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, my promise to you is to seek nominees who have the experience, drive and ambition to significantly and measurably further the stated mission of The Ninety-Nines. Thank you for your consideration.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — FIVE POSITIONS

JILL SHOCKLEY

Texas Dogwood Chapter
South Central Section



I have been a member of The 99s since 2002 and have been involved in the organization since joining. At the Chapter level, I have served as Chairman and Vice Chairman as well as held several Committee Chairmanships for membership, newsletter and Amelia Earhart Scholarships.

At the Section level, I have held the offices of Secretary and Director and been the Advisor for Aerospace Education, Legislation and Membership, currently acting as Advisor for Legislation and Membership. At the International level, I have served as the Aviation and Space Education Committee Chairman since 2006, seeing the strengths and impact of members as they spread the word about The 99s and are role models for women and girls of all ages.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee and interact even more with members to see where their strengths and talents lie, and how those can be utilized to make The 99s stronger.

I ask for your vote so that I can encourage other 99s to get involved and gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for, this organization.

JOAN KERWIN

Chicago Area Chapter
North Central Section



In February, 2014, I will have been a proud Ninety-Nine for 44 years. This has been an exciting, fulfilling time of learning new responsibilities, meeting new people and traveling. I have worked with all levels of membership from Chapter to Section to International, serving as Chapter Chairman in one of the largest Chapters in the organization, Governor of one of the largest Sections, initiating and serving as International Legislation Chairman for 11 years, Bylaws/Standing Rules Chairman for 4 years and Nominating Committee Chairman for 4 years.

I have attended at least 40 International Conferences and 100-plus Section meetings of which at least 40 were outside my own Section. I have had the privilege to meet and to know Ninety-Nines from all over the world. Attendance at International Board meetings for many years as an International Committee Chairman and as a Director has given me insight into what is required of your Officers and Directors.

As a retiree, I am able to travel and meet with our Section members both to inform them and be informed. This is an asset for anyone seeking the position of Nominating Committee member.

I pledge to work with the others on the committee to continue to seek and retain, provide, preserve and promote The 99s as I have for the past 43 years.

DEBRA PLYMATE

Oregon Pines Chapter
Northwest Section



The 99s have an important legacy to sustain. For 84 years we have been there for each other and for aviation itself. Our mission has grown and our influence has expanded. Ninety-Nines are the most fascinating, talented, adventurous and visionary women in the world.

In 38 years of association with Chapters from California, to Hawaii, the District of Columbia and Oregon, I have known many 99s personally, including some of the Charter members. What remarkable women make up The 99s! As a member of The 99s Northwest Section since 2007, I have attended every Membership and Board meeting accessible by road or small plane.

Encouraging members to serve in leadership positions brings commitment and inspires teamwork. It is one of the best ways for a 99 to achieve her full potential, to advance the contribution of The 99s to the world, and promote the success of aviation into the far reaching future.

AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM — TWO POSITIONS

DAWN S. WAVLE

Kansas Chapter
South Central Section



Learning to fly changed my life. While I had often been faced with challenges in life, learning to fly was voluntary. It took enormous dedication, and I came to possess a kind of personal discipline I'd never had before. I became more confident not only in my personal life, but also in my professional life as an attorney. As such, I believe in the power of personal accomplishment and especially of being an aviatrix.

I believe in the ability of the AEBM to continue to encourage young women to fly, as it performs its mission of preserving Ms. Earhart's history and personal accomplishments. Ms. Earhart serves as a role model, even a silent mentor, to thousands of women who would dare to challenge boundaries and stretch their wings and take to the skies.

As a trustee of the AEBM, I feel my contributions on the Board will further the mission of preserving the memory of Ms. Earhart, and I am hopeful that this in turn will encourage and foster the kind of mentorship and education that will continue drawing women to the power of accomplishment by learning to fly, and continue to grow as a pilot. For these reasons, I would be honored to serve as a trustee of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.

CHERYL 'CHERI' THOMPSON

Northeast Kansas Chapter
South Central Section



It is an honor to submit my name as a candidate for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Board of Trustees. I have had my pilot certificate since 2010 and have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since that time. Currently, I am the Northeast Kansas Chapter Treasurer. I received my endorsement for a high performance aircraft in May 2013. My interest in aviation has always been keen, which I attribute to my dad, who was a Naval aviator in WWII, as well as an instructor.

Mike and I have been married 33 years. He is a pathologist at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. We have two sons, Tony (23) and Tim (21). They both attend Kansas University. I have been a registered nurse since 1975 and practiced as a CRNA (nurse anesthetist) for 17 years. I am currently employed as an RN at a medical clinic in Lawrence.

Promoting women in aviation is important on my agenda, and I have been able to incorporate our Ninety-Nines into programs such as the Lawrence Municipal Airport Youth Aviation Camp. This year The Ninety-Nines were able to provide scholarships to two young women who were receptive and enthusiastic about furthering their knowledge of aviation.

It would be an honor to assist with whatever tasks are necessary to maintain the childhood home of Amelia Earhart...a true American pioneer

99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS — ONE POSITION

PENELOPE 'PENNY' NAGY

Sacramento Valley Chapter
Southwest Section



The 99s Museum of Women Pilots has always had a big place in my heart even before I first saw it at the dedication in 1999. I can remember attending Southwest Section Meetings beforehand and listening to Claire Walters and C.J. Strawn talk about it through its various stages of development. When I finally saw it I was overwhelmed, and I visit it every time I go to Headquarters.

The last few months have included researching the life of Charter Member Opal Kunz and finally honoring her on September 20 in Auburn, California. This research has reiterated the fact that we must continue to honor our past members and what a better place to do that than at our Museum.

My time as Southwest Section Governor is nearly at an end. I would really like the opportunity to devote more time to The Museum as a Trustee. Thank you all for your consideration.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND— ONE POSITION

LINDA S. 'CLANCEY' MALONEY

Rio Grande Norte Chapter
South Central Section



Starting work at age 15, I have been employed in publishing as a newspaper reporter/editor, graphics artist, editorial assistant for an academic publisher, and editorial/production manager for two legal publishers. Organizational, analytical and financial management skills were paramount.

In my second career of aviation, I am an independent flight instructor (25 years), was a Part 135 charter owner/pilot, USDA Forest Service contract air-attack pilot and Beechcraft Pilot Proficiency Program instructor. I hold an ATP/ASMEI, Gold Seal CFII/CGI, and memberships, in addition to The 99s, in AOPA, NAFI, WAI and ABS.

Beginning in 1985, I served the Pikes Peak Chapter as Chairman, newsletter editor and scholarship chairman. My *Companion Flyer* book supported an AE CFI scholarship. A founding member of the Rio Grande Norte 99s, I served the Chapter as Treasurer and first AE Chairman. My tinwork Electras raised more than \$1,000 for the AEMSFS. After my own AE scholarship (1993 multi-engine ATP), I served on the South Central Section AE committee, vetting hundreds of applications.

I strongly believe in encouraging women in all areas of professional aviation, and I have supported the AEMSFS for more than 20 years with my time, energy, finances and creativity. I believe the AEMSFS has an opportunity to further its and The 99s goals while fostering high-quality applicants.

I would like to work with other Trustees to explore enhancing communications, facilitating the application process and developing new scholarships and delivery methods.

ENDOWMENT FUND— ONE POSITION

KRISTINE K. (KRIS) IRVIN-HERRON

South Central Section
Arkansas Chapter



I received my private pilot certificate in 1988 and joined The Ninety-Nines in 1989. I have been an active member of the Arkansas Chapter since that time, serving in various offices including Vice-Chairman, Chairman, Scholarship Chairman and have been Treasurer since 1996. At the Section level, I served as Director, Treasurer, Vice-Governor and Governor and am currently serving as Director for a second time.

I have been the Section 501(c)(3) Advisor since 1996. As Governor, I served on the International Finance Committee and as Chairman of the International Awards Committee. I served four years as International Treasurer and am currently serving as International Tax Committee Chairman, on the Investment Advisory Committee and the Finance Committee.

During two terms as International Treasurer and as a member of the Finance Committee for several additional years, I have had to advise the board on making difficult budget decisions and painful budget cuts, so I know just how critical the Endowment Fund is to the future of The Ninety-Nines.

As a licensed Certified Public Accountant for over 30 years, I have worked with a variety of clients including nonprofits and business enterprises. I feel my financial background will be a valuable asset to the Endowment Fund. I know from experience that a nonprofit organization must have an adequate endowment fund to survive and thrive and cannot rely solely on dues.

I look forward to helping the Endowment Fund reach its goal and beyond to ensure the future financial health of this incredible organization.



PILOT CAREERS: Giving Back

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

*What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;
what we have done for others and the world is immortal.*
—Albert Pike

I thought about this quote one evening while flying back to Miami from Guatemala City with one of my new favorite captains, Mike. When his nephew was severely injured in Afghanistan, Mike’s Marine Corps background kicked in. Not knowing what else to do, he spent several sleepless nights on unofficial guard duty at Bethesda Military Hospital, shushing even the most senior doctors in the hallway while Andrew slept. Mike also became actively involved in the acquisition of a service dog for Andrew during the long healing process. I was impressed.

I realized that in my recent transition to a new job and commuting to reserve, my commitment to service had taken a back seat. What I also realized is that it doesn’t take a major heroic act of kindness to make the world better. Even the smallest random acts of kindness make a difference. If you don’t believe me, buy the person behind you in the coffee line a beverage and enjoy the genuine surprise and the great smile!

As I have said before, I love the aspect of The 99s PPLI (Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative) that helping someone coming up behind you is part of the process. You are mentored by someone ahead of you on your pilot career path, but you don’t

graduate from the program until you mentor someone. Isn’t mentoring a strong part of a leader? And don’t leadership skills make a better pilot? Brilliant!

As we were wrapping up the trip, Mike asked me if I had anything for him. He was sincere and really wanted to know. I was thankful for his patience and for his willingness to share his knowledge. I saw Mike’s leadership style, and not only did it make me truly grateful when I receive kindness from others, it made me want to incorporate that as part of my own leadership style.

You don’t have to be a 747 captain to inspire Girl Scouts and school kids. As pilots, we have an amazing vantage point that very few people get to see. They would love to know what it’s like to fly an airplane, and *you* can tell them. “I wouldn’t know what to say,” I’ve heard more than once from fellow pilots. “Besides, I hate public speaking!”

So here’s a challenge that brings two of my favorite subjects together: Step outside your comfort zone and give back. Contact a school or scout troop or church group and tell them you are available to give a talk about aviation. (Don’t worry, there are tons of resources on The 99s website!) Then do it. Allow others to share the joy that we get to experience so often.

What I receive from giving back is this: The true joy of helping someone else makes me feel like I get the best end of the deal. Every time.

TRAINING MILESTONES

Hilary Carl – A&P Mechanic
Connecticut Chapter

Constance Castillo – Instrument
Connecticut Chapter

Jingxian Chen (Saki) – Private Pilot,
North Jersey Chapter

Suzanne Collins – Commercial
Hampton Roads Chapter

**Helen Consolino – Airbus A320
PIC type rating**
Ambassador Chapter

Cindy Ferek – Private Pilot
Hampton Roads Chapter

**Natasha Flaherty – Commercial
MEL Ambassador Chapter**

Carrie Forster – Solo
Wisconsin Chapter

Candyce Goudey – Instrument
Intermountain Chapter

Michelle Hughes – Private Pilot
Antelope Valley Chapter

Caroline Kolasa – Captain B1900D
B1900C Northern Thunderbird Air
British Columbia Coast Chapter

Kate Pavlock – Private Pilot
Antelope Valley Chapter

Ginger Nelson – Private Pilot
Katahdin Wings Chapter

Kim Nobles, Solo
Orange County Chapter

Kim Torres – CRJ700 Training
Hired by GoJets
Greater Seattle Chapter

Renee Walker – Private Pilot
Greater Kansas City Chapter

**Marcia Wescott – Captain at
PlaneSense, Katahdin Wings Chapter**

Tracy Zedeck – ATP
Bay Cities Chapter



Emily Howell Warner.

EMILY HOWELL WARNER HONORED BY NATIONAL AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Colorado Chapter member Emily Howell Warner will be enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) in October, 2014. She and

five other aviators will join a roster of 219 men and women air and space pioneers who have been inducted by the NAHF since its founding in 1962.

Warner was an experienced Colorado flight school manager, flight instructor and FAA designated flight examiner holding multiple ratings when she was hired by Frontier Airlines in 1973, earning her additional distinction as the first female captain of a scheduled, jet-equipped U.S. airline. She flew a short stint with Continental Airlines, and then United Parcel Service hired her as a B-727 captain. In 1990, she left UPS to work for the FAA as an aviation safety inspector. Emily is now the B-737 aircrew program manager for United Airlines. She amassed more than 21,000 flight hours over her career.

As a member of The Ninety-Nines, Emily was the recipient of the International Award for Contribution to Aviation, along with many other awards and achievements. Emily stated that, as a young pilot, The 99s provided her inspiration. Candidates for the Hall of Fame are nominated and voted on each year by a group of more than 120 aviation professionals. NAHF, a nonprofit group, was founded in 1962 and operates a 17,000-square-foot Learning Center in Dayton, Ohio, adjacent to the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

— *Jan McKenzie*

SUE BALLEW HONORED BY AOPA

Santa Clara Valley member CFI Sue Ballew was named to the AOPA Flight Training Excellence Awards Honor Roll in recognition for her flight instructing abilities.

The award recipients were chosen based on the results of the 2013 Flight Training Excellence Poll. The Poll is based on AOPA's extensive research into the optimal flight training experience and focuses on four key factors: educational quality, customer focus, community, and information sharing.

The Flight Training Excellence Poll is conducted using an online survey process that contains several measures designed to prevent ballot stuffing. Each individual can nominate up to one flight school and one flight instructor per year. 3,375 individuals completed the poll in 2013. This resulted in reviews of 508 different flight schools and 956 different flight instructors.

MARY FEIK RECEIVES KATHERINE WRIGHT AWARD

Mary Feik, Mid-Atlantic Chapter member, was presented the Katherine Wright Trophy at the National Aeronautics Association Awards Dinner on November 12. The Katharine Wright Trophy was established 30 years ago to acknowledge the important role that women have served in aviation. Feik retired from the National Air and Space Museum's Paul E. Garber Restoration Facility as a Restoration Specialist since 1982. Feik has shared her experiences in aviation history with today's youth as a member of the Civil Air Patrol, and more than 24,500 Civil Air Patrol cadets have earned the esteemed Mary Feik Achievement Award.



Pat Prentiss and Jonathan Gaffney congratulate Mary Feik, center.

LETTERS

NEVER GIVE UP!

I have always wanted to learn to fly and happened to be going past North Coast Flight School when they were having an open house. After my intro flight, I was hooked! I am not certificated yet, but I have passed my written test, soloed and just finished IFR training and will be working on cross country. I am hoping to have my certificate by this fall; if not, next spring will work.

I just read Nancy Matras' article in the September/October issue about obtaining her private certificate. There is so much in her story that I can relate to. I also had fleeting moments when I thought "I can't do this" or "I'm too old." But the reality sets in, and I know I will never give up! I don't have any kids or grandkids, and my husband "tolerates" my flying but doesn't share my enthusiasm. On my birthday, my husband asked what I wanted. I replied FLIGHT TIME! What else? He just shook his head. Well, I'm off to KYNG!

*Karen Ellis
Lake Erie Chapter*

COVER PHOTOGRAPHER

I am the photographer who submitted the picture that appeared on the cover of your last magazine of Mercedes Eulitt in her RV-6A and the first photograph in the article "49 Planes - World Record Attempt..." It is an honor to have my photographs published.

Patricia Dulaney

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

A busy fall included great programs at our general meetings. Carol Munch told us about her trip to Ghana where she met up with German 99 Ute Hoelscher at Avtech Academy, where young women learn to build and fly aircraft as a way to develop aviation careers. The school was started by Ninety-Nine Patricia Mawuli, Ghana's first licensed woman pilot.

During November, Roy Mise, an aviation historian, told us about the aviation career of Harry Houdini, and we ate popcorn while watching a wonderful movie about pilot Elgin Long's 1971 flight around the world via the North and South Poles.

Flying activities included a good turnout for the Section Meeting in Sacramento, a trip to Mendocino/Little River airport for lunch where we counted 10 planes with 24 pilots and friends, and a short hop over to Half Moon Bay for lunch in November.

Fall is when we say thanks with edible goodies to our friends in the local towers: PAO, SJC, RHV and SQL. The controllers are appreciative, and it's fun and educational to see our flights from their perspective.

We also had booths at the local Airport Day celebrations. Our participation increases our visibility in the community, and we usually recruit several potential new members and some



Carol Munch and students on Fly Me Day at AvTech Academy in Ghana.

candidates for our Flying Companion Seminars.

We congratulate our member CFI Sue Ballew who was named to the AOPA Flight Training Excellence Awards Honor Roll in recognition for her flight instructing abilities.

— Judy Stark

OREGON PINES CHAPTER

The fall season brought several stretches of beautiful flying weather to Oregon, including the first weekend of October. We held our gala scholarship benefit hangar dance, *Swinging on a Star*, under a clear night sky on Comanche Taxiway at Independence Airport. Music was performed by Oregon's premier big band, the Carroll Raaum Swing Orchestra, embellished by the beautiful voice of Oregon Pines' very own Vanessa Nelson. The dance was a huge success.

The second weekend of October, the community of Jefferson, Oregon, invited The 99s to staff a booth at their Sportacular festi-



Oregon Pines Christmas picture, From left, front row: Ashley Collins, Trish Hanna, Mary DeCanter; back row: Dalhia Wilcoxon, Linda Leach, Bev Clark, Louise Parsons, Sandi Archer, Marilyn Husser, Barbe Park, Sylvia Manning, Debra Plymate, Sherry Sisson and Debbie Origer.

val, alongside a variety of other sporting exhibits. From there, we headed up to the Cascade Mountains for a Chapter retreat at Black Butte Ranch. We spent the weekend hiking, dining, relaxing and sewing quilt squares together for our raffle quilt. The next Oregon Pines Quilt Tour opens at the Northwest Aviation Conference in Puyallup, Washington, on February 22.

AOPA invited Ashley Collins to attend Summit in Fort Worth, Texas, to receive the Jimmie Allen Flying Club Scholarship she will be using for instrument training. It was our privilege to coordinate transportation for her. We appreciate the Fort Worth 99s hosting Ashley in Texas. We also assisted EAA 292 in stocking a toolbox for her to use in her AMT program at Lane Aviation Academy in Eugene, and Barbara Anderson arranged a Schwinn bicycle donation for Ashley's transportation to classes.

Columbia Cascade 99s invited Oregon Pines to join them for two events in November. The first weekend it was a booth at GirlFest in Portland, and two weeks later a tour of Pearson Field Education Center in Vancouver, Washington. Three hundred Girl Scouts had fun building gliders and were introduced to the idea of becoming pilots at GirlFest. The former Pearson Air Museum has been relocated to another hangar on historic Pearson Field. Their teen outreach program includes free tours every Saturday, model glider building, open cockpits and Young Eagles events. We are looking forward to partnering with them in future events.

— Debra Plymate

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

ALABAMA CHAPTER

A big thank-you to everyone who participated in the compass rose/chili lunch day November 9 at Pryor Field (DCU) in Decatur, Alabama. We raised over \$300 for the Alabama Chapter Minnie Wade Scholarship and completed a true work of art!

We had a fantastic turnout. Several helpers had already left by the time we finally put those last brush strokes on, but everyone hung in there for most of the day. We would still be painting if not for the great work force and their "can do" attitudes.

— Ramona Banks



Proud of their hard work: from left, Harriet Hall, Chelsie Sloan, Nancy Swanner, Ramona Banks, Nicole Banks, Peggy Colvette-Pepper, Nancy Miller-Borg, Katie Mullins and Sara Rutland.



Jeanne Burkland, Angie Inderwiesen, Barbara Yenninas, Mary Fletcher and Sophia Payton at the Albert Whitted Airport.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

What do Florida Suncoast Chapter members Mary Fletcher, project leader, Angie Indewiesen, Barbara Strachan, Jeanne Burkland, Sophia Payton and Barbara Ueninas do on a gorgeous day?

On October 12, surrounded by the beautiful skyline of St. Petersburg, Florida, they took on a project at the Albert Whitted Airport, repainting the airport name on the taxiway and adding a 99s logo at the end of it. We previously painted a 99s compass rose at the airport, but it didn't need repainting this year.

Our November meeting was held in Ocala, Florida, hosted by Connie McConnell. We celebrated lifetime member Blanche O'Brien's 97th birthday. Blanche has been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1947. Guest speaker Cathy Martin, NOAA pilot and hurricane hunter, gave a fascinating presentation.

— Sophia Payton

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By all accounts, the Chicago Area Chapter's Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day was an overwhelming success. Over 100 girls, accompanied by more than 40 parents and leaders, received their badges. By updating our program and concentrating on the STEM components, we provided the scouts with an educational as well as enjoyable morning.

Ellen O'Hara did a great job of chairing the event. Presenters included: Preflight of airplane, Deb Meznarsic and Jill Mann; Communication, Pam Brophy (manager, Aurora tower); Navigation, Sharon Schorsch and Leslie Prellwitz; Theory of Flight, Cynthia Madsen; Aviation Careers (Mil/Comm/GA), Carol Skiber; Aviation History, Donna Klein and Joan Kerwin. Carole Hickman, Linda Uznys and student pilot Jodi Levin were wonderful to help fill in as needed.

We also are grateful to Signature Aircraft at Chicago Executive Airport for generously allowing us to use their hangar for the day. The scouts, leaders and parents all thanked us for a day well presented!

— Diane Cozzi



Chicago Chapter Secretary Jill Mann with scouts

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER

Lake Erie Chapter members joined with Heidi Thiele, Tucson Chapter member now living in the Cleveland, Ohio, area and captain on the Embraer 170/175 for Republic Airways Holdings, to give a talk to St. Mary's School in Avon, Ohio. Heidi's son attends the fifth grade there, and he said they all got two thumbs up from the classes. The girls were telling him that they didn't know yet if they could be pilots but thought maybe they would be some day. The boys told him he had a cool mom since she flies jets around the country. They also wished their grandmothers were pilots like Nancy Matras and Nancy Wood so they could go flying.

Currently Heidi is working with Guidestone/Berea Children's Home to talk again in January with two groups of girls aged 10-18. She will be accompanied by members from the Lake Erie Chapter, hoping these girls will be able to see that there are women who support each other. We believe we can be an inspiration to these young women who have not had the best start in life.

Every woman who flies has a story to tell about their struggles and triumphs. So please, help us reach out to these children. We need to inspire the next generation to reach for their dreams and not to take "NO" for an answer.

— Heidi Thiele



Nancy Wood, Heidi Thiele and Nancy Matras.



Florida Goldcoast Chapter scholarship recipients, from top left, Kathleen Suarez, Diane Reinken and Anita Mixon.

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

The Florida Goldcoast Chapter presented three scholarships to Florida aviatrixes in December.

Diane Reinken was awarded ADF 737-800NG Simulator Training. ADF Airways, an FAA approved 141 Flight Academy at Kendall Tamiami Executive airport, donated a 737-800NG Jet Checkout (16 hours in the simulator). Using their new state of the art simulator, the 737-800NG program enhances CRM and strengthens cockpit skills necessary to succeed in commercial aviation.

The Fran Sargent Scholarship, for \$2,000, was presented to Kathleen Suarez to pursue advanced ratings. This annual scholarship for Florida residents was named in honor of WASP Fran Sargent, a highly respected 99 who taught many Goldcoast members to fly. Fran was instrumental in creating this scholarship by raising funds over the years. She also mentored applicants for the scholarship and also the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, many of whom won with her help.

Anita Mixon was the recipient of the Helen Snapp Scholarship. Sadly, Helen flew to new horizons in 2013. Many of Helen's friends and family generously donated \$1,500 for this one-time memorial scholarship in her honor. She was a favorite Florida Goldcoast Chapter member, WASP and Congressional Gold Medal recipient.

We congratulate the winners!

— Kimberley Lowe and Myra Bugbee

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter members Kaye Combs Moore and Tori Williams attended the Aviation Museum of Kentucky’s annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. At the ceremony, Tori accepted the museum’s 2013 Aviation Achievement Award for the Institute of Aerospace Education, which she attends at Frankfort High School, Frankfort, Kentucky. Tori is also the recipient of the 2013 Fly Now Award presented by The Ninety-Nines.

In other Chapter news, member Erin Thompson received the Chapter’s scholarship to renew her flight training. Erin, a private and instrument pilot, is returning to flying and is interested in becoming a tow pilot for sailplanes. Shannon Jipsen recently moved to Anchorage, Alaska, to begin training as captain of a UPS B747-400.

Congratulations to all three of our members!

— Sue Glisson



Kaye Combs Moore and Tori Williams.



Erin Thompson.

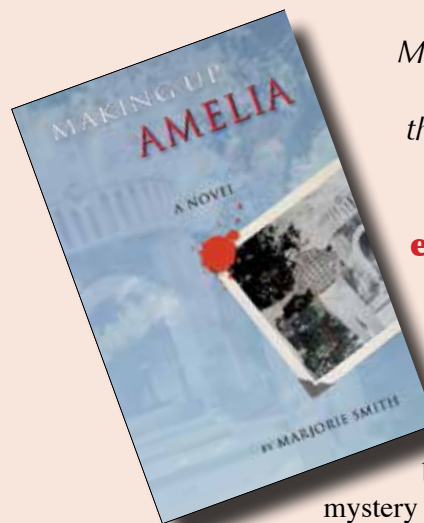


OLD DOMINION CHAPTER

This year, the Old Dominion Chapter participated in The Betty Vinson Toy Airlift directed by the Virginia Chapter. The Airlift benefited soldiers at The Fort Lee Army Base experiencing economic hardship and veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital.

I was especially proud of my students at Randolph-Macon Academy for starting a fundraiser called The Candy Gram Program. The flight students at Randolph-Macon filled small bags with candy. For one dollar you could attach a note to the bag and have it delivered to a special friend or teacher. The students and faculty really enjoyed the program! In one week, we raised \$469! With cash donations from our Old Dominion members, the total raised was \$639!

— Laura Abraham



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ELIZABETH (SUSIE) SEWELL President of The Ninety-Nines 1972-74 Oklahoma Chapter

Elizabeth (Susie) Sewell passed away Friday, November 8, 2013 in Oklahoma City. Susie's interest in aviation was sparked when her father was an employee of Skelly Oil Company, which also owned Spartan Aviation. She started flying lessons in 1944 and in 1947 received an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship to obtain her commercial certificate and CFI rating.



Elizabeth Sewell.

After studying business law, corporate finance and business management at the University of Oklahoma, she joined Catlin Aviation as secretary/treasurer and moved up in its corporate structure to become operations manager and then acting general manager. When Catlin expanded to become a Piper distributor, Susie became one of the first women to be on the Distributors Advisory Council, helping Piper make decisions for aircraft improvements.

During her term as international president of The Ninety-Nines, she was instrumental in establishing the headquarters building at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Susie became the first female agent in Oklahoma for aviation insurance, and starting in 1969 served as Chairman of the Aviation Insurance Committee for The Ninety-Nines' sponsored flying events. She also served as a member and ex officio member of the Board of Directors, as Treasurer and as Trustee of the AEMS fund.

She was a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of The Ninety-Nines. Susie once said, "If I helped to open some doors in aviation for others to follow, I will be pleased to cheer them on." She truly succeeded in that goal and will continue to inspire us.

— Donna Jackson

NANCY WAYLETT BERRA Ambassador Chapter

Nancy Waylett Berra passed away on June 29, 2013, following a 12-year battle with a brain tumor. She was a champion in the fight but, nearing the end, traveled home by transport ambulance and was made comfortable in hospice at her Burtonsville, Maryland home. Her husband Bob Berra, two sons, a daughter, and Nancy's mother Agnes Waylett were close by.



Nancy Waylett Berra.

Nancy was a true trailblazer

and had a celebrated career as one of the first female commercial airline pilots. She was hired by US Air in 1985 and always based at DCA/BWI. Nancy was a member of The 99s for over 20 years, including the Ambassador and Potomac Chapters, along with being a supporter of the Washington DC 99s.

Nancy was born on November 25, 1950 and graduated from Gettysburg College in 1973. College friends described her independence, determination and philosophical bent. Fellow pilots recall her as "always a joy to fly with, and her smile and easy-going nature made the trip go by way too fast." Another co-worker states, "I enjoyed her company at several women airline pilot conventions. She was kind and caring, witty and charming. We've lost a treasure."

— Pat Schroeder

SHIRLEY JEAN HANSON Long Beach Chapter

Shirley Jean Hanson, 88, born on July 19, 1925 in Indianapolis, Indiana, left this earth for the great blue yonder on December 2, 2013.

A proud member of The Ninety-Nines, Shirley participated in various air races such as the Cleveland Air Race and Powder Puff Derby and was also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

When given a choice between receiving a fur coat or an airplane for a gift, she chose a Piper J-3 Cub, naming it *Mama's Mink*. The airplane had a picture of a rolling pin painted on its stripe. A captivating storyteller, glamorous, outgoing and energetic, Shirley liked to make a statement upon arrival; perhaps her most memorable entrance was when she rode a motorcycle up the stairs of the Van Nuys Airport Bar in a formal dress.

Shirley's children recall learning to fly before learning how to drive, and the family has fond memories of zooming through the blue skies of California. "We grew up in a total aviation household. First thing you'd hear in the morning was the tower at Burbank Airport on the scanner. Ma was one of those true pioneers of aviation; loved it through and through," said her daughter Suzan Elliott.

Making her quest for adventure a profession, Shirley was an aviation photo journalist for *General Aviation News*, *Sports Aviation* and *Private Pilot Magazine*.

Shirley set a great example for her children and grandchildren by following her dream to obtain a seaplane rating, which she obtained on her 70th birthday at the Salton Sea. She later became a member of the United Flying Octogenarians.

— Sandra Robinson, daughter

DORA DOUGHERTY STROTHER MCKEOWN WASP

Fort Worth Chapter

Dora flew to new horizons on November 19. She was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dora became a pilot in 1940 in the Civilian Pilot Training program and joined Jacqueline Cochran's WASP, becoming a member of the Ferry Command. Dora was one of only two WASP who were checked out in the B-29 by Paul Tibbetts. Dora flew 23 different aircraft during the war. Later she joined the University of Illinois to become their Chief Research Pilot. In 1958, Dora moved on to Bell Helicopter and became Chief of the Human Factors and Cockpit Arrangement Group.

She was a prolific writer and researcher. Dora had been a Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Her family has made the request that any donations in her memory be made to the AEMSF.

Dora was an absolutely phenomenal woman. Her passing will leave a tremendous void in the aviation community.

— *Jacque Boyd*



Dora Dougherty Strother McKeown.

JULIE SHULAR

Ventura County Chapter

Julie Shular flew on to New Horizons on October 17, 2013 after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Born February 9, 1954, the daughter of an Air Force pilot, Julie lived in many states before coming to California to attend college. In 1977, she met Van Royce Vibber, who would become her business partner and husband. A serial entrepreneur,

Julie parlayed her talents into philanthropy, particularly delighting in raising five wheelchair assistance dogs for Canine Companions for Independence.

At age 50, while caring for her father, Julie began flight training at Falcon Field in Peachtree City, Georgia. When her father recovered, Julie completed her training at CP Aviation in Santa Paula, California, under the tutelage of Ventura County Ninety-Nine Dianne Williams. Julie went on to take the Emergency Maneuvers Training course and a fighter pilot training course. She enjoyed flying alone or with friends to fly-ins, marathons



Julie Shular.

and Section meetings, and was almost finished working toward her Instrument rating.

A certified scuba diver, Julie was also an avid reader, tennis player, master gardener and bird watcher. She also enjoyed participating in marathons and served as director of operations for the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula.

A positive force for all she touched, Julie wished to encourage other women to get regular mammograms and donated her body to medical science through ScienceCare.com.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula on November 2, 2013. A bright, funny, highly-motivated adventure seeker, she will be dearly missed.

— *Lindsey Bell*

CHERYL JOLENE STRAWN

Santa Monica Chapter

Cheryl Jolene Strawn flew to new horizons on April 29, 2013. Cheryl was born January 27, 1944, in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of a mother with a passion for art and a father with a passion for flying.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Fine Arts from University of California, Riverside. She studied at the School of Visual Arts, New York City; Polakov Studio of Stage Design, New York City; and the Fashion Institute of New York City. She worked with La MaMa Experimental Theater and traveled with the group through Europe. She was a costumer and theater crafts artist for New York Metropolitan Opera, Julliard, Lincoln Center Ballet Company and the Opera Company of Boston. In addition she worked on *No, No Nanette*, *On the Town*, *A Little Night Music*, the *Follies*, *La Bohème* and *Mephistopheles* for the New York City Opera and others.

CJ also designed the 99s Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City. She was an active member of the Los Angeles-Palms Chapter, helped coordinate the Palms to Pines yearly air race and was a member of the Santa Monica Airport Commission. As a certified flight instructor, CJ was a favorite at the Flight Instructor Refresher Course weekends she taught for American Flyers in Santa Monica, California. Instructors from all over the world came to CJ's courses.

Cheryl Jolene Strawn was a renaissance woman, a pilot, a teacher and an artist. We are enriched because she walked the planet.

A scholarship for female pilots is being set up in her memory. If you would like to donate, please contact Lynn Houston at 805-698-6784 or email Lynn@ADifferentPointofView.org.

— *Lynn Houston*



Cheryl Jolene Strawn.

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