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Bee Haydu, a highly recognized Women Airforce Service Pilot and Ninety-Nine, enjoyed celebrating her 99th birthday in the 90th year of The 99s at a special celebration.



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The 2020 International Conference on July 8-12, hosted by the Long Beach Chapter, will take you back to the glory days of luxury sea travel. Board the Queen Mary docked in Long Beach, California, and enjoy its ambiance while participating in other Conference activities, including seminars, tours and Career Day.



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On The Cover

During the China Section's first Conference, dozens of 99s, under a program named Swan Talk, shared their love for flying with students. Divided into small groups, they visited four local schools, to the delight of the excited students.



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Candidates for the 2020 International positions have been announced. Ballots were mailed out on March 1, and online voting will also be available. Candidate position statements start on page 12 and can also be found on The 99s website.

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Anna Marshall, Reno High Sierra Chapter, feels the joy after a successful checkride for her Rotocraft rating. We congratulate all our members who have earned their milestones!



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Long Island Chapter members recreated the first Ninety-Nines meeting held on November 2, 1929.



The 99s Mission Statement

The Ninety-Nines® International Organization of Women Pilots® promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

CALENDAR

2020

MARCH

31-
Apr 5 **Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo**, Lakeland, Florida.

APRIL

1 **WASP Luncheon**, Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida. Honoring the WWII WASP, 11:30 a.m. at the Buehler Center. Tickets are \$20 each limited to 75 seats. No tickets sold at the door or the 99s Clubhouse. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 23, via mail. Please make checks out to Sun 'n Fun Building Fund. Contact Barbara Yeninas at jjybmy@verizon.net or 813-654-3780.

1-5 **Australia Section Annual Meeting**, Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia. Meeting in conjunction with the Australian Women Pilots' Association.

18 **New York/New Jersey Section Spring Meeting**, Oneonta, New York.

24-25 **Mid-Atlantic Section Spring Meeting**, Baltimore, Maryland. Hosted by the Maryland Chapter.

24-26 **North Central Section Spring Meeting**, hosted by the Chicago Area Chapter.

24-26 **South Central Section Spring Meeting**, McKinney, Texas. Hosted by the Dallas Chapter.

30-
May 3 **Southwest Section Spring Meeting**, Los Gatos, California. Hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter.

MAY

12 **Summer Weather Refresher Webinar**, hosted by SiriusXM Aviation and The Ninety-Nines. Available for WINGs credit and suitable for ARC racers for their XC flying adventure.

14-17 **Southeast Section Spring Meeting**, Sebring, Florida. Hosted by the Florida Heartland Chapter.

15-16 **New England Section Spring Meeting**, Kennebunkport, Maine, hosted by Katahdin Wings Chapter.

30-31 **East Canada Spring Section Meeting**, St. Jean Airport (CYJN) St. Jean, Quebec, Canada. Contact Montreal99s@hotmail.com.

29-
June 1 **New Zealand Section Meeting**, Christchurch, New Zealand.

JUNE

23-26 **44th Air Race Classic (ARC)**, Grand Forks, North Dakota to Terre Haute, Indiana. Registration is open. The race begins June 23 in Grand Forks and ends Friday, June 26 in Terre Haute.

7-12 **2020 International Conference and Career Expo Meeting**, Long Beach, California. Hosted by the Southwest Section aboard the Queen Mary.

20-26 **EAA AirVenture**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

21 **99s Annual Aviation Appreciation Dinner**, 6 p.m. in the Wittman Terminal Building at EAA AirVenture. The event features earth rounder Adrian Eichhorn, who will share stories and pictures of his spring 2020 North Pole flight.

31 **PPLI Deadline** — Autumn Session.

AUGUST

14-16 **Palms to Pines Air Race** returns, sponsored by the Los Angeles 99s with support from their sister Chapters in California and Oregon. For more information and registration, visit www.palmstoppingesairrace.com

SEPTEMBER

9-12 **Northwest Section Meeting**, Billings, Montana. Wild West event sponsored by the Montana, Big Sky and Wyoming Chapters.

18-19 **International Forest of Friendship**, Atchison, Kansas.

NOVEMBER

6-7 **Fall International Board of Directors Meeting**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DECEMBER

5-10 **India Section Conference**, New Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.



Having a few laughs during the 2013 Air Race Classic are Mary Build, right seat, Margo Cheel, back seat "café manager," and Olga Mitchell flying left seat while capturing on film the fun of air racing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Who is Katherine Stinson?

She is credited as the first skywriter, the first woman to fly over London, and the first woman to fly at night. She held several distance and duration records and flew mail for the government, including an airmail flight from Chicago to New York in 1918.

Katherine came from an aviation family. In 1913, Katherine and her mother incorporated the Stinson Aircraft Company, which Stinson later took over as president. Her family (including her sister Marjorie, one of our Charter 99s!) began the Stinson School of Flying in San Antonio in 1915.

A 99 Life member, Katherine was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame last fall. Since she had no living relatives, it was decided that her Hall of Fame medal should reside at the airport that she, her mom, sister, and brother started. Stinson Airport, San Antonio, Texas, is

the second oldest general aviation airport in continuous operation in the U.S. Her family bought the land from the city, developed an airport, and she taught hundreds of men to fly there during World War I, including the Royal Canadian Air Force.

I was honored to present the medal to the Stinson Airport, along with Eileen Collins, 99 Life member, first woman pilot of the NASA space shuttle and first woman commander of the NASA shuttle. The airport that Katherine helped develop is a fitting location for the medal. I hope it will be in a place of honor at the airport to help inspire our current and future pilots. She was a role model then, and 100 years later, she remains a role model for us today.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming aviation tradeshows, WAI in Orlando March 5-7 and Sun'n Fun at Lakeland Airport March 31-April 5. The 99s reach out at both venues to continue getting the word out to local communities, other aviation organizations and pilots about our fantastic organization.

The 99s introduces aviation to young girls and boys through the Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program. We help women to get their private pilot certificates, provide scholarships for additional ratings, mentor commercial aviation career women one-on-one through PPLI and provide many opportunities to give back to the aviation community and upcoming women pilots to continue our legacy.

Help us spread the word!



Jan McKenzie
International President

**Choose to Soar!
Choose to Fly
Your Dreams!**

Top photo: National Aviation Hall of Fame medal at the Stinson Memorial, Stinson Airport.

Bottom photo: Eileen Collins speaking at the medal presentation to San Antonio city officials.

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HOLDING SHORT

Bee Haydu's Birthday Bash

by Ruth Jacobs, Treasure Coast Chapter

More than 75 friends and family from all over the United States came to Singer Island to celebrate Bee Haydu's 99th Birthday in the 90th year of The 99s. World War II photos of the WASP played all evening. DJs Bobby Sprink and Charlie Baumgardner played '40s and '50s music all evening to set the mood. Bee's two books, including her recently released

America's First Women Military Pilots WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilots) were for sale, and many purchased them.

After a wonderful meal, we had two cakes: Bee's 99th birthday yellow cake and a Ninety-Nines 90th Year chocolate cake. Then Lana Kraezik, a self-declared WASP groupie, presented Bee with two bottles of wine from the B52 Winery



Ruth Jacobs with Bee during Bee's 99th Birthday Bash on December 7, complete with two cakes, one for Bee, right, and one for The Ninety-Nines' 90th.



in Michigan with Bee's picture on them. Next, Kay Hilbrant will get her picture on bottles too.

Sarah Wendt and Mark Kahny made the day by dressing in the style popular during the WASP era. There were 99s from all over the U.S. CEO-President Lisa Taylor of the WASP Museum came from Texas. There were so many people it is difficult to name names. WASP Kay Hilbrant attended to help Bee celebrate.

Bee received a number of birthday cards and mementos, including a packet of handmade cards and a poster from Nancy Christian's special education class at Ridge and Valley School. Bee enjoyed all the cards and well wishes.

Birthday Thanks from Bee Haydu:



I want to thank all the participants, and especially those who came such long distances, to help me celebrate my 99th birthday and The 99s 90th.

When I entered the room, I was overwhelmed by all the friends whom I have not seen in a long time. It was truly touching and brought back such wonderful memories of my flying days and beyond. I want to give special thanks to Ruth, Sharon and my family for making this possible. I will remember this evening always.

*Thanks again,
Bee*



A Sparkling Celebration!

Rachel Jones, a student pilot member of the San Antonio 99s, wanted to share this photo of the special celebration she received after her first solo. She says, "I was finally able to solo on November 24 at Stinson Airport. My instructor Lacey Law (99 member and scholarship recipient) and my 99 mentor Cheryl Mora were there cheering me on. My flight school, Sky Safety, traditionally dumps a bucket of water on you after you solo, but for me, they dumped a bucket of glitter instead."



The Glider Pilot

No pix today.
 No parks today.
 Today I got to go and play.
 A glider port is what I sought
 To practice things that I was taught.
 The winds were light, the mountains high
 A 99 tow pilot launched me into the sky.
 Round and round and round I flew
 On this "bad thermal day" but, heck, who knew?

I circled up, then came back down,
 The thermals kept me off the ground.
 Nearly two hours later, with thermals light
 It was time for me to end my flight.

by Terry Carbonell, who took a day off from her 2019 flying adventure visiting U.S. national parks, to enjoy a glider flight.

Anita Celebrates 99



Anita Hessin, Colorado Chapter member and longtime Ninety-Nine, turned 99 on November 3, celebrating with a cake presented by the Chapter members.

Colorado Chapter member Anita Hessin turned 99 on November 3. She has been an active member for a long, long time. Colorado Chapter newsletter editor Margot Plummer says, "Anita is so interesting to visit with, like a history book. And so much fun. She gave a fabulous speech at our meeting in November when we had her party."

Anita Mae Bline was born November 3, 1920, on a farm near Columbus, Ohio. She met her future husband, Bill Hessin, at a party when she was 15 years old, he was 19. They were married before World War II. Bill served in the U.S. Army and worked for the petroleum industry after the war, which kept them moving around the world. They had one son, Bill.

They ended up in Lakewood, Colorado. Anita joined the 99s in 1986, which she calls a "fabulous organization." She has owned five airplanes.

CHINA ODYSSEY

“It was an odyssey of epic proportions. I don’t know any other way to describe our recent flying adventure in China.”

By *Jamie Tanabe, Fullerton Chapter*

A few years ago, Ida Zhang, a former Fullerton 99s member and China Section founder, had an idea to see if she could help open up airspace for General Aviation in China. She would organize a trip for a group of American general aviation pilots to serve as ambassadors and tourists.

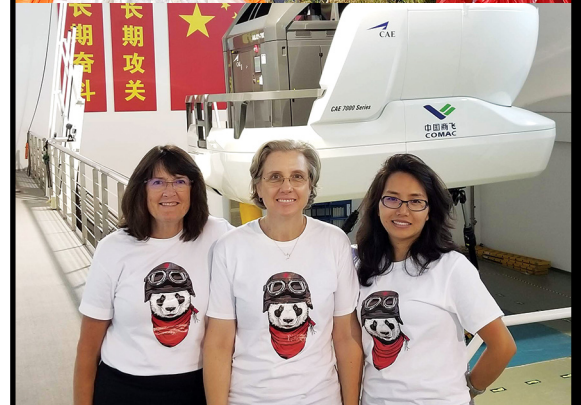
Ida presented the idea to our 99s Chapter members and later asked me to follow up. She requested I try and coordinate a group of pilots who would be up for an adventure. They would need to be open to plans changing, and the amount of flying was uncertain. Ideally, there would be five to seven pilots with their spouses or flying companions.

We ended up with a group of 16, which included six pilots, one being my fellow 99 Cameron LaFont, spouses, friends, and my two sons. Up until two days before the trip, we didn’t have a solid itinerary. All we knew was we were flying into Beijing and two weeks later flying home out of Shanghai. At some point we would be giving talks to aviation business leaders and school children.

What unfolded was truly amazing. It’s been several weeks since we returned home, and I am still mentally unpacking all the things we saw and experienced.

We started in Beijing with a tour of the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. We were then hosted by the owner of the only private airport in all of China, Douzhuang Airport in Tianjin. David Dou’s airplane and helicopter inventory was mind blowing. His airport does flight training, skydiving and tours. The airport has a runway, a helicopter pad and is located on a lake where seaplanes can land.

This generous man shared his love of flying by stopping all operations for the day and let us pick what plane we wanted to fly. I chose a Tecnam Light Sport and got to fly with David as my co-pilot. He talked me through



some very thrilling flying, including low fly-bys and formation flying with Cameron in a C172 and Tom in a R44 helicopter. It was an experience I will never forget.

Due to airspace in China still not being open to general aviation, we ended up flying between cities on commercial flights, taking cross-country bus rides and flying in the local area near the general aviation airports. In all, we flew over the cities of Badaling, Hengdian and Jingmen.

Badaling is a popular area for visiting the Great Wall. We hiked on the Wall in the morning, then flew over it in the afternoon in a Cirrus aircraft. I have flown over some amazing things as a pilot, but I have to say, flying over the Great Wall has to be one of the most thrilling.

Hengdian is a movie-making town that has been referred to as “Chinawood.” It has 30 amusement parks, including Hengdian World Studios that is similar to Universal Studios in the U.S.

Flying over Hengdian allowed us to view sights we wouldn’t see from the ground. We could see all the amusement parks, a reclining Buddha being constructed into the hillside, much like Mt. Rushmore. Another cool thing about Hengdian is there were nine giant dragon art installations that had tails snaking into the hillside. The only way to really appreciate it was from the air.

Jingmen AVIC Aviation Town is a master-planned town built around aviation. It is hard to describe, there were so many aviation activities. There was a city park with a replica of many aircraft, including the Wright Flyer. They had an entertainment center that had facilities for indoor sky diving, flight simulators and climbing walls. I saw the video of myself doing the indoor skydiving. Let’s just say, I wasn’t the most graceful.



We also were able to do some non-aviation-related tourism as well. We visited the city of Xi’an, home of the terracotta soldiers. That was one of the most remarkable things I have ever seen. Each soldier is unique, having individual expressions and clothing that hangs differently.

This was my first visit to a World Heritage Site (UNESCO), and it didn’t disappoint. We also rode a bike on top of an ancient city wall at sunset. Another city we visited, Jingdezhen, is known for being a manufacturer of porcelain for 4,000 years. We were able to visit a privately-owned factory and a state-owned showroom.

Not all of our time was spent on tourism. We also brought our message of general aviation. We participated in the China Aviation Industry Conference in Jingdezhen. A few in our group presented at the conference. Several of us participated in school activities. My 13-year-old son, Zack, and I spoke to a high school group about flying our Cessna 182 for family adventures. It was wonderful to interact with the children.

The most important part of our trip is the time we spent with the pilots, airport managers and local officials. The biggest take away was that General Aviation in China doesn’t really exist as we know it here. There are airports built with a few general aviation airplanes there, but GA pilots do not have permission to access the airspace to fly between these airports. All General Aviation flying is limited to 5km miles from the airport. This allows them to give scenic flights, sky diving and do flight training. A flight student is required to make one cross-country flight to the nearest General Aviation airport. This requires a request to the military one week in advance of the flight. We also learned that it costs a flight student \$800 USD per hour to rent a plane.

Even so, General Aviation is ready to explode if it is allowed to do so. There is a desire, and there is infrastructure. General aviation just needs the permission to access the airspace.

I’d like to think we left them with a vision of what general aviation could be and what it could do for business, local communities and those who dream of flying.

Photos, opposite page, top: On final approach for AVIC Town Jingmen Zhanghe Airport.

Vertical group, from top: Jamie Tanabe and family after flight over the Great Wall in a Cirrus SR20; Jingmen sky divers with the Tanabe boys; and Cameron, Jamie and Ida at COMAC after flying the ARJ21 Sim.

Photo this page: From left, Ida Zhang, Cameron LaFont, and Jamie Tanabe visit Tianjin Binhai Douzhuang Airport.

The town was built in hopes that GA would come. The airport has two paved runways, and a seaplane base has a VOR that is not yet operational and amphibious Caravans with no pilots to fly them.

This was the only city where we flew in Chinese designed and manufactured aircraft. Jingmen has a sky diving operation. My 13- and 11-year old sons were able to do their first tandem sky dive.

When we visited Shanghai we had the opportunity to visit Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd. (Comac), a Chinese owned aerospace manufacturer. Comac is manufacturing a new regional jet called the ARJ21. We had the thrill of flying the full flight level D sim for this plane.

All Aboard The Queen Mary for The 2020 International Conference and Career Expo July 8-12, Long Beach, California



The Southwest Section invites you to the 2020 International 99s Conference in Long Beach, California, July 7-12, 2020. The hotel is the beautiful Queen Mary herself and all rooms secured for the Conference are outside rooms. Whether it's the authentic polished wood paneling, the original 1930s artwork, the Art Deco style or the operable portholes, there's no question that the Queen Mary Hotel is unlike any other Southern California hotel. Each stateroom is unique with its own personality and offers a glimpse into what transatlantic travel was like during the '30s, '40s and '50s.



Your stateroom in the Queen Mary reflects elegant times gone by.

Having an impressive history and tradition of excellence, the Queen Mary Hotel is more than a place to rest one's head — it's an entire experience. Book your room through our travel site for the best room.

Many exciting tours and seminars are planned for attendees, including a day trip to Catalina Island, a tour of Los Angeles and Hollywood, a visit to the famous Getty Center/Museum, and a whale watching tour.

Friday afternoon will feature the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund High Tea, so bring your best dress, hat and gloves. What you wore to The 99s 90th celebration would be perfect.

Explore the ship from stem to stern, inside and out, and hear unique stories, facts and insights about the Queen Mary from the expert tour guides. The world-renowned Aquarium of the Pacific is nearby, as is shopping at The Pike. Both are a short trip in the free bus that circulates through Long Beach.

Transportation

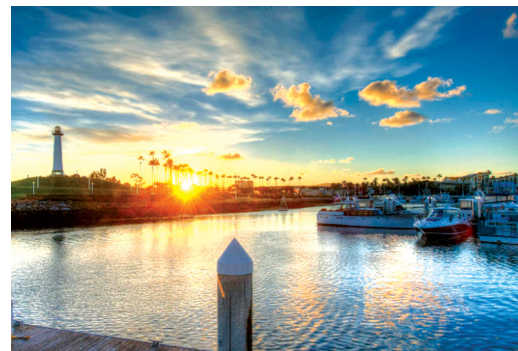
Flying your own plane? Land at Louis Zamperini Field in Torrance (KTOA). The Long Beach 99s will meet you and transport you directly to the Queen Mary.

Flying commercially? Plan your flight into Long Beach (KLGB), Orange County (KSNA), Ontario (KONT) or Burbank (KBUR) airports. Contact Virginia Harmer (dvharmer@gmail.com) for information and arrangements. If you fly into Los Angeles International (LAX), you will find the FlyAway Bus on the Lower/Arrivals Level in front of each terminal at the BLUE "LAX FlyAway" sign. Look for the Long Beach bus. The cost is \$9.00 each way to downtown Long Beach, and we will transport you to the Queen Mary from there.

Helpful links: www.99sconference.org for information and registration. Early Registration ends March 31, 2020. See <http://bit.ly/99-2020-reg> for the printable registration form; <http://bit.ly/99-2020-map> for a map of the Queen Mary; and flylax.com/en/flyaway-bus for FlyAway bus information.

Contact Virginia Harmer, dvharmer@gmail.com for transportation questions and/or to notify us of arrival date/time/location. Contact Jeanne Fenimore, jeannefenimore@earthlink.net for more information and any other questions.

Sunset over the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California.



2020 Ninety-Nines International Conference Schedule

Queen Mary Hotel, Long Beach, California July 8-12, 2020



Tuesday, July 7			
3:00 - 5:00	Registration	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
Wednesday, July 8			
7:00 - 8:00	Gentle Stretch	TBD	
7:00 - 9:00	Trust Meeting	Board Room	Promenade Deck
9:00 - 5:00	Full Day Catalina Tour	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
9:00 - 10:30	Aircraft Nose Art by Victory Girl, "From Sea Monsters to Sirens & Back Again". <i>Speaker: Jerri Bergen</i>	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
10:00 - 12:00	Trust Meeting	Board Room	Promenade Deck
11:00 - 12:30	Engine Failure on Takeoff. <i>Speaker: Captain Brian Schiff</i>	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
1:00 - 3:00	Trust Meeting	Board Room	Promenade Deck
1:00 - 5:00	Registration	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
1:00 - 5:00	Fly Market	Royal Salon	Promenade Deck
1:00 - 2:30	Wake Turbulence Encounters, a Review of Wake Turbulence & 3 Accidents. <i>Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Orloff, Ph.D., Forensic Aviation Accident Investigator. (Wings Credit)</i>	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
2:00 - 5:00	Hospitality	Mauretania Room	Main Deck
3:00 - 5:00	IBOD-Pre-Conference Meeting	Board Room	Promenade Deck
6:00 - 8:00	Welcome Reception	Britannia Salon	Main Deck
Thursday, July 9			
7:00 - 8:00	Gentle Stretch	TBD	
8:00 - 10:00	AEMSF Trust	Board Room	Promenade Deck
9:00 - 5:00	Registration	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
9:00 - 4:00	Career Day - Details in March - April 99sNews	Britannia Salon	Main Deck
8:00 - 4:00	Full Day Tour of Los Angeles	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
8:00 - 4:00	Full Day Tour Getty Museum	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
9:30 - 12:00	Hospitality	Mauretania Room	Main Deck
9:00 - 5:00	Fly Market	Royal Salon	Promenade Deck
10:00 - 12:00	Credentials	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
10:00 - 11:30	Choosing the Right Aviation Career. <i>Speaker: Matt Johnston, President of California Aeronautical University, Bakersfield, CA</i>	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
1:00 - 5:00	Hospitality	Mauretania Room	Main Deck
2:00 - 4:00	Credentials	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
2:00 - 3:30	All Aboard the Scholarship Flight: Creative Ways to Fund Your Training. <i>Speakers: Ceci Stratford & Lori Parker, 99s</i>	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
4:15 - 5:15	Successful Section Leadership - Seminar for Section Officers	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
6:00 - 7:00	Governors/Presidents Reception	Mauretania Room	Main Deck



99s International Conference Schedule (continued)

Friday, July 10			
7:00 - 8:00	Gentle Stretch	TBD	
8:00 - 9:30	First Timer- Meet & Greet	Promenade Café	Main Deck
9:00 - 4:00	Registration	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
9:00 - 2:00	Whale Watching Tour w/lunch	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
9:00 - 10:00	Council of Governors	Board Room	Main Deck
9:00 - 12:00	Hospitality	Mauretania Room	Main Deck
10:00 - 12:00	Credentials	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
10:00 - 11:00	Communication Session	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
9:00 - 5:00	Fly Market	Royal Salon	Promenade Deck
2:15 - 3:15	L.I.F.T. (Leading Into The Future Together) All members invited	Verandah Grill	Sun Deck
4:30 - 6:30	AEMSF Afternoon High Tea	Britannia Salon	Main Deck
6:00 - 8:00	Credentials	Hotel Lobby	"A" Deck
Saturday, July 11			
7:00 - 8:15	Buffet Breakfast	Windsor Salon	"R" Deck
7:00 - 8:15	Registration	Foyer Grand Salon	"A" Deck
7:00 - 8:15	Credentials	Foyer Grand Salon	"A" Deck
8:30 - 12:00	Annual Business Meeting	Grand Salon	"R" Deck
1:30 - 3:00	"Shaping the Future of Electric Aviation". <i>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Susan Ying - Senior Vice-President of Ampaire</i>	Grand Salon	"R" Deck
3:15 - 4:45	IBOD-Post-Conference Meeting	Board Room	Promenade Deck
12:00 - 5:00	Fly Market	Royal Salon	Promenade Deck
3:00 - 5:00	Hospitality	Mauretania Room	Main Deck
5:30 - 6:30	No Host Cocktail Hour	Grand Salon	"R" Deck
6:30 - 9:00	Banquet	Grand Salon	"R" Deck
Sunday, July 12			
12:00 - 3:00	Boarding: 4 day Cruise to Mexico	Carnival Dome	

Schedule is subject to change. For the latest schedule, refer to www.99sconference.org



Four days of fun with your 99s friends. The cruise visits Catalina and Ensenada, Mexico. Nothing brings the 99s family together like the time-honored tradition of food and fun, and there's plenty of that to go around. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/99-2020-cruise>.



Tours and Exhibits

The Cunard Story

The exhibition on the Queen Mary, one of the most celebrated Cunard Ocean Liners, explores the rich history of the extraordinary company that designed and built more than 150 ships over the past 175 years. Today, Cunard offers the most luxurious and unique cruise experiences available — adventures curated for travelers who savor the world. Open Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Steam and Steel Tour

The Steam & Steel Tour will take guests approximately 25 feet below the water line where they will have a chance to walk through Boiler Rooms 1-4, as well as the Water Softening Plant and Turbo-Generator Room 1. The tour will conclude with a visit to the Engine Room and Propeller Box, where the last remaining propeller is visible in a specially built water chamber attached to the outside hull of the ship. The tour is historic in nature and will not include any of the paranormal stories of the ship.

The Glory Days

Delve into the ship's expansive past, including her groundbreaking construction, her time as a troopship during WWII and, of course, her glory days as the world's most luxurious and technologically advanced ocean liner.

Winston Churchill

Few public figures have had more influence on modern political and social life than former British Prime Minister Winston Spencer-Churchill. Fewer still had an ongoing relationship with the Queen Mary. To commemorate their affinity, a new Churchill-themed exhibition is now featured on the ship.



A shoreline view from the Queen Mary.

Haunted Encounters

Ever wanted to know some of the stories and legends regarding the famous hauntings of the Queen Mary? The Haunted Encounters Tour is the best place to start. In a non-scary introduction to the ghostly tales of the Queen Mary, this approximately one hour tour will share many of the more well-known or infamous stories of the paranormal residents who now occupy the legendary ship.

4D Theater

Buckle up and get ready for a unique experience in the Queen Mary 4-D Theater. Feel the rock and bump of every action scene, feel the rush of the wind or the splash of the living ocean as the Queen Mary presents two exciting movie options. Explore the history of the Queen Mary in an unforgettable 18-minute documentary or plunge deep down into the ocean as you learn about the most infamous sea creature alive today in *Shark*.

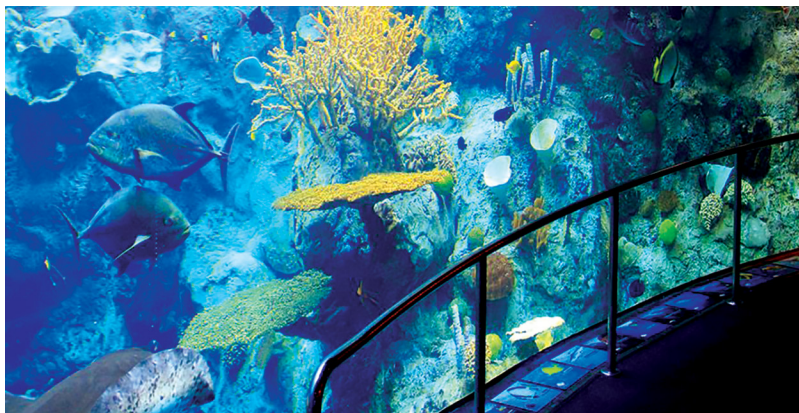
The Shipyard

Measuring 26 feet, weighing over 600 pounds and made from 250,000 Lego bricks, the Lego Queen Mary brick model ship is a masterpiece that must be seen. The model was designed by England's certified Lego builder, Bright Bricks, Inc., to commemorate Britain's most famous ocean liner.

The Ship Model Gallery

Combining precision and craftsmanship in an exacting work of art, ship models evoke the fascination that we have for the sea and sea travel.

Please note — Tickets are required for some tours. Conference tour guests receive a 50 percent discount.



Left, the Aquarium Of The Pacific, the fourth largest aquarium in the nation, features more than 100 exhibits. Although not an official Queen Mary tour, discounted tickets are available.



Optional Tours of Local Attractions

FULL DAY TOUR OF CATALINA ISLAND

Wednesday, July 8, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., \$170

Activity level: Moderate



Beautiful Santa Catalina Island is a 75-minute ferry ride aboard a high-speed catamaran from Long Beach. Once onboard, guests can take in ocean breezes and look out for a glimpse of white-sided dolphins. Or come inside and enjoy a

snack or refreshing beverage as you relax in comfortable airline-style seats. This activity includes an Avalon City Tour, which will introduce you to California's only island resort city. Your guides will entertain you with stories of early Catalina and their personal insights. This tour is approximately 50 minutes. Once on the island, you are free to explore, shop, dine and enjoy the island's water and adventure activities.

Tour includes: Ferry transportation, event coordinator for the duration of the tour, guide for city tour and taxes. Minimum 40 persons.

FULL DAY TOUR OF THE GETTY MUSEUM

Thursday, July 9, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., \$115

Activity level: Moderate

The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles houses European paintings, drawings, sculptures, illuminated manuscripts, decorative arts and photography from its beginnings to the present. Discover the unique architecture of the Getty Center or its grounds and Central Garden, each in a 45-minute docent-led walking tour.



Tour includes: Transportation from the Queen Mary, event coordinator for the duration of the tour, docent-led tours of the site and taxes. Minimum 40 persons.

FULL DAY TOUR OF LOS ANGELES AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Thursday, July 9, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., \$117

Activity level: Moderate



One of the stops on this tour is the Walk of Fame on Hollywood Blvd. Highlights include Grauman's Chinese Theater, Hollywood Walk of Fame, Kodak Theater (home of the Oscars) and the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

The lunch stop will be at Mel's Diner on Sunset Strip for the ultimate '50s dining experience (lunch fee not included). George Lucas filmed scenes for *American Graffiti* at Mel's. This is still



a great place for celebrity spotting.

After lunch, it is time to see Beverly Hills. This is a city where some of the clothing stores require customers to make advance reservations to

shop and where shoppers may routinely drop \$100,000 or more in a single visit in a boutique on Rodeo Drive or Wilshire Blvd. A city where the post office offers valet parking.

The tour will then venture over to Venice Beach, the free-spirited beach resort town beloved for its Bohemian character, boutiques, street performers, artists, fortune tellers on the boardwalk, and a stellar place for peoplewatching.

The last stop will be at the Getty Museum for a short visit (free entrance).

Tour includes: Transportation from the Queen Mary, the bus driver/guide, and taxes. Minimum 40 persons.

WHALE WATCHING TOUR WITH LUNCH

Friday, July 10, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., \$160

Activity level: Moderate

Each Long Beach whale watching cruise is conducted by a knowledgeable captain expertly trained in manning your vessel while also providing comprehensive narration of the marine life.

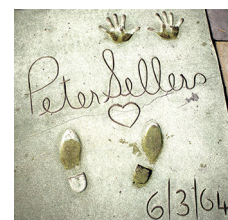


Throughout the year, along with gray and blue whales, you may also see fin whales, humpbacks, minke, killer whales and dolphins.

Upon the conclusion of the tour, you will take a short walk along Rainbow Harbor for lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

Tour includes: Passport shuttle to/from pier, event coordinator for the duration of the tour, tour guide narrating the trip, lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., admission fees and taxes. Minimum/maximum 40 person.

For complete tour details, refer to the Conference website or visit <http://bit.ly/99-2020-tours>. Gratuities are not included in your tour price.





Conference Seminars



Jerri Bergen

Wednesday, July 8

Aircraft Nose Art from Sea Monsters to Sirens and Back Again.

Speaker: Jerri Bergen

9 a.m.

Jerri Bergen's presentation looks at the history of nose art on aircraft, from the very beginnings of aircraft development and World War II to modern examples of the art form today, even in space! Jerri's company, 'Victory Girl,' located at Cable Airport in Upland, California, has designed and/or painted hundreds of nose art pieces on leather flight jackets, aircraft, RC models, hangar walls, and even bathroom tiles. Jerri has designed nose art for many commercial, military and general aviation aircraft – all of which have a story behind them. Jerri and her husband Chris own several aircraft, including a Marine OY-1 and a 1941 Porterfield. She enjoys the history and stories behind aircraft nose art and seeks to preserve this unique American art form for future generations.

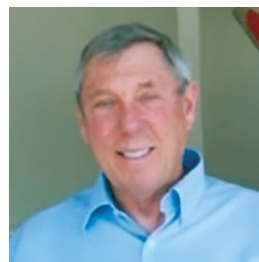


Brian Schiff

Engine Failure on Takeoff. Speaker: Captain Brian Schiff

11 a.m.

Brian Schiff is a captain for a major U.S. airline and is type-rated on the Airbus 320, Boeing 727, 757, 767, DC-9 (MD-80), CL-65, LR-JET, and G-V. Brian's roots are deeply planted in general aviation where he has flown a wide variety of aircraft (95 types). His total flying time is over 20,000 hours. He is a Gold Seal flight instructor, an FAA Safety Team Representative and holds several flight instructor ratings. Brian is recognized for his enthusiasm and ability to teach in a way that simplifies complex procedures and concepts. He has been actively instructing since earning his flight and ground instructor certificates in 1985. Brian also has been an FAA designated examiner. He regularly teaches and conducts seminars about aviation safety and techniques to student and professional pilots alike.



Kenneth Orloff

Aircraft Wake Turbulence Encounters. Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Orloff, Ph.D.

1 p.m.

Ken is a 49½ and a Forensic Aviation Accident Investigator who has analyzed and reconstructed hundreds of fixed-wing and rotary-wing accidents. From 1971 until 1984, he worked as a research scientist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Ames Research Center where he investigated, among other topics, aircraft wake turbulence. After a general review of the topic, he will present three particular wake turbulence accidents that he has investigated and analyzed. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he will show the details of his reconstruction of these accidents. All three of the accidents leave us with the question – who was at fault? (Wings Credit)



Matt Johnston

Thursday, July 9

Choosing the Right Aviation Career. Speaker: Matt Johnston

10 a.m.

Matt Johnston has over 23 years of experience serving various roles in education and is currently serving as president of California Aeronautical University. With its main campus in Bakersfield and flight centers in Ventura and San Diego counties, California Aeronautical University offers aviation-related degrees preparing graduates to be professional pilots, mechanics, and for other aviation-related professions. The University offers a focused, outcome-oriented education where students live, eat, and breathe aviation.



Lori Parker

All Aboard the Scholarship Flight – Creative Ways to Fund Your Training.

Speakers: Ceci Stratford and Lori Parker

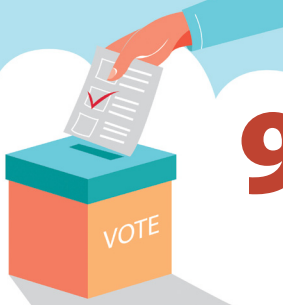
2 p.m.

Lori and Ceci have been the Southwest Section Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Co-Chairs since 2012. They work closely with scholarship applicants in their quest for financial support to reach their aviation goals.

Lori began flying in 2001 and joined the Ventura County Chapter shortly after her first flight lesson. She won a student pilot scholarship, and soon after receiving her PPC, she became involved with the Chapter's Scholarship Committee. Ceci learned to fly in 1975 and joined the San Fernando Valley Chapter. As an Amelia Earhart Scholarship recipient, Ceci attained her Flight Instructor Certificate in 1986. They are a team motivated by a passion to support women striving to achieve their aviation goals.



Ceci Stratford



By Susan Larson,
International
Nominating Committee

99s Elections 2020

Our organization is rich in talent, and the following candidates reflect that talent. They have each chosen to serve us and they deserve your attention. Please take the time to become familiar with them through their position statements. You can also locate their resumes and Intent to Seek Election forms in the members area of the *ninety-nines.org* website.

President— Vote for One



CORBI BULLUCK
Kitty Hawk Chapter
Southeast Section

Our organization has certainly evolved since 1929. Originally just one large organization, we now have local Chapters and Sections, allowing frequent interaction among our members. We have websites and use social media to stay connected; we use Skype and Facetime to attend distant meetings. Our PPLI helps members develop skills that propel them in their aviation careers. We offer webinars featuring different aviation topics; using emails, we share ideas and advice with members worldwide.

Two things haven't changed: our camaraderie and our love of aviation.

We must continue to evolve while celebrating our traditions and protecting our unique heritage. We must market ourselves in the aviation community and beyond, host dynamic conferences full of educational and meaningful experiences, provide resources to help our members achieve their aviation dreams, offer assistance to our Chapters and Sections, support our International members and seek outside sources of funds.

I want to be part of the continuing evolution of The Ninety-Nines. I offer my enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to listen to others and explore new ways to accomplish the mission of The 99s.

I understand the scope and complexity of The Ninety-Nines. I currently serve as your International Vice-President. I've served as an International Director and was instrumental in the launch of our new Friends of The 99s program and the new Life Membership options. I've served as chair of several international committees, Section Governor and Vice-Governor, and Chapter Chair and Vice-Chair.

I would be honored to serve as your International President.

Vice President— Vote for One



**TERRY L.
CARBONELL**
Paradise Coast Chapter
Southeast Section

I learned to fly in 2005 at the request of my now-deceased husband. His dying wish that I learn to fly so he could spend his remaining days in an airplane was a gift that he left me to share with others. The 99s is how I choose to share that gift.

I am a motivational flyer and visionary, seeing and seizing opportunities where The 99s can grow and partner with other aviation organizations to work toward our common goal of encouraging more people to learn to fly. Spearheading the marketing efforts to grow our organization has produced a membership increase of more than 20 percent in just over two years.

The 99s has finally become an organization recognized in the aviation community. But we need more. My vision for the next two years is for (a) continued growth: converting "Let's Fly Now!" first time flyers into pilots and members of both The 99s and Friends of the 99s; (b) expanded educational outreach opportunities: partnering with third parties to produce educational webinars for pilots; creating handouts to be used for youth aviation education programs; and developing a comprehensive 99s branded youth education program; (c) enhanced marketing efforts: find more creative ways to attract new members; (d) focus on retention efforts: continue adding member benefits, increase networking opportunities, create more 99s flying opportunities and further demonstrate the value of The 99s membership.

I look forward to sharing the gift and serving The Ninety-Nines for a new term as your Vice President.

International Secretary — Vote for One



**CATHY WAPPLER
PRUDHOMME**

**Houston Chapter
South Central Section**

I still recall my sense of awe when I met the women of The Ninety-Nines, and today, 35 years later, I am still in awe of The Ninety-Nines! I am honored to invest time and energy in the organization that has given so much to me. Although we have encountered many changes since our founding, and still face challenges ahead, I know we will continue to flourish if we embrace the future but honor the past; work to increase membership numbers and membership engagement; continue to strengthen membership services; and celebrate and promote our sisterhood. We celebrated “90 years strong” in 2019; we will become even stronger in our next 90 years!

I have held many Chapter and Section positions, including Chapter Chairman and South Central Section Governor. On the International level, I served as Co-Chairman of the 2017 International Conference in San Antonio, coordinated the 2019 90th Anniversary celebration, and have held the International Board positions of Director and Secretary. My work on the International Board has increased my appreciation for the scope of The Ninety-Nines as an international organization and our dual role as both preservers of history and champions of the future.

International Treasurer — Vote for One



**LESLIE W.
PRELLWITZ**

**Chicago Area Chapter
North Central Section**

I began serving The Ninety-Nines on an International level in 2015 as a Director, having continuously served in leadership roles at the Chapter and Section levels since I joined the organization. I’ve utilized the variety of skills gained in those capacities, as well as my professional career of over 30 years, to bring service, leadership and value to each role.

I answered the call to fill a leadership void as International Treasurer in 2018. Since then, I have employed my principles of honesty, integrity, mindfulness and common sense to guide the organization on a firm financial course, making great strides in not only stability but demystifying financial information for our members so they can understand not only where we are but the challenges that lie ahead.

As many know, my professional career, and my current role in particular, is one of constant demands, leaving me little time to devote to other activities or service opportunities. I understand, and live, the struggle of balancing those activities every day, and yet I choose to devote the time I have to this role, for The Ninety-Nines. I ask for your vote to continue that service, with a second term as International Treasurer.

Thank You for your consideration.

International Director—Vote for Two



**DEA 'COOPER'
PAYETTE**

**Bakersfield Chapter
Southwest Section**



**MONICA
RANDOLPH-
GRAHAM**

**Fort Worth Chapter
South Central Section**

Since becoming a private pilot in 2014, I have been extremely active with the 99s and other aviation related organizations while continuing my training. I have eagerly taken on responsibilities in areas of Membership Chair, Secretary, event committees, served as past Layout Editor of SWS “Southwesterly,” Chapter host of the 2018 SWS Spring Meeting, and judges panel for scholarships. I love having mentored several young ladies in addition to taking them on their first flight. I presently serve as the Chapter Chair & Newsletter Editor, SWS Secretary & Wings Program Chair, and on the committee for the 2020 International Conference. I have attended Section Meetings, Winter Workshops, and the Int’l conference in Ottawa. I was awarded the 2015 Jeppesen Scholarship. I am proud to have been named both the Rookie Pilot and Pilot of the Year during my tenure at SFV 99s.

The women of this organization have become my extended family. They have supported me during my time of serving The 99s and flight training while having had two little surprise babies the past two years. I want to be an encouragement to women in aviation, especially mom pilots, and empower young girls through stem and aviation related activities. Yes, we can have it all!

My past job experience as Operations Manager for a large corporation, past volunteer work, involvement in publicity and public speaking facilitates my ability to perform this position. I am passionate about serving 99s and commit whole-heartedly to being your next Director.

Since joining The 99s as a student pilot in December 2012, Fort Worth Chapter became my aviation family. I have held the officer positions of Chair (2016-present), Vice Chair (2014-2016), Chapter Membership Chair (2016-present), Website and Media (2016-2019), International Conference Hospitality Chair (2017), Co-Chair of International Engagement and Retention Committees (2017), 99s MWP Trustee (2017-2020), MWP Trustee Vice-Chair (2019-2020), ARC Start-Registration Chair (2018), and NWRA Property Owners Association Secretary and President (2013-2018). I was selected as an Honoree of Legacy of Women (2017) as one of ten Influential Women of Tarrant County honored for commitment, achievements, initiative, impact and overwhelming contributions to the community.

I didn’t have the childhood dream of flying, but I was definitely bitten by the aviation bug! My adult dream of flying is on full throttle. I am currently working on my instrument rating with a heading to fly as a corporate pilot, this being a part of the next phase of my career life. I have great organizational skills and the ability to plan, coordinate, delegate and facilitate.

I am highly motivated to promote The 99s, continue to provide aviation education to the next generation of pilots, fly discovery flights and continue mentoring new Chapter members and student pilots. With my enthusiasm, energy, and devotion to The 99s, I am eager to fulfill the job of Director and working with all of you and the international board for the betterment and growth of The 99s.



ROBIN HADFIELD

**First Canadian Chapter
East Canada Section**

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my candidacy for re-election as a Director to the International Board of Directors with the Ninety-Nines Inc.

A bit about me...

In the fall of 1979 intrigued by a '\$10 Intro Flight' sign at a local airport, I made a left turn into their parking lot, turned off my car and entered the terminal building. As the only female in the place, all the other pilots watched my every step, as I strode up to the counter and announced, "I would like to take a Intro Flight, who can take me up!" That was it, I was hooked at first flight, just like most of you!

Aviation can take you to wonderful places and meeting interesting people. In the spring of 1980 at my first aerobatic competition, I watched a young handsome Air Canada pilot win the Sportsman category. A year later I married that guy and moved out west to Manitoba! We bought a share in a Decathlon and together were Co-Directors of the Canadian National Aerobatics Championships for over 5 years.

In 1994 we moved back to Ontario where I became involved with a vintage aircraft flying museum, the Collingwood Classic Aircraft Foundation as a Volunteer, Treasurer and eventually President.

I accompanied a friend to the 2009 99s East Canada Section meeting and immediately joined TheNinety-Nines, taking my first 99s volunteer position as webmaster & designer, creating the First Canadian Chapter's www.firstcanadian99s.com website and revitalizing the www.canadian99s.com website.

I had been involved in executive positions with other aviation organizations, but with the Ninety-Nines it was like coming home after a long journey away.

Nominating Committee — Vote for 5



VIRGINIE ROLLIN

**Daytona Chapter
Southeast Section**

I joined The 99s in 2010 the same day I attended my first meeting as a guest with the Rio Grande Norte Chapter and did my first solo. I have been a member ever since, switching my membership to the Spaceport Chapter and now the Daytona Chapter, and have enjoyed every moment of it. I love meeting my sisters and learning their stories.

Over the years, I have served in different positions at the Chapter and Section levels, including Co-Chair, Scholarship Chair and Nominating Committee Chair. After several years of serving my Chapters and Section, I thought I would take a break and focus on my career and family for a couple of years.

This lasted about three months, until I was asked to chair the SE Section's Education Committee, and then asked if I was interested in running for Nominating Committee member for the International election. I considered the time commitment and decided I could fit both in my schedule. I love to give back to the organization that gives me so much, and I find it hard to say no.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, I will strive to find the best candidates to fulfill the leading roles of the organization. I will get to know you, what drives you, what you are good at. So, come talk to me, because I'd love to meet you!

Nominating Committee (continued)



SUSAN LARSON

Rio Grande Norte Chapter
South Central Section



ROSANNE ISOM

New Jersey Chapter
New York/ New Jersey
Section

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve The 99s for over 35 years in a variety of capacities, beginning with Chapter Chairman of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter in 1982 through numerous positions in Section and International levels and, most recently, back in that initial role, this time as Chapter Chairman of the Rio Grande Norte Chapter.

The journey has been amazing, rewarding and, most importantly, has brought me deep friendships with women I respect and admire. As an organization, we continuously need to look to rising stars to fulfill our mission and provide leadership and vision for years to come.

If returned to the Nominating Committee, I will work with the newly-elected committee members to continue the quest for the rising stars. Perhaps I will find you while racing in the Air Race Classic, or attending Section meetings, or perhaps while in Long Beach at the 2021 annual meeting. Be active, have fun, and please, seriously consider running for a Trust or IBOD position. You will further develop your passion for aviation, for The 99s, and will find deep and lasting relationships around the country, the continent and the planet.

I would be honored to be a member of the 2020 Nominating Committee for The Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots. I have been a Ninety-Nine for many years and have held the offices of New Jersey Chapter Chair and Governor of the New York-New Jersey Section. I have been chairperson for many fundraisers: poker runs, Pennies-a-Pound community flying events, Girl Scout aviation education programs, airport pancake breakfasts, holiday scholarship dinners and spring Chapter dinners. I have successfully served on Chapter and Section nominating committees and worked, along with Judy Bolkema-Tokar, on hand-sewing a quilt to spur financial support for our Section's 501(c)(3) expenses.

My husband and I have been self-employed for 32 years, with a staff of 18 employees. I believe with my experiences, both professionally and with The Ninety-Nines, I will be an asset to this committee, and I look forward to the challenges.

Be prepared to hear from me; I am passionate about the future of our organization. Thank you for your time and consideration.



DIANNE COLE

**San Joaquin Valley
Chapter
Southwest Section**



MARGARET WINT

**Indiana Dunes Chapter
North Central Section**

The 99s have always held 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 been a member of The 99s since 2001 and have attended countless International Board Meetings and participated in Strategic Planning Sessions.

One of the best aspects of having been your International Director from 2012-2016 was visiting all the different Sections and Chapters around the country and learning of their joys, successes and concerns, and working to help others soar.

I have served most offices at the Chapter level, and as Southwest Section Director and Vice-Governor, I am looking forward to continue using my experience to serve on the International Nominating Committee.

In 2006 I was the recipient of an Achievement of the Year Award for preventing Buchanan Field in Concord, California, from closing. It was a great honor and afforded me the opportunity to meet many 99s from across the country.

The Ninety-Nines are positioned to greatly increase membership and expand benefits and services. This will require visionary candidates that can provide the drive, experience and knowledge to take us to new levels. I pledge to seek out candidates to meet these challenges.

The 99s have given me the opportunity to soar and even saved my husband's life a few years ago in San Diego! I can only hope to pay it forward and look to continuing to serve this great organization.

I have been a 99 for 15 years, and I have attended several International meetings and 10 of the last 10 North Central Section meetings. I have been a Director for the NCS for four years. I am also the Parliamentarian for the Section. I feel that The 99s are a great example of women working together for the better of aviation and sisterhood.

I oversaw the Fly Market at the International meeting in Dayton, also have helped with organizing several Section meetings. Many of you have seen me in the Fly Market selling items for the Chapter. I enjoy spreading info about The 99s with all the females and males that come into the airport. I proudly wear my 99s logo and have people ask me about it. I have spoken to the Girl Scouts about flying and air racing. Flying the Air Race Classic several times, I have learned much about myself and how I would like to involve others also.

Museum of Women Pilots Trustee — Vote for One



CONNIE SCHURR

Los Angeles Chapter
Southwest Section

First and foremost I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply for the position of Trustee at The 99s Museum of Women Pilots. I would love to get involved and serve The 99s in this manner, especially since I have been working in museums for the past two and a half years and am finding it a most rewarding experience.

Currently I work part-time at the Museum of Flying in Santa Monica. It is a small museum with seven employees. While at the Museum of Flying, under the former director Dan Ryan, I secured the renovation of the Boeing 727 exhibit donated by FedEx, designed the Bruce Lockwood exhibit and procured a free wall mounted monitor with a video of the Wright Brothers first flight.

I also wrote the annual appeal letter, designed and produced the newsletter, fliers, invitations and press releases. I give Museum tours to various groups and have been the point person for events at the Museum, including the Fly Girls event with three WWII WASP as honored speakers. I also worked part-time at the California Science Center giving tours for the blind at the King Tut Exhibit and providing information about King Tutankhamun and Egypt in the 18th dynasty.

Presently I am researching “Green” aviation part-time for eco-aviation.org.

I would enjoy working with the 99s Museum of Women Pilots and can think of nothing better than combining my passion for flying and my interest in history and museum sciences.

AEMSF — Vote for One



DOROTHY NORKUS

San Diego Chapter
Southwest Section

The AEMSF is the crown jewel of our organization. It makes dreams come true. As a past AEMSF Type Rating winner, the scholarship fund is a benefit of membership I value very much. Currently, I am serving on The Trust and would like to continue to do so.

During my flight training, I applied to many flight scholarships to help fund my certificate and ratings. I kept a list of flight scholarships available to reapply each year. My list expanded, became a hobby, and turned into a database of Chapter and other association noncollegiate flight scholarships, www.FlightScholarship.info. Having won an award to fund my multi-engine rating, I can personally appreciate how important one can be in helping you achieve your next aviation goal. I am passionate about helping others to fly, so I published my database on the web to help others find money to do so.

Being a Ninety-Nine has helped me in my career, widened my professional network and made me several friends for life. I am deeply committed to the organization and have been a member for 27 years. During that time, I've held various Chapter officer positions including Scholarship Chair for the San Diego Chapter scholarship program. My duties included application revision, award promotion, candidate review and judge selection. Currently, I maintain the San Diego 99s website, the Southwest Section non-AE flight scholarships database and the Chapter sales items database for International. I would be honored with your vote for Trustee to continue my service to The Ninety-Nines.

Endowment — Vote for One



**BRENDA
THIBODEAU**

**Katahdin Wings Chapter
New England Section**

When invited to consider an elected position, one must ask themselves if they have the skillset to fulfill the requirements of the position. Endowments are critical to nonprofit organizations such as The Ninety-Nines to insure sustainability. It is the responsibility of the committee to work together to assure members that the financial needs of the organization can be met and, if not, find a solution for the lack of funds. When I received my pilot certificate in 2003, I joined The Ninety-Nines to support women in aviation. It didn't take long for me to offer to serve in many different capacities, most recently as Treasurer of the Katahdin Wings Chapter in the New England Section.

My experience as a trustee of non-profits, a business owner and, most recently the Terminus Chair for the Air Race Classic in 2018, has been rewarding. Since becoming a pilot, I have met some incredible women and have learned from them. I am happy to share my experiences and skillset to ensure The Ninety-Nines is in good financial health so we may continue our mission and have lots of fun along the way. When asked why I enjoy this kind of work, my answer is always to open doors for others. Supporting women in aviation is a privilege and honor.

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum — Vote for One



**MADELEINE
'EMMY' DILLON**

**Greater Kansas City
Chapter
North Central Section**

It is our duty as Ninety-Nines to preserve the history of women aviators. As the home of a pioneering woman in aviation and one of the most famous Ninety-Nines, we owe it to Amelia and her legacy to promote and loudly celebrate the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. I find it important that someone from near the area be included on the board who would have connections to local aviation organizations and outlets for increased community exposure.

A difficult task I have encountered in my limited time as a Chapter Chair is improving community awareness of our organization. I was flabbergasted to find out that another local aviation group hosted a Women in Aviation day and did not know about us, which is a shame and slightly embarrassing. I have taken it on as a personal challenge to grow our local community's awareness of our Chapter, organization, and our missions. Thus far I have actively outreached through social media, contacts, and personal connections to invite other groups to partake in our events. I feel that the museum struggles with the community awareness issue as well. It would be a privilege to take on this challenge to assist in the growth of awareness of this museum, our organization, and Amelia's history in Kansas.

I am not the most experienced Ninety-Nine, but as a young woman making her way in the industry, it would be an honor to give back to the organization that is essential to the growth of women pilots.

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum (Cont.)—Vote for One



**DEBORAH
YARBROUGH**
Memphis Chapter
Southeast Section

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum preserves the history of not only Amelia but women in aviation in general. I am interested in continuing to work and plan for the expansion and preservation of this historical home.

There is a great need in this country to ensure that our descendants are educated about those who led the way in aviation. Maintaining this home with its many exhibits plays a role in accomplishing this mission. I have visited the home numerous times, including during the annual Amelia Earhart birthday celebration and the Forest of Friendship weekend. I have served on the gift shop committee and continually search for items for the shop of an aviation theme. If re-elected, I plan on working on a committee to streamline the inventory and point of sale procedures. Presently I am tasked with the planning of a fundraising event.

I would be honored to be considered for re-election for the AEBM Trustee position that I have served in the past three years.

MILESTONES

Aura Austin, Citation II Type Rating,
Minnesota.

Sable Abitbol, ME, Manitoba.

Ariel Baltis, ATP, CFI/II, Emerald Angels
of the Gulf Coast.

Kathryn Bost, CRJ Captain, Carolinas.

Sarah Bottom, Solo, Bay Cities.

Rachel Brindle, Private, Long Beach.

Minfei Chen, Private, Long Beach.

Naomi Chaqueco, CSE, Long Beach.

Cassandra Farrel, CSE and MEL,
Florida Suncoast.

Andrea Fox, Private, Minnesota.

Kate Fredericks, Commerical,
Hampton Roads.

Laura Galvez, Private, Hampton Roads.

Noemie Gombert, Private, Montreal.

Victoria Hodges, Commercial ME,
Hampton Roads.

Andrea Johnson, Solo, Columbia Cascade.

Jody Josson, Private ME Add-On,
Long Beach.

Jennifer Jones, Solo, Florida Suncoast.

Lindsey Kerr, Private, Katahdin Wings.

Kelly Poulin Lamontagne, ME IFR,
Montreal.

Sherry Ann Ketcham, CME, Colorado
South Central.

Catheline Leoni, MEI, Columbia Cascade.

Alicia Maher, Private, Los Angeles.

Anna Marshall, Private Rotocraft,
Reno High Sierra.

Clara Elise Merklin, Private,
Golden Triangle.

Bridgett Nottestad Neu, Solo, Wisconsin.

Anne O'Brien, IPC, Long Beach.

Kelli O'Donnell, Solo, Florida Suncoast.

Natasha Pavlinetz, Private, Connecticut.

Tanya Rames, CSE, Aloha.

Shardel Riley, MEL and Citation CE525,
Florida Suncoast.

Ursula de la Riva, Solo, Columbia Cascade.

Jenny Reeb, Instrument, Old Dominion.

Kristin Reef, Private, Columbia Cascade.

Rachel Scarbrough, Instrument,
Austin Hill Country.

Sara Siddiqui, Commercial, Wisconsin.

Arianna Strand, CFI, Connecticut.

Christina Williams, Private,
Hampton Roads.

Olivia Williams, Private, First Canadian.



Kathryn Bost, Carolinas Chapter, was hired by United Airlines to fly the Airbus 320 out of Newark, New Jersey.

Note: As room allows, we will publish Milestone photos. Please email a high resolution photo along with your Milestone information to news@ninety-nines.org.



The 99s China Section recently held its first International Conference, attracting guests from around the world.

China Section

After several years planning and nearly one year's preparation, the 99s China Section held its first Conference. Members from Austria, Denmark, New Zealand, South Africa, the Middle East and the U.S. joined dozens of our local sisters. It was a great success and historical event to be the very first international women pilot conference in China.

Famous aviation icons and industry leaders were invited to share their experiences and offer advice to young flyers. Keynote speakers included "China's Captain Sully" Chuanjian Liu, who brought his plane and 128 lives safely back to the ground after the windshield of his A319 jet broke off mid-air; Xiaohong Miao, one of the very first female Chinese air force pilots trained in the 1950s and recently returned to flying at the age of 82; Jessica Cox, the world's first certificated armless pilot; and Dee Bond, champion of the 2017 Air Race Classic and International Director of The Ninety-Nines.

One of the highlights of the Conference was to share our passion for flying with students under a program dubbed Swan Talk. Dozens of 99s, divided into small groups, visited four local schools of various grades.

A new project, Fly Around China 2020, was announced at the Conference. It will encourage, support, and facilitate GA pilots' cross-country flights in China, something currently very difficult, if not impossible now, due to restrictions on air space and infrastructure. Yuanyuan Yang, former head of Civil Aviation Administration of China, shared his experiences on a recent historical cross-country flight around China and gave his endorsement to the project.

We look forward to welcoming more of our 99s sisters to China in the future.

— Ida Zhang

Monterey Bay

On a beautiful November day, the Monterey Bay Chapter hosted a Fly-In to Watsonville Airport (KWVI), California. Twelve planes flew in with 34 pilots or passengers (and one dog) representing six 99s Chapters from around the state.

After a very social lunch and hangar talk at the airport restaurant, the planes were refueled with discounted fuel prices offered by the airport manager, given local souvenirs, and off they flew back to their home airports.

— Alice Talnack

Right: Some of the 34 pilots and passengers who enjoyed a November Fly-In to Watsonville Airport.



GRASS ROOTS

Aloha Chapter

I was highly motivated to attend the “For Love of Country Gala” at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum to offer encouragement and support to my 17-year-old mentee and Chapter Secretary Abigail Dang, who was giving a speech. Abigail explained how the Museum played a crucial role in her career as a young pilot.

Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum began inspiring Abigail from the age of 11 at the Flight School for Girls. Being awarded the museum’s scholarship enabled her to continue flight training, providing opportunities to share that inspiration with the next generation. She learned how to fly before she knew how to drive. At 17, she earned her private pilot certificate and is now building hours and working towards her instrument rating and commercial certificate simultaneously.

The elegant evening began as guests walked down the red carpet with fighter jets and various warplanes saluting us upon arrival. Hanger 79, an 80,000-square-foot seaplane hangar, was magically transformed into an elegant ballroom.

Blue glass windows on the doors of Hangar 79 have raw scars from bullets inflicted during the attack on Pearl Harbor 78 years ago. The Pearl Harbor survivors, POWs, and veterans received a standing ovation as they entered. As the evening progressed, I had the honor of meeting a few veterans. The stories they generously shared were moving and lifechanging. Given the opportunity to truly connect with veterans, POWs, and survivors was a priceless experience.

Watching my mentee give her powerful speech with grace and elegance was the icing on the cake. We are forever in debt to the heroes of our country.

— Nobi Buntin, Aloha Chapter Chair



Chapter Secretary Abigail Dang with Chapter Chair Nobi Buntin at the “For Love of Country Gala” at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum.



Orange County

The Orange County Chapter toured the Lyon Air Museum established in 2009 by Major General William Lyon. Located directly on KSNV's main runway, all of its aircraft are airworthy and are flown on a regular basis.

The museum’s stars include the B-17 Flying Fortress “Fuddy Duddy,” used in the film *Tora, Tora, Tora*, a Cessna O-1E “Birddog,” a Douglas C-47 Skytrain, a Douglas DC-3 “Flagship Orange County,” a North American AT-6/SNJ-6 “Texan,” and a North American B-25 “Mitchell.”

The museum also houses many vintage autos and motorcycles, two of note being a 1939 Mercedes Benz Offener Touring Wagen used by Adolf Hitler and a 1940s Helm’s Bakery truck.

Our docent was the remarkable Nancy Robison who has amassed over 2,500 hours of volunteer time at the museum and has traveled to many of the battle sites where the airplanes and vehicles were utilized.

One of our tour highlights was the display case commemorating the WASP and containing a fellow docent’s own WASP uniform. We deeply appreciate the opportunity to again visit.

—Shirley McFall

Above, from left, Pam Hengsteler, Ann Beeghley and Lianne Oakes at the Lyon Air Museum. Left, the B-17 Flying Fortress “Fuddy Duddy” used in the film “Tora, Tora, Tora.”

Florida Suncoast Chapter

November was a busy month for the Florida Suncoast Chapter. On November 2, the Chapter celebrated The Ninety-Nines 90th birthday at Painting with a Twist in St. Petersburg, Florida, where everyone completed an airplane painting and enjoyed some cake. We were even rewarded with a donation by the owner of the location.

On November 9, 40 attendees from three different Ninety-Nines Chapters across Florida joined the Florida Suncoast Chapter for their tour of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hurricane Hunters facility in Lakeland, Florida. The tour was led by NOAA Commander Rachel Waddington, who was one of the pilots for the first all-female NOAA Hurricane Hunter crew, and by Retired Captain Carl Newman, who now serves as the NOAA Executive Officer for Aircraft Operations. The tour ended with a nice social lunch in the NOAA hangar under the Tiki Hut. Overall, a great learning experience that may have even been a deciding factor in some pilots' future careers.

Our own Vice-Chair recently soloed and on November 15, was notified she was a Ninety-Nines Amelia Earhart Memorial



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Scholarship Fly Now Award recipient. We look forward to seeing what other accomplishments our Chapter members have in the New Year to come.

— Kelli O'Donnell



From left: Kay Hunter, Dr. Sandra Leder, Mae Marquet, Margaret Ferguson, Lisa Cotham; Karen Wade in cockpit; front: Dominique Durand and Cathie Cox.

The plane is a 1941 Meyers OTW that served in the Civilian Pilot Training program and currently belongs to Karen Wade.

— Photo by Ashley Wade

Lake Charles Chapter

The Lake Charles Chapter met with the New Orleans Chapter at an airport in Sunset, Louisiana, to plan their 2021 conference in Baton Rouge. In attendance were Lisa Cotham and Mae Marquet of the NOLA Chapter, and Dominique Durand, Cathie Cox, Kay Hunter, Margaret Ferguson, Dr. Sandra Leder, Karen Wade and Ashley Wade of the Lake Charles Chapter.

Lisa Cotham reported that the hotel has been booked, the Capital Hilton in Baton Rouge, for March 18-21, 2021. The main event of the Conference is a trip to the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) in Livingston. LIGO is a large scale physics experiment and observatory to detect cosmic gravitational waves and to develop gravitational-wave observations as an astronomical tool. The working observatory features a science center with interactive exhibits and tours.

The two Chapters will continue to meet and plan the conference, which will include pilots from 15 states.

— Sandra J. Leder

Golden Triangle Chapter

Thirty members, former members, friends, and family of the Golden Triangle Chapter, pictured right, gathered in Haltom City, Texas, to help us celebrate our 50th anniversary on October 1, 2019.

Mary Wheelock sponsored the gala, and Carolyn Brooks, with her daughter Karen's assistance, pulled it off with decorations, door prizes, goodie bags, and games. Brenda Strickler, Chapter Charter Member and first Chairman, was there and has rejoined The Ninety-Nines. A new member, Rachel Lucht, brought a guest, Hallie Lockwood, who joined on-the-spot.

—Beverly Sue Stephens



GRASS ROOTS



Forty-one girls attended the Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day hosted by the Mississippi Chapter.

Mississippi Chapter

The Mississippi Chapter organized and hosted their third Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day with the help from the Mississippi Wing of the CAF (Confederate Air Force) in the CAF hanger at Madison Bruce Campbell Airport (KMBO).

Forty-one Girl Scouts, ages 11-16, spent the afternoon earning their aviation badge. They rotated through stations that will help them acquire the knowledge to earn their aviation badge. The introduction, presented by Mississippi Chapter Chairman Maryke

Houben, explained the mission of The Ninety-Nines and what the organization represents.

Cheri Anglin talked about the Women Air Force Service Pilots, followed by a CAF member, Mr. Dave, who gave a very interesting presentation about his Cessna Skymaster aircraft. They served as observation aircraft during the Vietnam War and are being restored in the CAF hangar.

The Scouts rotated through the fun and educational stations where different topics were presented. The girls were given the opportunity to ask a lot of aviation-related questions. The required topics presented were aerodynamics, aircraft maintenance, women's first in aviation history, with a special presentation of female aviators who were Girl Scouts as well, aviation-related jobs, female military aviators, air traffic control and learning to navigate on sectionals.

In other news, On November 2, the Mississippi Chapter celebrated our organization's 90th Anniversary with a dinner at Kathryn's in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

As our table decor included the numbers 90 and 99, we received many questions about whose birthday we were celebrating. It was a wonderful invitation for communication.

The band announced our event as well, and we enjoyed sharing information about our organization and its mission.

We had a lovely evening celebrating a huge milestone in The Ninety-Nines history!

— Maryke Houben

Maui Chapter

The Maui 99s had an amazingly fun and rewarding day on November 16 volunteering at the Girl Scouts STEM 2019 event in Kamuela, Hawaii.

Over 100 Girl Scouts and 14 STEM presenters attended. Samantha Hansen, lead pilot at Safari Helicopters, and Joyce Seyferth of Paradise Helicopters, spoke with the girls about their own stories on how they became helicopter pilots and how important it was to love what you do in life. They discussed the four forces of flight, autorotation for helicopters, and emergency equipment including personal locator beacons, Nomex flight suits and flight helmets.

The girls then had a friendly competition with helicopter spin discs to see who could generate the most vertical or forward lift for their rotor discs. At the end of the day, Paradise Helicopters landed their Bell 407 just outside the Town Hall, and the Girl Scouts got a chance to sit in the helicopter and ask questions.

Special thanks to Alaska Airlines for swag donations, coordinated by Kerri Ballard, Shannon Christensen and Mokulele Airlines, Paradise Helicopters for their generous donation of the Bell 407 helicopter for this event, Parker Ranch for allowing us to land on their land, and the Kamuela Police Department's cooperation.

The Maui 99s held meetings in November to discuss the



Young girls had a fun and informative day at the Girl Scouts STEM 2019 event in Kamuela, Hawaii.

finalization of our Chapter bank account, website, upcoming events and scholarships with the first Scholarship Bootcamp Class. We continue to be grateful for the support of the International 99s as our Maui Chapter continues to grow.

— Samantha Hansen and Elizabeth L'Heureux



Appalachian Aviatrixes met in Mountain City, Tennessee, with a breathtaking view of Watauga Lake in the background. From left, Vikki Woods (guest), Liz Edgar, Meagan Harr, Janice Pelletti and Cindy Mahoney.

Appalachian Aviatrixes

Appalachian Aviatrixes Liz Edgar and Cindy Mahoney hosted the November 16 meeting in Mountain City, Tennessee. Members toured the Johnson County (6A4) airport and then drove to one of the stunning retreat cabins owned by Liz. The weather was perfect for an outdoor grilled lunch followed by the meeting.

The Chapter is planning their first airmarking for spring of 2020. Different compass rose designs and airmarking techniques were discussed. The Chapter is going to need help from Chapters with experience in airmarking. Meagan Harr is working with the Greenville, Tennessee, airport (GCY) as the site for the first rose. The local EAA Chapter, as well as the aviation community, has pledged support.

After the meeting, 99s and 49½s viewed The Ninety-Nines 90th Anniversary video produced by International Director Robin Hadfield.

—Janice Pelletti

Chicago Area

Our fall meeting and Halloween party at northwest Chicago's Dacy Airport was amazing! Not only was it a gorgeous day, fly-ins included seven Stearman aircraft. They did formation flight, low passes at high speed down the runway, and gave free rides for any 99 who wanted one. Our own Chapter member, Marie Spear, was one of the Stearman pilots.

Eva then led a quick business meeting, followed by a program on the Night Witches of WWII given by hostess Larisa Kano. Also on the hostess committee were Karen Ballard (with a great headless horseman costume) and CFI Maggie Dodson. A delicious spread of food and desserts included cookies made to look like witches hats. It was a typical Chicago Area Chapter meeting not to be missed!

— Diane M. Cozzi



Chicago Area Chapter members in costume posing with Marie Spear's Stearman.



Santa Barbara Chapter

The Santa Barbara Chapter held a holiday party at the Biltmore Hotel to celebrate friendship and strategize on upcoming aviation events for 2020. It was a lovely night with a great mix of members, including some new ones who have just joined this year and others who helped found our Chapter back in 1960. Great times with our sisters!

— Cassandra Reed

The Santa Barbara Chapter celebrated the holidays with old friends and welcomed the new members.

Long Island Chapter

Patricia Ohlsson organized a meeting of 99s who had relocated to Florida and fly from the Spruce Creek Airport in Daytona Beach. The meeting recreated the first Ninety-Nines meeting held on November 2, 1929, at Curtis Field, Long Island. The photos were taken by Lenny Ohlsson, Pat's 49½, in a hangar at Spruce Creek Airport, which is an old WWII Navy training field where the men did touch and goes.

Our 49½s are extremely supportive and very helpful to our group, and we are always sad when we lose one. This past December we lost Bob Smith, husband of Ninety-Nine Mae Smith, a longtime member and extremely hard worker. He will be missed.

Some happy news from our Vice Chairman Naraline Coqk. She and her partner have been foster parents for years and recently adopted two young girls, Oziris, 15, and Zahida, 10, from the New York foster care system. Naraline reports that there are 25,397 children in foster care in New York State. Of these, 621 children are legally freed and waiting for an adoptive family, and 3,051 children have a goal of adoption.



Celebrating the 99s 90th birthday are, back row from left, Diann Baumann, Wisconsin Chapter; Barbara Schwenninger, Greater Pittsburg Chapter; Carolyn Parkins, guest; Quinn Wessels, guest; Traci Farley, Daytona Chapter; Valerie Taylor, Daytona Chapter; Front row, Pat Ohlsson, Long Island Chapter; Dolores Vitullo, Spaceport Chapter; Carole Crevan, guest; Lynn O'Donnell, New Jersey Chapter; Marilyn Patierno, New Jersey Chapter; Evelyn Shapiro, Spaceport Chapter; Ginger Jabour, Daytona Chapter. The Sensenich Propeller in front is from a 1941 WACO UPF-7 Bi-Plane.

— Photo by Lenny Ohlsson

Naraline is an active member of both our Chapter and the Civil Air Patrol. Her girls have attended some of our meetings and are hopefully 99 members of the future.

—Patricia J. Rockwell

Fly Now Award Correction

In the November/December issue, we printed an incorrect statement for Fall Fly Now winner Marina Varivoda. Below is Marina's submission. Our apologies to Marina and our readers for the oversight.

Marina Varivoda

Florida Goldcoast Chapter, Southeast Section
Mentor – Jody Smith

Following my grandfather's footsteps, my dream has always been to become an airline pilot. I recently started working on my private pilot, and I never felt more at home than I do up in the sky! I am looking forward to introducing other young ladies to the magic of flight. I am entirely grateful for this amazing organization of women pilots, my aviation family who is following my journey and supporting me along the way, and who I thank from the bottom of my heart! You ladies are an absolute blessing, and your passion for flying is unmatched.



LETTERS

Well Done!

I just finished reading the latest 99s *Magazine* and wanted to let you know what a great job you folks did!

I loved seeing the pix and story about the Pine Mountain Lake fly-out in Groveland, California! I sent a note to them as my father lived and built one of the first homes there, plus helped firefighters there on a number of occasions.

Loved seeing how many Chapters are doing Girl Scout events! Want to up Yuma International Airport on my bucket list to see the new photo-mural. Even though Long Island is in my Section, love seeing and hearing about their activities. Great spreading the word of the International Forest of Friendship as it has a special place in my heart. Loved seeing the creative ways Chapters celebrated the 90th anniversary of The 99s!

I did not know about Denise Robinson's husband passing. I met Denise a couple years ago when she did the Air Race Classic. She made everyone smile who came in contact with her. I will reach out to her now that I know about her husband.

Great job!

— Shannon Osborne,
New York-New Jersey Section Governor

NEW HORIZONS

This space is dedicated to our members and 49½s who have passed on to New Horizons. We will miss them, and thank these 99s for all their contributions to our organization. Our members who recently flew to New Horizons were:

Mayetta Behringer, age 101, January 13, 2020
Santa Clara Valley

Ann Cooper, January 22, 2020
Northwest Section

Linda Barker Eldridge, January 10, 2020
Orange County Chapter

Ralph Frankowski, Ph.D. December 17, 2019
49½ of Elizabeth Frankowski, Houston Chapter

Aimee Lynn Moore, December 25, 2019
Alaska Chapter

Gerald F. 'Jerry' O'Hara, December 18, 2019
49½ of Ellen O'Hara, North Central Section Governor

Lee Orr, January 11, 2020
Blue Ridge Chapter

Loretta Touzell, November 29, 2019
Australian Section

For obituaries, please submit only the name, date of death and Chapter. Notices of 49½s will be listed similarly. The full obituaries and photos are now posted on The Ninety-Nines website. To submit an extended obituary, please submit a personal write-up and not a copy or a link to an online obituary. To read the full obituaries, go to www.ninety-nines.org/new-horizons.htm.

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