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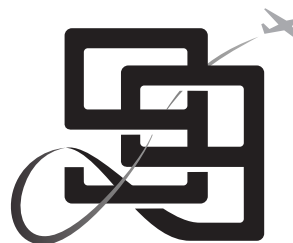
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Buena Park, California  
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## MAR

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25-27 **South Central Section Spring Meeting**  
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7-10 **Southwest Section Spring Meeting**  
Location TBD  
✈ Samantha Resop,  
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22-24 **North Central Section Spring Meeting**  
Earth City, Missouri  
✈ Stephanie Maughan, [sarmstrong@siu.edu](mailto:sarmstrong@siu.edu)

### MAGAZINE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

are one month prior to issue date.  
MAR/APR issue deadline: February 1.

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## MAY

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[cgprudhomme@gmail.com](mailto:cgprudhomme@gmail.com)

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Oshkosh, Wisconsin  
📧 [eaa.org/en/airventure](http://eaa.org/en/airventure)

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14-16 **South Central Section Fall Meeting**  
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## *A Fresh Start*



**Corbi Bulluck**  
*International President*

**A**t the beginning of a new year, there is a wonderful feeling of renewal. There is a sense of excitement about the year ahead and all the opportunities and possibilities that come with it. Many of us make plans to tackle a new project, learn a new skill, take off on a new adventure, try something new.

Neale Donald Walsch said, "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." I challenge you to expand your comfort zone by trying something new this year.

A few words of advice: don't worry that you aren't perfect or good enough. Don't be afraid to make mistakes in this new year. If you are trying new things and pushing yourself, you will probably make mistakes along the way. That's okay. Remember, you are doing things that you have never done before.

Make a cross-country flight to an unfamiliar airport. Get checked out in a taildragger or a seaplane. Take a flight in a hot-air balloon or a glider. Have you attended any of your Chapter's meetings in a while or ever? Start there, and then branch out. Organize an aviation education day for young folks or a Let's Fly Now event. Submit an article to our 99s magazine or your Chapter's newsletter. Attend a Section meeting or our international conference in Charleston, South Carolina, this July.

Think you are too old to try something new? As C.S. Lewis wrote, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." Take a flight in a biplane, mentor a young member who is just beginning her aviation journey or serve on your Chapter's scholarship committee.

The list of opportunities is endless. Challenge yourself to push the envelope; do something new, do something that scares you! Follow the advice of Dr. Seuss who once said, "You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do."

Every new year begins with a clean slate. This new year can be a new chapter, a new verse, or just the same old story. The choice is yours.

What will you do with this fresh start?

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## Touch & Go

# Amelia Earhart BIRTHPLACE



## MUSEUM Atchison, Kansas

### SAVING THE ARCHIVES PROJECT AND GRANT

By Heather Roesch

*Grant writer and Director of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum*

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum is thrilled to announce our receipt of the Guy Bromley Grant for \$38,739.85. The grant was written to help save the archives not on display. With this grant, we can address deteriorating environmental conditions in the museum's storage and work areas. Improved environmental conditions will help to preserve the collection of over 2,000 historical, archival materials and works of art that represent Amelia Earhart's life and disappearance. This will be the first time dehumidification, cooling, and heating mechanisms will be used in these areas; therefore, optimizing preservation conditions throughout the building. Last summer, our volunteer archivist often found brittle archive documents that were falling apart.

We are blessed to receive this grant and are very appreciative. It looks like the project will cost more than anticipated because of fluctuating costs of materials and items that were not included in the grant — like blinds, lighting, and office moving expenses. If you can contribute to the Saving the Archives project, you can either: send a check to the museum at 223 N. Terrace Street, Atchison, Kansas, 66002; call us at 913-367-4217; or you can purchase items from our gift shop online, purchase a gift card, or come by the museum and take a tour. The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum is a nonprofit museum — which is a tax deduction for you! We always appreciate The 99s' support of the museum.



## AWARDS

### DISTINGUISHED CFIS



Two 99s members of the Bay Cities Chapter, **Christine Oksas** and **Lynzie Hudson**, have been recognized as Distinguished Flight Instructors — a title given to top scoring flight instructors from the AOPA 2021-2022 Flight Training Experience Survey.

The Flight Training Experience Survey was created to highlight the

best flight training the industry has to offer. “Finding the right balance between professional service and a personal touch can be a challenge for any business,” said Chris Moser, the senior director of flight training education at You Can Fly. “This year’s results showed that these flight training providers are not only striking the balance, but they are knocking it out of the park. The terms ‘family’ and ‘high quality instruction’ were a big theme this year. You can’t ask for more than that!”

The 2021-2022 awards were drawn from flight students and pilots who voluntarily reviewed their flight training experience this past summer through an AOPA online customer satisfaction survey. The process yielded an evaluation of 749 different flight schools and 1,740 individual flight instructors.

Lynzie has been instructing in fixed wing airplanes since 2006. She has spent years instructing in New Zealand and Australia and has been teaching in the Bay Area for six years. She currently teaches out of Livermore and Reid Hillview airports, specializing in spin and upset prevention awareness, aerobatics, tailwheel, and instructor training. She teaches instrument, multi-engine, high-performance, complex, and mountain flying and also conducts stage checks.

Lynzie mentors women pilots and new CFIs. She is always looking for new ways to help students relax and have fun, thereby learning better.

Christine teaches private, instrument, and commercial students in Concord and Livermore. Her favorite aspects of teaching are improving students’ confidence and decision making, helping students of all ages and backgrounds achieve flying goals, and, of course, constant Bay Area sunsets! When she isn’t instructing, Christine mentors other women pilots, works to engage the flying community, and, occasionally, flies a super Decathlon.

## Holding Short

### SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

#### British Columbia Coast 99s

**Kiegham Broney** received the \$2,000 Erissa Yong Memorial Bursary (in honor of our late 99s sister) from the British Columbia General Aviation Association.

**Chioma Okoro** received both The Dream Never Dies Foundation/Urban Pilot Network joint scholarship and the 2021 Wings and Wrench Scholarship to help her reach her goals of completing a doctorate towards aircraft maintenance engineering as well as her commercial pilot license.

**Brooklyn Pringle** received the Anderson Family Flight Training Scholarship from the British Columbia Aviation Council — worth \$5,000 towards her private pilot license.



**Madeline Ungurain** received both a \$2,500 British Columbia Floatplane Association Scholarship — to be used towards the completion of her seaplane rating — and the Francois Leh Flight Instructor Training Scholarship — worth \$1,500 from the British Columbia Aviation Council to be used towards completing her flight instructor training.



**Alejandra Rodas** is the winner of the Patrick’s Wings Memorial Scholarship and the first woman to solo at her school in Honduras.



# Harpreet A De Singh

## Makes History

By Lauren Nagel

In November of 2020, Harpreet A De Singh made history by becoming the first female CEO of an Indian airline. Her term was cut short as duty called her back to her parent airline, but her historical appointment was just the latest ‘first’ in her incredible career — which has helped pave the way for India’s unmatched generation of female pilots.

When Harpreet began her career in aviation, women were poorly represented in the aviation industry. She began flying with the National Cadet Corps in Secunderabad in 1984, where she took her first flight in the pilot’s seat of a HAL-26 Pushpak aircraft. She was drawn to flying because it was not only challenging, but also an exciting and heavenly experience — as she puts it.

“You feel at the top of the world and there is a connection to your higher self.”

After completing her commercial pilot’s license in 1988, Harpreet became the first woman to be hired as a pilot by Air India. She became a member and eventually president of the Indian Women Pilot’s Association — which she credits for much of Indian women’s progress in aviation. Since starting her professional career, India has become the country with the highest proportion of female pilots in the world at approximately 12.5%.

Shortly after receiving her appointment at Air India, Harpreet was prevented from pursuing active flying for medical reasons. Despite this setback, she was

determined to make a difference and so devoted herself to her work, “For me work is worship and I try to give my best with optimism, energy and faith in the divine forces.”

Throughout the years that followed, she became renowned as an instructor, CRM facilitator, safety investigator and quality auditor, the first woman to take on any of these roles at Air India. She was committed to constantly improving her knowledge and expertise, obtaining a diploma in safety management systems and risk management, which also led her to become the first female convener of risk management for an Indian airline.

While building her own career at Air India, Harpreet has devoted countless hours to the advancement of women in the aviation industry as the President of the Indian Women Pilot’s Association, an organization which encourages women to take up careers in the areas of aviation and aerospace. Leading by example, she has made herself visible as a role model by presenting papers at various national and international conferences, covering topics from policy and environmental considerations to fuel management and technical operations.

One of Harpreet’s latest achievements came in November 2020 when she was appointed as the CEO of Alliance Air, a subsidiary of Air India. “I was elated,” she says, declaring this accomplishment the “cherry on the cake” of her career. In addition to her long list of qualifications, Harpreet’s fearlessness and positive attitude made her

the obvious choice for the groundbreaking role. “Every day has been a blessing with opportunities, challenges and novel feats”, she says, reflecting on her many years since beginning her aviation journey.

Less than a year into her term, Harpreet was called back to her duties at Air India, which was undergoing disinvestment and needed her expertise for the transition. “As a part of senior leadership and change management, there is so much to do”, she says, “I am learning new facets and enjoying the role tremendously”. Guiding her growth is her aim to prioritize social responsibility as much as profitability in her work. She asks herself on a regular basis, “How do you make the planet greener and more sustainable? How do you ensure that there is female empowerment?”

Keeping with her priorities, Harpreet has also made great contributions to The Ninety-Nines organization, a member for many years and even a Past Governor for the India Section. In 2007 she was inducted into the Forest of Friendship for her exceptional contributions to aviation. In 2021 she also received the IATA’s Inspirational Role Model Award, a recognition she wishes to share with all the other women who were nominated, “who were surely 100% deserving.”

Harpreet’s story inspires us to take the good with the bad and reframe the challenges we face as opportunities for growth. She will doubtless succeed in whatever role she takes on. May we all take in a bit of her unwavering optimism! 🌈



**2021 Fall**

# First Wings Awards

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (AEMSF) trustees are pleased to announce that 12 student pilot members of our organization received First Wings Awards.

Our Fall 2021 winners are from 11 different Chapters, representing six different sections. Winners originated from around the U.S. and the world, including Canada, Lithuania, and Vietnam. First Wings payments are based on specific flight training milestone achievements:

- WRITTEN EXAM \$500
- SOLO \$2,500
- LONG CROSS-COUNTRY \$2,000
- PRIVATE \$1,000

The First Wings Award has evolved from two previous award programs for our student pilot members. The New Pilot Award program began in 2001 and morphed into the Fly Now Award in 2013. Including our latest winners, 318 awards have been made for initial ratings. Those student pilots' countries of origin have included: Canada, the United States, Puerto Rico, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, Australia, France, Kenya, Germany, Columbia, Russia, the Czech Republic, Iraq, Japan, South Korea, Nigeria, South Africa, and Morocco.

One of the most important aspects of the First Wings Award program is the mandatory assignment of a mentor. It's important to have someone, aside from the flight instructor, to help advise and counsel when the going gets a little tough. We would like to thank the following 12 women, many of whom are former AEMSF winners themselves: Amelia Stockermans, Elsbeth Roach, Meredith Datena, Kerbi Mueller, Ange Nissen, Shokoufeh Mirzaei, Alice Furr, Uno Jo, Terri Donner, Theresa White, Claudette DeCourley, and Nena Gorrell.

AEMSF trustee Tina Hartlaub is the Mama Bird for this group.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone!



## **Kaelyn Beier**

**Chapter:** First Canadian

**Section:** East Canada

**Mentor:** Amelia Stockermans

I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since May 2021. I have been fascinated by aviation since the age of four and I'm grateful for the support of women mentors. I am currently working towards my private pilot license at Spectrum Airways in Burlington, Ontario. I plan to move on to my commercial pilot training and am nearing completion of commercial ground school. In my spare time I enjoy volunteering in the community and at aviation events. I dream of becoming a flight instructor and hope to help other young women achieve their goals in aviation.



## **Kahlan Davis**

**Chapter:** Intermountain

**Section:** Northwest

**Mentor:** Elsbeth Roach

I am pursuing my private pilot certificate in the inland northwest of the U.S. After years of pursuing competitive gymnastics, teaching in the field, and dedicating all my time to arguing with gravity on the balance beam and high bars, I took one introductory flight in a Cessna 172 and was hooked.

Between flights, I enjoy working in an aviation centric business, hiking the wonderful forests and mountains of the inland Northwest, and attending meetings of my local Chapter of The 99s. I look forward to increasing female representation in the aviation industry and being a mentor for future generations.



## **Victoria Delshire**

**Chapter:** Columbia Cascade

**Section:** Northwest

**Mentor:** Meredith Datena

Aviation has been in my blood from a wee age — since I first looked up at an airplace passing overhead. Along the way, life lead me everywhere except aviation. Finally I am 48, changing my career, and I'm lined up on the runway ready to take off and fly. My first solo is around the corner and the fun has just begun! I hope to help and inspire those that have the same dream at all ages. I am so thankful to receive the First Wings Award as it allows my childhood dream to come true! Keep looking up!



## **Thiesia Gaffney**

**Chapter:** Georgia Flying Belles

**Section:** Southeast

**Mentor:** Kerbi Mueller

I became a correctional officer in 2006 and decided to explore aviation. Aviation was not something I considered for a career because I believed it was for the privileged. As a little girl, I would look up and dream of flying but I never thought I could ever reach it. Growing up in poverty created a fear of flying because I didn't have the opportunities to find out if flying was possible. Years later I was curious enough to find out more. I am the first pilot in my family and it's a badge of honor I wear proudly. I couldn't and wouldn't let the fear of failing apply to aviation.



## Sherry Granger

**Chapter:** Paradise Coast  
**Section:** Southeast  
**Mentor:** Ange Nissen

I've been working in the air for ten years as a flight attendant for British Airways, slowly coming off an 18-month pandemic-related furlough. Flying has been in my blood since I was young. I often traveled to Europe to visit family for summer holidays. Winning the First Wings Award means I can start my flight training again. I am eager to begin this chapter in my aviation journey and I can't thank the AEMSF enough for the opportunity to do so. I am grateful for my Ninety-Nines friends and mentors, and I look forward to becoming a mentor to other women.



## Brienne Idelman

**Chapter:** San Fernando Valley  
**Section:** Southwest  
**Mentor:** Shokoufeh Mirzaei

I am a self starter and a resourceful relationship builder. I've earned a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a Master of Science in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. After receiving my masters degree, amidst a pandemic, I started a growing small business in a wellness space where I work full time. During this exciting new phase of my life, I began flight training and instantly fell in love. Becoming a pilot has been a dream of mine for many years. Just like anything, it took a leap of faith to go after that dream and there's no going back.



## Annemarie McMillan

**Chapter:** NOLA  
**Section:** Southeast  
**Mentor:** Alice Furr

The thought of flying never crossed my mind until my dad surprised me with a discovery flight. Afterwards, I could not stop thinking about flying! Not only had I found a fun hobby, but I had also found my perfect career path, one I would want to do regardless of pay. After I graduate from high school, I plan to attend Louisiana Tech University to major in professional aviation and minor in aviation management with the ultimate goal of flying for a major airline. I am grateful to have the support of the NOLA 99s and to receive the First Wings award!



## Kristen Ngo

**Chapter:** First Canadian  
**Section:** East Canada  
**Mentor:** Uno Jo

My name is Kristen, and I am a member of the First Canadian Chapter Ninety-Nines. I was born and raised in Vietnam and moved to Canada when I turned 18. After graduating from the flight services program at Seneca College, I decided to start flight training since I always wanted to be an airline pilot. I am currently working towards the private pilot license at Island Air. I recently completed my first solo, and it was the best feeling ever. I am so grateful for the opportunities that The Ninety-Nines provide, and being a part of their group. The Ninety-Nines have been guiding me towards my career path and igniting my inspiration to become a professional pilot.



## **Karyn Ranzau**

**Chapter:** Kentucky Bluegrass

**Section:** North Central

**Mentor:** Terri Donner

I am so grateful and blessed to receive the AEMS award to help me on this journey towards my private certificate. With a structural design and engineering background, I moved from the office to the classroom after my children grew older. After losing my classes to Covid-19 and with two kids in college, I am thrilled to be able to embrace my love for aviation. I hope to combine my experience in all these areas to help advance the aviation goals and pursuits for girls, while setting real life examples of how to accomplish your dreams!



## **Brandy Simison**

**Chapter:** Greater Seattle

**Section:** Northwest

**Mentor:** Theresa White

I am a Seattle-based student pilot. I am the former Chairman of the Greater Seattle Chapter and current Chairman of its Aviation and Space Education Committee. I fell in love with aviation on my first flight in a Cessna 172. I am also the founder of a holistic education homeschool academy called All-Star Academy. After I earn my private certificate, I plan to continue working toward my instrument rating and commercial certificate to become a certified flight instructor and train student pilots via my Chapter and, eventually, students at my academy.



## **Rebecca Tassoni**

**Chapter:** San Diego

**Section:** Southwest

**Mentor:** Claudette DeCourley

I was in high school in Ohio when I overheard a teacher telling another student that he was working on his “pilot’s license.” That’s when I learned that anyone could earn one. I didn’t pursue it immediately, but instead raised a family. It’s taken decades, but 2021 has finally been the year I’ve been able to throw myself into pursuing a lifelong goal. That private pilot’s certificate feels so close, and with this award I can now undoubtedly achieve it. So many adventures and opportunities will follow, and I couldn’t be more excited and grateful to be granted this award.



## **Liucija Smalzyte Wright**

**Chapter:** Alabama

**Section:** Southeast

**Mentor:** Nena Gorrell

I am originally from Lithuania and currently live in Birmingham, Alabama. I discovered my passion for flying during my sophomore year of college when I took a discovery flight. Since then I have dreamed of getting my pilot’s license. A few years ago, I decided to join The Ninety-Nines — to get more involved with women in aviation. I love the mission statement and the support that this organization provides. It is an incredible honor to be selected as one of the recipients of the First Wings Award, and I am very grateful that my dream can now become reality. I hope that I can be an inspiration to other girls who dream of becoming a pilot. 🌸



# The Ninety-Nines International Conference & Career Expo

Charleston, South Carolina | July 6-10, 2022

## FUN FACTS ABOUT CHARLESTON

- Originally founded in 1670, the city moved to its present site in 1680, and was established as Charles Town, in honor of King Charles II of England. Charleston adopted its present name in 1783.
- Charleston was the fourth largest city in colonial America, and the wealthiest!
- Charleston boasts the first public college, museum, and playhouse in the U.S.
- The first golf club in America was established in Charleston in 1787.
- North America's longest cable-stayed bridge, the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge, spans the Charleston Harbor, connecting historic Charleston and Mount Pleasant.
- Dr. Alexander Garden, a Charleston physician, first imported "Cape Jasmine" from South Africa circa 1754. The flower was renamed "Gardenia" after Dr. Garden.
- Charleston's first baseball team was the Sea Gulls, established in 1886. The team is now called the Charleston RiverDogs. Part owner and "Director of Fun" is actor and Charleston local Bill Murray.

The Ninety-Nines International Conference Committee and the Southeast Section invite you to our first in-person Conference following a two-year hiatus! Join Ninety-Nines from all over the world in the beautiful and historic city of Charleston, South Carolina at the historic **Francis Marion Hotel**.

## WHY YOU SHOULD "DO THE CHARLESTON" IN 2022!

*(Yes – the dance so popular in the 1920's is named after the city of Charleston!)*

- We've missed travel and seeing our 99s friends in person! Put The Ninety-Nines Conference in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina on your 2022 travel list!
- For lovers of early American architecture, Charleston is a prime destination. Founded in 1670, the historic district boasts 73 homes built prior to 1776.
- Foodies, rejoice! Charleston is home to more award-winning restaurants than many cities much larger in size.
- Ready for some in-person retail therapy?? Charleston receives rave reviews for its many antique shops, unique emporiums, and charming boutiques.
- Charleston's coastline provides 60 miles of beautiful beaches. Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island, Folly Beach and Edisto Beach are all within 45 minutes of historic downtown Charleston. Treat yourself to a few days on the beach before or after the Conference!
- The Conference hotel, the Francis Marion, is a destination in itself. Opened in 1924, the hotel was "the place to be" in the Roaring 20's. The 1996 renovation won an award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The hotel today blends classical style with modern convenience.



For more information about the historic Francis Marion Hotel visit **ninety-nines.org** and click on the Conference logo.

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY JULY 6

8 AM-12:30 PM	Option - Magnolia Plantation Tour
9 - 11AM	Fly Mart/Exhibit Hall Vendor Set-Up
9 AM - 4 PM	Registration
12 - 4 PM	Fly Mart/Exhibit Hall Open
11 AM - 4 PM	Hospitality Open
2 - 4 PM	International Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 - 9 PM	Option - Sunset Cruise on the Schooner Pride

### THURSDAY JULY 7

8 AM- 4 PM	Registration
7 - 7:50 AM	Keynote Continental Breakfast
8 - 9 AM	Welcome Keynote Address - Captain Brian Schiff
9:15 - 11:45 AM	Aviation Career Panel
9:30 AM - 5 PM	Fly Mart/Exhibit Hall Open
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Seminar - "Once a Pilot, Always a Pilot"
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Seminar - "The Future of Electronic Aviation"
10 AM - 4 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Seminar - "FAA Investigations - What Every Lawyer Wants You to Know"
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Seminar - "PoSSUM"
1 - 3 PM	Option - Charleston Black History, Gullah Geechee, Porgy and Bess Tour
1 - 5:30 PM	Option - Tour of Fort Sumter
1 - 3 PM	Trust Meetings
3 - 4:30 PM	Council of Governors Meeting
5 - 6 PM	Meet and Greet for First Time Attendees
6 - 7 PM	No-Host Cocktail Hour
7 - 9 PM	Welcome Reception/AEMSFBanquet

### FRIDAY JULY 8

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Option - Captain's Tour of the USS Yorktown
8:30 - 11 AM	Option - "Badass Broads" Walking Tour
8 AM 4 PM	Registration
9 AM - 4 PM	Fly Mart/Exhibit Hall Open
9 AM - 4 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
1 - 2:20 PM	Seminar - "L.I.F.T." (Leading Into the Future Together)
2:45 - 3:45 PM	Seminar - "Laugh, Learn, Lead!" - Chapter Leadership Support
2:45 - 3:45 PM	Seminar - "Strategies for Growth" - Section Leadership Support
2:45 - 3:45 PM	Seminar - "Keeping the Sunny Side Up"
3:45 - 5:00 PM	Comm Session
5 - 7 PM	Gov/Pres Reception (Option for Past/Current Governors and Presidents)
2:30 - 5:30 PM	Option - Savor the Flavors of Upper King Street
7:30 - 9 PM	Option - Haunted Carriage Tour

### SATURDAY JULY 9

7 - 8 AM	Registration, Credentials
7 - 8 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:30 - 11:30 AM	Annual Meeting
12 - 4 PM	Fly Mart/Exhibit Hall Open
1 - 4 PM	Hospitality Open
2 - 3 PM	Seminar - "My Path from Waitress to DPE"
3 - 4 PM	International Board of Directors Meeting
4 - 5 PM	Seminar - Jordan Conference
6 - 7 PM	No-host Cocktail Hour
7 - 9 PM	Awards Banquet

## OPTIONAL TOURS &amp; ACTIVITIES

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 | 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM****Magnolia Plantation Tour** \$125.00 per person

Minimum 40 participants/Maximum 50  
Activity Level - Moderate

Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, Magnolia Plantation has survived for centuries and witnessed history unfold from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. It is the oldest public tourist site in the Lowcountry, and the oldest public gardens in America, opening its doors to visitors in 1870 to view the thousands of beautiful flowers and plants in its famous gardens.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM****Sunset Sail on the Schooner Pride** \$125.00 per person

Minimum 40 participants/Maximum 49  
Activity Level – Moderate - The starting point is .7 mile walk from hotel

Get an up-close-and-personal look at Charleston Harbor on Charleston's only 3-mast, tall ship. There are no set courses; she sails with the winds and tides, so every cruise is unique. You will always be in the sheltered harbor area and see all the sites—just closer to some than others.

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 1:00 – 5:00 PM****Fort Sumter Tour** \$125.00 per person

Minimum 40 participants/Maximum 50  
Activity Level – Moderate.

*Note: There is no elevator service at Ft. Sumter. The museum, bookstore, and souvenir shop are accessible only by climbing stairs. The tour is a boat excursion dependent on changing weather and tides.*

Fort Sumter is the site of the battle which signified the start of the American Civil War. Enjoy a scenic 30-minute cruise each way and view top Charleston sights such as Rainbow Row and the Battery from your ferry. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by National Park Rangers who will relate the story of America's deadliest war before beginning your self-guided one-hour tour of the Fort Sumter National Monument. There will be time for a stop at the museum, bookstore, and souvenir shop before boarding for the return to Charleston.

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM****Charleston Black History, Gullah Geechee, and Porgy & Bess Tour** \$70.00 per person

Minimum 20 participants/Maximum 25  
Activity Level – Moderate

Take to the streets of Charleston with veteran certified tour guide, author, realtor, and lecturer Al Miller aboard a plush, air-conditioned bus. The tour will cover much of the Historic District, including the Hanging Tree, The West Side, Lowndes Grove Plantation House, and Mother Emanuel AME Church.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8 | 8:30 – 11:30 AM****“Badass Broads” Walking Tour** \$50.00 per person

Activity Level – Moderate - The starting point is .7 mile walk from hotel  
Minimum 20 participants

Have fun learning about the “badass” ladies who were a vibrant part of Charleston's story. Get to know one of America's first rebels, a Revolutionary War hero who threw herself into that effort, and a villain of sorts who stepped far outside the lines as one of the most famous female pirates of all time. More than a few early feminists shaped history by speaking out against social injustice and the evils of slavery. From a later era, you'll meet the daughter of a former slave whom Martin Luther King referred to as “The Grandmother of the Movement.”

**FRIDAY, JULY 8 | 8:30 – 11:30 AM****Captain's Tour on the USS Yorktown** \$115.00 per person

Minimum 40 participants; Maximum 50  
Activity Level – Moderate

Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the USS Yorktown, featuring exclusive access to areas of the ship not normally accessible to the public. Step into an original B-25 Mitchell Bomber, the same model used by Doolittle's Raiders in their attack of mainland Japan. Look at a day in the life of a sailor aboard the Yorktown and gain a true understanding of why it is referred to as a floating city. Discover the original Captain's Quarters, explore the anchor room, and see the inner workings of the ship. Examine some of the mighty aircraft that flew off the deck of the Yorktown while in service, all while enjoying a beautiful view of Charleston's harbor.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8 | 2:30 – 5:30 PM****Savor the Flavors of Upper King Street Walking Tour** \$110.00 per person

Minimum 20 participants  
Activity Level – Moderate - The starting point is .7 mile walk from hotel

Experience a unique food tour in the famous Upper King Street district. Sample mouth-watering dishes of Lowcountry cuisine from the popular culinary innovators in this ever-evolving restaurant district. Typical tastings include fried green tomatoes, local barbecue, Southern mac-n-cheese, collard greens, house made bruschetta, and gourmet cupcakes.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8 | 7:30 – 9:00 PM****Haunted Carriage Tour** \$60 per person

Minimum 16 participants per carriage  
Activity Level – Moderate. The starting point is .7 mile walk from the hotel

Enjoy a unique carriage tour and surprising tales of ghosts, pirates, and patriots from Charleston's historical past. Your guide will share information and spine-tingling stories as you pass by haunted alleys, graveyards, churches, and hotels.

The 2022 Conference includes a variety of seminars to educate, inspire, and entertain members and guests.

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 8:00-9:00 AM**

## Welcome Keynote Address

Captain Brian Schiff



Kick off the Conference with a keynote address guaranteed to wake you up!

Captain Brian Schiff will regale you with stories so big, just the tip will be enough. He'll share highlights of his four decades of flying, which include 35 years of flight instructing and 32 years of looking down at you from his lofty airline pilot office. Brian will have you

riveted with entertaining insight from the "pointy end of the airplane," including why he gave up a career in comedy and acting to become a pilot. His aviation anecdotes, tips, and tricks will definitely entertain you, and with enough imagination, you might use them to improve your own flying. You'll learn things like "that's not a Gatorade dispenser under the wing" and "why it's important to remove the tiedown before taxiing."

Brian Schiff is a captain for a major US airline and is type-rated on the Airbus A320, Boeing 727, 757, 767, DC-9 (MD-80), CL-65, LR-JET, and G-V. Schiff's roots are deeply planted in general aviation where he has flown a wide variety of aircraft (97 types). His total flying time exceeds 20,000 hours. He is on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) and is a 35-year Gold Seal flight instructor and FAA Safety Team Representative. Brian holds several flight instructor ratings and is recognized for his enthusiasm and ability to teach in way that simplifies complex procedures and concepts. He has been actively instructing since earning his flight and ground instructor certificates in 1985. Schiff also has been an FAA-designated examiner. He attended San Jose State University and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and his Master of Science Degree in Aviation Safety from the University of Central Missouri. He regularly conducts aviation seminars to student and professional pilots alike.

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 9:15-10:15 AM**

## Once a Pilot, Always a Pilot!

Mary Build



Are you getting older and not flying as much? Or maybe you are not flying as much as you once did? Whether or not you are actively flying, you have experience to share and encouragement you can give. Staying involved in your Chapter and supporting ambitious women pilots who are following in your footsteps is an opportunity to help

females go far beyond the current 7%! Let's talk about how we can do that!

Mary Build started flying at age 47 after leaving a successful career in the corporate world. She went on to be a Commercial pilot and has her ASEL, ASES, AMEL, and CFII. She also became a DPE and FAAST Representative and started her own Seaplane Base Flight School. Today Mary is enjoying working with Chapter Chairs as the Governor of the New England Section and meeting other Governors from around the world. She has just finished her memoir and it is in the process of being published.

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 9:15-10:15 AM**

## The Third Revolution in Aviation - Electrification

Dr. Susan Ying, PhD



Some people perceive flying as a polluting activity. Pressure is growing to decarbonize fuel or to cease flying altogether. The good news is that a change is happening which revolutionizes the way an airplane is propelled without burning fossil fuel. This presentation will introduce this exciting revolution and how it will transform the way we fly. Exciting times ahead!

Dr. Susan Ying has more than forty years' experience in the aerospace industry, including experience at Boeing, COMAC, NASA, and Ampaire. She is passionate about airplanes and aviation and is an avid aviatrix and CFI.

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 10:45-11:45 AM**

**FAA Investigations - What Every Lawyer Wants You to Know**

Kathy Yodice



Kathy will discuss FAA and TSA investigation processes including what to do and say, and what ‘not’ to do and say, and what might you be up against if a situation arises. If you are faced with a ramp inspection, it is important to know what you and the FAA must do and not do. Learn when you are required to report an accident

or incident in your aircraft or with your drone and to whom. Kathy will also go over the most common concerns in the medical application and certification process and how to avoid unnecessary errors that can keep you from flying. And she’ll answer your questions!

Kathy Yodice has been practicing aviation law for 36 years, first as an FAA prosecutor and then in private practice. She represents individuals, companies, and associations in all aviation-related legal matters. She is an instrument-rated private pilot who learned to fly in her family’s J-3 Cub.

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 10:15-11:45 AM**

**An Affair with Flying, Aircraft, Engineering, Science, and Space Operations - Training with Project PoSSUM**

Heidi Hammerstein



The dream of flying led Heidi Hammerstein to aerospace engineering and many exciting flight projects throughout her academic and early professional career, including Project PoSSUM. Heidi will discuss what Project PoSSUM is, the scientific goals, and how the team prepares for their eventual scientific experiments in space.

Heidi will also discuss her latest adventure working with NASA’s design team on the xEMU Spacesuit for exploration of the moon and Mars. Learn how science fiction has turned into fact!

Heidi Hammerstein is an aerospace engineer with twenty years of experience in R&D, flight testing, performance analysis, systems engineering, preliminary design, and project management. She is a licensed pilot, scuba diver, and a space and planetary exploration enthusiast with a passion for the advancement of the commercial space industry. Heidi is an active scientific contributor with Project PoSSUM, and is in training for suborbital space missions to conduct in situ studies of Earth’s Polar Mesospheric Clouds. As a founding member of the PoSSUM 13, established in honor of the Mercury 13, Heidi mentors young girls in their space science, and engineering research pursuits.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8 | 2:45-3:45 PM**

**Keeping the Sunny Side Up**

Judy Phelps



Why is Emergency Maneuver Training (EMT) so important? Come find out! Judy will talk about what causes spins, how to avoid them and how to recover if you accidentally enter one. She will also discuss unusual attitudes/overbanking and the proper recovery procedure for both. Participants will see video examples taken from the cockpit to

provide a pilot’s perspective to make learning feel real!

**SATURDAY, JULY 9 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**My Journey from Waitress to DPE**

Judy Phelps

From starting as a waitress at an airport restaurant while learning to fly to co-owning a flight school and earning multiple ratings, Judy will share her unique route of becoming a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE). She will also discuss some highlights from her first evaluation and share what she has learned over the past two years as one of the few female DPEs in the country.

Judy Phelps is the co-owner and Vice President of CP Aviation, a flight school located in Southern California. She has been a flight instructor for 19 years and recently became a Designated Pilot Examiner. She specializes in teaching Emergency Maneuver Training, basic aerobatics and tailwheel.

## NINETY-NINES LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

FRIDAY, JULY 8 | 1:00-2:20 PM

### Maximizing L.I.F.T. (Leading Into the Future Together)

The "LIFT" Seminar is back! All members are encouraged to attend this fast-paced, round robin discussion on issues, challenges, and questions faced by chapters, along with some possible solutions. You will meet members from all over and come away with ideas to inspire and invigorate your chapter!

FRIDAY, JULY 8 | 2:45-3:45 PM

### Laugh, Learn, and Lead!

Supercharge your leadership! Join your fellow chapter leaders for a lively discussion on how to maximize the talents of each chapter board position, Membership Chair and AE Scholarship Chair. Share your stories, impart your wisdom, ask questions, brainstorm ideas. Add leadership tools to your flight bag. Leave inspired!

Who should attend – Current and future Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs

### Strategies for Growth – Supporting Section Leadership

Do you currently hold an office or chair a committee in your Section? Do you anticipate serving in a Section leadership role sometime soon? If so, join Section officers, Section Committee Chairs, and aspiring Section leaders in a rich discussion designed to support you in your leadership role. Discussion topics will include challenges faced by Section leaders, improving the effectiveness of Section boards, and tips for successful Section meetings.

## NINETY-NINES CAREER PANEL

THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 9:15-11:45 AM

Following the opening Keynote Address, professional pilots and aspiring professional pilots are invited to attend a full morning of panel and round-table discussions focusing on the needs and interests of career pilots. Sample topics include polishing your resume, landing the job interview, building time, and non-traditional professional pilot careers. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about The Ninety-Nines' own invaluable resource for professional pilots, the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. Participating in the Career Panel will also provide an excellent networking opportunity.

Three registration options are available which include the Keynote Breakfast, Keynote Address and the Career Panel:

- Full Conference Registration
- Thursday One-Day Registration, which also includes access to the Hospitality Suite, the Fly Mart/Exhibit Hall, and the evening Amelia Earhart Scholarship Banquet
- Thursday AM Registration, which includes the Keynote Breakfast Address and the Career Panel

Watch for more detailed information on social media, in the Straight & Level e-newsletter and through email blasts.

## NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference information, registration forms and instructions for online registration may be found on the Conference website.

Go to [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org) and click on the conference logo.

### 99s FULL REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND FEES:

Full Registration Includes: Conference materials, access to Hospitality Suite, Fly Mart, Opening Keynote Breakfast Address, Career Panel, Welcome Reception/AE Scholarship Banquet, First-Timers' Meet and Greet, Seminars, Saturday Breakfast, Awards Banquet, and option to purchase tours and activities.

**Early Registration** March 31, 2022 - \$ 319.00 USD

**On-Time Registration** May 31, 2022 - \$ 349.00 USD

**Late Registration** After May 31, 2022 - \$ 369.00 USD

See the Conference website for registration information for Friends of The Ninety-Nines, guests, and one-day registration options.

**Cancellation Policy:** If cancellation is received before June 1, 2022, full refund less \$50; received between June 1 and June 15, 2022, full refund less \$75; NO refunds will be given after June 15, 2022. \$15 fee for each guest cancellation. Substitutions will be accepted any time.

**IMPORTANT!** Long Beach Conference Registrants: Members who registered for the 2020 or 2021 Conference and did not request a refund should not register online for the 2022 Conference. You will be contacted by AKA Travel to update your registration for the 2022 Conference. Members who registered for 2020 or 2021 and received a refund must complete a new registration for the 2022 Conference.

**Questions?** Email [99s@akatravelteam.com](mailto:99s@akatravelteam.com)

## GETTING THERE

Charleston International Airport is serviced by all major US airlines as well as several regional lines; non-stop service is an option from many US cities. Ground transportation to the hotel is available by taxi or shared-ride services. Another option recommended by the hotel is Mitch's Limo Service; call 843-270-6902 to reserve.

Charleston Executive Airport (JZI) is the designated airport for general aviation arrivals. Atlantic Aviation is the FBO. The airport is located on 1,333 acres on Johns Island approximately 10 miles from historic downtown Charleston. JZI was originally developed as the Johns Island Airfield Military Reservation, serving as an outlying auxiliary training base of the U.S. Air Force's operations from the Charleston Municipal Airport, now Charleston International Airport (CHS). The airport facility fee will be waived with a fuel purchase. Ninety-Nines volunteers will provide transportation to the hotel for arrivals on Tuesday and Wednesday.

If arriving by car, self-parking is available at \$20 per day in the city-owned garage next door to the hotel. A key will be provided at check-in and encoded for parking in the garage; the key allows in and out privileges. Valet services are available for a nightly fee of \$28. Upon arrival, pull up to the front door on King Street and the bellmen will unload your vehicle.

# SAFECON: Flexibility & Innovation Required

By Marilyn Shafer, 99s international NIFA Chair



Left: Top Schools – 3rd place Polk State College, 2nd Auburn University, 1st Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Right: Top Pilots – 2nd place Christopher Shields, 1st James Hanover, 3rd Ann Marie Petrone (all from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University).

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) hosted their regional **Safety and Flying Evaluation Conferences (SAFECON)** across the United States throughout October and November. Generally, three full days are needed in order to conduct the conferences' flying events which include: power-off and short field landings, cross country navigation (NAV), and a message drop. Each landing event is planned for the competing college teams to make three passes in the pattern. The written events include: simulated comprehensive aircraft navigation (SCAN), computer accuracy (E6B), and aircraft recognition and are generally completed in a few evenings. Descriptions of all the events — including additional events held only at national SAFECONs — can be found at <https://nifa.aero/schools/rules/>.

However, as is the case with a pilot's preflight preparations, NIFA can also encounter last minute NOTAMs or TFRs — throwing a perfectly planned event off schedule. Region IX Chief Judge Mark Misunas was notified just three days before our November 1 competition kickoff that runway 5/23 at Lakeland Linder Airport would be unavailable each day until 11:30 a.m. due to construction. Now with flying days cut in half, coordinators of the event scrambled to change the already well-planned weekly schedule to fit all the events in by the end of the week.

For the best use of daylight hours, written and ground events requiring an appointment were moved to the

morning and flying events had their patterns and landings shortened from three to two for each of the ten heats.

Tuesday through Thursday we had glorious weather and the events continued until sunset. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans, and Friday brought torrential rains for our message drop on the final flying day! This required yet another schedule adjustment — the fifth since the beginning of the competition. Through the combined ingenuity of Chief Judge Mark Misunas and 99s member Donna Wilt, the message drop event was hosted in Hangar A. Donna drew on her experience of being the chief judge at Region X when some bad weather required an alternative NAV event to be organized in a hangar. The competitors laid out the NAV checkpoints in the hangar and then each contestant used a paper airplane to fly in the NAV event with trophies awarded at the banquet. So new rules and a new name, the message sling, were put in place and this no-flying message drop alternative was born.

The message container weight was doubled from 2.5 ounces and optional strengthening materials were provided for the concrete floor impact. The target was measured from one end of the hangar to the other with a red square in the center of a blue tarp. Resistance bands in light, medium, and heavy-duty strengths were provided and became the plane with two teammates as the "wings" of the plane holding each end of the band. The drop master was given one practice launch then pulled the container back in the center of the band and let the message "fly."

Watching these teams use their imaginations to improve their flight's angle of attack (AOA) was fun but the final "flight" wasn't always as expected. Some flew only inches while others hit the ground, fell to pieces, and continued sliding across the smooth concrete. The adjusted rules anticipated these crash-and-slide occurrences by stating the measurements to the center of the red square would be made from the largest remaining piece.

Other rules included that: each team must use their original container, the streamer must stay connected from launch to landing, and the resistance bands must be used. Broward College wasn't able to participate in the Region IX SAFECON due to last-minute unavailable funding but they drove over to return their traveling trophy. In the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship, Broward was invited to participate in the message sling and their container landed almost dead center on the target! Cheers erupted from the

other five teams in attendance and the message drop/sling trophy was awarded to Broward College with a slightly adjusted name.

Another highlight of the week was The 99s social for the nine women competitors from the five competing teams. The 99s Clubhouse at Sun 'n Fun was opened and the event was hosted by Co-Chair of The 99s Clubhouse Barbara Yeninas, who provided snacks and beverages. The afternoon gave us great weather with a balmy breeze, so we all gathered on the porch for some down-home conversation. Eight of the nine women were able to attend so all schools were represented.

Ninety-Nines member Maria Choi, from the Florida Suncoast Chapter, gave insights into her job as a pilot for a charter flying service. She also encouraged the many women with commercial ratings to consider the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) program offered by The 99s. Barbara Yeninas was again asked to share about her double plane landing from December 11, 1999. This time she came prepared and passed around the article showing the Piper Cadet on top of her Cessna 152 after landing. Thank goodness she was with her instructor who took the controls to land this behemoth while Barbara tore away the windscreen for visibility. The full story can be read at <http://avstop.com/news/plantcity.html>. Marilyn Shafer, 99s member, maneuvered the women through The 99s website to find the many scholarships, their requirements for applying, and a membership application. A follow up e-mail was sent to all present using their sign-in information, and the afternoon social was concluded with a group photo of the women competitors in the front two rows and 99s gathered

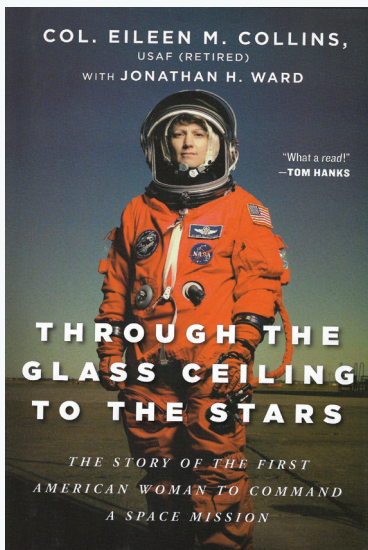


Left: Karen Brun, Barbara Yeninas, Mary Bryant, Maria Choi, Janice McWilliams, Marilyn Shafer, Barbara Mathews. Competitors (not in order) Autumn Richarz, Elizabeth Jilbert, Madeline Ryan, Bryanna Travis, Ann Marie Petrone, Amelia Vaith, Maggie Hearn, and Georgie Harrington.

Right: Co-Chair of the 99s Clubhouse Barbara Yeninas

behind. Most of the women stayed to chat in small groups with members from the Florida Suncoast and Spaceport Chapters who were in attendance and judging the Region IX SAFECON.

If you haven't volunteered to judge at a NIFA Regional in your area, don't hesitate next fall. And remember that national SAFECONs will be held May 9-14, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio, at the Ohio State University Airport. There will be a 99s booth in the competitors' hangar so make plans to attend, volunteer at the booth, and meet some wonderful young women working their way into general aviation and beyond! 🌟



## Books

### **THROUGH THE GLASS CEILING TO THE STARS: The Story of the First American Woman to Command a Space Mission**

Author: Col. Eileen M. Collins, USAF (Retired) with Jonathan H. Ward

Arcade Publishings — ISBN:978-1-9500994-05-2 | Ebook ISBN:978-1-9500994-11-3 | US \$27.99 HB/ CAN \$36.99

We all know who Eileen Collins is — the first woman to command a space shuttle. She is also a life member of The Ninety-Nines. There will be many more she-is-also instances when you read this book, and some of those are quite surprising.

I am an admitted “book nerd.” I always take a look at the index or reference sections. In this book, when I saw five different page references for the term “eyesight,” it made me enjoy it even more. This book is a wonderful chronicle into the ride that has been Collins' life up until this point. Chapter Four is titled “Strength and Humility – Training Pilots,” which is about her time as the first female instructor pilot at Vance Air Force Base. Those subtleties provide a window into the type of person who is Eileen Collins. The book will provide insights that you won't see coming.

In 1995, Collins became the first female space shuttle commander, and the atmosphere then is difficult to describe 26 years after the fact. The Mercury 13 were special guests at the launch, and I was fortunate enough to be a guest of Wally Funk. In the van from the airport, I sat beside Patricia Ireland — then president of the National Organization for Women (NOW). It was a big deal then, and this book is a big deal now. Sincere thanks to Eileen Collins for sharing her honest and inspirational life story.

– Jacque Boyd, Rio Grande Norte Chapter

# Milestones



**Mary Allen**  
Boeing 787 Type Rating  
- Hampton Roads



**Megan Armstrong**  
Solo - Appalachian Aviatrices



**Michaela Chroustova**  
Commercial - British Columbia Coast

**Emma Emmons**  
Solo - Bay Cities

**Rebecca Erb**  
CFI - Bay Cities

**Kyra Duncan**  
Private - Orange County



**Jenna Forseth Madrid**  
Multi-engine Instrument Rating  
- British Columbia Coast

**Eileen Hamby**  
CFI - Alabama



**Abby Hettinga**  
ATP - Columbia Cascade

**Rachel Kusumoto**  
Solo - British Columbia Coast



**Raphaela Larouche**  
Private - British Columbia Coast



**Ingrid Lohne**  
Instrument - San Fernando Valley

**Mona Madry-Adams**  
Instrument - Bay Cities

**Astrid Melms**  
Instrument - Wisconsin

**Karen Mitchell**  
Instrument and CFI - Eastern New England,

**Cindy Morris**  
Private - Orange County

**Haley Randel**  
CFI - Bay Cities



**Alejandra Rodas**  
Solo - British Columbia Coast

**Anna Rubianes**  
Private - Phoenix

**Tiphani Sach**  
Multi-engine - Orange County

**Sanjana Saini**  
Solo - British Columbia Coast



**Lori Sherrill**  
Instrument - Georgia Flying Belles

**Sara Siddiqui**  
Multi-engine - Wisconsin



**Shannon Sorg**  
Commercial - British Columbia Coast

**Sheena Templo**  
Multi-engine - Long Beach

**Jennifer Walinowicz**  
Instrument, Seaplane - Orange County

**Kim Wood**  
ATP, Military Aircraft Commander  
- Washington DC

## AFRICAN SECTION

Another successful aviation education tour for young ladies was organized by African Section member, Kgomotso Phatsima, along with the help of her nonprofit Dare to Dream. Phatsima started Dare to Dream over 10 years ago to inspire young people — especially young women — to pursue aviation and STEM careers. Dare to Dream is based in Botswana but hopes to eventually branch out across the continent. Because Dare to Dream tries to keep their aviation events at no cost to the students, they rely mainly on donations. Dare to Dream organized this event thanks to generous donations from The VanAllen Group, based in Peachtree City, Georgia, and Aviation for Humanity, based in Seattle, Washington.

Captain Phatsima’s Dare to Dream team organized a tour at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone, Botswana. This was the first time seeing aircraft up close and personal for 30 students and their teachers from the village of Molepolole. The students were delighted to see a Cessna 172, Hawker 800XP, and Baron 58. Following the tour, Pauletta Maunge, 16, was quick to pick out her career path: “Engineering. I would go for aircraft engineering.”

Captain Phatsima has been inspiring young ladies in Botswana for many years, encouraging them to believe in themselves. Student Maaoa Malongwa, 15, could not contain her enthusiasm for Captain Kgomotso Phatsima after meeting her for the first time at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport. “When Captain Phatsima said she was a pilot, I was like, ‘Wow! That’s really inspiring ... maybe one day I’ll be like her!’” Maaoa said. She attended the aviation education tour with 29 of her classmates from the Mahupu Unified Secondary School on October 7.

The tour was a big hit with the students. The girls were all in cheerful moods throughout the entire event, even after having to wake up at 4:00 AM to catch a bus to the airport from their village. Captain Phatsima is passionate about lighting the spark of aviation for young ladies. She states, “The most important outcome for us is to be able to plant a seed and inspire the young girls from rural, underprivileged backgrounds to aim high and open their eyes to the amazing world of STEM and aviation.”

In the meantime, Dare to Dream continues to reach out and inspire young girls, giving them the chance to dream bigger than they ever have before. “Captain Phatsima inspired me because she told me a girl can be anything she wants and she can venture into technology,” said Camillau Letsotle, 16, while beaming a future-focused smile.

– Trudy Casen with volunteer  
Aya Weber-Jacobsen



## WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

The Washington DC Chapter had an exciting fall season in 2021. In September, five of our members volunteered at College Park Girls in Aviation Day where they inspired the 55 girls in attendance to pursue their aviation dreams. Rebekah Seifer also participated in a Girls in Aviation Day at Reagan National and passed out free goodies to attendees. Thanks to Kelly Murphy, of Women in Aviation International, for bringing these events to the DC area!

In October, the DC 99s joined forces with EAA, Chapter 4, and DuVal High to paint a compass rose at Potomac Airfield. Chapter Chair Lucy Mencia took the lead on organizing the event and even made sure there was pizza for hungry painters. Over twenty individuals volunteered to assist in this two-day endeavor including Daun Jung, Kathleen O’Neil, Kim Wood, and Raliene Banks.

Kathleen O’Neil and Daun Jung coordinated a holiday glass etching event in November. Members were able to choose from aviation and holiday themed designs to etch bottles, wine glasses, and mason jars. The successful event raised \$225 to support future flight scholarships. A big thanks to Tammy Brown for leading our Chapter’s artistic endeavors.

One of our members, Kim Wood, celebrated some career milestones in November by earning her ATP at Flight Safety in Savannah, Georgia, followed by her military aircraft commander qualification.

– Kim Wood

# Grass Roots

## FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

The Florida Suncoast 99s held their October meeting at the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport, after which Francis Neeley and two other Forest Service men gave a great presentation on fighting forest fires and flying for the Forest Service in Florida.

This group picture was taken with Smokey Bear in the background reminding us to help prevent forest fires.

- Janice McWilliams



## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

### Almost Fly-in Event

The weather didn't cooperate and nixed our planned October fly-in event at north suburban Chicago's Campbell Airport. So there was no flying for the flour bombing competition, but we had fun anyway thanks to our hostess, Shelley Ventura, for a great lunch, tabletop bocce ball, airplane-shaped Baggos, and a tour of her magnificent Archer! If you haven't recently visited Campbell Airport, the newly remodeled space is great. We had a nice short meeting and the typical friendly chatter of a 99s get together.

August marked a major milestone for someone that many of us at DuPage Airport (DPA) — as well as the local flying community — are familiar with. Gail LaPook received her private certificate 50 years ago and has never looked back. For the past 31 years, she has been a DPE and has signed off on thousands of certificates, my own included.

She has been a mentor and a friend to many of us around Chicago, always setting a high standard to ensure safety for everyone. On behalf of all of us here at DuPage Tower — as well as the countless pilots she has guided on their journey — congratulations and here's to many more years and checkrides! The Chicago Area 99s are so proud of Gail and echo the praise of the DuPage Tower.

Marie Spear received the Early Bird award for being the first to fly her Stearman into the 50th National Stearman Fly-in at Galesburg, Illinois. Also spending the week at the fly-in were the Budweiser Clydesdales. Marie and her 49 1/2, Pete, — who flew his Stearman in — spent some time giving Stearman rides to a few of the handlers that travel with the team and in return they gifted Marie and Pete with a Clydesdale horseshoe to put in their hangar right next to Marie's award!

- Diane M. Cozzi



Left: Chapter members at Campbell FBO. Right: Gail LaPook

## GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

### Preserving History

On September 28, 2021, twelve members and guests of the Greater St. Louis Chapter washed and touched up the paint on a static-displayed U.S. Navy Blue Angels F/A-18. The retired F/A-18 is on permanent loan from the Navy to the St. Louis Science Center's James S. McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis Forest Park.

The weather was perfect; mid 70s and low humidity ensured a pleasant time for all who worked to spiff up the plane for visitors. Paul Voorhees, the owner of Big River Aviation, and his crew, Ninety-Nines member, Diane Earhart and Chris Read, provided this fundraising opportunity to our Chapter and supervised the work. Big River Aviation annually oversees the work of maintaining the F/A-18 with the labor fee — paid by the St. Louis Science Center — going to a local charity. In 2021, the Greater St. Louis Ninety-Nines were the lucky recipient and we will use the donation for our Adela Scharr Scholarship fund.

Many of the younger members climbed ladders to wash the wing tips and the top of the fuselage and paint the more difficult-to-reach parts of the wingtips. Chapter Co-Chair Libby Yunger and longtime member Nelda Lee supervised the ground operations. Nelda remembers when this exact plane rolled off the assembly line at McDonnell Douglas/Boeing during her time working as a flight test engineer. Members came and went as their various schedules allowed, but everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. With so many members participating, we completed the job in record time and reconvened for a group lunch at The Boathouse in Forest Park.

– Katherine Totty and Diane Earhart



Top: A job well done: Kneeling: Diane Earhart and Paul Voorhees. Standing: Jerry Miller, Chris Read, Beth Campbell, Nelda Lee, Co-Chair Libby Yunger, and Katherine Totty. By airplane: Vivian Miller and Co-Chair Stephanie Maughan  
Bottom: Co-Chair Stephanie Maughan, Chris Read, Darrell Shepard, Katherine Totty and June Shepard (in background), and Erin Freeman



## ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER

### The 99s Display at Rural Museum

In anticipation of the Antelope Valley Fair, the Antelope Valley Rural Museum (AVRM) approached Chapter members Rosemary Jensen and Barbara Schultz about preparing a glass-case display to feature The Ninety-Nines. Barbara — a historian and former board member of the Museum of Women Pilots — took the lead in curating the display. She had enough material to also make a display featuring the long-time Antelope Valley resident, Pancho Barnes. Visitors are encouraged to check AVRM's website as they are currently closed due to the pandemic.

– Lynne Hsia

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## SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

On November 13, 2021, a gaggle of ten pilots from the San Antonio Chapter made their way from central Texas to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, in four airplanes. The pilots joined Meriem “Roby” Anderson — a WASP — at her family reunion. The variety of airplanes showcased at the event were as great as the pilots present but there was a fly in the ointment: severe winds that were gusting at up to 22 knots!

I was the first to arrive in my Decathlon — along with my student pilot Jamie Jones. Soon after Courtney Hintz, a doctor in the Air Force and currently deployed in the San Antonio area, landed in her Champ and found her way to the FBO. Soon after, Diane Wieman, pilot and owner of a Viking, and Rachel Scarbrough, her co-pilot, arrived. Diane is a CFII and A&P/IA, and Rachel has a very interesting job working for Foreflight. The last, but not least, to arrive were Cheryl Mora, Patty Taylor, and Lori Hanson in a C172. Cheryl was our Chapter Chair for many years; she is a CFII and ATP. Patty is a commercial/IFR pilot. Lori is a nurse and student pilot. Lacey Law also attended, but drove in since she was doing some training near Dallas.

Upon our arrival, we were escorted over to the National WASP WWII Museum that resides on Avenger Field. The museum honors the life and legacy of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. While I had visited the museum before, the other women in our Chapter had not, so they enjoyed a full tour.

Our trip to Sweetwater was a multipart mission: to spend time with Roby and her family, but also to deliver, via air, a set of WASP wings, patches, videos, and letters from another WASP member, Rosa Lee Meek, who was not yet



a part of their museum. I got to know Rosa a few years ago and knew that the WASP museum at Avenger Field didn't have any information on her — which had to be remedied!

Before dinner, I made a small presentation along with the other 99s and now these rare wings and other items can be enjoyed at the museum. It was an emotional event, but fun was just around the corner. Rides in the BT-13 were given to the family of the WASP, Roby, and I also got to enjoy a ride in the BT-13 with Pilot Brian Laing.

That evening, Roby's family and the museum shared stories of Roby. Again, it was quite emotional, but we were all so grateful to be part of the event. Everyone raved about this flyout. We hope it won't be long until our next one!

– Andrea McGilvray

## ORANGE COUNTY

Members of the Orange County Chapter staffed a booth at the Great Pacific Airshow in Huntington Beach, California, on October 1-2. The airshow was notable in that the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the U.S. Air Force



Thunderbirds, and the Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds all flew — as did a number of Aerobats and vintage aircraft. Also making a spectacular low pass was the Orbis Flying Eye Hospital in a MD-10.

Gracing our booth's walls were two 3' by 6' banners — designed by Graphic Artist Trish Magdaleno — showing Chapter members in airplanes and helicopters. It was a delightful way to highlight their many achievements and to demonstrate the wide variety of aircraft the women in our Chapter fly. We had a jar of earplugs available for a contribution to our Chapter scholarships and donated several pairs to children who had no ear protection. We talked with many women who were interested in our organization and we will be sending an introductory copy of our next newsletter to them so they may join us at meetings. Three lucky people will win an introductory flight donated by local flight schools at John Wayne Airport (KSN). We were delighted to have this opportunity to publicize The 99s to our community.

– Shirley McFall

## LAKE TAHOE CHAPTER

### Celebrates their 46th Birthday!

The Lake Tahoe Chapter was chartered on October 25, 1975, with founding member Bonnie Seymour — who had recently relocated from the San Fernando Chapter — and 14 other charter members. So, on October 29 of this year, 17 folks gathered at Rosie’s Café in Tahoe City for a happy celebration.

We had one charter member, Lois Brown, who was in attendance. Bonnie’s daughter, Cindy Seymour Bashford, was present and hosted the cocktail hour in memory of her mom. After lots of socializing, a great dinner, many photos, and a festive cake, we were all glad the weather cooperated — unlike 5 days before when we were shoveling lots of new snow.

A fun fact discovered during the festivities was that the Lake Tahoe Chapter had at one time welcomed four sets of mother daughter pilot members! They included: Bonnie Seymour and daughter Linda Seymour (still a Chapter member); Lois Brown (still a Chapter member) and daughter Pam Brown; Marilyn Andrews and daughter Lynnette; and Barbara Northrop and her three daughters Pat Northrop (still a Chapter member), Kim Northrop (still a Chapter member) and Karen Northrop. That may be a record for The 99s’ Chapters.

In 1977 the new Lake Tahoe Chapter hosted a SWS spring conference. We have had Chapter members race in the Powder Puff Derby (when it still was named that), the Palms to Pines air race, Shirts & Skirts air race, and others. Over the years we have sponsored FAA safety



Front Row — Jean Hennesey, BJ Yuke, Alanna McClellan (Chapter co-chair), Elaine Yeary.  
2nd Row — Lois Brown, Chris Stulik (Orange County).  
3rd row — Pam Brown, Lynn Meadows (Chapter co-chair), Pat Chan (Southwest Section Governor).  
4th Row — Pat Northrop, Cindy Seymour Bashford, Kristen Gregory, Syd Whisler (Reno High Sierra)

seminars, hosted spaghetti dinners at Truckee Tahoe Airport (KTRK), given 150 local youth airplane rides all in one day, helped Girl Scouts with badge work, and attended many Section meetings. We are proud of our history and our Chapter members.

– Lynn Meadows



Kayoko Stewart and Ganba, Warren Stewart, Corbi Bulluck, Jan Squillace, Angela Taylor, Sandra Smith, Trish Hess, and Billy Carter

## KITTY HAWK CHAPTER

On September 25, 2021, the Kitty Hawk Chapter painted a helipad for Dare MedFlight at Dare County Regional Airport (MQI) in Manteo, North Carolina. Six 99s were present on Saturday to complete the project — including 99s International President Corbi Bulluck — along with help from two friends and the dachshund, Ganba, diligently supervising the efforts. Supplies not already in possession by Chapter member Jan Squillace were donated by the local Home Depot. A local motel offered a discounted rate for members staying the night and the local media received a press release from Dare MedFlight on the event. It is safe to say the community was strongly invested in the project. After the helipad was completed, the workers who painted the helipad all got a ride on the Dare MedFlight helicopter! It was a wonderful chance to reconnect after being apart due to Covid-19. The project was also a great opportunity to give back to the community and get the chance to fly over Kitty Hawk in an EMS helicopter. The Kitty Hawk Chapter is looking forward to more airmarkings to come!

– Trish Hess

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## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

After two years of planning and delays due to Covid-19, the Wild Wings planning committee of the Dallas Chapter were able to pull off — without a hitch — the South Central Section Meeting in McKinney, Texas in October 2021. Spearheading the planning committee was Laurie Adams Peake, Section meeting chair and vice governor and flight instructor for the Diamond Aircraft Center based out of Arlington, Texas. The committee was able to round up various Chapters for a Section meeting that included presentations from Susan Doyle, Kevin Lacey, Wally Funk, and a panel of former and current professional pilots from our Section: Chris Hettenbach, Lora Lewis, Kay Alley, Beth Polcari, and Michelle Hovey.

Susan Doyle, a 9/11 survivor who was interviewed by Peter Jennings the day after 9/11, was able to lead her entire office out of World Trade Center One before its collapse. Her presentation kept us riveted and reminded us all that each day is a gift. Kevin Lacey was brought in by handcuffs. He gave a colorful synopsis of his life including his time on the show “Airplane Repo.” Currently, he leads a group called Tango 31 — a nonprofit group based out of his hangar at Aero Country Airport in McKinney, Texas, where young women and men learn how to build, repair, and fly airplanes. Wally Funk recently made history after she finally got to spend a few minutes in space on Jeff Bezos’ Blue Origin spacecraft. In the 1960s, Wally excelled through astronaut training only to be rejected by NASA because she was a woman. Now, at the age of 82, Wally is the oldest woman to earn her astronaut wings.

At the hotel, the hospitality room was used as a multipurpose area that included a fly market, raffle prizes, a silent auction, refreshments, and camaraderie. The silent auction had generous donations from these organizations: Airfield Estates, The WASP Museum, Tea and Spice Company, Commemorative Air Force, CAE, Cirrus, Addison Pilot Shop, CTL Aero Solutions, Frontiers of Flight, AOPA, NetJets, and Gulfstream to name a few. The raffle items included a David Clark headset, Zulu headset, and an aviation quilt made by The 99s’ Vice President Terry Carbonell. Special thanks to McKinney Visitor Center, Beverly Pontius, the Sheraton Hotel of McKinney, and McKinney Airport Operations for contributing to the success of this Section meeting.

Thanks again to Laurie Adams Peake and her team: Holly Barr, Kay Alley, Susan Doyle, Beth Polcari, Cindy Weber, Kaylee Jeffries, Lynnette Bascom, Janny Strickland, Karen Zolka, Carol Levine, and Dr. Monica Randolph-Graham. Our team would like to wish the Colorado Chapter and Shelby King, Section meeting chair, a successful South Central Section Spring Meeting in March 2022 in Boulder, Colorado.

– Carol Levine



## LAKE CHARLES CHAPTER

The Lake Charles Chapter met at the school of Carla Ladner, who showed us the rooms that house her aerospace education program at Hudson Independent School District near Lufkin, Texas. Since 2010 she has introduced robotics, UVA (drones), UGV (rovers), model rocketry, and aviation basics. Carla attended the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) High School Symposium and was subsequently awarded the AOPA Curriculum for 2019-2020, which allowed the addition of aviation to the district’s curriculum. This provided a formal aeronautical program for grades 8-12. She has started training students on three RedBird TD2 flight simulators.

Carla holds a private certificate, a commercial drone license, and is working on her instrument rating. She firmly believes that being a certified pilot makes her a better teacher of aviation. Her goal is to positively influence her students and encourage them by her example.

In addition to The Ninety-Nines, Ladner is a member of the AOPA, EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association), WIA (Women in Aviation), NAR (National Association of Rocketry), and AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics). She and her students are members of and regularly attend and make presentations at the local EAA Chapter 1219 meetings. They also serve as volunteer assistants for Young Eagle flights at the Angelina County Airport.

Carla credits The Ninety-Nines for encouraging her during her flight training. The Lake Charles Chapter is honored to have her as a member. One of the Chapter’s youngest members, Emma Bright, was able to attend and spend time on one of the flight simulators.

– Carla Ladner and Dr. Sandra J. Leder



## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

### Southeastern Girl Scout Aviation Day

On October 9, 2021, the Michigan Chapter hosted 68 Girl Scouts with their adult companions for an aviation experience at the Michigan Aviation FBO at Oakland County International Airport (KPTK). The Girl Scouts rotated through six aviation stations: charts, runway patterns, radio communications, forces of flight using gliders and paper airplanes, weather, static C-177 pre-flight demo, and had a photo opportunity in a Citation cockpit thanks to Frances Rose and her father. Ten Ninety-Nines: Suzette Biela, Sandy Denton, Kim Fanelli, Debbie Franceus, Jenna Hinton, Melanie McNicholas, Frances Rose, Susan Siporin, Heather Stalnaker, and Nancy Walters, along with four friends of The Ninety-Nines: Lynn Baginski, Bob Denton, Sarah Pagano, and Joslyn created an energetic learning experience.

Each scout received a folder with: a Sporty's practice chart, six-inch ruler, pencil, pen, foam glider, wooden glider, oval Chicks Fly decal, toy parachute chick, printed aviation sheets depicting forces of flight, parts of aircraft and helicopter, phonetic alphabet, word search of aviation terms, a quiz of basic principles learned and a Ninety-Nines aviation badge. For the phonetic alphabet/radio communication section, the scouts used hand-held radios and practiced asking and receiving takeoff instructions.

Following lunch, 99 member Heather Stalnaker presented a PowerPoint of her journey through her PPL, her CAP and National Guard experience, and her future in the Air Force as a boom operator.

- Sandy Denton



Grouped around Derek Rogers' Nanchang CJ-6. Brooke Spurlock is up top in Derek's jumpsuit. Below are: Chapter Chair Laura Burnham, Chapter Secretary Sara Tompson, Chapter Vice President Cindy Copeland-DeVan, and Chapter Girl Scouts Liaison Tammy Willits.

## NORTHEAST KANSAS

In September, a number of our Northeast Kansas 99s helped out at the Lawrence Airport stop in the 2021 Fly Kansas Air Tour! The Kansas Department of Transportation hosts the annual Fly Kansas Air Tour as a chance to promote airports and pilots in the state. Commercial companies like Garmin are sponsors, and there are prizes at some of the stops. The Fly Kansas Air Tour has been going on for almost 100 years!

- Sara Tompson



## PARADISE COAST

On October 30, the Paradise Coast Chapter hosted their 5th annual Wicked Witches Fly-in at the Runway Café in Sebring, Florida. Wearing costumes that ranged from mermaids to werewolves, more than 25 pilots and aviation enthusiasts gathered to celebrate the return of flying activities to southern Florida since the summer heat and Covid-19 restrictions have finally eased.

Unfortunately, the weather was wicked; thunderstorms and rain blanketed central Florida until late morning. A few patient pilots waited until the weather cleared, and others decided to drive. Heartland, Gold Coast, Treasure

Coast, and Suncoast Chapters of The 99s were all represented, with Heartland and Paradise Coast selling merchandise to support their scholarship funds.

After lunch we shared a cake celebrating Ellen Herr's 30th year of being a 99 member.

Prizes for best costumes were donated by Jen Toplak from Dare to Fly Fashion. The best costume winner was Connie Legee — who dressed as a witch doctor — with an honorable mention to Hayleigh Blaszyk and Diana Clinton.

Looking forward to another Halloween flyout next year!

– Ellen Herr

## COLORADO CHAPTER

The Colorado Chapter continues to explore fulfilling, innovative, and informative activities. September's Poker Run and October's presentation from Chapter Chair Stephanie Wells on her flying safari in South Africa, captured the interest of meeting attendees through the Fall. Our November meeting and program focused on safety in flight. Chapter members and guests watched a video of an interview and recollection from an incident of carbon monoxide poisoning. Attendees discussed experiences, recommendations, and guidance about multiple safety features for pilots — particularly those used during seasons of inclement weather and high altitude flight.

The most notable event at the November meeting was a celebration for Anita Hessin's 101st birthday. Thanks to Anita's family and friends, 99s recognized Anita and her wonderful spirit and joy for aviation. Anita began her flight journey in the 1960s and flew over 2,800 hours!

Another fun, recent outing involved Chapter members Audrey Maruska and June Stewart piloting in Clank — a 1941 PT17. What a thrill!



Corrie Stevens completed her CFI checkride in September. Great job, Corrie!

The 2021 Chapter scholarship winners, Amanda Willson and Jillian Warren, both passed their private pilot checkrides this summer. Congratulations to Amanda and Jillian!

Future Chapter activities include airmarking, fly-ins, and the South Central Section meeting in Boulder, Colorado, in March!

– Lydia Baldwin

## Our newest Life Members

<b>Barbara Anderson</b>	<b>Yogini Modi</b>
<b>Roberta Bemis</b>	<b>Joyce Odom</b>
<b>Debi Dreyfuss</b>	<b>Kimberly Rumpsa</b>
<b>Robin Gartman</b>	<b>M Emily Vallarino</b>
<b>Sherlyn Halloran</b>	<b>Eleanor Vogt</b>
<b>Linda Horn</b>	<b>Kym Waldrop</b>
<b>Kathryn Koshan</b>	<b>Janice Welsh</b>
<b>Kathleen Malone</b>	<b>Marolyn Wilson</b>
<b>Nancy Miller-Borg</b>	<b>Sally van Zandt</b>
<b>Olga Mitchell</b>	

## 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 of their contributions to our organization.

<b>Charlotte Shawcross</b> September 15, 2021 <i>Finger Lakes Chapter</i>	<b>Donna Elaine Bosch</b> July 10, 2021 <i>Mount Tahoma Chapter</i>
<b>Verna West</b> June 28, 2021 <i>Santa Clara Valley Chapter</i>	<b>Delle Hightower</b> Life Member October 29, 2021 <i>Houston Chapter</i>
<b>Delores Morris</b> Life Member July 28, 2021 <i>Alabama Chapter</i>	<b>Bertha Podwys</b> November 13, 2021 <i>Florida Suncoast Chapter</i>
<b>Lilian Darling Holt</b> November 18, 2021 <i>San Fernando Valley</i>	<b>Sherry Sisson</b> November 28, 2021 <i>Oregon Pines Chapter</i>



## Our most recently enlisted Friends of The 99s

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<b>Kelly Dobrovolny,</b> Sparks, NV	<b>Bangaly Savane</b> Lexington, KY
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*CORRECTION: At the September 2021 in-person meeting of the Long Island Chapter, the members attending learned that Diane Fisher had previously received the new 99s pin from International President Corbi Bullock. The pin celebrates members who have been a member of The 99s for 50 years or more. Diane and President Bullock were not present at the meeting. – Patricia Rockwell, Long Island Chapter*

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