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## On the Cover

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## LETTERS

### 99s FORUM HELPED ME FIND MY WAY

Two years ago this summer I wrote to this forum asking for guidance. I told you all that I had left a regional airline job many years ago to stay at home with my babies and was ready to return to aviation. I asked you your opinions on job prospects for a mom as well as recommendations on flight instructors to help me shake off the rust.

The response from this forum was incredible! I heard back immediately from Wendy Paver, Ginger Rowley, Christine Malcomson-Young, Debby Cunningham and Andrea Rinebold. Through these ladies I learned of many prospective companies and ideas for employment as well as two wonderful flight instructors who got me back in the air — Emi Kennedy and Diane Myers.

Today I am pleased to tell you that I am employed as a pilot once again! I recently started flying for a new airline called Surf Air. I am flying a Pilatus PC-12 and couldn't be happier.

I owe so much to The 99s, not only on the International level, but here in my own Orange County Chapter. I have never known such a supportive and encouraging group of women, willing to consistently go out of their way to help another woman find her way.

Thank you, Ninety-Nines! I promise I will do my best to offer other women the same help you have given me.

— Arlene Wilske  
Orange County, CA Chapter

### RETIRED PILOT HAPPY TO PAY 99s DUES

Re your column in the May/June issue: I haven't piloted an aircraft in many years nor have I participated in Chapter activities because I don't live close to a Chapter and don't drive much anymore either. But I pay my dues happily each year as my contribution toward the future health of our 99s organization and of women in aviation, and I'd like to encourage all of us who "no longer fly" to do the same.

Danna Henderson  
Whirly-Girl #31, Easton, MD

## Correction

Our apologies to Peggy Doyle for missing her correction to the article "Attitude Adjustment" in the May-June 99 News. On page 19, first column, next to the last paragraph, the text should have read, "We slipped and skidded and cemented the difference in my head. Skidding can lead to a stall and spin; slipping never will. You have to couple excess yaw with roll to spin a stalled aircraft. The rudder yaws the airplane. The aileron rolls the airplane. So, a stalled airplane will spin if yaw is applied. The plane will spin in which ever direction the rudder is applied. As we practiced more spin entry and recovery, I notice there was less of a lump in my throat. I'm feeling more confident. I can do this (with Judy in the back of course)!"

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Air Race Classic first place winners Helen Wyrick Beulen, left, and Marjorie Thayer.



Ninety-Nines attended the 2013 induction into the International Forest of Friendship in June: (1) Michele Stauffer; (2) Alanna McClellan; (3) Rosemary Sieracki; (4) Kath Holcombe; (5) Rebecca Duggan; (6) Carol Craig Morris; (7) Mary Jane Rice; (8) Carol Rayburn; (9) Janet Yoder; (10) Kay Ackerman Harmon; (11) Alice Talnack; (12) Wally Funk; (13) Wendy O'Malley; (14) Judy Benjamin; (15) Kathryn Gunpher accepting for Dodie Post Gann; (16) Nan France; (17) Jerry Anne Jurenka; (18) Donna Tucker; (19) Linda Mae Draper-Hivert accepting for Catherine "Kitty" Houghton; (20) Laurie Probst; (21) Ruth Ellen Ellis Frantz; (22) Ann Shaneyfelt; (23) Leslie Jenison; (24) Cheri Thompson; (25) Dorothy Anderson accepting for Dodie Post Gann; (26) General Douglas Fraser, USAF Ret.

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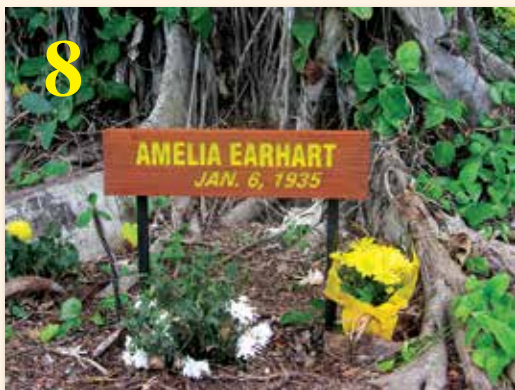
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# President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

**T**hank you all for your expressions of concern regarding the recent tornado activity in the Oklahoma City area. I am happy to report that none of our staff, volunteers or local members was unduly affected.

The first group of tornados that came through hit south and east of the Will Rogers Airport grounds where our building is located. Other than some power outages and road closure inconvenience, there were no real consequences at that time. However, the second group that came through was much closer with some major damage at the airport itself and surrounding buildings.

As for our building, the storm caused tree limbs to snap and scatter around, we lost the last "m" in "Museum" on the side of the building, some of the roof flashing was twisted around causing minor roof damage allowing some water intrusion, and the fence around the transformer was damaged.

For those of you who have visited the Headquarters Building, imagine seeing people coming into the building to seek shelter from the imminent tornado and crowding into the men's bathroom which, being in the center of the building, seemed to be the safest spot.

But now, the tree limbs are picked up and the "m" is replaced on the Museum sign. The roof is patched, and the walls

and carpets by the doors were professionally dried and treated to prevent mold and mildew. The final roof repair and fence damage are still being resolved with the insurance company.

AAR Corporation, the large FBO at the airport, which some of our members use when flying into Oklahoma City for meetings, received heavy damage and, as a result, has leased our tenant building at least through November of this year while they decide whether or what to rebuild. They are considering a longer lease once they determine the best course of action. Our previous tenant, RIGIL Corporation, had moved out of the building only a day or so before AAR moved in.

Laura Ohrenberg, our Headquarters Manager, had her hands full with the repairs to our building and getting the AAR people moved in but did an excellent job in a very short time period.

This pretty much capped off my first year as President, which has been a really full one. Attending the tradeshow at EAA's AirVenture last July, AOPA's Summit in October, WAI's Convention in March, and Sun 'n Fun in April, allowed me the opportunity to meet many members, recruit new members and work with the other aviation organizations to meet our common goal of introducing aviation to new pilots.



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# PILOT CAREERS: Willingness to Change

BY DONNA MILLER  
International Careers Committee

*“When we least expect it, life sends us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back.” — Paulo Coelho*

In the aviation industry, change is dramatic and everywhere. It starts with the weather and schedules on a daily basis and extends to regulations that affect the entire industry well into the far reaching future. There are always choices and decisions that are necessary because of these changes.

Sometimes it’s hard to believe that change is for the better. But even if it doesn’t feel that way, it is. There really is no such thing as “change for the worse.” Change is a process and an evolution that is moving us forward toward improvement. We are constantly learning and growing during its course.

Having been furloughed after 9/11, I was fortunate enough to remain in the aviation industry. I eventually made a happy life at my hometown airline. I observed my friends as they struggled with the choice of staying at this company or returning to their previous airlines as they began calling their pilots back from furlough. I watched as each one made a personal decision, knowing that my turn would eventually come. Leaving would mean huge changes and a big unknown. Staying would mean continuing to

love my life until something else eventually caused a change. But I had time, or so I thought.

The call came when I least expected it. Timidly, I jumped into the abyss, and the changes came fast and furious. Doubtful that it was a coincidence, at the same time my property manager told me someone wanted to rent my home. Right now. That gave me three days to pack up my house, put it in storage, find a sweet home for my cat and drive my airport car with nearly 200,000 miles on it another 772 miles to training.

As I drove away from my hometown, I felt a huge sense of loss. Even the most longed for change is difficult. We have to let go of something in order to reach for something else. But the closer I got to my new life, the more excited I became. I look forward to the new possibilities that come with change.

I trust the Universe is watching. I believe that our willingness to take on new challenges and seize opportunities in the face of uncertainty and fear is richly rewarded. Author Mike Dooley so eloquently said, “Final moments define a journey and the first ones make it possible. Both you have control over.”

Being the Captains of our own lives, it’s up to us to steer the course and deviate when we need to as changes come our way. I’m learning this. Mike Dooley also says, “The middle moments are for living, loving and donut breaks.” I think he’s right!

## TRAINING MILESTONES

**Barbara Anderson** – Solo  
Oregon Pines Chapter

**Linda Ehrlich** – Tailwheel  
Endorsement  
Ventura County Chapter

**Amanda Faulkner** – Private Pilot  
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

**Sandra Feliciano** – Commercial  
Instrument ASEL, AMEL  
AE Scholarship, Sugarloaf Chapter

**Judi Grigsby** – First Solo  
Tennessee Chapter

**Nysa Wong Kline** – Private Pilot  
Marin Chapter

**Caroline Kolasa** – Beech 1900C/1900D  
British Columbia Coast Chapter

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San Diego Chapter

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Ventura County Chapter

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Sugarloaf Chapter

# 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organizations:

## What Does It Mean and Why Is It Important to You?

BY KRIS IRVIN-HERRON  
501(c)(3) Tax Committee Chair



### What does 501(c)(3) Mean?

You always hear about The Ninety-Nines and other organizations referred to as 501(c)(3), but what does this really mean? Technically, it refers to the IRS code section that grants organizations like The Ninety-Nines, Inc. tax-exempt status. It provides for organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing of public safety, literary or educational purposes to be exempt from federal income taxes. (The stated purposes of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. are specifically the areas of educational, charitable and scientific.)

The IRS code also states that no part of the net earnings may benefit any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities may attempt to influence legislation and the organization may not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### So what does this mean to U.S. Sections, Chapters and individual members?

One of the advantages of this status to U.S. members is the tax deductibility of contributions to the organization as charitable contributions. This also means members may deduct out-of-pocket expenses they make on behalf of the organization. Examples include purchases of supplies for use of the organization and expenses of attending meetings and conventions in an *official* capacity such as an officer or delegate. Mileage to drive to such meetings is currently allowed at a rate of 14 cents per mile. (One caveat to the travel deduction is that no deduction is allowed if there is a significant element of personal pleasure, recreation or vacation. This of course is going to be a somewhat subjective thing to prove in the case of an IRS audit but is something to keep in mind.) The tax deductibility of donations to The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is not, however, limited just to members. Nonmembers, including corporations, can deduct donations to The Ninety-Nines, Inc. as charitable, allowing us to raise funds from outside the organization.

One caveat to note is that the purchase of raffle tickets is *not* a tax deductible contribution.

### Prohibition Against Private Inurement

One of the most important things for Sections and Chapters to be mindful of is the limitation relating to benefits to private individuals. This means Sections and Chapters cannot spend their funds on functions that only benefit members, such as parties and other social functions that do not promote our tax-exempt purpose. Section and Chapter funds need to be spent on activities that promote our tax-exempt purpose such as educational activities. This does not mean a Section or Chapter cannot reimburse

members for expenses of performing official duties. It means the Section or Chapter cannot pay for personal expenses of a member. Additionally, we should try to keep administrative expenses to a minimum in relation to charitable spending.

### Operations

This leads to another very important point. The law states that 501(c)(3) organizations organized and operated for charitable purposes are exempt. Note the word “operated.” We must *operate* to promote our charitable/educational/scientific purpose. This means not only that Sections and Chapters cannot spend their funds on social activities for members but that such activities should NOT be the primary activities engaged in by Sections and Chapters. We must actually *engage* in charitable, educational or scientific activities. This can be done in a number of ways including hosting FAA safety meetings, Girl Scout activities and other educational events. It also includes raising funds to support the International organization’s operations including scholarships, museums and the Endowment Fund.

### Political Activity

The other important tax provision to keep in mind is the prohibition against lobbying and campaigning. Political activities should not be engaged in by Chapters. There are some exceptions, but the rules are complex. The best policy for Chapters is to avoid such activities.

### Cash Accumulation

One common misconception regarding our tax-exempt status relates to accumulations of cash. There actually is no rule against the accumulation of cash by tax-exempt organizations. I have seen a case in which excess cash accumulations were used as evidence of a commercial purpose in revoking an organization’s tax-exempt status, but it was only one factor of many and was not the primary factor in the case. As long as we follow the rules noted above and spend our funds *only* to further our charitable purpose, the accumulation of cash should not be a problem.

There are other subsections under IRS Code Section 501(c) that provide for other types of organizations to also be exempt from federal income taxes including social clubs. However, these other tax exempt organizations are *not* eligible to receive tax deductible charitable contributions.

*Note:* This discussion relates to the U.S. tax provisions, and the discussion of tax deductions applies to U.S. members or residents subject to U.S. income taxes only.

# A Tree for Amelia Grows in Hawaii



**AMELIA EARHART**  
*JAN. 6, 1935*

## A Banyan Tree Planted by Amelia Earhart 78 Years Ago Gets Some TLC

BY DEBRA PLYMATE, Oregon Pines Chapter

There is a special spot in Hawaii where one may commune with the spirit of our first Ninety-Nines president. It is along a shaded lane under a banyan tree planted by Amelia Earhart herself. Last fall, Oregon Pines 99 Barbara Anderson made a special trip to Hilo to see Amelia's tree. She walked up and down Banyan Drive reading every sign she could find, but no Amelia Earhart. It was gone.

We contacted the Chamber of Commerce in Hilo. They confirmed the tree no longer had a sign posted but were able to find it from a map and signage on adjacent trees. Evidently, Amelia's sign had been swept away by a tsunami about three years ago. The 99s mounted an effort to replace the sign for the tree right away.

The history of Amelia's tree started back in 1934. Over the Christmas holiday, Amelia Earhart and George Putnam, along with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mantz, arrived in Honolulu on December 27, having sailed on the Matson liner SS Lurline. Amelia's Lockheed Vega was secured on the ocean liner's deck. Was she planning to use it for local scenic flying? Nobody knew. The group spent two weeks vacationing in Hawaii. Amelia relaxed in Waikiki, sampled pineapple with Duke Kahanamoku, presented her "Flying for Fun" lecture at the University of Hawaii and enjoyed a sightseeing flight to Maui and the Big Island on an Inter-Island Airways Sikorsky S-38.

In Hilo, Amelia planted the banyan tree along a stretch of shoreline that was becoming known as the "Living Hall of Fame." Between 1933 and 1972, celebrities planted small banyan saplings which grew into giant memorials that still stand today in honor of their planters.

Five days after planting the banyan tree, she hopped off from Honolulu in her Lockheed Vega to cross 2,408 miles of Pacific Ocean. Eighteen hours and sixteen minutes later, Amelia and her red Vega, "Old Bessie, the Fire Horse," made a perfect landing at Oakland Airport at 1:31 p.m. They were engulfed by a cheering crowd of 5,000 enthusiastic greeters. It was another record flight for Amelia – the very first person, man or woman, to fly solo between Hawaii and the Mainland and the first civilian airplane to carry a two-way radio. Using the call sign KHAB, Amelia was able to receive and transmit using voice, radioing many "All's well" messages throughout the night, listening to musical programs and even a transmission from her husband, George Putnam.

Having planted her banyan tree in Hilo and flown her red Vega solo across the Pacific, Amelia was remembered even more. The Hawaiians commemorated her flight by erecting a large, elegant monument near Waikiki along Diamond Head Road, with the ocean just below. It is a simple bronze plaque on a prominent piece of local Hawaiian stone. Amelia's Vega is clearly visible at the top left. The lettering telling the story of the flight is dim, but the next time you're in Hawaii, check it out. Gaze out on the Pacific and remember the courage of Amelia who crossed it alone.

In Hilo, Amelia's banyan tree now has a new sign. Word came from the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce that the new sign for the tree Amelia planted 78 years ago is now in place, installed by the County Parks and Recreation Department. This sign will be more tsunami-resistant, being bolted to a heavy steel plate and welded to sturdy steel pipe posts. Already, floral tributes have been placed at the sign in honor of Amelia.

The Hawaii Chamber president sent, "Congratulations – mission accomplished," and expressed his gratitude with, "Aloha and mahalo nui loa." The local Zontans will do a clean-up around the tree, removing dead limbs and branches, weeding and a general spruce up. Amelia's tree is now in very good hands and will look terrific the next time you visit Hilo.

Thanks for the idea and production of the sign go to: 99 Barbara Anderson, discoverer of the missing original sign; 99 Debra Plymate, Chairman Oregon Pines 99s, project manager; Glenn Plymate, sign layout; Campbell Signs, Salem, Oregon, sign manufacture; UPS, delivery of sign, Salem to Hilo; County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation, sign installation; and Miles Yoshioka, past-president, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce.



Photo opposite page: Taylor Escalona, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, visits Amelia Earhart's banyan tree after the missing sign was replaced and the area spruced up by the Zontans. Above, the tree Amelia planted in 1934 after its sign was swept away by a tsunami.

# Thirty-Two Women Awarded 2013 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships

BY JACQUELINE BOYD  
Co-Chairman, AEMSF



Your Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund has been growing since 1940 and awarding scholarships since 1941. We are pleased and proud to be able to provide scholarships to 30 Ninety-Nines from all over the globe. In addition, a Vicki Cruse Memorial EMT Scholarship Award and a New Pilot Award were given.

Your Trustees, Ellen Herring, Debby Cunningham, Dorothy Berthelet, Peggy Doyle and Jacque Boyd, received and processed the applications and were able to award nearly a quarter of a million dollars to the recipients.

Our primary concern each year as we assess the applicants is that we find those dedicated Ninety-Nines who are in need of financial help to achieve their goals in aviation. We look for the woman who is "poised on the brink" of success but, for a lack of funds, cannot take that final step.

The first and most important part of the process begins with the Chapters, who should have a point person to receive applications and establish their validity before sending them on to the Section. Each Section has an AE Chair to process their applications before determining which ones should go forward. They are judged by Trustees and then sent to outside judges for their expert additional consideration and ranking. This is the successful process that brings you the outstanding women listed here.

Without your contributions and support, these women would not be achieving their goals this year. Congratulations to the founders of this fund, the donors who have funded it over the years, the Trustees who have protected it and, most of all, the long and illustrious list of 99 AE Winners.

## AEMSF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



### **MICHELLE BASSANESI, ACADEMIC**

Ambassador Chapter, Southwest Section

I am a European and American certificated commercial pilot, master flight instructor with instrument privileges and advanced/instrument ground instructor with 1,350 hours in the air.

An Australian living in Rome, Italy, I am majoring in Aeronautics at ERAU, with minors in Aviation Safety and Management. I am also a single mum to Nicole, who is now in Paris getting her degree in languages. I am both an entrepreneur who mentors and inspires young women all over the world to follow their dreams and a Senior Navigator for The 99s PPLI program. My motto is, "Impossible is ... only a stepping stone to success."

### **TERESA BUBB, MOUNTAIN & CANYON FLYING**

Columbia Cascades Chapter, Northwest Section

I received my private pilot certificate in 1991, thinking it would be a good thing to have because I like to travel. Being a pilot not only let me see the western U.S. from a different view but gave me skills and confidence to use on the ground, at work and abroad.

Currently, I work as an emergency nurse and have been on 21 medical missions all over the world. My first international charity mission was with Los Medicos Voladores (Flying Doctors) to Mexico shortly after completing my instrument rating. Being a recipient of the AEMS for mountain flying will not only fulfill a long-awaited goal and desire, it will help me go beyond just staying current and sharpen my pilot skills to combine flying with charity work closer to home.

Thank you to 99s and the AE judges and trustees for this opportunity.



## **IRINA BUBYNINA, R44 RE-TRAINING CERTIFICATION**

Russian Section

I was born in Moscow, Russia, where I've lived all my life. I dreamed from my childhood about aviation – I don't remember myself without this dream. At first I looked and read all films and books about aviation. Russia is a country with a great aviation history.

When I was 14, I joined the Gliding School for Youth. It was my first experience in real aviation – in a very little and very old glider. It could take less than 20 meters above the ground, but it was flight! Since then, an “aviation period” began in my life: at 15, my first parachute jump, at 16, joined the gliding department of Moscow Air Club, after which I joined the helicopter department of Central Air Club of Russia. It was a great time! Central Air Club of Russia was one of the leading aviation organizations in Russia, and the best sports pilots of our country were concentrated there. I'm very proud that my flight instructor was a well-known helicopter pilot and had a high rating in Russia and Europe. Through the Central Air Club of Russia I fulfilled the standard of pre-master of sports on helicopters.

I was married for 20 years to a test pilot who was against my profession as a pilot, so I was a wife and mother. Now I'm independent and want to resume activity in aviation – this is my dream. In 2011 I became a member of Aviatrix in Russia and The 99s in USA. I'm so grateful to The 99s for giving me a chance to fly the Robinson helicopter!



## **MYRA BUGBEE, INSTRUMENT RATING**

Florida Goldcoast Chapter, Southeast Section

I always knew I wanted to fly and earned my private pilot certificate. My husband, Roger Hirschbein, and I own an RV6-A. I'm a Virginia Tech graduate with a BS in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts. My teaching degree is from UC Davis and MA in Educational Leadership is from Rider University. I taught in California and New Jersey.

As an elementary school principal, a highlight of my career was opening a new school, and I now mentor principals nationally. In August 2007, I retired and moved to Florida, here I resumed my aviation passion and competed in the 2012 Air Race Classic. I served as Secretary and began my tenure as Chairperson of the Florida Goldcoast Ninety-Nines. I am incredibly excited and grateful to be a recipient of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

## **CONSTANCE CASTILLO, COMMERCIAL**

Connecticut Chapter, New England Section

Flying has always been part of my life, with both my mother and father being pilots and owning a 1949 Cessna 170A. My parents took me on my first flight at only 19 days old. Flying was in my blood and has remained in my heart ever since. I will be completing my commercial certificate with the AE Scholarship and ultimately become a CFI. A Captain in the Connecticut Civil Air Patrol, I am the only female Orientation Pilot in the Connecticut Wing, giving young cadets their first experience taking the controls of a plane. I also serve as mission observer, transport pilot and airborne photographer for search and rescue missions and am past Co-Chairman of the Connecticut Chapter.





**ARI CONNOLLY-SMITH, ACADEMIC**

Columbia Cascade Chapter, Northwest Section

I have wanted to fly all my life. As a toddler, I rode a toy airplane in the backyard; as a teen, I built model airplanes and became hooked after taking my first intro flight. While in college, I began my flight training. As a first-generation pilot, I have had limited exposure to aviation but have tried to connect with the aviation community whenever possible.

I graduated in 2010 from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in German and spent two years abroad. During college and in Germany, I volunteered with both the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter and the German Section. Now back in the United States, I earned my private certificate and became Vice Chairman of the Columbia Cascade Chapter and an Oregon International Airshow volunteer. I also have begun my associate's degree in aviation science at Portland Community College and my instrument rating. The program will give me the opportunity to earn all my ratings through MEI while exploring topics such as aerodynamics in greater depth. Post-graduation, I hope to fly for a regional carrier in Europe, merging my two passions of aviation and language.

I am thrilled and honored to receive an Amelia Earhart Scholarship this year. Thank you to all Ninety-Nines for introducing me to aviation, helping me get closer to realizing my goals and for all your guidance and support during the challenges of flight training!

**THERESA FARLEY, INSTRUMENT RATING**

Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section

I soloed the day after my 16th birthday. I knew then I was meant to fly. As so often it does, life happened; however 23 years later I realized my dream. My flying story really begins with the Phoenix Ninety-Nines. I'm not sure where I would be without the support of my family and The Ninety-Nines. The gift of flight has awakened a passion in me, and I cannot help but share it with others. I look forward to earning my instrument rating with the generous scholarship and continuing on to become an active contributor to the aviation community. Thank you.



**SANDRA FELICIANO, COMMERCIAL MULTI-INSTRUMENT**

Sugarloaf Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

I fell in love with aviation when I was a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet. I was unable to pursue my pilot certificate at that time. Later, after serving in the Army, being a military wife and raising children, I met my current husband. On our one-month anniversary, he took me flying, and the rest is history. I am now a CFI/CFII as well as a FAASTeam representative. In CAP, I am a G1000 Instructor/Instrument Instructor, check pilot, Mission, and Cadet Orientation Pilot. I have also performed flight reviews for members of my Ninety-Nines Chapter. I am grateful to The Ninety-Nines for the opportunity to earn my multi-engine add on.

**KELENE FERCHO, INSTRUMENT RATING**

South Dakota Chapter Northwest Section

I am delighted to accept the AE Scholarship to pursue an instrument rating. I fell in love with aviation years ago and obtained my private certificate in 2004. I am a doctoral candidate in a Human Factors Psychology program and conduct research on aviation issues such as how pilot fatigue or changes in cockpit technology affect decision making, performance and safety. A career in aviation safety requires not only academic training but also practical experience as it's important to bring one's own experience to bear. With the help of The Ninety-Nines, I am one step closer to achieving my goals.





**HEATHER GAMBLE, INSTRUMENT RATING**

San Diego Chapter, Southwest Section

I became a proud member of The 99s in March 2002 when my flight instructor gave me the gift of membership in this wonderful organization. I remember how proud I was to be a 99 and how extremely happy I was when I got my wings and became a full-fledged member. I have been actively involved in my local Chapter and have been newsletter editor and Chairman, in addition to being part of The 99s Flight Team, flying my Citabria in the local airshow for the past four years. I am passionate about aviation and getting girls and women flying and school kids interested in aviation through A-STEM programs and volunteering flights. My goals is to become a CFI.

**REBECCA GREEN, COMMERCIAL MULTI-ENGINE**

Connecticut Chapter, New England Section

I am honored and grateful to receive the AE Scholarship for my commercial instrument multi-engine rating so I can pursue flying as my new career. The women in The Ninety-Nines are encouraging and supportive role models and have helped me overcome hurdles and obstacles during my training. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to fulfill and pursue my dreams in aviation.



**SHERYLN HALLORAN, MULTI-ENGINE CFI**

Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section

I am a commercially certificated AMEL and ASES pilot with instrument rating and all ground instructor certifications, with over 25 years teaching, including certification grades 5-12 general science, health and vocational education. My education includes a BS in aeronautical science from ERAU and MEd. from UNLV – Las Vegas.

I participate in joint FAA/industry meetings, steering committees and workshops. I am president of ASAG-Aviation Safety Advisory Group of Arizona, a member of WAI and plan, manage and present 99s Flying Companion Seminars. I am also an AOPA flight training instructor/mentor pilot and NASA Ambassador/Aerospace Educator, in addition to co-founder and lead instructor of Discover Aviation Camp for the Cactus Pines Girl Scouts in Arizona.

**SENAE KENNER, INSTRUMENT RATING**

Hampton Roads Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

My grandfather’s stories about his flights as an airborne photographer sparked my interest in aviation, but my life situation did not permit me to reach for the dream at that time. Later, I emigrated from Japan to the U.S., pursued academics and became a middle school teacher. I took flying lessons while balancing work and further education. The support of my Chapter has been tremendous since joining The 99s in 2010, and I finally earned my pilot certificate in 2012. Thank you for the opportunity to further my dreams, help others achieve theirs and give back to the community!





**KJERSTI KITTLESON, FAA MULTI-ENGINE INSTRUCTOR**

Minnesota Chapter, North Central Section

Aviation is an integral part of both my personal and professional life. To share the joys of aviation, I am the director and founder of an annual Girls Aviation Day that supplies youth from the Twin Cities area free airplane rides and in-person information on various aerospace careers and opportunities.

I hold a commercial pilot certificate SEL, MEL, SES and instrument ratings. I also actively flight instruct in addition to my fulltime aerospace career. The next rating to tackle will be earning my multi-engine instructor with the help of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

**CAROLINE KOLASA, ACADEMIC**

BC Coast Chapter, West Canada Section

I am honored to have received the AE Scholarship and grateful to The 99s for their support and friendship throughout my aviation career. I have flown two crew on the Navajo and single pilot IFR night on the Caravan. As a corporate pilot, I flew a Beech B100 and recently was promoted to captain on the Beech 1900 flying in mountainous British Columbia and the Territories to both paved and gravel airstrips. While working in corporate aviation, I was involved in the application process for commuter operations permit for the company; this involved creating pilot training modules and a Safety Management System program. The experience inspired me to pursue a Master of Aeronautical Science in Aviation Safety Systems from Embry-Riddle University. My goal is to combine my flying and education to become a manager at an airline or corporate flight department.



**ERIN LYNCH, MULTI-ENGINE RATING**

Houston Chapter, South Central Section

As a child, I was always more excited about the plane ride than the destination. Closing my eyes and feeling the airplane shimmy while holding my breath and waiting for the moment of flight was incredible. Since then, some dreams have become reality. Dedicating nearly all of my time and money, I have earned my SEL commercial rating and am currently preparing for my CFII. My ultimate goal is to build twin time and sufficient time to qualify for an ATP certificate and fly commercially. Thanks to my Houston Chapter and all women of The 99s for their support.

**MAKAELA MAHONEY, MULTI-ENGINE RATING**

Minnesota Chapter, North Central Section

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me along the way so far: family, friends and especially my fellow 99s! What a blessing it has been to belong to such an encouraging group of women (and men). I recently graduated from Saint Cloud State University with a degree in Aviation Operations and, Lord willing, will become a CFI within the next few months. I don't have any dogs, cats or plants (yet!). I'm doing my best, taking it one step at a time, and am excited to see where I'll go! Thanks Again!





**MARYBETH MARTIN, MULTI-ENGINE INSTRUMENT**

Ventura Chapter, Southwest Section

I am honored to receive this AE Scholarship. I am closer to my dream of becoming a multi-engine instrument rated certified flight instructor and humanitarian pilot. One day, I'll fly missions for the Red Cross and Doctors without Borders. It's been a wonderful journey. I gained my private pilot certificate in May 2011. I achieved my instrument rating June last year, and my commercial pilot check ride is scheduled for next month. I could never have reached this goal without the overwhelming support and sense of community I received from the Ventura County 99s. You are my inspiration. Thank you!

**HEATHER MCCOY, MULTI-ENGINE RATING**

Reno-High Sierra Chapter Southwest Section

It took me a long time to achieve my pilot goal. In fact, it took 13 years to complete the training for my private and then another 10 years to complete my instrument rating. Between my first training flight and check ride, there were children born, careers established and graduate school. I've spent my entire career working in the public sector but have never given up on believing my future is in aviation and that I will become a professional pilot. It is never too late to achieve goals, regardless of how long it takes to accomplish them!



**JASMINE NISSAN, ACADEMIC**

Florida Spaceport Chapter, Southeast Section

I am 29 years old from Hertzeliyya, Israel. I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since November 2009. Since the age of nine I knew I wanted to be a pilot. I attained my private pilot certificate in Israel. On October 2009, I joined Flight Safety Academy to continue with my flight training. There I completed multi-engine, instrument, commercial and certified instrument instructor ratings. These days I am working at FlightSafety Academy as a flight instructor. In an effort to continue pursuing my goals, in January 2011, I enrolled in a bachelor's degree program in Professional Aeronautics at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. I would like to thank The Ninety-Nines for the opportunity of fulfilling my dream!

**JULIE PAASCH, MULTI-ENGINE INSTRUMENT**

Utah Chapter, Southwest Section

I grew up in Minnesota, and my passion for flying was sparked by my father. One introduction flight and I was hooked for life. In 2003, I graduated with a BS in Aeronautics from the University of North Dakota. From there, my career involved flight instructing at various locations around the country, flying 135 cargo in addition to corporate flying in various Citation aircraft. Currently, I am a contract first officer and also the chief flight instructor at Westminster College. In 2010, I completed my M.Ed. with a certificate in Adult Learning from Westminster College. I also am a three-time Master CFI and very involved in the community, aviation organizations and committees. By receiving this scholarship, it will help fulfill my lifelong goal of becoming a captain and offering my experiences to encourage other women.





**GRACE PETERSEN, ACADEMIC**

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

I am a senior at LeTourneau University. I am an instrument rated pilot, and this fall I will be doing flight training to get my commercial certificate. I am majoring in Aeronautical Science with an emphasis on missions. When I graduate I will be an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic, a commercial pilot and have completed courses in cross-cultural communications and the Bible. My dream is to use my education and training to work with Alaskan natives. I am so thankful for the support of The 99s.

**CLAIRE PETRIE, CFI**

Reno-High Sierra Chapter, Southwest Section

I moved from the UK to Reno, Nevada in 1989 at the age of 18. I work as a property manager overseeing high-rise office buildings, retail and flex space. I received my private certificate in 2007. I have two children, Aaron and Sierra. I serve as the secretary for the Reno High Sierra 99s and am a past Chapter Chairman. I compete in triathlons locally and run regularly. I also ride bikes, (dirt, mountain, street and road), enjoy wakeboarding, snowboarding hiking, camping, as well as flying my Beechcraft Sundowner in the Tahoe region. I am working on my CFI certificate.



**KANDACE RAWLING, COMMERCIAL-MULTI ENGINE ADD-ON PLUS IFR**

Wisconsin Chapter, North Central Section

I am a flight instructor/commercial pilot in both airplanes and helicopters. Now I am also an A&P Mechanic! I have loved aircraft as long as I can remember, and my passion has just grown over the years. I enjoy sharing my love of aviation with anyone who cares to listen. I have enjoyed teaching the last few years and look forward to many more. I now have the opportunity to advance my aviation career with the addition of a multi-engine rating to my pilot certificate. I am forever grateful to The 99s!

**KAYLA RICHTER, MULTI-ENGINE RATING**

Sleeping Giant Chapter, East Canada Section

At the age of two, I told my mom that I was planning on being a pilot, just like her. The end of high school rolled around, and this was still my dream job. In September 2011, I started going to Confederation College for Aviation in Thunder Bay, Ontario, with no knowledge about flying whatsoever. It is now 2013, and after working through a PPL, CPL, seaplane rating, advanced diploma and now halfway through an instructor rating, it's been a fast-paced and exciting two years. It will be rounded out by starting my first instructing job in August. I'm extremely honored that I'll be able to continue my flying education by getting my multi-engine rating over the next few months as well.





**JOLINE RUKAB, ACADEMIC**

Arabian Section

I was born and raised in Jerusalem and later lived in Jordan to graduate from the Royal Jordanian Air Academy with a commercial pilot license and a diploma in aviation science. I received airline training in Canada and worked as a flight instructor in Jordan. For many years, I worked as a facilitator at Face to Face/Faith to Faith, Building Bridges for Peace and Seeds of Peace, organizations which bring together youth from conflict zones around the world. I also worked as a content producer and outreach associate at Just Vision, an organization that highlights the work of Palestinian and Israeli civilians who seek a nonviolent resolution to the conflict. I am now pursuing a career in aviation and going for a bachelor’s degree in aviation management at SUNY Farmingdale. I am also expecting my third child by the end of August.

**ISSRA’A SHEIKH, MULTI-ENGINE INSTRUCTOR**

Colorado Chapter, South Central Section

One of my favorite mottos to live by is, “There’s always a way,” whether it be that someone is struggling to accomplish their dream or that someone feels like they can’t do or change something. An optimist and enthusiast from Denver, Colorado, I have been able, with the help of my mother, to accomplish many of my dreams, one of the biggest being flying. Now, with the help of The Ninety-Nines and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship, I have yet again “found a way” to continue towards accomplishing my dream of becoming a captain for a major airline.



**SABINA SHRESTHA, IP ON JET STREAM 4**

Nepal Section

My lifelong dream was always to fly professionally. The journey began when my mom showed me how different it was than any other career, so she was my source of inspiration and encouragement. I was born to Shanker and Sharda Shrestha and raised with my younger sister in my hometown Kathmandu, where I spent my childhood. Now I am a pilot, wife and mother of a four-year-old daughter and excited about very soon being the first women instructor pilot in Nepal. I have been flying since the age of 19. I started off flying to STOL airfields, to the remote areas of Nepal, carrying cargo and passengers where there were absolutely no means of transport. I still remember people being amazed and whispering to each other about a lady in the cockpit. Those were my moments of joy and pride and still bring a smile to my face.

I have been flying for the past 12 years, and through those years I have had the opportunity of flying and experiencing various types of aircraft. I am truly thankful to have this opportunity and will always be there to help, support and encourage other women to find their passion in flying. Last but not the least, I am honored to be a proud member of The 99s.

**RANI TOLTON EASTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER, ACADEMIC**

East Canada Section

I am honored to be selected for a 2013 Amelia Earhart Scholarship, and I wish to thank The Ninety-Nines for this recognition.

I am working on my Masters of Health Sciences in Aviation Medicine through the University of Otago in New Zealand, and the research is being conducted at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

I became interested in flying after I jumped out of a perfectly working airplane at the age of 18 on a weekend when my parents were away. Since then, I have surpassed many life challenges and have obtained my private pilot certificate, float endorsement and night rating. On Halloween 2012, I became part owner of a Cessna 172 and hope to further my aviation training.





### **JENNIFER TREESE, SEAPLANE**

Tucson Chapter, Southwest Section

I am honored to be a recipient of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship! I will be fulfilling my dream of obtaining a seaplane rating. I owe a big thank you to The Ninety-Nines who have been so generous to me over the last few years. Without scholarships, I wouldn't be where I am today. I also want to thank the women of the Tucson Chapter who have been so supportive since I joined the Chapter as a student pilot five years ago. I've been interested in aviation since my first small airplane ride when I was eleven. Twelve years later, I finally became a pilot and I haven't stopped flying and pursuing new training opportunities since. This year I finally achieved a big goal of mine and became a certificated flight instructor. Flying is my passion, and I'm excited to further my skills as a pilot with my seaplane rating. Thanks again to the AE Scholarship judges and trustees!

## VICKI CRUSE EMT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

### **EMILY CROMBEZ, VICKI CRUSE EMERGENCY MANEUVER TRAINING**

Sleeping Giant Chapter, East Canada Section

While on our farm, the sight of each crop duster spiked a rush of adrenaline through me, similar to the rush I get when I see a water bomber in action. My career has included bush/float and commuter flying, and this year I'm training as an aerial fire suppression pilot. I am very passionate about helping female pilots succeed, especially in the ever-challenging bush industry. I founded the Sleeping Giant Chapter and am currently Chapter Chairman. I stay active in my community and love any adventure in the great outdoors. Thanks to The 99s for their continued support in my aviation career – my journey has been incredible so far!



## NEW PILOT AWARD



### **KATHY BRENNEMAN**

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

Since I was a girl, I had dreams of flying around the world. It was not until years later that I had the opportunity to take lessons. I was nervous and afraid I would never be able to grasp the physics, VORs, weather, math and everything involved in becoming a private pilot. Fortunately, I had a very patient instructor who has given me a ton of confidence. My goal is to become a mission pilot. Finances have limited the amount of time I can spend in the sky. I am very grateful to receive the New Pilot Scholarship.



## Thanks to the 2013 AEMSF Judges

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees thank this year's group of non-Ninety-Nine semi-finalist judges. Throughout the scholarship's history, we have had a stellar group of people volunteer to perform this very important task. This year is no exception. As the scholarship fund and the awareness of its value continues to grow, we are gratified that these leaders of aviation and industry don't hesitate to participate as judges.



### **CAPTAIN SANDY ANDERSON (RET NORTHWEST AIRLINES)**

Sandy Anderson, B-747-400 captain, began her flying career in 1973 when she decided to learn to fly an airplane instead of jumping from it with her parachutist husband. Between 1975 and 1976, she earned an instrument rating, commercial, multiengine and certified flight instructor's certificates. During the next three years, she instructed and flew night cargo to build flying experience, plus she earned an instrument, multiengine instructor certificate and an airline transport pilot certificate. Sandy acquired a flight engineer certificate in 1979 and was the second female hired by Northwest Orient Airlines as a pilot.

During her career at Northwest, Sandy flew as captain on the B-747-400 and B-757. She also flew as captain, first officer, second officer, second officer IOE instructor on both B-727s and B-747-200s, domestically and internationally. In 1989, she became a B-727 captain, the second female to achieve this status at Northwest Airlines.

In 1992, she became the first female captain instructor/check pilot at NWA and was later selected as the first female fleet check captain among all major U.S. passenger airlines and was promoted up the line to assistant chief pilot, flight manager and later, chief pilot. Sandy retired from Northwest Airlines in 2008 as a B-747-400 captain.



### **HAL BEERS**

Hal Beers holds a BS in Aerospace Engineering from Purdue University and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Santa Clara University. He served as a Naval aviator flying carrier-borne fighters from 1954 until 1957.

He has worked for General Electric in J79 jet engine flight evaluation and for 32 years was at Lockheed Missiles and Space. At Lockheed he served as a systems engineer working with spacecraft test and evaluation, launch base payload test direction and special remote facility test management.

In retirement he flies an A36 Bonanza and a Cessna 172. He serves as the maintenance crew chief for the Seagull Flying Club.



### **CAPTAIN JIM YULE (RET. SOUTHWEST AIRLINES)**

Jim grew up in Cooperstown, New York. He joined the U.S. Air Force after graduating from college. In Vietnam he served as a Forward Air Controller flying the O-2A (Cessna Super Skymaster) directing air strikes, helicopter gunships and artillery in defense of U.S. troops. During his years in combat, he flew over 1,000 combat hours and was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and thirteen Air Medals, as well as other ribbons and medals.

In 1976, while evaluating two other instructor pilots, his B-52 experienced complete loss of two hydraulic systems, including complete loss of brakes and ground steering. The flight was diverted from Carswell AFB, Texas, to Edwards AFB, California, where he successfully landed the aircraft without any damage. That flight and his actions were determined by Strategic Air Command (SAC) to be the Outstanding Flight of the Year in SAC, and he was awarded the Major General Kalberer Outstanding Airmanship Award. In addition, the National Aeronautic Association awarded him the Mackay Trophy. After leaving the Air Force, Jim flew for Southwest Airlines from 1979 until his retirement in 2006.

# Follow Your Dreams — to the Air Race Classic

## *Flying Over 11 States Under Four Days in a C182R Skylane II*

BY MICHELLE BASSANESI  
Ambassador Chapter

While learning to fly in California, I realized that age didn't matter when following one's dreams. It is never too late to follow your dreams. I started flying at 38 and was a flight instructor, under European and American rules, at the age of 45. My motto has become, "Impossible is only a stepping stone to success," which translates simply into not accepting NO as an answer.

Currently I am out of an aviation job, but am using this time to get my Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics. I wish to combine my 30-plus years of business experience as an entrepreneur and my passion for flying and be accredited as an airport executive — and fly jets around the world. My plan is to fly helicopters at 85 and at 105 to write a book. In the meantime? To enjoy the view and the look in the eyes of my mentees/students when they "get it."

One of my dreams was to race in a similar race as my "hero" Pancho Barnes. This year I celebrated my 51st birthday participating with Gretchen Jahn in the Air Race Classic, the all-women cross country air race, and came in second!

It all started in 2004 in New Zealand when I participated in the Around New Zealand Air Race. I met Chuck and Ed Frost and also Gretchen Jahn. Fast forward to nine years later, and here we are on the same team, The Dream Catchers. It most certainly was a challenge logistically for me in Italy, Gretchen in the Denver area and the plane in Illinois. We managed it beautifully, and the fact that Gretchen and I met in Wichita, Kansas, to ferry the plane to Pasco, Washington, gave us the time and opportunity to fly together, get to know each other and tweak our strengths and weaknesses.



*Michelle Bassanesi and Gretchen Jahn accept second place award.*

As part of the preparation for the race, not only did we need to make sure the plane was airworthy, clean and polished, but we also needed to make sure the pilots were at max as well. We had our manicure and pedicure before the race and even painted our toe nails racing red to fly faster.

During the race we looked after ourselves and each other by keeping ourselves hydrated and eating enough protein — and sleeping well at night. The various challenges we met were overcome together, as a team. Communication was open and constant. We often sang in the airplane, had fun, laughed and, on one afternoon, we even had a massage!



*Top 10 Air Race Classic 2013 winners in the spotlight. See opposite page for winners, in order from left.*

## Air Racing Through the Years

Women's air racing all started in 1929 with the First Women's Air Derby. Twenty pilots raced from Santa Monica, California to Cleveland, Ohio, site of the National Air Races. Racing continued through the '30s and was renewed again after WWII when the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), better known as the Powder Puff Derby, came into being. The AWTAR held its 30th, final and commemorative flight in 1977. When the AWTAR was discontinued, the Air Race Classic, Ltd., (ARC) stepped in to continue the tradition of transcontinental speed competition for women pilots and staged its premier race.

Twenty-nine years, 69,088 statute miles, and 1,149 teams later, the Air Race Classic remains a venue for competitive flying. Louise Thaden is quoted as saying, "... added skills are developed, self-confidence is increased and enduring friendships are made." And Blanche Noyes added, "Flying is ageless."



Michelle and Gretchen: pre-flight planning.

### 2013 Air Race Classic Top 10 Winners

1. Marjorie Thayer (99) & Helen Wyrick Beulen (99)
2. Michelle Bassanesi (99-Italy) & Gretchen Jahn (99)
3. Valdeta Mehanja (99) & Danielle Erilchman
4. Jessica Lowrey & Andrea Ziervogel
5. Terry Carbonell (99) & Ellen Herr (99)
6. Tonya Hodson (99), Jennifer McLean & Karen Morrison
7. Frances Irwin (99), Pam Rudolph (99) & Shannon Hicks-Hankins (99)
8. Helen Helping & Sarah Morris (99)
9. Jessica Dyer & Charity Holland
10. Gene Nora Jessen (99), Patty Mitchell (99) & Brenda Carter (99)

## TIME TRAVELS

### BFF Susan Carastro

BY GENE NORA JESSEN, Idaho Chapter

Air races provide an event for sharpening and expanding skills, competing and, most fun of all, acquiring awesome new "best friends forever." These are The 99s version of BFFs, women who may live across or out of the country with whom we'll interact once a year but then pick up where we left off a year later. We've just finished the 2013 Air Race Classic, and my perpetual BFF is Susan Carastro.



Susan Carastro and patient.

Susan, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, flies a Skylane in the race with her mother Marie Carastro, who lives in Alabama. It's their annual bonding ritual. When not flying, Susan plays polo, racquetball and runs while making her living as a veterinarian ophthalmologist. Her practice covers diseases and surgery of the eye for animals – just as for you and me – cataract surgery, corneal ulcers, glaucoma and laser surgery. She has clinics in five locations with additional specialists in neurology, dermatology, orthopedic surgery, a behaviorist (doggie psychologist), internist and oncologist.

And who are Dr. Carastro's patients? Well, they have included a turtle, giraffe, gorilla, tigers, possum, bald eagle (a bald eagle must see!), ferret, potbelly pig (too much fat over his eyes), llamas, porpoises and dogs and cats.

With a father CFI and a flying family, Susan went the solo at age 16 and private pilot certificate at 17 route. She owns a C-310, which complements her consulting business, but she flies a Skylane in the race. Susan considers aviation a hobby; however, her personality striving to excel in flying dovetails with her life's work. She went for the multiengine, IFR and commercial while also exploring new places to fly out of her own backyard, such as the Bahamas.

Ophthalmology follows the same pattern. Not content with simply DVM behind her name, Dr. Susan wanted to explore and understand animal medicine on a higher level. She talks about the eyes being the pathway to the soul.

It's amazing who you meet while flying an air race across the country. I've never known a veterinarian ophthalmologist before. What a treat to cross paths with such talent.



Front row: Linton Wells, Rebecca Duggan, Carol Craig Morris, Mary Jane Rice, Carol Rayburn, Carolyn Mohler (accepting for Penny Rafferty Hamilton), and Kay Harmon. Back row: Wendy O'Malley, Laurie Probst, Ruth Ellen Ellis Frantz, Judy Benjamin, General Douglas Fraser, Kathryn Gunpher (accepting for Dodie Post Gann), Nan France, Dorothy Anderson (accepting for Dodie Post Gann), Robert W. Frantz, Linda Mae Draper-Hivert (accepting for Catherine "Kitty" Houghton), and Linda Bottorff (accepting for Mark Bottorff).

## International Forest of Friendship Inducts 99s

BY LINTON WELLS, IFOF Co-Chairman (shown in above photo far left)

Twenty-five Ninety-Nines attended the annual induction ceremonies at the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas, on June 22. The Forest is a living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace. Fourteen of the twenty-one inductees were Ninety-Nines.

The induction ceremonies were held in the Fay Gillis Wells gazebo, surrounded by the waving flags of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and 36 territories and foreign countries that have trees in the Forest. The Ninety-Nines honorees, along with their affiliations, are listed below.

Ten of The Ninety-Nines honorees attended the ceremony: Judy Benjamin, Northeast Kansas Chapter; Rebecca S. Duggan, Michigan Chapter; Nan France, Fort Worth Chapter; Ruth Ellen Ellis Frantz, Chicago Area Chapter; Kay Ackerman Harmon, Monterey Bay Chapter; Carol Craig Morris, Fort Worth Chapter; Wendy O'Malley, Bay Cities Chapter; Laurie Probst, Wisconsin Chapter; Carol

S. Rayburn, Albuquerque Chapter; Mary Jane Rice, Minnesota Chapter.

Another four Ninety-Nines honorees were not present: the late Vicky Joyce Anderson, Orange County Chapter, award accepted by Kay Baker; the late Dodie Post Gann, Greater Seattle Chapter, award accepted by Katherine Gunpher and Dorothy Anderson; Penny Rafferty Hamilton, Colorado Chapter, sponsored by Gordon Page from the Spirit of Flight Foundation, award accepted by Carolyn Mohler; and the late Catherine "Kitty" Houghton, sponsored by The Ninety-Nines, Inc., award accepted by Linda Mae Draper-Hivert.

Other honorees included the late Mark Bottorff, business leader and flight enthusiast, whose award was accepted by his wife and family; General Douglas Fraser, USAF (ret), former Commander of the U.S. Southern Command, who delivered the keynote address; and Robert W. Frantz, who is celebrating 70 years of flying. Also honored were four crewmembers of the Modular Airborne Firefighting System

(MAFFS)-7 mission from the North Carolina Air National Guard who were killed on July 1, 2012, fighting wildfires in South Dakota: Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. Mikeal, Major Joseph M. McCormick, Major Ryan S. David, and Senior Master Sergeant Robert S. "Robbie" Cannon. Gen Fraser accepted their awards on behalf of the 145th Airlift Wing.

The International Forest of Friendship was a gift to America on the nation's 200th birthday in 1976 from the City of Atchison (Amelia Earhart's birthplace) and The Ninety-Nines. The public is invited to the induction ceremonies, the next of which will be on June 13-14, 2014.

The focus for 2014, the Forest's 38th year, will be "Discovery through Flight." It will emphasize those who have helped "push the envelope" in aviation and aerospace through space flight, flight test, design or advanced engineering, or who have helped explore other aspects through aviation and aerospace.

For information, visit [www.ifof.org](http://www.ifof.org).

# Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

## Welcome Back Members

ALKE, Debbie, Montana  
BAMFORD, Courtney, Eastern Pennsylvania  
BAUGHMAN, Pauline, New Orleans  
BLUE, Syd, Palomar  
CHARMES, Julie-Anne, New Zealand Section  
COOK, Naraline, Long Island  
CROCKER, Kryss Yvonne, Monterey Bay  
DUMONT, Michaelle, Montreal  
FLANARY, Virginia, Fullerton  
FRANKLIN LUDWIG, Alicia, Middle Tennessee  
FRANKLIN, Brooke, Dallas  
GOURLIE, Roberta, Canadian Rockies  
GUETTERMAN, Jennifer, Fullerton  
HARTE, Constance, Katahdin Wings  
HOYT, Allison Rae, Fort Worth  
JOHNSON, Renee, Paradise Coast  
KELLY, Kelli Pettit, Bakersfield  
LUETHE, Tanya, Houston  
MACEN, Maxine, San Fernando Valley  
MATTHEWS, Jessica, Midnight Sun  
MCCLISTER, Mary, Eastern Pennsylvania  
MENDIVIL, Ana, San Gabriel Valley  
MINARD, Patricia, Kansas  
NAPOLITAN, Margaret, Florida Spaceport  
NELSON, Retta, Minnesota  
PHILIPS, Susan, Austin  
ROBINSON, Rachel, Utah  
SHAPIRO, Evelyn, Florida Spaceport  
SISSON, Sherry, Oregon Pines  
SWITZER-WARNER, Alison, Rio Colorado  
TUCKER, Karolyn, Florida Suncoast  
WAVLE, Dawn, Kansas  
WILLIAMS, Ellen, Hi-Desert

## Welcome New Members

ADASIEWICZ, Kodi (F), Colorado  
ALEXANDER, Nneka (F), Ambassador  
ARCAMUZI, Alexandra, Middle Tennessee  
ARNETT, Christina (F), Phoenix  
AUGOSTIN, Tammy, Reno High Sierra  
AXELL, Cynthia, Santa Rosa  
BELL, Carolyn, Rio Grande Norte  
BELL, Christine, Montreal  
BENEDICT, Ngedikes (F), Columbia Cascade  
BLANKENSHIP, Sarah (F), Bakersfield  
BOITNOTT, Lindsay, Alabama  
BOUSSY, Regine, Chicago Area  
BRILL, T Nicole, Reno High Sierra  
BROPHY, Heather, Montreal  
CARO, Valerie (F), Sedona Red Rockettes  
CHHABRA, Smriti, India Section  
CHILDERS, Lisa, Florida Spaceport  
CHURCHILL, Laurice, Long Beach  
CISNEROS, Aurelia, Member at Large  
COBB, Patricia, (F), Santa Clara Valley  
COGAN, Joan (F), Tucson  
COLLIER, Linda, Florida Goldcoast  
COTMAN, Cheryl (F), Orange County  
CULTON, Stacy, Delaware  
DEIBERT, Maria (F), Hampton Roads  
DEYOUNG, Erin, Delaware  
DOLAN, Jeanne (F), Sugarloaf



*Roxanne Parker  
Sacramento Valley Chapter*

DUNCAN, Judy (F), San Diego  
FRANCISCO, Liann, Eastern Pennsylvania  
FRENCH, Catherine, Kansas  
FRENCH, Shelby, Eastern New England  
GAWELL, Lynn, Antelope Valley  
GLANCEY, Susan, Chicago Area  
GRANDHI, Spandana, India Section  
HAGOOD, Olivia (F), Florida Suncoast  
HILL, Morgan (F), Connecticut  
HOFFMAN, Jill (F), Antelope Valley  
HOPPMANN, Sigrun, British Section  
HOWELL, Cheryl, Tennessee  
HUNTIMER, Mallory, Nebraska  
INGS, Deb, Colorado  
JAMBAVAT, Mamatha, India Section  
JANDA, Zabrina (F), Ventura County  
JOHNSON, Amy (F), Manitoba  
JORDAN, Jennifer (F), Katahdin Wings  
KARKI, Sangam, Nepal Section  
KLASSEN, Paulette, Manitoba  
KLINE, Kay, Florida Firstcoast  
KOLLENBORN, Heather (F), Mt. Shasta  
KUERSTEINER, Caitlin, Florida Firstcoast  
LAFOUNTAIN, Jeanne (F), Paradise Coast  
LESUEUR, Diana (F), Phoenix  
LITTLE, Barbara (F), Eastern Pennsylvania  
LIU, Jingjing, Greater Seattle  
MANN, Erin (F), Ventura County  
MARGGRAFF, Mary Jo, Santa Clara Valley  
MENA ZAPATA, Madeleine, Montreal  
MUNANKARMI, Shailaja, Nepal Section  
NELSON, Kelly, Wisconsin  
PARKER, Roxanne, Sacramento Valley  
PHILP, Phyllis (F), Pikes Peak  
PINTO, Nicole, Arabian Section  
ROYAL, Steffany, Dallas  
SANIEWSKI, Linda, (F), Blue Ridge  
SHEEHAN, Kitridge (F), E. New England  
SMITH DE ALVAREZ, Kathleen, Connecticut  
SMITH, Laura, Mat-Su Valley  
SNOWIE, Cynthia (F), Greater Seattle  
STAUFFER, Heidi, Wichita Falls  
SVALBERG, Sandra, Houston  
WEINHOLD, Penny (F), Middle Tennessee  
WEN, Hui Annie, Montreal  
WHITE, Amy, Hampton Roads

# Four 99s Honored with Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award



Four Ninety-Nines were named 2013 recipients of The Northern Lights Award Foundation's (NLA) aviation and aerospace awards. The Foundation's prestigious award program, the Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Awards, is named after aviation pioneer Elsie MacGill who had a pivotal role in the design and production of the Hawker Hurricane in Canada during the Second World War, earning her the title "Queen of the Hurricanes." MacGill was the first Canadian woman to graduate with a degree in electrical engineering and the first woman in North America to earn an advanced degree in aeronautics.

The national award program was established in 2009 to recognize and honour the outstanding achievements of women in aviation and aerospace in Canada. Since its inception, the program has grown from one to six separate award categories that now include: Flight Operations/Maintenance, Business, Government, Education, Pioneer and Rising Star. The 2013 winners come from all across Canada including British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

## FLIGHT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE AWARD:

**Lt.-Col. Maryse Carmichael** (Montreal Chapter) is Commanding Officer of the Canadian Forces' 431 Air Demonstration Squadron based out of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. She has more than 3,300 flight hours logged with the Canadian Forces on the CT-114 Tutor, Bombardier-Canadair CE-144 and CC-144 Challenger aircraft, and CC-130 Hercules. Maryse was the first female pilot selected to fly with the elite Snowbirds Aerobatic Team in 2000, and in 2010, she was the first woman chosen to lead the squadron.



## BUSINESS AWARD:

**Marcia Strang** (British Columbia Coast Chapter) works in Airport Operations for the Vancouver Airport Authority. In her capacity as Coordinator of Emergency Programs, Marcia runs full-scale training exercises in emergency response and Incident Command Systems (ICS) for Vancouver International Airport (YVR) staff. Marcia was instrumental in preparing YVR for the Vancouver Olympics in 2010 where she held an additional



post as the Olympic Airside Coordinator. Most recently, Marcia organized and ran the largest multi-agency exercise in the history of YVR, involving over 700 people.

## EDUCATION AWARD:

**Elizabeth Wieben** (Sleeping Giant Chapter) taught at Confederation College from 1986 until 2005 where she was honoured with an Outstanding Service Award in 1998. As the first full-time female faculty member, she served in many capacities including professor, aviation program coordinator and Director of Flight Operations. She has made a significant contribution to aviation throughout her career as a bush pilot, flight instructor, air charter operator, Flight Test Examiner and Civil Aviation Tribunal Officer.



## PIONEER AWARD:

**Felicity McKendry** (Eastern Ontario Chapter) was one of the first female flying instructors in Canada. During her career, she trained more than 1,100 students and had many roles in flight training, including Transport Canada Designated Flight Test Examiner and demonstration pilot for Transport Canada documentary training films. Among her multiple accomplishments, Felicity was instrumental in the formation of the Canadian Owners and Pilot Association (COPA).



Past Ninety-Nines winners of the Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award include Heather Sifton, former president and CEO of the Buttonville Municipal Airport; Kathy Fox, appointed member of the Transportation Safety Board; Roberta Taylor, aviation trailblazer and former professor at the University of Victoria; and Nicole Saulnier, co-owner, chief pilot and operations manager of Georgian Bay Airways.

The 2013 Award recipients will be honoured at a gala ceremony and dinner on September 27, at Spirale Banquet Hall and Conference Centre in Toronto. To learn more about the Northern Lights Award Foundation, visit [www.northernlightsaward.com](http://www.northernlightsaward.com), or email [andrea@northernlightsaward.ca](mailto:andrea@northernlightsaward.ca).

— Andrea Kwasnik

## TOUCH & GO



Back row from left, Nancy Novaes, Deb McEndree, Liana Hart, Laurie Reeves, Linda Friedman. Front row, Shannon Jipsen, Tracy Leonard, Karen Kahn, Maria Haddad, Kathleen Malone and Nell Justice.

### 99S TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST FOR ISWAP CONFERENCE

This year a group of Ninety-Nines traveled to Budapest in May to attend the Annual Conference of ISWAP (International Society of Women Airline Pilots). Founded in 1978 by 21 women airline pilots, ISWAP is a charitable, non-profit organization of career women airline pilots. Next year's conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas.

For more information about the organization and conference, visit [www.iswap.org/](http://www.iswap.org/).

### JENNIFER GUETTERMAN SELECTED FOR TOUR AERIEN DES JEUNES PILOTES IN FRANCE

Fullerton Chapter member Jennifer Guetterman, a 20-year-old private pilot from Anaheim, California was selected to participate in the Tour Aérien Des Jeunes Pilotes (TAJP), or Young Pilot's Aerial Tour. A bi-annual event sponsored by the Fédération Française Aéronautique, Jennifer is the first American selected in over 20 years and one of only four women to participate in this year's tour. Jennifer was selected from 80 applicants because she wants to be a flight instructor, has the experience to do outreach and speaks French.

Now an advanced ground instructor at AFI Flight Training Center on Fullerton Airport and working on her instrument rating, Jennifer first thought of aviation as a career at age 15, watching aircraft in the pattern of the local airport with her dad. At age 18, she followed up on a Facebook post about Aviation Explorers, giving her an entrée into her current job and eventually to AOPA's contest to send an American to the race.

Forty-five young pilots will participate in the tour that will include precision events, cross country flights, social functions at flight clubs and an air show. It is also a race, and each young pilot will partner with a certified flight instructor who speaks both French and English. Jennifer will be flying a Diamond DA-40.

Began in 1953, the tour's purpose is to advocate airport preservation, promote general aviation and encourage more young people to become pilots.

## GRASS ROOTS

### WEST CANADA CHAPTER

The West Canada 99s met in High River, Alberta, April 19-21. The Highlight of the weekend was a trip to the Nanton Bomber Command Museum of Alberta.

One of their big restoration projects is a Lancaster Bomber. Two of the engines are now running. They plan to have the third and fourth engines running by late summer. Other projects they are working on include restoration of a wooden Mosquito Bomber and trying to piece together a Hamilton Bomber. The Hamilton bombers were all scrapped at the end of WWII, and there are only bits and pieces left around Europe.

— Karen Bailey



Marilyn Emery teaches new Flying Companions about the essentials of aerodynamics.

### GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

On May 11, Andrea Chay, Kim Torres, Tricia Crook and Marilyn Emery held a Flying Companion Seminar at the Renton Airport. We had 12 participants attend our five-hour event. In addition to teaching them about aerodynamics, chart reading, flight controls, instruments, ATC, radios and safety, we were also able to arrange a tower tour during the lunch break.

The hosting facility, Rainier Flight Service, also provided our students the opportunity to get a little time in their Red Bird simulator with one of their flight instructors. It was a great day, and we hope we sparked some interest in the current companions to learn to fly.

— Kim Torres



Vicki Croston teaching flight planning.

### HOUSTON CHAPTER

On May 11, the Houston Chapter held its first Girl Scout Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Workshop for 25 girls from the north Houston area at Tomball Jet Center at David Wayne Hooks Airport.

The girls rotated through classes including plane parts, aviation physics, weight and balance, flight planning, pre-flying a plane, women making aviation history, and finally, an introduction to several aviation museums through virtual tours.

Six Chapter members, Marilyn Wolff, Aileen Watkins, Elizabeth Frankowski, Vicki Croston, Lois Gronau-Fietz and Brenda Landing, had a ball sharing our love of aviation with the 11 to 14 year-olds. We consider the event a huge success not only by the thanks we received from the girls and their parents but also by the requests we have received since to present a similar workshop for younger Girl Scouts, and to girls from farther afield. It is going to be a busy aerospace education fall for our Chapter!

—Marilyn Wolff

### MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

Six Monterey Bay members attended the Spring Southwest Section meeting in Bakersfield, California — Donna Crane Bailey, Alice Talnack, Joanne Nissen, Theresa Levandoski-Byers, Michaela Serasio and Claudia Contreras. We all flew to Bakersfield and had a wonderful time.

The Saturday night banquet was a great time to be a member of the Monterey Bay Chapter. We won three out of three awards: Airmarking Award, Aerospace and Education Award, and even though it's not an official award, we had the most members receiving Wings awards. Oh, yes, and one of our members won the paper airplane flying contest!

On May 31 and June 1, the weather was perfect for airmarking the name and frequency at Salinas (SNS) airport. (We painted the compass rose there previously.) The weather was warm, and the wind decided to stay calm. We were able to complete the job in two days with the help of Michaela Serasio, event chair, who plotted the letters, and Joanne Nissen, Chloe Getz, Alice Talnack, Jack Jella, Jerry Hitchcock and Lynn Hsia (former Monterey Bay Chapter member, now in the Antelope Valley Chapter). On June 15, we held a dime-a-pound event at the Watsonville Airport. The coastal stratus didn't clear until 12:30 p.m., but even at that we ended up flying 94 passengers, many of them for the first time. This event was chaired by Jeanne Sabanakaya (who had her first solo the day before). She was assisted by Alice Talnack, Mona Kendrick, Claudia Contreras, Michaela Serasio, Theresa Levandoski-Byers, Donna Crane Bailey, Marjorie Bachman, Kryss Crocker and Sunni Gibbons of the Santa Maria Chapter.

— Claudia Contreras



Claudia Contreras, Mona Kendrick, Alice Talnack, Michaela Serasio, Jeanne Sabanakaya, Theresa Levandoski-Byers, Dave Kashtan, Sunni Gibbons, Donna Crane Bailey, Kryss Crocker setting up for the Dime-a-Pound rides at the beginning of the Watsonville Airport Open House while it was still foggy.



Completed Monterey Bay airmarking at SNS Airport. Note the plane swinging its compass on the compass rose.



Liz Sommers with excited Brownies.

### ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER

Alameda County Chapter members are doing their part to promote The Ninety-Nines mission statement. Chapter member Liz Sommers recently spoke at Career Day for her nephew's school, St. Joseph School in Muskego, Wisconsin. Over 50 students came throughout the day to hear about her career as a commercial pilot and flight instructor.

Back in the Bay Area, she hosted Brownie Troop 31903 at KOAK, teaching the girls about airplanes and how to fly.

— Liz Sommers

### FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Sun 'n Fun, held April 9-14 in Lakeland, Florida, was well represented by our members Eleanor Kline, Alice Paddock, Debbie Palmer, Marie Grein and Kim Elsholtz helping Barbara Sierchio, Nancy Wright and Barbara Yeninas.

Denise Rosenberger made the WASP wall hanging that was purchased by Marie Grein, Barbara Yeninas and Barbara Sierchio. They presented it to Lana Kraeszig to take to the WASP museum. A plaque honoring Denise will be placed under the wall hanging. Donations to our Silent Auction included a beautiful quilt made by Debbie Palmer, and Kim Eisholtz donated a poster signed by the WASP attending Sun 'n Fun. The proceeds go to the Florida Suncoast Space Camp Scholarship.

Our May 11 meeting was hosted by Gudi Davis at Crystal River Airport. Gudi arranged for several of Crystal Aero Group Inc.'s international students to participate in a Q&A session about their experiences flying in another country or internationally and how it compares to flying in the States.

The last meeting of the "season" was at The Hangar restaurant, Albert Whitted Airport, June 8 at 10 a.m. featuring a presentation by 2012 Space Camp winners and the new 2013 winner.

We welcome new member Kaye Tucker to our Chapter.

— Sophia M. Payton

### LAKE ERIE CHAPTER

The Lake Erie Chapter's annual memorial visit this year was to St. Noel's church in Willoughby Hills on March 10. After the church service, we were honored to meet and share lunch with Dorothy Layne McIntyre, her daughter Dianne and their friend Philip Bailey.

Dorothy Layne McIntyre is a pioneering aviator and retired educator and was featured in several articles during Black History Month. She was born in Leroy, New York in 1917, and after completing high school was accepted into the Civilian Pilot Program at West Virginia State College. She received her pilot certificate from the Civil Aeronautics Authority in 1940, becoming one of the first black licensed pilots among American women.

After completing a degree in business administration in 1941, she moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she met her husband, Francis Benjamin McIntyre. During World War II, she taught aircraft mechanics at the War Production Training School in Baltimore. She applied to the WASP but was denied because of her race. After the war, Dorothy worked in the Cleveland public school system, retiring in 1979.

In 1994 she was awarded the Bessie Coleman Award; in 2001 she was recognized by the International Women's Air and Space Museum at the Burke Lakefront Airport in Ohio. She was also inducted into the Cleveland Educators and Alumni Hall of Fame, and received a proclamation from Tuskegee Airmen North Coast Chapter 17 in 2002.

Dorothy is profiled in *Distinguished African Americans in Aviation and Space Science*. She was also the subject of the dance production *Take-Off From a Forced Landing* created by her daughter, award-winning choreographer Dianne McIntyre. Dorothy is an inspiration to everyone.

— Evelyn Moore



Lake Erie Chapter members visit with Dorothy Layne McIntyre, seated center.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST CHAPTER**

The British Columbia Coast Chapter Poker Run was held on June 1, the rain date. A total of 35 planes participated, with over 50 Poker Run participants playing over 260 hands. Sixty donated prizes were awarded to lucky pilots.

A Basic Annual Inspection donated by Coast Dog Aviation to the Silent Auction raised \$1,050. Over \$2,000 was raised in total from hands sold and cookies made by Sophia Della and friend. It was an overall success and fun for all involved!

— Cindy Pang



British Columbia Coast members at their Poker Run on June 1.

**COLUMBIA CASCADE CHAPTER**

On April 20, Columbia Cascade Chapter presented our third Girls Aviation Class for 6th-8th grade girls. Gorge Winds Aviation at Troutdale Airport (TTD) graciously allowed us the use of their facilities, including their Frasca's TruVision flight simulator.

Following a course outline originally developed by Michelle Girts, Northwest Section Ninety-Nines Aerospace Education Chairman, topics covered were aerodynamics, pre-flight, navigation and charts, Troutdale tower tour, communications, flight dynamics and weather.

As in the previous years, we partnered with Saturday Academy and the Girl Scouts to acquire our eager students, 12 vibrant and enthusiastic girls who gave us close attention,

great questions and feedback. Highlights included instruction in the simulator by Lacey Wolff and pre-flight with Bev Fogel, Ari Connolly-Smith and Michelle Girts. Fifteen Columbia Cascade Chapter members and two from the Oregon Pines Chapter participated to make this class a success. We are fortunate to have several newer members, who increased their involvement this year in preparation to take the lead next year.

At the end of the class, goody bags were passed out containing aviation items gathered at air shows, donations from Van's RV and NOAA and custom phonetic bookmarks by Julie Young. For a perfect finale, the weather cooperated, and every girl took advantage of the Young Eagles flights offered afterwards by the Mulino EAA chapter.

— Teresa Bubb



Sixth through eighth grade girls have fun learning about aviation from Columbia Cascade Chapter members at the Troutdale Airport (TTD). Ninety-Nines standing in back, from left: Sylvia Manning, Bev Fogel, Teresa Bubb, Michelle Girts, Jean Schiffman, Cassia Hardesty, Victoria Borst, Ari Connolly-Smith, Deb Plymate and Tanya Malhotra.

### OREGON PINES CHAPTER

In April and May, Oregon Pines 99s participated in an Aviation Class for Girls at Troutdale Airport, Women in Aviation Day at Evergreen Aviation Museum, an Aviation for Teens program at Independence Airport, a fly-out to Salem McNary Field and a Memorial Day Salute at Independence Airport.

The Aviation Class for Girls was organized by the Columbia Cascade 99s at Gorge Winds Aviation. It introduced 6th to 8th grade girls to aerodynamics, preflighting real airplanes, navigation, aeronautical charts, communications, weather, control tower tour, building and flying foam plate gliders, and flying the simulator. Following the class, EAA offered Young Eagles flights to the girls.

At Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, The 99s had fun doing hands-on activities with scouts and CAP cadets and being part of a panel of women pilots, controllers, instructors, engineers and mechanics. Partnering with members of EAA and the model aircraft club, The 99s helped present a two-day seminar for 17 high school students that included building Delta Dart model airplanes, learning about weather, aerodynamics and aircraft instruments, and going on hangar tours. Flying with us in our aircraft was the favorite aspect of the event.

“To honor our unique history and share our passion for flight,” Oregon Pines Chapter meeting in May was a movie night in the hangar. We watched *Ladies Courageous*, a black and white film made in 1944 based on the story of the Women’s Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS). It starred Loretta Young and an all-woman cast flying fighters, bombers and transports.

On Memorial Day, The 99s were part of the annual Pilot Salute at Independence Airport, with a ceremony and hangar lunch. The program brings the community together in a patriotic day of remembrance, for which The 99s provide a beautiful flower wreath to honor aviation friends lost in the previous year.

— Debra Plymate



Mary Decanter, left, and Lorraine Gabel at the annual Pilot Salute at Independence Airport.

Gina Whitefield,  
Girl Scout  
Council; Janice  
Pelletti, TN 99s;  
and Lise Bender,  
Girl Scout  
Council.



### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The Tennessee Chapter met June 8 at the Sky Ranch Airpark in Knoxville, Tennessee. Representatives from the Knoxville Girls Inc. gave the Chapter a presentation on their new program, Sky Girls. Through this program girls will be introduced to the many aspects of aviation. Members of the Tennessee Chapter plan to help with the year-long program.

At the June 8 meeting, the Girl Scouts presented Janice Pelletti, Chairman of the Tennessee Chapter, with the 2012 Girl Scout Trefoil Award for sponsorship of Girl Scout Aviation Days.

During the afternoon, the Chapter shared their overabundance of sandwiches with local air park pilots. They had the fun of meeting a new private pilot and his examiner as he completed his check ride.

— Janice Pelletti

### RENO HIGH SIERRA CHAPTER

We are bursting our buttons with pride that two of our Chapter members are recipients of AEMSF scholarships! Claire Petrie is using hers for her CFI certificate, and Heather McCoy is using hers for her multiengine rating.

Also, two of our members were recipients of scholarships offered by the Reno Area Chapter: Emma Justis was awarded \$2,000 to complete her private pilot certificate, and Heather McCoy was awarded \$3,000 for her commercial certificate. This year our Chapter scholarships, totaling \$5,500, went to Emma Justis to be used toward her private pilot certificate and Heather McCoy to be used for her multiengine rating.

We are also very excited about our first-ever ARC team, the Flying M&Ms racing as team #37, Moe Makowski and Heather McCoy in Heather’s Dakota.

Our annual Hangar Crawl on June 15 found us at Stead Airport awarding our scholarships and installing our officers for the coming year.

— Lynn Meadows



Girl Scouts enjoy a day with members of the Placer Gold Chapter.

### PLACER GOLD CHAPTER

The Placer Gold Chapter had a wonderful day putting on a seminar for 21 local Girl Scouts to introduce them to the world of aviation at Auburn Municipal Airport (AUN), Auburn, California. Since our group is small and it was our first time doing this, we had some help from the Dallas Chapter.

We started out with each girl getting a free flight through the coinciding EAA Young Eagles program. The pilots tried to take them over their home area, then down over Folsom Lake for a bit of sightseeing. The girls were thrilled with actually being able to fly.

After flying, we brought them back to a conference room in the pilot lounge and had some snacks. Then they went to one of the member's airplanes to check out the cockpit with all the instruments. We went over some of the basics of flight, thrust, lift, etc., then each girl was given a sectional chart and tried to find two airports and draw a line between them and notice all the different altitudes as they went from the foothills over the Sierra Nevadas to Truckee Airport near Lake Tahoe.

We had a video of one of our members, flight instructor Jennifer Meiners, talking about many of the opportunities for women in aviation. We also had three speakers. Jacquie Warda, an aerobatic pilot, told them about aerobatics and how she got started. Valarie Bush talked about working on her A&P certificate, saying she always liked to take things apart to see how they worked. To wrap up the day, one of our helpers from Sutter Buttes Chapter had her 49½ husband say a few words about his experiences flying the U2 Spy Plane.

We sent the girls home with their folders full of information, a certificate and a patch, along with EAA's certificate and a log book. Some girls came up to us afterwards and thanked us, saying they had no idea about flying before this day.

— Janet Walsh and Merrilyn Lockerbie

### INDIANA DUNES CHAPTER

For the past 21 years, South Bend area families have been exploring and experiencing science for themselves with educators and experts at Science Alive. Indiana Dunes Chapter has always been there to demonstrate aviation-themed science. This year, despite a snowstorm that kept many of our members home, was no exception.

Mary Kohn spent the entire day there with help from Christine Murdoch and TJ Schaum. This year, the activity was reading an aviation chart. Christine made small copies of an inset of the Chicago sectional showing South Bend. Children were asked to plot a line from Michigan City to South Bend and answer a few questions. The table was covered in sectionals, and more than a few adults expressed an interest in the charts. Over 3,000 people attended this day at the South Bend Library.

Indiana Dunes invites you to save April 4-6, 2014 for the Spring Section Meeting that will be held in South Bend, Indiana at the newly renovated DoubleTree Inn. We are busy planning for a fun weekend.

In other Chapter news, Pam Fleming was surprised with the Governor's Service Award.

— Lynn Pergher

## NEW HORIZONS

### MARILYN MILLER ALDERMAN

#### Delaware Chapter

Marilyn Miller Alderman, 73, died peacefully at her home in Hockessin, Delaware, on May 5, 2013.

Marilyn was born November 13, 1939 in Erie, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jane H. Delo Miller and George H. Miller. She graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio with honors in chemistry and art. In 1962, Marilyn married George Alderman.

In 1984, Marilyn became interested in flying. She bought a Piper Cherokee with her flight instructor, and by December 1984 had her private pilot certificate. She obtained her instrument rating in 1985 and her commercial certificate in 1986. Marilyn's next challenge was to fly a twin engine plane, so she bought a Seneca III and earned her multiengine rating. She then got the Part 135 rating Airline Transport certificate. In 1997, she began training at Flight Safety International and flew part-time as copilot with the Westwind and Astra Corporate Jet Group until November 2005, at which time she had logged more than 4,000 hours of flight time.

Marilyn served as Governor of the Mid-Atlantic Section, was founding director of Delaware Aviation Support, Inc. (DASI), founding trustee and treasurer of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame, and twice a successful competitor in the Air Race Classic. In 2006, Marilyn was the first member of the board to be inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame.

— Gayl Henze

## NEW HORIZONS

### MADALINE 'LINDY' BOYES

#### Aloha Chapter

Lindy Boyes, age 86, flew to new horizons on May 11, 2013, from her home in Walnut Creek, California. She was born June 17, 1926, in Piedmont, California. Lindy was a life member of The Ninety-Nines, having joined in 1950.

In 1968, Lindy started the Aloha Chapter in Honolulu. After leaving Hawaii, she became an adopted member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter in Northern California.

Lindy began flying at UC Berkeley, where her nickname became very fitting. The moniker she shared with Charles Lindbergh wasn't the only thing she had in common with the famous aviator. She too had discovered the joys of flight. Her older brother Peter joined the Air Force, and Lindy couldn't resist the pull of piloting either, actually soloing before he did.

Lindy was an accomplished writer and wrote a weekly column, "Aviation Roundup," for the *Oakland Tribune*. In 1957, she became associate editor of *Skyway Magazine*, then the official publication of the National Business Aircraft Association. Later she moved to Hawaii and held a public relations position with the Hawaii Visitors Bureau until 1999, when she retired and moved to Walnut Creek, California.

Lindy flew in the Powder Puff Derby many times and brought home multiple trophies. She held commercial and flight instructor certificates. She founded the Northern California Silver Wings Chapter, was a member of the Livermore Valley Airmen's Association and volunteered at the Western Aerospace Museum for many years.

We will miss our Lindy and are fortunate to have had her as our adopted member who flew the skies with us to our meetings and luncheons. She was always there when we needed her.

Aloha oe, our sister.



*Lindy Boyes.*

— Candace Harding

### MARY LACROIX

#### Mt. Shasta Chapter

Mary LaCroix, born May 4, 1944, left for new horizons on April 27, 2013.

Mary received her private pilot certificate in Hawaii in 1980 and an IFR rating a few years later. She participated in the Palms to Pines Women's Air Race, owned a Cherokee 6 with pilot and husband Ray LaCroix and was a member of the Cameron Park and Mount Shasta 99s.

Her passion was travel, and she visited all continents except Antarctica. She worked as a laboratory technologist for over 40 years.

— Jeanette Bell

### LEE LEGER-MILLER

#### Florida Gulf Stream Chapter

Lee Leger-Miller, 78, passed away in Jacksonville, Florida, on April 13, 2013, surrounded by her loving family. Lee was born on July 16, 1934 to Jake and Lena Leger in Church Point, Louisiana. Lee was known for her great love of airplanes. She had a deep love for France and resided there part-time. She was also known for her caring nature to family and friends.

— Headquarters

### JUDY LOGUE

#### Wyoming Chapter

Judy Logue passed away May 19, 2013. Before she died, she asked me to express her great appreciation for all the friends she made with the state and international members of The Ninety-Nines.

She was the Historian for the organization for a time and traveled around the U.S. to interview and videotape early women pilots. Judy gave a lot of time and energy to doing the interviews, editing the 3/4 inch videotape and transferring to 1/2 inch video for the oral history program at International Headquarters.

She enjoyed flying, owning at one time a Cessna Skyhawk named *NEAR MS*. Judy remained a member of The Ninety-Nines until a hip injury prevented her from flying.

— Terry Logue



*Judy Logue.*

### BETTY JO REED

#### Colorado Chapter

WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilot) and Chapter member Betty Jo Reed passed away June 22, 2013. She is in the Aviation Hall of Fame in both Colorado and Texas.

Betty Jo loved to give presentations on her life as a WASP and being involved with The Ninety-Nines. She served as an Advisory Board member for the National WASP WWII Museum. In 2010, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

In 1956, she and her husband, Carl Reed, opened the third McDonald's Restaurant in the country and subsequently opened 10 more McDonald's, all in the Denver area.

On May 24, 2014, at the Avenger Field Homecoming in Sweetwater, Texas, where Betty Jo trained as a WASP, her life will be celebrated at the National WASP WWII Museum.

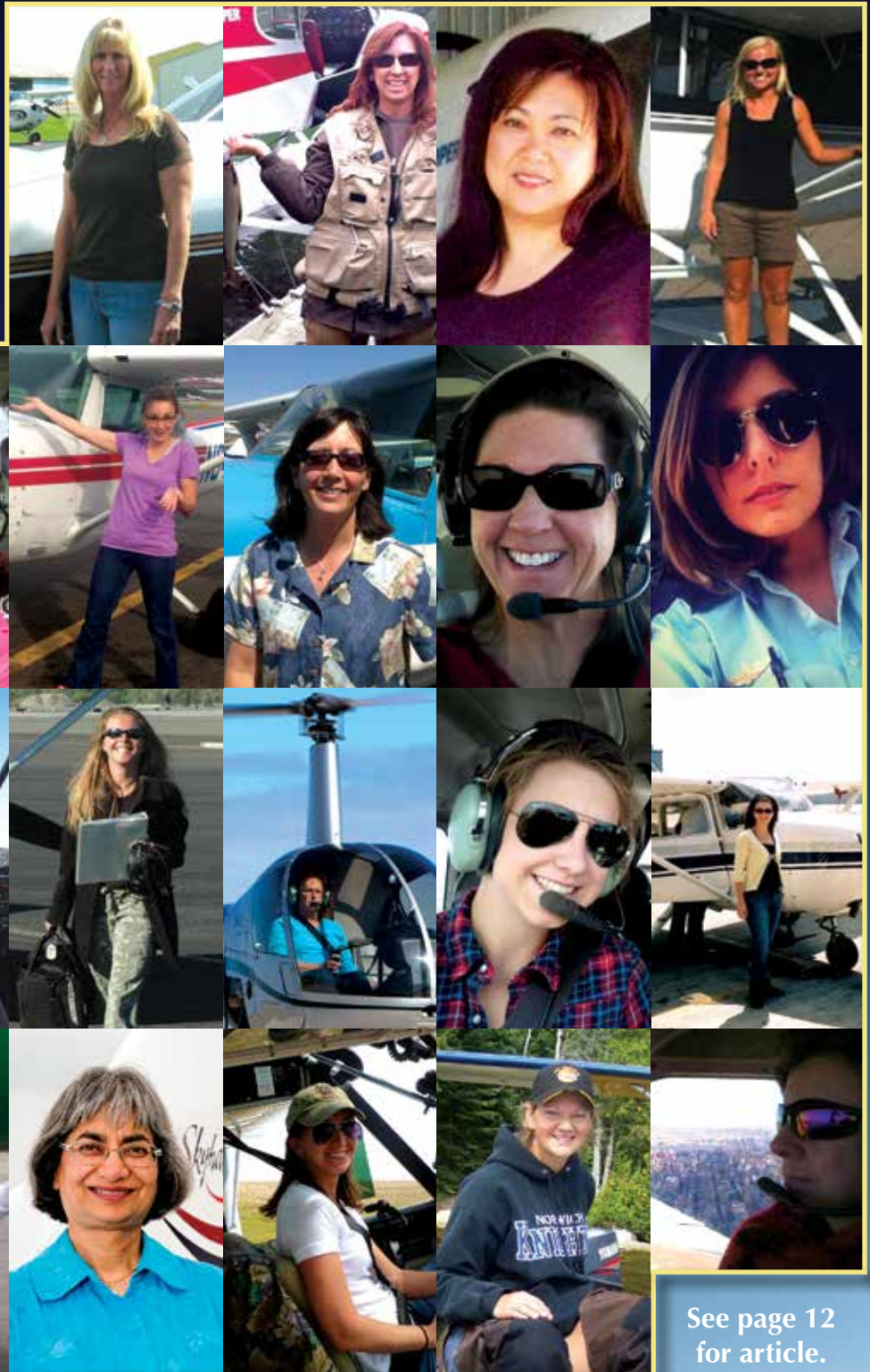
— Margot Plummer



*Betty Jo Reed.*

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