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- 4-5 **International Board of Directors Spring Meeting** (Zoom Meeting)
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
✈ [Headquarters, hq@ninety-nines.org](mailto:news@ninety-nines.org)
- 25-27 **South Central Section Spring Meeting**
Boulder, Colorado
✈ Shelby King, srking60@gmail.com

APR

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May/June Issue Submission
✈ news@ninety-nines.org
- 1 **Australian Section Annual Meeting**
Hobart, Tasmania
✈ Jennifer Graham, Jjgraham.graham@gmail.com
- 1 **Deadline: AEMSF First Wings Scholarship Award** for student pilots who are members of The 99s
✈ Linda Mae Hivert, apps@AEScholarship.org
- 5-10 **Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo**
Lakeland, Florida
📄 flsynf.org
- 7-10 **Southwest Section Spring Meeting**
Chandler, Arizona
✈ Pat Chan, chiflys@sbcglobal.net
- 22-24 **North Central Section Spring Meeting**
St. Louis, Missouri
✈ Janice Welsh, jwelshcfi@yahoo.com
- 29-30 **WASP Homecoming: 80th Anniversary**
Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas
📄 Waspmuseum.org
to purchase dinner tickets, fly-in is free
- 29 **Southeast Section Spring Meeting**
- MAY 1 West Palm Beach, Florida
✈ Janice Pelletti, jopelletti@gmail.com
- 30 **New York-New Jersey Section Spring Meeting**
Albany, New York
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- 30 **New England Section Spring Meeting**
Essex, Connecticut
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- 9-14 **National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) SAFECON Nationals**
Columbus, Ohio
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- 21 **East Canada Section Spring Meeting**
Newfoundland
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- 1 **Deadline: *Ninety-Nines Magazine***
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- 21-24 **Air Race Classic**
Lakeland, Florida to Terre Haute, Indiana
✈ airraceclassic.org

JUL

- 6-10 **2022 International Conference and Career Expo**
Charleston, South Carolina
📄 To register: 99sconference.org
✈ Cathy Prudhomme, cgprudhomme@gmail.com
- 25-31 **EAA AirVenture Oshkosh**
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
📄 eaa.org/en/airventure
- 31 **Deadline: Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) Application for Mentoring, Fall Session**
📄 ninety-nines.org/resources.htm
✈ mentoring@ninety-nines.org

AUG

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September/October Issue Submission
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- 12-13 **Palms to Pines Air Race**
California to Oregon
✈ airraces@la99s.org
- 20 **45th Annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally**
Sundance, Oklahoma
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SEP

- 30 **North Central Section Fall Meeting**
- OCT 2 Spring House Inn, Porter, Indiana
✈ Marcia Forcey, marciaforcey@yahoo.com

OCT

- 1 **Deadline: *Ninety-Nines Magazine***
November/December Issue Submission
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- 14-16 **South Central Section Fall Meeting**
Corpus Christi, Texas
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one month prior to issue date.
MAY/JUN issue deadline: April 1.

Then I Turn to the Sky – and My Ninety-Nines



Corbi Bulluck
International President

People are angrier than ever. Or at least it seems that way to me.

Turn on the television or radio, pick up a newspaper, or go online and you'll get blasted with angry news telling us about our divided and fragmented world. Keyboard warriors hide behind the relative anonymity of computer screens, ranting and raging, and exhibiting behavior that they would never do in face-to-face situations. People argue about religion, politics, everything related to Covid-19, interest rates, home school versus public school versus private school, dog poop...you name it!

I don't know about you, but I find this anger and discord to be quite exhausting.

But then I turn to the sky – and my Ninety-Nines.

Within The Ninety-Nines, I've found kindred souls – women pilots who share my passion for aviation, and who have a positive attitude and a selfless desire to support each other. That support may be a shoulder to cry on when things go wrong, a proverbial kick in the pants to get the recipient back on track, or an “atta girl” to celebrate a particular success. Many Chapters provide tutoring for their student pilots through fun study sessions such as “Charts and Chili” and “Airspace and Appetizers.” Other Chapters have established formal mentoring programs for their student pilots; others assign a buddy to each new member. And, of course, a large number of our Chapters and Sections award scholarships to help new and experienced pilots advance in their aviation journey.

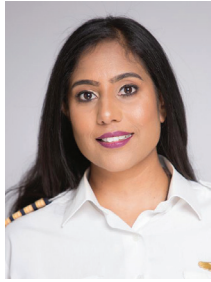
The support isn't limited to just aviation matters either. Facing a medical crisis? Having career difficulties? Dealing with aging parents or a loved one who is sick? Just send up an SOS or call out a mayday and a Ninety-Nine will come to the rescue. It's who we are.

I love our mission statement, “The Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.” I think it does a great job of summing up what we do.

Years ago, our mission statement included the phrase, “promote world fellowship through flight” and, at the time, I thought that sounded silly and “sugary sweet.” However, that was when I was a member in name only, before I got involved in this organization. But once I finally rolled up my sleeves and became an active member, I got to know 99s from all over the world. Now I consider them to be my dear friends and I know they will be there whenever I need their support.

When I think about my wonderful friends in The 99s, the world doesn't seem so angry anymore. And for that, I am extremely grateful.

IVANA ALVARES-MARSHALL APPOINTED AVIATION AMBASSADOR



Ivana Alvares-Marshall was appointed by the U.K. Minister of Aviation, Robert Courts, to represent the Department for Transport (DfT) as an Aviation Ambassador

together with various nominated individuals in expert roles as part of a new initiative in general aviation. This voluntary role is to support the Reach for the Sky program – aimed to work with industry partners and other government departments to make the aviation industry diverse, inclusive, and accessible to all. It is aimed at attracting under-represented groups, and particularly young people, to careers in aviation.

Ivana is from Malawi, Africa. She is a Commercial Pilot and the Founder and Governor of the African Section. She has been promoting aviation through STEM education and is an advocate for mental health in aviation.

You can read more about the Ambassadors at www.gov.uk/government/groups/aviation-ambassadors-group.

Message from Governor Alvares-Marshall: “As you all know, my wish as Governor of the African Section 99s was to hold our conference in Rwanda later this year. I have today received the latest briefing regarding travel restrictions into and out of Rwanda. With great regret, I have concluded that holding the conference this year in Rwanda is not feasible.

The Covid-19 restrictions have impacted significantly worldwide and in particular, on the aviation industry. Given that delegates who would be attending the conference and sponsors providing finance towards it are from so many different countries with differing vaccination requirements and the PCR testing, it would be virtually impossible to make all the Rwandan compliance requirements work. For this reason, and so as to give our members as much notice as possible, I have had to take

this difficult decision to cancel the conference so as not to waste any more of your valuable time and resources. We are looking towards another venue and hosting the conference in Africa in 2023 or 2024.”

AWARDS

OKLAHOMA WOMEN IN AVIATION AND AEROSPACE DAY



Congratulations to Oklahoma Chapter member, **Wyvema “Wy” Startz!** Wy was awarded the Pearl Carter Scott Award for Outstanding Achievement

in General Aviation at the annual Oklahoma Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day. The event was hosted by AAR Aircraft Services (the FBO at Will Rogers Airport) on Nov. 5, 2021.

Wy has been an active member of the Oklahoma Chapter since 1988. She has served as Chapter Treasurer, Airmarking Chairman, Okie Derby Chairman, and Membership Chairman. She has participated in the Okie Derby, Air Race Classic, Civil Air Patrol, and is also a member of the Oklahoma Pilots Association.

Although Wy’s love of aviation did not begin until later in life, she has been fully immersed ever since. Her passion and enthusiasm are evident to all, and she is a constant encourager of all women in their own pursuits of aviation.

We are proud to call Wy a member of our Chapter and are grateful for her many contributions to the aviation community.

WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD

Joan Rae Steinberger, founding member of the Santa Barbara Chapter 99s, was honored on August 28, 2021, at a hangar party with 70 people in attendance who helped celebrate

her receipt of the prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

Joan has been involved in aviation since 1953 when she joined a flying club at the Santa Barbara Airport. In May of that year, she soloed in an Aeronca Champ and received her pilot’s license in November. She later obtained her commercial and instrument ratings. Over the years, Joan has owned several aircraft: a Taylorcraft, a Piper PA-12, a Cessna 140, and a Cessna 182. In 1966, she bought a brand-new Piper Cherokee 150, which she still owns to this day. Joan has accumulated over 4,400 total flying hours.

Joan has been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1960. She has given many EAA Young Eagles their first flight. She has flown medical supplies for Direct Relief International, and she is a member of the EAA, where she volunteers as a judge for vintage classic aircraft at EAA’s AirVenture in Oshkosh.

Joan has been a participant in several air races and the Powder Puff Derby (now known as the Air Race Classic). In 1969, Joan was participating in a Powder Puff Derby race when she became aware of a lost female derby pilot. Joan left her own flight path and took vectors from ATC to locate the lost pilot; Joan found her and together, they got back on course and landed safely. As a result of her selfless act of heroism in assisting a fellow aviator, Joan was awarded the FAA’s Distinguished Service Medal, a very important and rare honor.

Joan has paved the way for women in aviation for generations to come, and we all owe her a tremendous amount of gratitude for her pioneering spirit.



LOS ANGELES 99S PILOT OF THE YEAR AWARD 2021 – ERIKA JANCZO



This year, the Los Angeles Chapter created an Awards Committee for a Pilot of the Year Award to celebrate one of our Chapter members who is an example of a good pilot and contributor to our Chapter/aviation community.

Erika Janczo has been honored with our inaugural award. She is involved in several committees and chairs of our monthly fly-ins, including virtual fly-ins during the pandemic. She has mentored several of our student pilots and dedicates hours to leading several study groups. She designed our Palms to Pines Air Race website, and recently started her own aviation t-shirt business! Her dedication and support to our Chapter and future women pilots is inspirational to all of our members.

Holding Short



Our Shared Experience Through Books

By Liz Booker - Florida Goldcoast Chapter



2021 was an incredible year of connection through stories written by and about women in aviation. I started the Aviatrix Book Club in November 2020 with this very goal in mind, but I never imagined just how wonderful the experience would be — and 2022 promises to be even better.

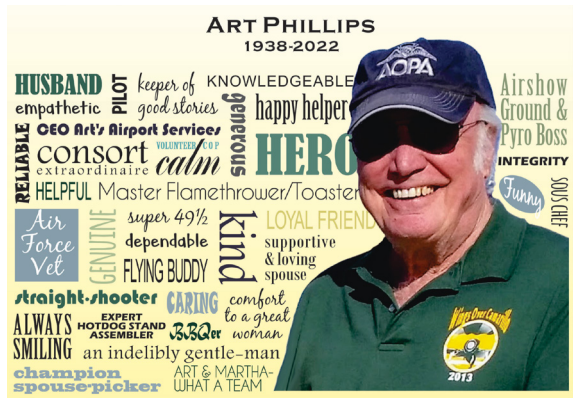
I retired from the Coast Guard in 2019 to write young adult novels that feature young women learning to fly. But by the end of 2020, I was feeling isolated from my aviation community. As a writer and pilot, I thought, what better way to reconnect than through books featuring women in aviation? I reached out on Facebook and was welcomed with overwhelming enthusiasm, so I started the Aviatrix Book Club and had 1200 members in the first month. When I searched for books, I was amazed by how many there were and disappointed by how difficult they were to find. That's why I created the Aviatrix Book Review website, www.aviatrixbookreview.com, to serve as a central source to find our stories. A few of the book club members and I brainstormed how to create a small book club feel with so many members, and we established virtual book discussions throughout each month that anyone can host and join. I also reached out to the authors and created the Aviatrix Book Review podcast where we talk about these books and writings.

So much magic has come from this — from books spanning diverse aviation experiences across the past century of flying to connecting with hundreds of women from all over the world at every phase of their own flying journeys. I've learned so much about various types of flying and aviation careers that I never knew before. And, most importantly, I've begun to weave my own web of connection with my fellow book club members, and to the women who came before us. Accessing aviation history, and history more broadly, through the lens of women's experiences has given it deeper meaning to me personally. It has helped me understand my place in our history and has revealed how few degrees of separation there are between me and our early aviatrix pioneers.

Ninety-Nines have been an integral part of this community. Arhynn Descy, Chair of the Los Angeles Chapter, hosts book discussions at 1 p.m. EST on the last Sunday of every month. This meeting time allows European participants to join, facilitating even richer and more diverse conversations. As travel and Covid-19 restrictions eased, the experience transitioned from exclusively virtual to in person opportunities. In October 2021, Florida Goldcoast Ninety-Nines celebrated the launch of "Women Pilots Write Poetry," which features poems from Ninety-Nines dating all the way back to Louise Thaden and Amelia Earhart. Chapter members also came out for a book signing in December with Cecilia Aragon, author of "Flying Free: My Victory Over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US National Aerobatic Team." Meanwhile, Arhynn Descy met up with European book club members to fly a Spitfire simulator at White Waltham Airfield in the United Kingdom where many of the British Air Transport Auxiliary pilots flew during World War II!

Just as I'd hoped, my own creativity has been fueled by this experience — but it has also offered me much more. I've made what I know will be lifelong friends and enriched my understanding of what it means to be a woman pilot. We have another great reading list for 2022 and we'd love any Ninety-Nines or 49^{1/2}s to join our conversations or for any Chapter to synch up with us anytime in the year to read and host a discussion. You can find me in the Aviatrix Book Club Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/aviatrixbookclub, on social media platforms @literaryaviatrix, or you can e-mail me at aviatrix-bookreview@gmail.com for more information. For the women writers (and aspiring writers) in aviation, please join us in the Aviatrix Writers group at www.facebook.com/groups/aviatrixwriters.

Blue skies, and happy reading!



Ventura County 99s Establishes the Art Phillips Scholarship for Initial Flight Training

The 99s lost one of our biggest supporters on January 6, 2022 – Art Phillips. Art was the spouse of Martha Phillips, who has an impressive resume with The 99s. Martha joined The 99s in 1996, and since then has served in leadership roles on all levels of the organization. She served as International President and Treasurer, Southwest Section Treasurer and Governor, and Ventura County Chapter Chair, among service on numerous other committees and teams. Art served right along with her, by her side, supporting her every step of the way, and attending almost every 99s event, fundraiser, and meeting. He was the #1 Friend of The 99s.

If you met Art, you knew he was a special guy right away. He always had a big smile. He took the time to talk to people and make them feel welcome. He always had a couple of funny and entertaining stories ready to tell you. If you needed something, Art was the person to call.

Not only was Art a beloved member of The 99s community, he was also an advocate for aviation in general. He was part of the leadership team of the Wings Over Camarillo Airshow for over 20 years. He was also active in EAA and the Navy Flying Club at Pt. Mugu. He was an aviation ambassador who loved to mentor young pilots, friends, and co-workers through first flights and training.

Friends and family will gather at a Celebration of Life for Art on March 12, 2022, at Art and Martha's home airport (KCMA) in Camarillo, California. The Ventura County Chapter has launched a "Remembering Art" website announcing the establishment of the Art Phillips Flight Training Scholarship for young people who want to learn to fly and the Chapter's pledge to match, up to a maximum



of \$10,000, each dollar donated to the Art Phillips Scholarship. You can read more about Art's life and legacy, get information on the March 12, 2022, Celebration of Life at Camarillo Airport, and contribute to the scholarship at www.ArtPhillipsScholarship.com.



Left photo: Shannon Hicks, Devon Courson
Right photo: L-R Shannon Hicks, Frances Irwin, Jenny Giles (student pilot) Jan Riley, Pam Rudolph

Rio Colorado Chapter Awards Scholarships

Shannon Hicks, Chapter Chair of the Rio Colorado Chapter, presented **Devon Courson** with a \$4,000 scholarship to pursue his instrument rating.

Earlier this year the Chapter gave another \$4,000 scholarship to **Jenny Giles**, so she could achieve her private pilot certificate.

Scholarship money is raised to honor the memory of Tookie Hensley and her husband Don. Tookie was a flight instructor and it was one of her greatest joys. In her words, "I still love being able to make someone's dream come true!" Besides giving the dream of flight, Tookie was an avid air racer. To commemorate this, the Chapter raises money by holding the Havasu 600 Air Race on the second weekend in November.

Each year this two-day, 600-mile air race ends in Lake Havasu with an Awards Banquet, presentation of trophies, and most important, the scholarship – to help others make their dream come true!

Oklahoma Chapter Third Quarter Scholarship



The Oklahoma Chapter is proud to announce a winner for its third quarter scholarship. The second recipient of the third quarter scholarship is **Kacie Harper**. Kacie is a senior at Deer Creek High School and recently started taking flight lessons at Sundance Flight Academy to earn her private pilot certificate. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Oklahoma Honor Society, and is maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is also a member of The Ninety-Nines, the Aviation Club at Deer Creek High School, and the EAA Young Eagles. Her future goals include graduating from Deer Creek High School at the top of her class, then attending Oklahoma State University to further her aviation studies and to pursue flight instruction and a career as a commercial pilot. In her spare time, she performs housekeeping for busy families, enjoys bettering herself as an artist, and is a ranch hand.

San Diego Chapter Fran Bera Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Whisler, of the Reno High Sierra Chapter, received the San Diego Chapter Fran Bera Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$7,000. Her goal is to finish her private pilot certificate before she heads off to college next September. She's still undecided about her college choice, but truly wants to attend the Coast Guard Academy.

Dea in the News



Dea Payette, of the Bakersfield Chapter and the Southwest Section Vice Governor, recently was interviewed by the local NBC station, KGET, about being a woman pilot whose love of aviation has gone beyond flying for fun. Dea serves the aviation community in numerous ways: by serving on the Advisory Board at the California Aeronautical University and with social media introducing the now available helicopter training program. She also has provided over \$5,000 worth of flight gear to student pilots in collaboration with her sponsors this past year, along with providing the opportunity for two pilots to attend the HAI Heli-Expo to be held in Dallas in March 2022. To see her interview and flight with the KGET report go to: www.kget.com/studio17live/this-female-pilot-teaches-young-women-to-not-let-the-sky-be-the-limit/



Photo by Dan O'Neal

Famous Twin Gets a New Job

Lifetime member **Patricia Jayne Keefer** donated her history-making Twin Comanche – named World Racer – for permanent display to the Lone Star Flight Museum, located in Houston, Texas. Pat was also elected to the museum's Board of Directors. Arrival photos are at www.facebook.com/page/25874584846/search/?q=keefer.

In 1994, the mother-daughter team of Hall of Famer Marion Jayne and Patricia Jayne Keefer won FAI Gold Medals for the longest race in history flying this plane 21,000 miles around the world in 12 days in a 24-day period. Marion and Nancy Jayne Palozola were the first mother-daughter team to race around the world in 1992 and earned second place.

World Racer is the only U.S., and only twin-engine plane, to race in two around-the-world competitions. The plane was flown on five of seven continents and over the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. www.lonestarflight.org/fly/piper-pa-39-twin-comanche/

According to Pat, "After eight months of Dad's ownership, 25 plus years by Mom (legendary race-pilot Marion Jayne), and 25 plus years by me, the World Racer's new job is to inspire others to fly and to pursue careers in STEM. A key reason I donated is because I found an extreme lack of women shown in leadership positions in museums I've toured. It was quite difficult to ground it but the reception of having over 4,000 people see it the first night on the museum's social media means it is doing its job. I truly hope it excites new pilots and encourages everyone to look strongly at STEM careers – my IBM STEM career is what funded my flying."

About the Museum: For a second year the \$38 million Lone Star Flight Museum received \$100,000 in grants for Girls-In-Aviation Programs. An exciting new WASP exhibit will be on display January 29 until July 11. The 130,000 square foot exhibit space has a \$1 million hands-on learning center. This is a taxi up and visit museum at KEFD Houston. Proms, weddings, celebrations of life, birthday parties, and dinners from 10 to 1,000 people can be hosted in eight extraordinary settings.

Details are at www.lonestarflight.org.



Is Being a 99 a Family Affair for You or a Member You Know?

Is your mom, aunt, cousin, daughter, sister, grandma, or other relative also a 99?

We'd love to talk with you! We will be featuring multi-generational 99s in a future issue. Members are invited to contact us about their own family involvement in The 99s or to suggest other members they know with family ties within The 99s.

Please contact Publications Committee Member Kate Hammarback at klhammarback@gmail.com to learn more.

ELECTION TIME

'Tis the Season and your educated vote is essential.

Additional information on the candidates can be found online in the 'members area' at ninety-nines.org/election-page.htm.

New this year! Two "Meet the Candidates" forums will be held in early March. Watch them live or view the recordings when uploaded to ninety-nines.org.

Ballots will be sent electronically or (if previously requested) by mail, on or by March 15.

Balloting will close May 1.

Please vote!

Susan Larson
Nominating Committee Chairman



CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT - VOTE FOR ONE

Terry L. Carbonell

Paradise Coast Chapter,
Southeast Section



I am a motivational flyer and visionary, seeing and seizing opportunities where The Ninety-Nines can grow and partner with other aviation organization to work toward our common goal of encouraging more people to learn to fly.

Building on the success of the marketing program that I have spearheaded since my first term as director I have worked on the International Board Strategic Planning Committee to develop a three-year strategic plan with the goals of growing membership and increasing member satisfaction. I am committed to the implementation of this strategic plan and am overseeing the following as part of the plan and my vision for the next two years:

(a) focusing on member retention efforts: continue adding member benefits, increasing networking opportunities, creating more Ninety-Nines flying opportunities and further demonstrating the value of The Ninety-Nines membership

(b) developing an IBOD on-boarding manual and continuing education program to inform our future leaders about corporate governance and organization leadership and their roles as leaders of our organization

(c) working toward growing our donors and corporate sponsorship base to enhance our financial stability

(d) Continuously refining our branding and marketing messages to encourage more female pilots and others to join The Ninety-Nines and Friends of The 99s

I will continue my passion of providing free flights through The Ninety-Nines Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program and will enthusiastically represent The Ninety-Nines. I look forward to and will be honored to serve The Ninety-Nines as your President.

CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT - VOTE FOR ONE

Robin Hadfield

First Canadian Chapter,
East Canada Section



As President of the Ninety-Nines, I would be an International leader, striving to expand our organization around the world through committed leadership, reflecting the growing numbers of female pilots in North America and abroad.

I'm passionate about delivering the best solutions for our organization, supporting Members, Chapters & Sections and directing our growth.

As a multi-talented forward-thinking professional with 20+ years of experience as a successful high-performing executive in the role as President of corporate and non-profit organizations, I bring effective leadership and strategic oversight, a proven track-record in marketing and exceptional public and media relations skills. Adept at strategic problem solving and managing change, I am a motivated leader with experience stepping into roles and quickly making positive changes to drive an organization's success.

Having been on the Board of Directors the past four years; as a Director serving as liaison to the AEMSF Trust and many international committees; increasing our membership through the tremendous growth of our social media platforms; overseeing the process to redesign the 99s website to highlight our incredible past, unparalleled programs for female pilots, our Chapters and Sections, I can move us towards an exciting future in a coordinated, integrated, informed way.

I've been described as an energetic, highly motivated leader, who listens to what you have to say, knows how things are going--- the good things, but also the bad ones --- and comes up with constructive solutions.

As the President of The 99s I would be there to serve all our members.

CANDIDATE FOR
VICE PRESIDENT - VOTE FOR ONE

Monica Randolph-Graham

Fort Worth Chapter,
South Central Section



I began serving The Ninety Nines in 2014 as a student pilot and continue to serve with energy and dedication to an organization that gives so much to so many. I have embraced my position as a motivational pilot, from planning and executing first flight events to introduce children and adults to aviation, mentoring young women pilots and chapter chairs, while promoting inclusive leadership to ensure all members feel valued and have a sense of belonging to the 99s.

All the positions I have held have prepared me to advance into the position as vice president. Through my work with inclusiveness and mentoring chapter chairs, I learned that the 99s needs mentoring and training for 99s interested in stepping up into leadership roles. This is uniquely woven into the organizations strategic plan which I am currently invested. Another focus of my attention has been on outreach and team building with our international members to strengthen relations and add to the value of the international membership. Serving as director this past term has enabled me to understand the complexities of the organization and has enhanced my appreciation of The 99s. I want to continue being a part of the growth of the organization and preservation of The 99s history.

I can offer my enthusiasm, high energy, motivating spirit, dedication and progressive mentality to assist the 99s in growing the membership, and holding true to the goals and mission of The 99s.

I would be honored to serve as your Vice President.

CANDIDATE FOR
VICE PRESIDENT - VOTE FOR ONE

Minnetta Gardinier

Iowa Chapter,
North Central Section



My passion for aviation began in 2003, and 2450+ hours later, I have flown 12 Air Race Classic races, to 99s events around the country, and landed in 47 States, Canada, and Greenland!

My passion for The 99s launched from my first Iowa Chapter meeting (2006). I walked into a session planning our next Spring Section meeting. The welcome was warm, and that next Spring, I met 99s from across the North Central Section. I discovered a camaraderie that was missing from my aviation experience.

I have 35+ years as a researcher/teacher/administrator and bring a wealth of team-building skills to the 99s.

Over 15+ years, I have contributed at every 99s level – Chapter (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary), Section (Governor, Vice-Governor, Director), International (Director). I have also served as newsletter editor, scholarship chair, webmaster, Council of Governors Spokesperson, and International Conference Chair/Host.

As a second-term International Director, my efforts have focused on projects impacting our Chapter/Section leadership and members – Chapter Leadership Manual, Section Leadership Manual (pending release), and monthly First Wednesday Webinar Series.

As Vice President, I will strengthen our Chapter/Section leadership pipelines by offering in-person and on-line 99s Leadership Workshops for training and networking opportunities. With increased membership, it is imperative that International works to support and train their Chapter/Section leaders. These leaders can enhance our members' experience at the grass roots level, in turn improving retention.

I champion our members, current and prospective. I listen, reflect, and engage them – to strengthen The 99s as we reach our century milestone.

CANDIDATE FOR
SECRETARY - VOTE FOR ONE

Glenna Blackwell

Connecticut Chapter,
New England Section



I am honored to be asked to serve as International Secretary. I feel that my past service as secretary for my Chapter as well as Section secretary will be helpful experience for the role as International Secretary.

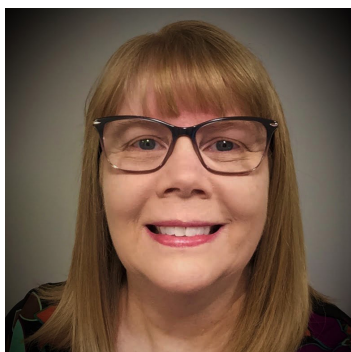
By serving as an officer and member of many committees, I understand the mission of The Ninety-Nines organization. I recognize the responsibilities of the secretary and look forward to working closely with the entire board. The past secretary will be valuable help to me as well as a mentor.

If elected, it will allow me to continue to spread my joy and passion of being part of this amazing organization and to allow me to work hard for the membership.

CANDIDATE FOR
TREASURER - VOTE FOR ONE

Aileen Coverdell

Mid-Columbia Chapter,
Northwest Section



As a financial officer with over 30 years of leadership and management experience in accounting, I apply with enthusiasm for this opportunity to be treasurer for this amazing organization of women pilots!

I am the Accounting Services Manager/Chief Accountant for Benton County Washington, where I direct accounting matters for the County government. I manage the payroll and accounts payable activities for the County. I compile and prepare the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the County and I am the audit liaison for the Office of the State Auditor. I am a Washington State licensed Certified Public Accountant and my experience ranges from being in the accounting trenches to executive financial management. My skillset applies to tax, governmental and non-profit accounting, providing a solid foundation to serve as your treasurer.

I have been actively involved with the Ninety-Nines since joining as a student pilot. I am grateful for the support and camaraderie that this organization has provided to me. My involvement at the Chapter and Section level board positions has given me the opportunity to give back to the group that supports me in my aviation endeavors.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve this organization of women pilots as your International Board Treasurer.

Maria Lamia

Wisconsin Chapter,
North Central Section



Earned my private pilot license in 1976 at the University of North Dakota earning a BA in Accounting in 1982. I have held positions as Accounting Financial Supervisor or Accounting Manager at numerous large companies including Georgia Pacific, Harbinger Inc, A&P Food Stores, Cooper Power Systems, Micro-Estimating (OnCourseTechnologies), Johnson Controls Inc and now Kyocera-AVX. Since joining the 99s, I have held positions as Wisconsin Chapter Treasurer (6/2015-5/2017 and 6/2018-5/2019), Wisconsin Vice-Chair (6/2017-5/2018), Dayton International Conference Treasurer (6/2018-12/2019), currently North Central Section Treasurer (6/2018 to present), NCS 501c3 Chair (6/2018 to present) and the International Trademark Chairman (8/2020 to present). I have recently attended 99s Carolina Chapter meetings since moving to South Carolina in 2020. I have attended North Central Section meetings since joining the Wisconsin Chapter in 2014, Southeast Section meeting Fall 2021, Forest of Friendship 2015, and Munich and Dayton International Conventions. I have participated in Wisconsin Girls in Aviation Day, several Compass Rose paintings, and several WI Pancake Breakfast fund raisers. I was the Co-Pilot in the June 2021 Air Race Derby with our legs located in the Ohio/Indiana area with Pilot Teresa Beachler,

Scioto Valley. Currently working on my Instrument Rating with a goal to finish Spring of 2022. As International Treasurer, I will ensure the financial integrity in preparing and reporting the Financial Statements to membership. I will continue to promote the 99s with other female pilots and those wanting to fly.

Pat Prentiss

Orange County Chapter,
Southwest Section



I joined The Ninety -Nines in 1982 and have served as Chapter Chairman, Southwest Section Director, Southwest Section Secretary, Southwest Section Vice-Governor and Southwest Section Governor. I have also held the positions of International Director, International Vice-President and was International President in 2006-2008. Furthermore, I have chaired the Building Maintenance Committee since 2005 and have overseen many major improvements, to the benefit of our Headquarters' operations. I represent The 99s reviewing nominees for the National Aeronautical Association for the Katharine B. Wright award.

We have come a long way since 1929 and we've always tried to pay close attention to the needs of our members. Although I have already served The 99s in many capacities, I am pleased and excited to run again for a Director's position on the 99s International Board, allowing me to contribute to the future of the 99s.

Our Mission Statement is very accurate as we definitely promote the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support and we continue to honor our unique history by sharing our passion for flight. It is a true honor to be a member of The 99s, and as such, it has become an integral part of my life.

I hope I can look forward to your support and to your continued commitment to The 99s.

Shannon Osborne

Greater New York Chapter,
NY/NJ Section



I grew up on a private airport with my first job at an FBO. This position greatly stimulated my interest and convinced me to pursue my pilot's license. Early in my aviation training I was introduced to the Ninety-Nines, and joined the organization. I will always be grateful for the many friendships, support and opportunities that aviation has created for me.

In 2013 I retired and began to use the tools I developed during my career to work with various 501(c)(3) organizations to this day! My first adventure after retirement began with the Ninety-Nines where I served as chapter treasurer, chapter-chair, section secretary and most recently as section governor. My current term as Governor ends in the Spring 2022. I have focused on organizing both chapter and section 501(c)(3) compliances and taking Girl Scout events learned in the New Jersey Chapter, creating ones in the GNY Chapter and NYNJ Section where we won the Brewers Award from the Civil Air Patrol.

From the Ninety-Nines I have branched out to Air Race Classic where I am a Director, the International Forest of Friendship where I serve as Treasurer, and Patient Airlift Services where I serve as a co-pilot and auto-pilot. I have taken my experience of my earlier professional career and used these skills with my newer aviation non-profit positions to help preserve and grow the Ninety-Nines, whom I consider my aviation family.

I remain appreciative for all those that served before me and supported the growth and history of the Ninety-Nines. It would be my honor and privilege to join the International board to continue that tradition by helping support and growing the mission.

CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - VOTE FOR TWO

Leslie Prellwitz

Chicago Area Chapter,
North Central Section



I began serving the Ninety-Nines on an International Level in 2015 as a Director, having served in leadership roles at the Chapter and Section levels since I joined the organization in 2003. I've utilized the variety of skills gained in those capacities, as well as my professional career of over 30 years, to deliver service, leadership and value to each role.

I have been your International Treasurer since 2018; and am proud of my efforts to not only maintain the financial stability of the organization, but also bring a new level of transparency, insight and education on finances to our members along the way. And I hope that, during my available time in this position those efforts, oftentimes delivered in a straightforward fashion, have resulted in members feeling more comfortable and confident in their understanding of this key function.

The last two years have been challenging for many of us; my employer's role in improving the health of the nation has translated to an unprecedented level of work effort, and change to be managed. But it has also allowed me to experience firsthand the value of having strong, trusted and honest leaders for an organization to live its mission, fulfill its promise, and realize its destiny, now and in the days ahead. It is my fervent desire to continue to serve as one of those leaders for the Ninety-Nines, and ask for your vote for that opportunity, as International Director.

Thank You for your consideration.

CANDIDATE FOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR FIVE

Mae Marquet

NOLA Chapter,
Southeast Section



I have been a member of the 99s since 2008. I want to continue to serve but have had family issues that limit me. I believe the position on this committee is one I can manage considering family limitations. I have served the 99s in the past particularly on the Section Board for the last eight years. I support the mission of the 99s. I hope we will continue to give the best to women seeking their pilot license and further endorsements. I will do my best to keep our organization strong.

CANDIDATE FOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR FIVE

Virginie Rollin

San Joaquin Valley Chapter,
Southwest Section



I joined the 99s in 2010 the same day I attended my first meeting as a guest with the Rio Grande Norte chapter and did my first solo. I have been a member ever since, switching my membership to the Spaceport chapter, the Daytona chapter, and now the San Joaquin Valley chapter, and have enjoyed every moment of it. I love meeting my sisters and learning their stories. Over the years, I have served in different positions at the chapter, section and international levels, including co-chair, scholarship chair and nominating committee member and chair. I recently moved to the Southwest section, and I am really looking forward to meeting my new sisters.

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

CANDIDATE FOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR FIVE

Rosanne Isom

New Jersey Chapter,
NY/NJ Section



I would be honored to be a member of the 2022 Nominating Committee for The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots. I have been a Ninety-Nine for many years and have held the offices of New Jersey Chapter Chair and Governor of the New York-New Jersey Section. I have been chairperson for many fund-raisers: Poker runs, Pennies-a-Pound community flying events, Girl Scout aviation education programs, airport pancake breakfasts, holiday scholarship and spring chapter dinners.

I have successfully served on Chapter and Section nominating committees and worked, along with Judy Bolkema-Tokar, on hand-sewing a quilt to spur financial support for our Section's 501(c)3 expenses.

My husband and I have been self-employed for 34 years, with a staff of 25 employees. I believe with my experiences, both professionally and with the Ninety-Nines, I will be an asset to this committee, and I look forward to the challenges.

Be prepared to hear from me; I am passionate about the future of our organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

CANDIDATE FOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR FIVE

Margaret Wint

Indiana Dunes Chapter,
North Central Section



I have been a 99 for the last 17 years. In that time I have held all the chapter offices and have been a director for the North Central section. I have attended 10 of the last 10 section meetings and attended 4 of the last 5 International meetings. I have flown in four Air Race classics and several Air Derbies. Spoke at Girl Scout programs and the local Aviation High School. As the Ass Airport Manager at Ionia County Airport and e planned the 99s to both men and women.

CANDIDATE FOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR FIVE

Lin Caywood

Sugarloaf Chapter,
Mid-Atlantic Section



I am very proud of the contributions I have been able to make to the organization both at the international and grass roots levels and would like to contribute my leadership skills to help find opportunities to leverage our incredible member talents to further our mission. Throughout the years I've focused on gaining awareness of The Ninety-Nines by actively participating in mentoring of new or student members, providing coaching and leadership to volunteers at outreach events like compass rose painting, fly- ins, trade shows, and by providing a positive and enthusiastic presence while speaking about The Ninety-Nines to the Civil Air Patrol, Flying Clubs, and other service organizations. I've enjoyed presenting ideas and fresh approaches for both recruiting new members and supporting our existing members. My main contribution to the 99s the last several years has been organizing the booth and volunteers at EAA AirVenture. This effort has allowed me to meet 99s from all over the world and interact with the several dozen for an entire week of recruiting and organizational awareness. I've led and served on various nominating committees for other organizations that I currently or previously volunteered with and feel my leadership skills developed during my tenure in the corporate world should shared in service to the 99s.

I fly my 2007 Cessna 182 out of my home airport in Frederick, Maryland, where I am chapter chair of the Sugarloaf Chapter of the Mid-Atlantic Section.

Laura AbrahamColorado Chapter,
South Central Section

I've been a continuous member of the Ninety-Nines since 2011. During that time, I was the chapter chair of the Old Dominion Chapter, and the membership chair for the Mid-Columbia Chapter. I've participated in poker-runs, airport markings, Christmas toy-drops, food drives, fly-ins, pancake breakfast fundraising events, and more! I love being active in my current chapter (The Colorado Chapter). I've met amazing women and formed lasting friendships.

As the director of flight training for 15 years at a boarding school in Northern Virginia, I increased the number of female student pilots by 57% during my tenure. I am very aware of the need for flight scholarships, especially for women. Flight training has become increasingly expensive, which inhibits many women from pursuing an aviation career. I encouraged one of my students to apply for a Fly Now Scholarship with the Ninety-Nines, and she was chosen to be a scholarship recipient. Bette is now flying in Ethiopia delivering medical supplies to missionaries. Like Bette, I was extremely fortunate to receive two AEMSFS scholarships to help offset training costs (one in 2014 and one in 2016). From the time I received my first AEMSFS scholarship, I knew I wanted to be an AEMSFS trustee someday. It is important to me to pay it forward and volunteer my time to help other women pursue their aviation goals. I am thrilled to be nominated as an AEMSFS trustee!

Pat OhlssonLong Island Chapter,
NY/NJ Section

Patricia Ohlsson, Realtor, Spruce Creek Fly-In Realty, Pilot Certificate since 1976 holds a Commercial Certificate (SEL, SES, MEL, Glider, CFI, Ground Instructor and tail wheel endorsement). Pat earned her Multi Engine rating by applying for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship in 1983. Pat's pride and joy is her Grumman Tiger owned since 1979. She is an avid air racer, competed in the All Women's Air Race Classic, Spruce Creek 300, Garden State 300, Dulles 300, Empire State 300 and Nutmeg 300.

Pat's dedicated service to The Ninety-Nines, Annual International Convention as Sergeant At Arms Committees, Teller, the International Nominating Committee, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Chairman and Forest of Friendship Committees. Pat served as Chairman of the Long Island Chapter and Florida Spaceport Chapter, is a active member on all levels and maintains membership in the Long Island Chapter, New York-New Jersey Section. Joined the 99s in 1976, became a Life Member in

Patricia Ohlsson owned two successful businesses, Busy Bee Airways, Inc., an aviation charter and sight-seeing company, and an apiary with an excess of 100 honey beehives. Pat's relocation to Florida presented an opportunity as Realtor to participate in the operation of Spruce Creek Fly-In Realty, Daytona Beach, a remarkably thriving aviation-oriented real estate corporation in a residential air park. Her career and love of aviation is the best of both worlds.

Patricia Ohlsson seeks your support and your vote. She will seize any opportunity to give back many benefits she received to The Ninety-Nines as a member of the Endowment Fund.

Jeanne PierceReno Area Chapter,
Southwest Section

I consider the Endowment Fund an important foundation for our organization's long-term commitment to its members. Since I first heard the presentations by Mary Wunder promoting the fund and explaining its significance, I have been a monthly contributor.

It would be a great honor to be part of the decision process that applies those funds to the areas in our organization where it is most useful. Exploring the possibilities of the areas where it could be applied is exciting to me.

My involvement in the 99s has been on the Chapter level and the Section level, but I have not made myself useful on an International level. I have been encouraged by Penny Nagy and Linda Mae Hivert to become more involved in this level but had not found a place where I felt I could be effective until now.

I am currently working as a bookkeeper (for the last 9 years) and have been involved in non-profits and small businesses over many years. I hope my experience would be a benefit.

CANDIDATE FOR
MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS - VOTE FOR TWO

Jeanne Burklund

Florida Suncoast Chapter,
Southeast Section



I am interested in a trustee position with the Museum of Women Pilots.

Since joining the 99s in 1995 – I have been an active member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter. During the first chapter meeting, I knew that I had found a group that loved aviation as much as I did. And I was impressed by the work that was being done to share that passion with the children in our area.

I'm currently the Treasurer for the Florida Suncoast Chapter and have held the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman. I have also served on the Aerospace Education committee, the Sun n Fun committee and been Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

I just finished serving two terms as the Southeast Section Treasurer and am a member of the 501c3 committee.

I am a Certified Public Accountant with over 40 years of experience in all types of organizations. I have done accounting work for many non-profit organizations over the years.

Along with the 99s, I am active with our local EAA chapter. Our EAA Chapter holds regular Young Eagles flight days. The Florida Suncoast Chapter holds an annual Girl Scout Aviation Day. Both of these events give me a chance to share aviation with young people. I take every chance I get to encourage girls and boys to go after what they want – that all things are possible.

I would welcome the chance to help increase the visibility and interest in the Museum of Women Pilots.

Thank you for considering me.

CANDIDATE FOR
MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS - VOTE FOR TWO

Sarah Rickman

Pikes Peak Chapter,
South Central Section



My professional qualifications are: 11 published books about the WASP Pilots of WWII; thirty years of research to provide material for those books at: WASP Archives, Texas Woman's University; International Women's Air & Space Museum; 99s MWP; Smithsonian; Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Kansas, and others. I've conducted oral history interviews with approximately 60 WASP plus 8 of the original WAFS. Produced a documentary film Six WAFS Up Close and Personal, utilizing my own film. I qualify as one of few WAFS/WASP authorities. I have considerable experience working with women pilot collections. I understand what the MWP needs to do to become a first rate Archive/Research center. I hope to help with the implementation of /and hiring who we need to accomplish that.

I hold a BA degree in English; MA degree in creative writing; more than 20 years professional journalism experience (reporter, columnist, editor) working for daily/non-daily newspapers and Editor of two. I have produced and edited the WASP News for WASP Archives/TWU since 2009. My WASP books have won 17 awards. I have written and edited non-aviation publications – specifically for the Kettering Foundation (a think tank) and the City of Centerville, Ohio, where I lived for 36 years.

I was initially a member of the All-Ohio Chapter first; I now belong to Pikes Peak Chapter where I serve as Publicity Chair and produce the monthly newsletter.

I read about Amelia Earhart at age 13; immediately wanted to learn to fly and be a Ninety-Nine. I accomplished both!

CANDIDATE FOR
AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM - VOTE FOR ONE

Robin Laws

Ambassador Chapter,
South Central Section



I would like to continue to be on the board for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. As a member of the board for the past year, I am excited to see the continued success of the museum. As an integral part of a new educational aviation booklet for children that we are near to launching for the museum, I am enthusiastic to see the youth learn about Amelia in a new and fun way. We have a cohesive team we are working with to bring new ideas to the museum and community. I enjoy being a part of bringing aviation history to life through the museum.

BIG DREAMS FROM A SMALL ISLAND

By Kate L. Hammarback, *Oregon Pines Chapter*
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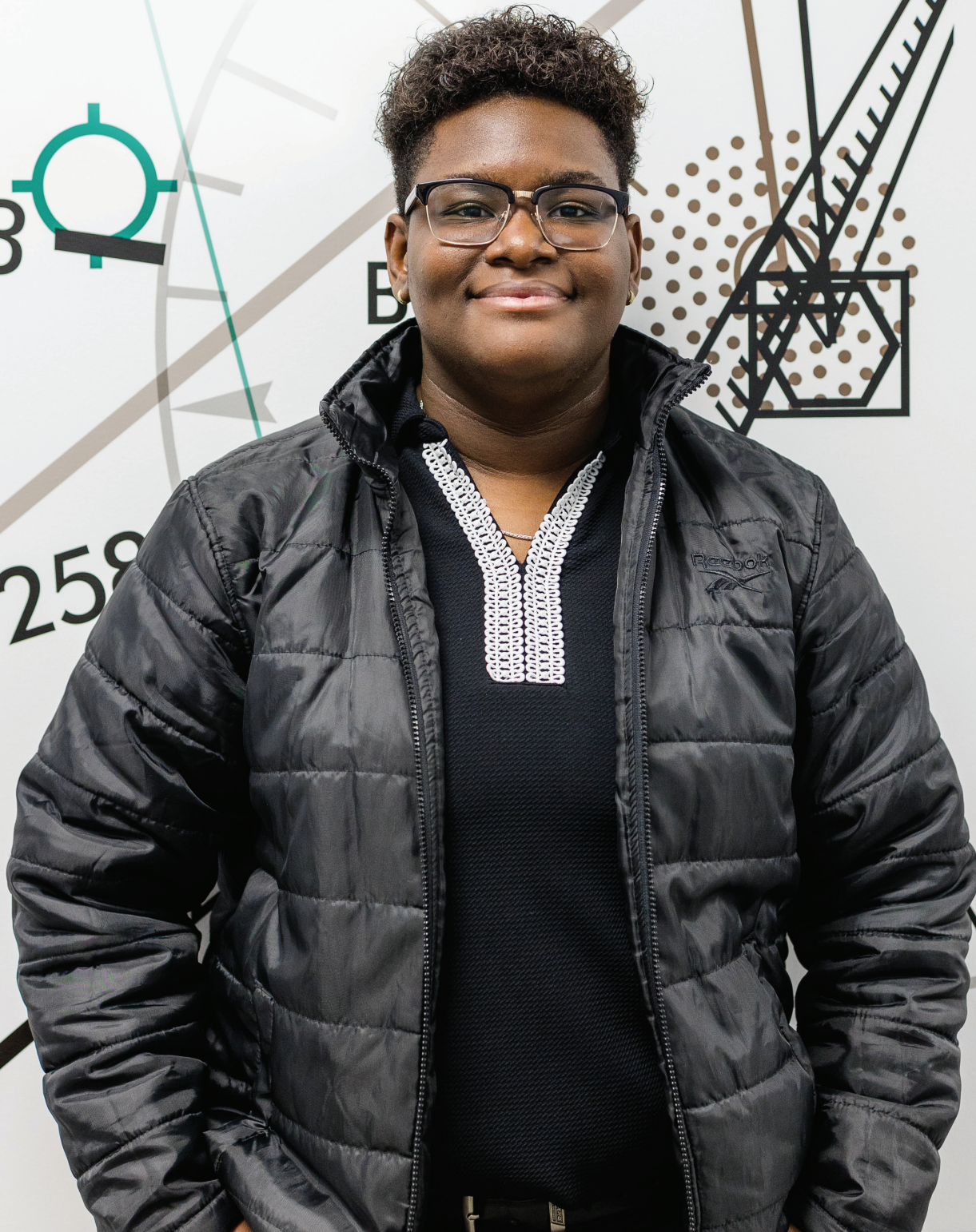
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For Denali Georges, it wasn't love at first flight. "Believe it or not, I did not like flying at all in the beginning," she shares, grinning at the irony.

Denali – a member of the St. Croix Paradise Island Chapter of The Ninety-Nines – was nudged into aviation by her mother, who was looking for a useful activity to keep her then high school daughter busy. "My mom heard of an aviation club somewhere on the island that she told me I was going to take part in." In the manner true to many mothers everywhere, it wasn't optional. "I was volun-told," Denali laughs. The club was the Virgin Islands Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (VICTAI); a group headed up in St. Croix by 99s member Cenita Heywood that provides opportunities for youth to learn about potential careers in aviation. "I attended for the first year and I did not like it at all. It was just something that I had to go to every weekend."

Her feelings changed when Denali was selected to attend the Solo Flight Academy through the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals in the summer of 2018. The Solo Flight Academy is designed as a camp that takes youth participants with zero hours through instruction and on to their first solo. After three weeks, Denali was signed off and received the green light for her solo flight.

"I can still remember it. When I finally took off and I felt the plane kind of shake and it just started to rise and it was like, I kind of like this now!" She lights up recounting the memory. "I looked over and there was no instructor in the seat, and I could do whatever I wanted. I mean, it was just a traffic pattern, but it felt freeing to me."

That soloing experience was the kickstart that took her from a half-hearted aviation participant to a committed pilot. "From there, I decided that I wanted to pursue aviation as my career."

Although living on a small island, Denali was surrounded by support and educational aviation-related opportunities thanks to the active flight community in St. Croix. Cenita Heywood is an integral part of that community and has been a mentor and advocate for Denali throughout her flying journey. Cenita is retired from her career in airfield management with the Air Force and now serves in leadership roles with the St. Croix Island Paradise Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, VICTAI, and VICTAI Youth Aviation Club, as well as being involved in the Organization of Black Aerospace Profes-

sionals. About Denali's transformation from feeling lukewarm about flying to dedicating her life to aviation, Cenita says, "That experience, the solo flight, really made a difference for her. When you're in the cockpit and you have full control, you realize what you can do. I've seen that a lot with our students."

The opportunities and education that the St. Croix aviation community provide aren't just focused on flying. Several of their youth members have gone on to careers in air traffic control, engineering, and even aviation law, but becoming a pilot is still a popular pathway. "Some of the youth get their pilot certificate before they get their driver's licenses here," Cenita says with a smile.

Speaking about her work with youth, Cenita shares, "Here on a small island, it's good to have someone you can turn to and have some guidance and assistance." Cenita helps interested youth connect with the programs and fields they're most interested in and has helped aviation students not only secure references, but also millions of dollars of scholarships over the years to support their aviation education and careers. She credits the welcoming and tight-knit aviation community for the success they've had in shepherding young people into aviation careers. "We have professional people who are giving their time. It's not me, it's us. We're doing it together."

After her experience at Solo Flight Academy, Denali was motivated to help expand opportunities for other potential aviation enthusiasts around St. Croix. In 2018, she joined the St. Croix Paradise Island Chapter of The Ninety-Nines and was elected to the Treasurer position. She also increased her involvement with VICTAI Youth Aviation Club – becoming a mentor to the younger students and serving as President for two years.

While aviation is a clear passion for Denali and the St. Croix Paradise Island Chapter, there is also a strong commitment to heart and community building that permeates everything they do. Cenita organizes a 99s mentee group for interested youth – ages 8 to 15 – who are too young to officially join, and the entire Chapter volunteers their time to work with other community service groups on the island. Cenita sums up this deep value to community engagement, "We want the whole picture. We don't want you to just come and learn to fly and that's it." Denali agrees about the community benefit of having an active Chapter of The 99s, "People never know the opportunity



Photos courtesy of Denali Georges





until you point it out. So, it's like, 'Hey there's a 99s group on St. Croix. What's The 99s?' And from there, you've opened the door."

This proactive approach to community building feels especially important to Denali when she thinks about getting more women involved in aviation. "The first thing you notice in aviation — which we're all actively trying to solve — is there's not a lot of women. I remember in one of my classes, I was the only girl. In the higher-level courses, I saw more and more females, so that was kind of a relief, I was like ok, I'm not going through this by myself, you understand what I'm going through." She is grateful to the professors, mentors, and supporters who have encouraged her and connected her to opportunities. "I can't compare it to how it was maybe 20 years ago for women just getting into aviation. I want to credit those that went before us and made it the norm — that it's not taboo if a woman walks into your classroom. We do have the capability; we do deserve that respect. We're one of your colleagues, not beneath you."

Fast forward five years from her first solo flight, and Denali is now a junior pursuing her bachelor of science in aeronautics, commercial/corporate at Liberty University in Virginia. Denali graduated high school as valedictorian and started at Liberty in 2020. Asking Denali how college is going, her answer is immediate, "Cold! I went from constant 80sF to, right now, it's like 20F something degrees," she laughs. She spent her first year finishing her private pilot ground school courses then earned her private pilot certificate. When asked if she ever had any doubts about the path forward, she nods. "You don't realize what tired means until you have to get up at five in the morning, sometimes three in the morning, to plan a cross country flight. I have to do my homework, wake up at three, make sure I'm fit to fly and then show up at the airport. So, definitely a lot of what did I get myself into." But, she continues, "I overall know this is what I want to do."

A highlight of Denali's instruction so far has been her opportunity to participate in Upset Prevention Training with

Prevailance Aerospace. "It's what to do and what not to do, in a very extreme way, if autopilot runs away, if you're distracted, or you find yourself in a very precarious situation." It was also a whole lot of fun Denali says, "The instructor snuck some surprises in during the flights. So it was like, 'I taught you how to do this... let's see if you really do have it,' and then he would flip the plane upside down." For the training, Denali flew an Extra EA-300, an experience she would gladly do again. "It's so sensitive, you had to use fingertips to fly it. We did barrel rolls, spirals. We had to take a break a couple times because I was like, my lunch is about to make an appearance and I don't think you'd like that. But I made it."

Currently focused on her instrument rating, Denali's ultimate career goal is to become a commercial pilot with a carrier like Delta or FedEx. Cenita is confident it is a goal Denali will reach. "I'm sure she's going to become a commercial pilot because that's what her intentions are. She's got that leadership quality in her. I keep telling people, she's setting the bar, so that's what they have to aspire to do, is to be like Denali."

Thanks to her determination, her trailblazing predecessors, and the active community around her, Denali has packed a lot of progress and learning into a relatively short amount of time. Among her plans for a career as a commercial pilot are her dreams to travel. "The big overall dream, honestly, is just to see the world," she says, "You don't know where it's going to take you. I want to be able to throw a pin and see where it lands and just go." When pressed for her top bucket list destinations, Denali doesn't take the bait. "That's the point of this. I don't want to have to say, 'I want to go here or here,' I want to go to everywhere. I want to see it all."

While it may not have been love at first flight, it's grown into a passion for flying and the aviation relationships she's building with it. Wherever she goes, it's clear that Denali will go with conviction and a full community of support behind her. 🌊



Julie Paasch
Air Hearts-Utah Chapter

Do you have a question that you've always wanted to ask a DPE?

E-mail Julie Paasch at askadpe99@gmail.com

Your question may be answered in the next issue!

What are some weak areas you have seen on commercial ASEL initial checkrides?

While each checkride is unique, there are definite weak areas that seem to trend with each type of checkride. The commercial practical test is no exception.

The commercial oral has a lot of similarities to private checkride content; it tends to be more in depth and has a few extra areas that are covered. Unfortunately, sometimes applicants take the private pilot knowledge for granted and fail on basic knowledge. The three main areas that applicants tend to be weak on during the oral are oxygen systems, commercial pilot privileges, and limitations and aerodynamics.

Oxygen systems are buried in the back of the ACS and are sometimes overlooked. Most of the time applicants can tell me the basic low altitude oxygen regulations but they are fuzzy on oxygen delivery methods, types of masks, and high altitude oxygen regulations. Sometimes they assume that it doesn't apply to them because they are not flying at high altitudes.

Commercial pilot privileges and limitations can be very confusing, especially if you haven't reviewed different potential scenarios. On your checkride, your examiner will give you a scenario and ask if it's legal for you to fly. Make sure to know the difference between private carriage and common carriage and also have a good understanding of what holding out is. In addition, the difference between a wet lease, dry lease, and the exceptions listed in FAR 119.1. Some good references are also in AC 91-37B and AC 120-12A.

Aerodynamics have been painfully weak during the commercial practical test. This is listed

under the "Performance and Limitations" task in the ACS and it is very general. What that means is if you got a question wrong on the written test under aerodynamics, your examiner could ask you whatever they want that relates to aerodynamics. This is a very big topic that covers a lot of information. Make sure to study the "Pilots Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge" or other FAA publications and have a good understanding of aerodynamics. A few examples are load factor, how stall speed affects CG, and how VA changes with weight.

For the flight portion of the practical test, the number one failed maneuver is the 180-degree power-off landing. It is really challenging and sometimes people will fail on this maneuver multiple times. I will often hear from applicants that they have not practiced in the wind conditions present the day of the checkride. Maybe they were practicing in calm wind, and it's 15 knots the day of their checkride. Make sure to practice this maneuver in all types of wind conditions and be consistent. This is the one landing that a go-around is not allowed. In most cases, the examiner won't have you do this maneuver first, so I recommended getting a feel for the winds while doing your other landings. Also, be mindful if there is an airplane limitation that prevents you from slipping with flaps. Many CE-172 models do not allow for slips with flaps.

Good luck to everyone working towards their commercial certificate! If you have a question you would like answered you can e-mail me at askadpe99@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you!



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Daring Greatly

By Donna Miller

“It is not the critic who counts: not the woman who points out how the strong woman stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the woman who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends herself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if she fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that her place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

– Theodore Roosevelt
(pronouns changed for this audience)

This quote has been repeated throughout the years, most recently by Professor and Author Brené Brown, whose Ted Talk on vulnerability has been viewed over seventeen million times. What can we as pilots learn from this?

In these days of influencers and social media, it's not uncommon to ask a question only to be pummeled by nay sayers and sideline critics. The challenge is to separate the honest, albeit sometimes painful, responses from the cheap shots from the equally cheap seats. I am grateful for constructive criticism, but only if it comes from someone who is also “in the arena,” succeeding and failing while daring greatly.

What I've learned from my observations and being pummeled a bit myself, is that a quick search usually tells me how valid the advice is. If you're seeking wisdom from a forum, do your responses come from those who are where you want to be? Is their feedback helpful, even if it's not what you want to hear? For example, there was a discussion about tattoos, and while there were supportive posts and pictures of beautiful artwork, there was also cautionary advice concerning future employment. Some of the younger members of the group felt that this was unsupportive and terribly outdated.

Consider the source. One piece of cautious advice came from a major airline Captain who knows the industry well, and like it or not, “no visible tattoos” is still part of most airlines' regulations. To the disagreement of some, this Captain was, in fact, being very supportive by alerting the pilot prior to an airline interview.

On the other hand, there were comments that stated, “A tattoo doesn't define your skill as a pilot.” While that may be true, some of those comments came from GA pilots who were not seeking gainful employment as professional pilots; therefore “not in the arena.”

In this age of social media, it has been suggested that we ask ourselves three questions before posting: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? A fourth question could be asked. Am I in the arena? This can also be applied when you are seeking advice. Is the advice coming from someone in YOUR arena? Keep these things in mind as you continue to dare greatly.

Books

101 TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF AIR AND SPACE

– Aviators and Astronauts

Author: Penny Rafferty Hamilton, Ph.D.

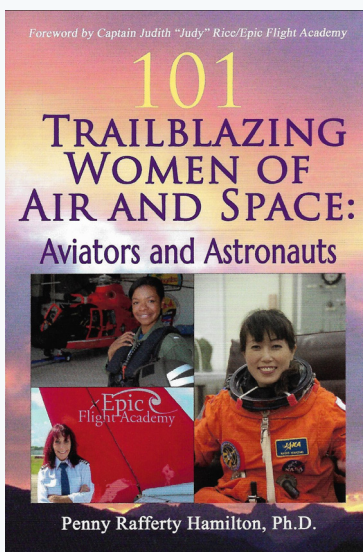
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Available on Amazon as an e-book, paperback (\$17.99), and hardcover (\$24.99)

Dr. Penny Hamilton is a member of The 99s Colorado Chapter. She is a laureate of the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame and has been inducted into the Colorado Author's Hall of Fame.

This is the most recent book in Penny's string of books that focus on women's history and accomplishments in aviation. There are some of the usual profiles, but there are also many that will surprise you and expand your knowledge of women who have been – and are – involved in aviation and aerospace. Penny writes the sorts of books that provide immediate gratification and also serve you well as a continuing resource. The section titled “Explore More” will expand your necessary reading list, along with listings for films, documentaries, online resources, and organizations. This book is a keeper for your collection.

As a note, Penny commented that “a portion of the proceeds from the book will be donated to inspire our next generation of trailblazers.” She generously donated to The 99s' Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

– Jacque Boyd, Rio Grande Norte Chapter



Milestones

Jennifer Dezell

Solo, Private, Instrument
– Long Beach

Amanda Grossman

Commercial
– Paradise Coast

Kat Hanlon

ATP & CE525 type rating
– Bay Cities

Linda Howard

Instrument
– Long Beach

Megan Kojima

CFII, Multiengine
– Long Beach



Lauren Koscelnick

Private
– Ventura County



Connie Leege

Connie, right; CFI Katie Clagg, left
CFI
– Paradise Coast



Valeriya Mordvinova

Multi-engine
– Eastern Ontario



Ange Nissen

Graduated FAA
Air Traffic Control Academy
– Paradise Coast Chapter

Jayme O'Bryant

Private
– Bay Cities



Yuko Query

ATP, Multiengine
– Spaceport



Frances Rose

Private
– Michigan

Amanda Salerno

Commercial, Instrument
– Long Beach

Cindy Santoso

ATP
– Long Beach

Angela Taylor

Private
– Kitty Hawk



Paulina Umansky

Solo
– Bay Cities

Gloria Whalen

Private
– Reno Area



Sydney Whisler

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AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Saving the Archives Project and Grant

This is part two of our article about receiving the Guy Bromley Grant (see JAN/FEB 2022 issue - Touch & Go section).

The archives we are preserving are part of Amelia Earhart's story – from her childhood to her adult life. Her life encompassed breaking barriers, pushing through limitations, taking chances, and overcoming adversity. We are doing the same thing at the museum. We are overcoming our limitations of preserving Amelia's history. The HVAC system is installed. The restoration and maintenance committee has helped us paint the walls and redo the space for the office with new lighting. It is beautiful, and we can't wait to move our new desks in as soon as they arrive. We did have two folding tables and two desks that were in poor condition and falling apart. With the grant we will be receiving professional desks, file cabinets, and bookcases.

We have archive items in open cardboard boxes and in piles versus acid-free paper and archival boxes. We have now received the proper archive materials and storage items to store these precious items in. We have paintings and framed art that is on the floor. The art rack provided through the grant will be installed in about six weeks.

Our volunteer archivist also recommended the removal of dusty carpet in the office and archival area. Carpet floors are not considered the best for archival storage because if it gets moist it can cause mold and mildew. We have now installed flooring that won't harm the archives and that doesn't retain dust, soil, and moisture like carpet.



It looks like the project will cost more than anticipated because of the fluctuating cost of materials and items that were not included in the grant – like blinds, lighting, and office moving expenses. If you can contribute to the Saving the Archives project please do so by sending a check to the museum at 223 N. Terrace Street, Atchison, KS 66002, calling us at 913-367-4217 or you can purchase items from our gift shop online or purchase a brick, gift card, or come by and take a tour in person or virtually. The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum is a nonprofit museum and a tax deduction for you. We always appreciate The 99s support of the museum.

Scan here to make a donation to the Saving the Archives project.



– Heather Roesch, Grant writer and Director of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum



AMELIA EARHART HANGAR MUSEUM

Located in Amelia Earhart's birthplace of Atchison, Kansas, the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum seeks to educate, inspire, and empower all generations in the pursuit of flight. The centerpiece of the museum is Muriel – the last remaining Lockheed Electra 10-E – an aircraft identical to the Electra Earhart flew and disappeared with during her famous circumnavigation attempt in 1937. The museum, which is slated to open later this year, will tell Earhart's story through interactive STEM exhibits ranging from physics lessons with Amelia's homemade roller coaster to geometry lessons with a sextant. These exhibits, created by the design and build firm Dimensional Innovations, are currently being engineered and fabricated.

Although not officially open to the public, the museum hosts behind-the-scenes tours and events. Some of the museum's favorite visitors are young aviation enthusiasts. Local girls enjoyed completing aviation-related activities at Girls in Aviation Day in September, and a steady rotation of young Amelia Earhart fans dressed as the famous pilot visit with their families every couple of months. One favorite exhibit of these visitors is titled "Feminine Feats." Six famous female pilots from Amelia's time are featured next to a panel detailing the founding of The Ninety-Nines. A touch screen interactive highlights modern female pilots. This screen will be routinely updated to recognize current pilot accomplishments, and perhaps in the future, pilots who were inspired to take flight by their visit to the museum!

– Allison Balderrama, Museum Director, Atchison Amelia Earhart Foundation, Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum

THE NATIONAL WASP WWII MUSEUM



The National WASP WWII Museum is celebrating 80 years of the WASP on April 29 - 30 at Avenger Field – the training grounds for most of the WASP. To best honor America's first females to fly military aircraft, the Museum is recreating a wartime party scene complete with WASP reenactors, a live swing band, good food, and – best of all – aircraft.

The WASP flight line will once again hold their training aircraft including eleven BT-13s with many other wonderful WWII aircraft including the B-25, B-17, and a DC-3. All female crews will be in attendance with Navy and Air Force aircraft.

Visitors will enjoy many other activities including the opening of two exhibits: a permanent exhibit on the American history of Black pilots by historian Monica Smith and a special temporary exhibit of John and Marie Clark – B-17 and WASP pilots respectively – courtesy of the Yankee Air Museum. Other activities include author signings, special conversations, and our Kids' Zone.

Saturday's fly-in and activities are free. Friday's dinner and dance fundraiser is a ticketed event to raise money for all new exhibits in Hangar 2 – a 1929 hangar that served as the first airport for the city of Sweetwater.

For details on the event, to purchase tickets, and learn more about Hangar 2 renovations, please visit waspmuseum.org or call the Museum at 325-235-0099.

– Lisa Taylor, Executive Director of the WASP Museum

THE 99S MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS



The 99s Museum of Women Pilots (MWP) is looking for creative women to help with an educational project. We need writers and interviewers to get

the ball rolling. This project is being partially funded by an International Society of Transport Aircraft Training (ISTAT) grant that can be used for a portion of production costs.

Below is the project outline. The first order of business is to compile a list of women working in the field and a list of questions to ask them about themselves, their entrance into the field, their work, and their vision of the future. This part will be a two-to-five-minute Zoom interview followed by interactive questions similar to those on the previous models that are now on the website.

This year the Museum of Women Pilots will concentrate on creating inspirational and educational modules focused on women working in the field of sustainable aviation around the world. The modules will be accessible to all from the museum's website. See the previous modules at www.museumofwomenpilots.org/training-modules.htm.

The 2021 and 2022 modules will include short prerecorded introductory Zoom interviews of women around the world working in sustainable aviation fields such as hybrid electric commuter planes (Ampaire), alternative eco-friendly fuels (low-carbon hydrogen fuel), and urban aerial mobility. The education and career paths of these women will be cited as inspirational models for young women to emulate. The teaching part of each module will include specific questions and answers about the various types of eco-friendly aircraft and fuels, their carbon footprints, etc. These modules will be replaced or updated as the science progresses.

With the forecast that air service demand will double by 2037 and reach 19.7 billion by 2040 – based on a projected growth rate of 3.7% per year – we are going to need a large, diverse, and skilled talent pool from which to draw. Closing the gender gap is undoubtedly a critical factor in aviation's sustainability in the long haul and to the prosperity of the world. The website training and educational modules are available to all interested parties worldwide from the MWP website.

Please let me know who you would like to interview or have interviewed by someone else, if you have any skills in video editing, audio editing, graphic design, motion graphics, etc., and would like to work on this project. You will be given credit on the MWP website.

– Connie Schurr, *The 99s Museum of Women Pilots*
Trustee & Secretary

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Who: Calling All 99s

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Inquiries: Marilyn Shafer, 813-245-1398
or ProBBMom@gmail.com

Register: Go to nifa.aero, click on the "Judges" tab and use the red "Volunteer to Judge at SAFECON" button to sign up for Nationals.

THE 99S WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Another year has come and gone and our competitors for The 99s Women's Achievement Award will be working on their applications and gathering their required documentation.

Past award winners stated that they didn't know about the financial award which accompanies this trophy. To that end, I am sending a blast e-mail notification of the award's details to all NIFA member schools through NIFA's Outreach Committee Chair. I expect a record number of applications this year!

As experienced in the past, this award will be given no matter what Covid-19 has in store for us.

Please send your donation support to our 99s Headquarters in Oklahoma City via snail mail at PO Box 950374, Oklahoma City, OK 73195-0374 or go to our website www.ninety-nines.org and click on the "Donate" button to choose The 99s Women's Achievement Award. Be sure to note in the comments field from whom this donation is given: individual donor, Chapter, or Section. These donors will be acknowledged in the NIFA program and in the Ninety-Nines' magazine.

Thank you in advance for your continued financial support! Questions? Marilyn Shafer, ProBBMom@gmail.com or 813-245-1398

Grass Roots



Suzette Biela, Jordan Garner, Margaret Wint, Ginger DeVillers, Sandy Denton, Morgan Duling, Sue Siporin, Lilliana Alvarado, Melanie McNicholas, Barb Goodman, (not pictured, Kelly Jost)

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

On November 9, members of the Michigan Chapter toured the WACO Factory located at the Battle Creek, Michigan Airport. The production facility occupies four large hangars. Tim Osterhouse – former student of member Barb Goodman – conducted the members through the various stages of production and explained about the special spruce wood supply, intricate processes, and craftsmanship that make the WACO. The facility has an excellent restaurant, the WACO Kitchen, which is open to the public with views of the runways and the factory floor. The menu is much better than typical airport food. If you order the special hot dog it comes with a WACO on the side; the cheeseburger comes with a WACO on floats.

– Sandy Denton



Susan Westervelt, Julie Somers, Rosanne Isom, Bev Weintraub, Rosemary Albrecht, Deana Lawson, Erin Alghandoor, Allison Mack, Shelley Ewalt, Amy Myzie, Lorraine Denby, and Linda Scully

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

December 4, 2021, the New Jersey Chapter celebrated their annual Dodie Riach Scholarship Award event. Michael Peschetti is this year's winner! Our guest speaker, Bev Weintraub, presented her new book "Wings of Gold: The Story of the First Women Naval Aviators."

– Sue Westervelt

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Another productive Chapter meeting was held in November via Zoom. Local flying and recent Chapter events were discussed. Also discussed was the heavy traffic along Chapter Chairman Nancy Neumann's route from Nashville, Tennessee. She had been on a round trip to attend her nephew's wedding when our Chapter meeting was being held. Not being one to miss a meeting or time with friends and other members, Nancy called from out of state on her way home to Long Island. We have many current members who now live out of state, and yet, are still active in the Chapter. There is always a way if you really want to be a Chapter member.

Chapter Chairman Nancy Neumann, Secretary-Treasurer Jill Hopfenmuller, Mae Smith, and Terry Caputo attended the New York-New Jersey Section Fall Meeting held in Oneonta, New York. They actually attended in person – which was an interesting and pleasant change from all the local Long Island events. Hopefully soon everyone will be free to travel and meetings will be held in person. But the Zoom set up has done a great job keeping everyone up to date on The Ninety-Nines affairs.

Thanks to all those with Zoom experience who then volunteered their time and talent to teach other Chapter members so everyone could attend the meetings. A special thank you to Long Island Vice Chairman, Naraline Coqk, who was our very knowledgeable Zoom teacher.

– Patricia J. Rockwell



Cheri Thompson, Laura Burnham (Chair), Tammy Willits (Girl Scout Liaison), Linda Meyer (Treasurer) and Sara Tompson (Secretary). We are by a WWII ambulance airplane in a museum annex where our station was set up.

NORTHEAST KANSAS CHAPTER

On October 9, 2021, the Air Guard and Air Combat Museum at Forbes Field (KFOE) in Topeka, Kansas kindly invited the Northeast Kansas 99s Chapter back again to speak with all the troops of Girl Scouts who toured around different educational stations on the field!

The event organizers wanted us to represent civilian, hobby aviation and we were happy to do so! This year 147 Scouts and 50 adult chaperons registered for the event. There is no official headcount, but we think we spoke with about that many people.

– Sara Tompson.



COLORADO CHAPTER

Many thanks to our wonderful hosts, Marylou and Ray Pohl. The smaller, yet still festive, holiday party was very enjoyable. During the fall, the virtual Thanksgiving fundraiser was a tremendous success and the Chapter will have the opportunity to award several scholarships this year.

In January the Colorado Chapter returned to a virtual meeting and attendees were delighted with a presentation from Captain Karen Kahn. Captain Kahn shared tips, guidance, amusement, and solid fundamentals to fly like a pro. A recipient of the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, Captain Kahn has a wealth and depth of experiences and expertise. The Colorado Chapter appreciated having Captain Kahn join us to lead in some learning and inspiration.

Plans are underway for the South Central Section Spring Meeting to be held in Boulder, Colorado in March!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS: 2020 Colorado Chapter scholarship recipient, Corrie Stevens, opened Summit Flight Training in Greeley, Colorado at KGXY. www.summitflighttraining.com

– Lydia H. Baldwin



Amy Hills, Jodie Gawthrop (not a 99), Stephanie Kight, Ashley Switalski, Michelle Beachy, Brittany Moon, Joelene Smith (not a 99)

INDIANA CHAPTER

When 15 Scouts from all over central Indiana arrived at Hendricks County Airport early on a cold, overcast day, they were surprised to be greeted by seven female aviators! Both male and female Scouts – ranging from 9 to 15 years old – participated in earning their aviation badge on November 21, 2021. After learning some basics, they were divided into small groups to visit various stations led by some of the Indiana Chapter's aviatrixes. These stations included safety wiring, aviation careers, instrumentations, certificates, and airport environment. After lunch, the Scouts were then treated to a pre-flight, followed by an EAA Young Eagles flight.

Ninety-Nines member Amy Hills said, "This event could not have been successful if it wasn't for the ladies of The 99s. I made a post on our chapter's Facebook page asking for basic organization help and within minutes, the ladies jumped in to help not only organize, but lead stations, think of details, and made sure the next generation of aviators knew how much fun flying can be!"

This successful day would not have been possible without the partnership of Hendricks County Aviation.

– Brittany L. Moon



MAUI CHAPTER

Aloha Wahine Pailaka (Aloha Women Pilots)! The Maui Chapter 99s have enjoyed a beautiful winter with whale watching, instrument training, looking for rainbows, and mentoring each other.

The generous donation of a Redbird Jay simulator from Mike Ballard, brother of Maui Chapter member Kerri Ballard, was an amazing surprise for the Chapter in December. Thanks so very much Mike! We are looking forward to utilizing this simulator at our upcoming STEM events, aviation days, and career days at local schools. It will be available for furthering instrument training to our 99s members as well.

Our annual cookie caper to Maui airports and the airport fire department was fun this year – with members meeting in the parking lots of two Maui airports to give thanks via goodies and smiles. Following the cookie caper, many members met at Elizabeth L'Heureux's hangar for a special event. The first Maui Chapter 99s logo was showcased on a postcard. After several designs were created by local artist, Nanilei Arnold, we were so happy to have chosen one to call our very own. It feels wonderful to have our logo beside The International 99s logo. Mahalo nui loa Nanilei!

Lastly, we would like to say how happy we are to welcome many new members to our Chapter since our official inauguration – which has also given our experienced pilots an opportunity to share their time, experience, and joy for flying. Please reach out if you find yourself in the islands. It would be an honor to connect with you, and so much fun!

– Shannon Christensen

Grass Roots



LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Fourteen members of the Long Beach Chapter, one 49½, plus assorted supporters and friends celebrated the holidays pilot style: in a hangar at Torrance Airport. The makeup of this Chapter has changed quite a bit over the years and now includes a full spectrum of pilots from young students to new certificated private pilots and CFIs to longtime loyal members.

It was a big night with many highlights! They all showed off their ugly Christmas sweaters and brought delicious potluck dishes. Some pretty decent White Elephant gifts were given and stolen.

A very special part of the evening was celebrating the 101st birthday of Chapter founder Iris Critchell. Iris is healthy and active, but she takes many precautions due to Covid-19 so we all adapted with a Zoom birthday party. Iris is a pro at Zoom! An iPad was passed around the room, and everyone got some one-on-one time with Iris. And Iris was able to speak with the immense talent that is rising through the ranks.

Chapter Chair Sheena Templo capped off the evening by highlighting the most recent accomplishments of Chapter members – what a group of high achievers! Jody Jonsson bought her own plane, a twin Diamond Star DA-62, fully checked out in it and also passed 750 hours total time. Minfei Chen received Orange County and San Diego Chapter scholarships. Sharon Crawford and her husband, Don, flew their Cessna Cardinal to Oshkosh. Juliette Simpkins bought her own plane. Cindy Santoso was hired by SkyWest Airlines. Many other members reached significant milestones, see the Milestones listing on page 23.

– Anne O'Brien



Hostess and Vice Chair Mona Knock and Chapter Chair Madeleine Monaco. Tina Willman-Hammar won the blue taxiway light everyone wanted (Mona assured us it was not swiped from an active taxiway). Tim Linstrom presenting a raffle prize to Chapter member Maria Linstrom

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

With cocktails and Lucky Monk's delicious soft pretzel appetizers, we began enjoying our own Chicago Area Chapter version of holiday cheer. The hostess for this event was Vice Chair Mona Knock. Tons of raffle tickets were sold. The collection jars in front of each raffle prize were filled and a great group of 99s, 49½s, and friends were all excited to visit with each other. It seemed like it had been such a long time since we'd all been together.

After dinner, we invited our newest 49½, Tim Linstrom, to pull the winning tickets from each jar. Mona's prizes were well received, and the winners were very pleased. Treasurer, Shelley Ventura, was also very pleased since the net proceeds of the raffle will help out with our upcoming safety seminar and other events scheduled this year.

The collection boxes for donations to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry were filled with lots of gift cards, cash, and checks. The beautifully decorated sheet cakes for dessert – one chocolate and one vanilla – were put out on display, and of course, we took photos before having at least one piece of each.

Special thanks to: student pilot member, Claire Carr, for selling raffle tickets; Madeleine Monaco, for making the centerpieces; Diane Cozzi, for taking pictures; and to everyone else who donated, purchased, or just attended this event. Mona and her team kept us busy, well fed, and entertained!

– Diane Cozzi



SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

The San Antonio Chapter has stayed fairly busy throughout 2021. In June, we had four members fly to Atlanta, Texas, to volunteer with the Dallas 99s in their Let's Fly Now! event. Our Chapter held our own Let's Fly Now! event in February 2021, taking 26 young women and their family members on a flight.

During that same month, the Chapter had our annual banquet. Chapter leadership was transferred from former Chair, Cheryl Mora, to our present Chair, Andrea McGilvray. A Chapter scholarship was awarded to Veronica Velasquez, who was also one of our 2021 Pilot of the Year Award recipients. Denise Pride was the second Pilot of the Year for 2021, and Andrea McGilvray for 2020.

August kept members close to home, where we had a presentation by Andrea McGilvray on aircraft ownership. The meeting was a combination of in person attendance and remote participation via Zoom.

September was the annual social, where members met at a local airport (KCVB) and shared food along with personal stories about our individual journeys into aviation.

In October a few of our members — Reni Baker, Gloria Blank, and Cheryl Mora — traveled up to McKinney, Texas, for the annual South Central Section Meeting.

In November, seven people total flew to Sweetwater, Texas, to visit the WASP museum for a day. One member drove in to meet those who flew. Everyone enjoyed seeing the museum, and we were able to meet a few family members of WASP Meriem “Roby” Anderson while visiting. Andrea McGilvray had met Roby at a farmer’s market before her passing and went through great lengths to obtain certain memorabilia during her time as a WASP. These items were flown to Sweetwater and donated to the museum during the visit.

In addition to that sentimental exchange, volunteer pilot Brian Laing offered to take one member up for a ride in the BT-13 after Roby’s family members had flown. Andrea McGilvray was the ecstatic volunteer that took him up on the offer.

To wrap up the year, our Chapter met for the annual Christmas party. Plenty of food was available, and gifts were exchanged during the traditional game of White Elephant. Our Chapter is grateful to Debbie Bertram (not a 99), who has generously donated her neighborhood clubhouse as the venue for many, many years!

The San Antonio 99s had an exciting 2021 despite the pandemic and are looking forward to several events in the works for 2022.

– Lacey Law

LOS ANGELES

On December 4, 2021, Civil Air Patrol hosted an evening with Wally Funk at the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles. Wally shared photos of her life and her recent experience going into space with an intimate group of 70. Many 99s from Southern California Chapters were present including: Kelsi Calvillo, D’Ann Chester, Jinifer Conover, Cindy Morris, Karen Vaughn, and Jennifer Walinowicz from Orange County Chapter, Megan Kojima of the Long Beach Chapter, and Jennifer Butler, Eve Lopez, and Kate Scott of the Los Angeles Chapter. The evening culminated with Flight Path honoring Wally with a plaque on their Aviation Walk of Fame. Special thanks to D’Ann Chester for organizing the event.



Photos by Jean-Christophe Dick

– Kate Scott



Our youngest 99 wannabe – member Sarah Scharf's daughter Amelia.
Katherine Totty with a customer at the pumpkin decorating table

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

The annual St. Charles County Airport Open House and Pumpkin Drop provides a major fundraising opportunity for many local aviation groups and for the businesses located on the airport. This was the first year that the Greater St. Louis 99s participated in this event by sponsoring a coffee and pumpkin fundraiser for the Adela Riek Scharr Scholarship. Saturday, October 30, 2021, began with overcast skies and cold temperatures, and the strong north breeze did not help matters. But by noon the sun was shining and the temperatures became a bit more comfortable.

EAA Chapter 32 – which has its facility on the field and always runs the food concessions – allowed our Chapter to set up our coffee booth inside their food tent (it probably helped that our Co-Chair, Libby Yunger, has been a server at the EAA32 food concession for several years). Our coffee booth – womaned by Co-Chair Stephanie Maugham, Becca Rodeghiero, and Kristina Fulton – was a hit with many people (including a couple of Commemorative Air Force (CAF) pilots) all lining up to get a jolt of caffeine and warmth throughout the event. Regular black coffee as well as vanilla, caramel, and pumpkin spice lattes were offered. Near one of the main entrances to the event, the Chapter set up a table – womaned by Erin Freeman, Katherine Totty, and Martha Norman – where small pie pumpkins were sold for children to decorate with various aviation and space flight stickers.

Hundreds of people attended the open house and watched the airplane pumpkin drop. The main event is always when the CAF's B-25 and TBM Avenger carpet bomb the target with pumpkins. There is also a competition where small general aviation aircraft fly low over the target while the passenger drops a small pumpkin from the window at the target. Did anyone hit the target this year?

– Katherine Totty and Libby Yunger



KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

On January 8, 2022, the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter hosted the presentation of the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to member, Kaye Combs Moore. In 1958, Kaye spent 90 percent of her time involved in her dental hygiene profession and needed a hobby that she could enjoy solo without having to depend on someone else to do it with her. She turned to a female flight instructor Kentucky Bluegrass 99 member Jane Ralston – to show her the ropes. Kaye soloed on her 21st birthday at Bowman Field on August 2, 1958; although, she had to sit in the control tower most of the day to wait for the weather to turn to VFR conditions. Kaye performed this historic milestone in a 1947 Aeronca Champ.

Kaye moved to Florida in 1960 and continued her flying adventures. She joined The Grasshoppers in 1962. She got her instrument rating in 1980 at Panama City, Florida, followed by her commercial in 1981 and multi-engine in 1982. Kaye passed her ground instructor basic written at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, in 1990.

Kaye has flown all over the world. In 1987 she joined a group from Lexington, Kentucky, that flew to Alaska by way of Vancouver, Ketchikan, and Calgary, Canada. The pilots rotated airplanes and instructors. In 1994, she joined the AOPA First Pilots Tour of Israel hosted by Captain Barry Schiff. She flew a C-172 with an air traffic controller and pilot from Tel Aviv joining her because regulations required an Israeli-licensed pilot aboard. Kaye flew the Lexington traffic report Cessna 150 as often as possible between 1994 and 1999.

Kaye participated in the Kentucky Airport Challenge in 2012 and flew to as many airports as she could. She attended the 2015 99s Conference in Munich, Germany, and rented a Cessna 152 to fly over the Neuschwanstein Castle while the rest of the 99s were touring the castle on the ground. In 2016 – while attending the Ottawa, Canada, 99s conference – she went across the bridge to Quebec and flew a Cessna 172 at Gateneau.

Kaye has maintained a current FAA medical since 1958. She is a charter/lifetime member of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky; lifetime member of The Ninety-Nines; member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, The Grasshoppers, and many more aviation organizations. Kaye is only the second woman in Kentucky to receive the prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Congratulations Kaye for your aviation accomplishments and being such a wonderful role model for women pilots everywhere!

– Terry Donner

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Grace Howell

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

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