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On the Cover

Ninety-Nines "let the good times fly" at the 2014 International Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, despite the anvil cloud that hovered ominously. Members experienced the city's renowned night life and regional cuisine, along with touring alligator-filled swamps and historic plantations. Business meeting, seminars, awards and entertainment completed the good times in New Orleans.

Front cover photos from left, Michael Serasio at the WWII Museum (photo by Jeanne Sabankaya); Alice Fanto and Marla Partimbene; Allie Smith Morgan in the Prote; and Co-Chairmen of the Conference Janet Gonzales and Lisa Cotham Pizani.

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PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2014

OCTOBER

- 1 **Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the November/December issue.
- 11 **Mid-Atlantic Section Fall Meeting**, Reading, Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Diana Kelly, skysabove@gmail.com.
- 24 **New England Section Fall Meeting**, Hartford, Connecticut. For more information, contact Rebecca Green, magrag33@hotmail.com.

NOVEMBER

- 7-8 **International Board of Directors Fall Board Meeting**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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- 1 **Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the January/February issue.
- 1 **Due date for submission of AE Memorial Scholarship applications** to Chapter scholarship chairman. For more information, go to <http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/scholarships.htm>.

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FEBRUARY

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

APRIL

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- 21-26 **Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In & Expo**, Lakeland, Florida.
- 23 **WASP Luncheon at Sun 'n Fun**, Lakeland, Florida, honoring the surviving members of the WWII WASP, 11:30 a.m. at Buehler Restoration Center. To purchase a ticket, contact Nancy Wright, 727-946-1050 (cell) or wrightaviation99@gmail.com. Alternate contact: Barbara Yeninas, 813-654-3780 or jjybmy@verizon.net.

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- 22-25 **2015 Air Race Classic**. Visit airraceclassic.org for race information.

JULY

- 5-10 **99s International Conference and Annual Business Meeting**, Munich Germany.
- 20-26 **EAA AirVenture 2015**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Visit eaa.org. Be sure to stop by The Ninety-Nines booth in Hangar B, Aisle B.

AUGUST

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

TWO POSITIONS OPEN ON THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

At the International Conference in Munich, Germany, delegates will be electing two Directors to the International Board of Directors. Your Nominating Committee is looking for members willing to commit the years 2015-2017 to serve their organization. To make it a true election, we need at least four candidates for the two positions.

Don't wait to be asked. It is impossible for the Committee to know all the qualified members of this large organization, and we don't want to miss someone who would be an ideal candidate. And, if not you, encourage someone you think should be on the Board to file an Intent to Seek Election Form.

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President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

Donna Crane-Bailey, our Ninety-Nines Publications Chairman, sent me a copy of an article written by Richard Bach (author, *Jonathan Livingstone Seagull*) and published in a 1965 *Flying* magazine. It was entitled "The Invisible 99." In it, he described the process of hunting down the "elusive 99," saying that not many people knew about this organization of 2,500 members (at that time). Most men, he concluded, didn't think that women could or would fly.

He told one story that I enjoyed about a female flight instructor who flew her plane into Los Angeles International (LAX). Responding to a female voice, the air traffic controller asked what her altitude was, then immediately asked her how high she was. She replied that she was at 2,000 feet and she was sober, thank you.

The point of the article was that most 99s members don't make a big deal out of their flying and don't publicize their beloved organization. However, thanks in part to the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation's Pilot's Choice awards, we have been pushed off our comfortable perches and incentivized to get out and talk to the aviation community about who we are

and what we do, and why voting for us is important.

In fact, some of the funds we have received from Lightspeed in the past few years have also allowed us to publicize The Ninety-Nines at various venues. For example, at the Women in Aviation (WAI) show in Orlando, Florida, in March, we were able to reach out to professional female pilots to educate them about our Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. We have taken part in the first four Airplane Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) regional events, with three more to go before the year's end.

At the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) AirVenture in Oshkosh, there were 99s all over the grounds. We had a booth in Hangar B where we took membership applications, greeted our members who attended and gathered 1,500 Lightspeed votes for The 99s.

Several of our members were mentors and instructors at the Women Soar, You Soar camp for teen-age girls. We took part in a panel discussing how to increase the number of pilots, and we put on our plum-colored T-shirts and were part of the photo shoot of women pilots attending Oshkosh.



We were a co-sponsor of the Women Venture Power Luncheon where we also gave out the Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship; we attended the International Aerobatic Club Dinner and announced the winner of the Vicki Cruse Emergency Maneuver Training (EMT) Scholarship given by our Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (AEMSf); and we were recognized at the Society of Aviation Flight Educators (SAFE) Dinner.

In addition, we were interviewed by EAA's film crew and the local NBC affiliate, which aired the interview on the next morning's news. So much for being "invisible."

Our gratitude goes out to all Ninety-Nines who take part in these and other events to bring us to the attention of the public. In particular, we want those girls and women who think they are alone in having a desire to learn to fly to know that there is an organization where they can receive education, mentorship and possible financial support to accomplish their aviation goals.

Above, Martha is interviewed by Bill Dolan of Spirit Media for a Lightspeed video.

Left, at the Women Venture Power Luncheon, Martha awards the Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to Anna Burneske from Minneapolis, Minnesota.



We Let The Good Times Fly!

2014 International Conference New Orleans, Louisiana

BY JAN MCKENZIE
International Vice President

New Orleans lived up to its exciting reputation! Educational seminars, presenting our recent Fly Now and AE Scholarship recipients, moving our organization forward at our Annual Business Meeting and lots of exciting tours made for an interesting and exciting 2014 Annual Conference. Thanks go to the Southeast Section and Co-Chairmen Lisa Cotham Pizani and Janet Gonzales for their planning and effort to ensure a successful event from start to finish.

The Annual Business Meeting concluded with changes to six bylaws. A bylaw was passed to change the Associate member name to Student Pilot. We approved Student Pilot members' voting rights at the International level, plus four other housekeeping bylaws.

Past President Susan Larson installed the newly elected Board of Directors. New officers for 2014-2016 are Martha Phillips, president; Jan McKenzie, vice-president; Lisa Cotham Pizani, secretary; Leslie Ingham, treasurer. Newly elected Directors Diane Cole and Corbi Bulluck joined our continuing Directors Marjy Leggett and Maureen Kenny.

Elected to the Nominating Committee were Janice Pelletti, Penny Nagy, Jill Shockley, Joan Kerwin and Debra Plymate. New

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Trustees elected are Penny Nagy, 99s Museum of Women Pilots; Dawn Wayle and Cheryl Thompson, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum; Linda Clancey Malone, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund; and Kris Irvin-Herron, Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund. All business meeting reports can be found in the Members Only area of our website under Library.

An exciting announcement was made of the charter for two new Chapters: St. Croix Island Paradise Chapter, Southeast Section, and Waterloo on the Grand Chapter, East Canadian Section.

The Conference concluded with the International Awards Banquet. The following awards were presented: Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines, Nadine Sugden; Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation, Joan Mace; Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts, Carol Sokatch; Award of Merit, Joseph Gordon Sanders; George Palmer Putnam Award, David E. Pearce and Bob Delong; Award of Inspiration, Terry Carbonell; President's Award, Mary Wunder.

All too soon, our time had to end in New Orleans. The German Section gave a delightful invitation to the 2015 International Conference in Munich, Germany. Save the date: July 5-10, 2015!



Doris Gerecht, Ursula Hammer and Henriette Reinsch extend an invitation to the 2015 Conference in Munich, Germany.

Kris Irvin-Herron, Corbi Bulluck, Jan McKenzie, Terry Carbonell and Shelley Ventura wheel in goodies for the Hospitality Suite.

Photo by Glenna Blackwell



Kris Irvin-Herron is next in line for a credentials check.



Kathy Church and Abingdon Welch in the PROTE (Portable Reduced Oxygen Training Enclosure).



Past and present AEMSF scholarship winners were recognized. Back standing: Clancey Maloney, Karen Bailey, Carol Knight, Janice Pelletti, Shelley Ventura, Deb Price, Debby Cunningham, Evelyn Kropp, Pat Ohlsson, Lisa Cotham Pizani, Bobbi Burns Roe. Front kneeling, sitting: Myra Bugbee, Lee Orr, Dottie Norkus, 2014 winners: Janine Nunes, Miyukiko Kostelny, Rosary Marquet, Caylee Johanson; Peggy Doyle.



Lilian Darling Holt and Michele Albiez tour New Orleans.



Major Kait Woods during her session on weather reconnaissance into hurricanes and tropical storms to collect information.



Who are these masked women at Saturday night's pre-banquet cocktail party?



Ninety-Nines step back into history as they begin the plantation tour.



Caylee Johansen in front of Blues, an authentic New Orleans souvenir shop. Photo by Glenna Blackwell



Left, an alligator opens wide for a marshmallow treat. Photo by Michaele Serasio

Below, New Zealand Governor Dee Bond gets a close-up look at a grasshopper on the Honey Island Swamp tour.



Touring the Honey Island Swamp are, from front, Charlene Davis, Lu Hollander, Rose Brown, Pat Ohlsson and Joyce Malkmes.



Getting ready to cruise the Mississippi on the Steamboat Natchez.



On the bus and ready to tour New Orleans!



Past Presidents get into the New Orleans spirit, from left, bottom row, Lois Erickson, Joyce Wells and Elaine Morrow; Top row, Lu Hollander, Gene Nora Jessen, Jody McCarrell, Pat Prentiss, Susan Larson.



Martha Phillips, Jan McKenzie, Lisa Cotham Pizani, Leslie Ingham, Corbi Bulluck, Dianne Cole during the installation of officers.



Robert Viator, retired Air Force instructor pilot, conducting a session on formation flying.



Family members of the late Bob DeLong, recipient of the George Palmer Putnam Award, and his late wife and past Ninety-Nines President Thon Griffith, attended the Awards Banquet. From left, Tom and Stancie Foss, Bailey and Janice Abbott, Janine McManus, Bob DeLong Jr., Nancy and Larry Robertson, Libbie Brown and Morgan Abbott.



A New Orleans tradition at Acme Oyster House. Photo by Jeanne Fenimore



*Roni MacPherson, Fran Bera and Thelma Cull.
Photo by Bobbi Burns Roe*



International members, back row: Ursula Hammer, German Section; Sharon Lutman, Eastern Ontario Chapter; Karen Bailey, Alberta Chapter; Susan Begg, Eastern Ontario Chapter; Dee Bond, New Zealand Section; Henriette Reinsch, German Section; Doris Gerech, German Section. Front row: Maureen Egan, Eastern Ontario Chapter; Rachele Keeley, guest; Dorothy Berthelet, Eastern Ontario Chapter; Elizabeth Brock, Russian Section; Joy Parker Blackwood, First Canadian Chapter; Lisa Bishop, First Canadian Chapter; Kathy Fox, First Canadian Chapter.

Awards 2014



Nadine Sugden

Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines

Nadine is inspirational to all members of the Minnesota Chapter. She has been a very active member for more than 40 years. While holding the position of AE Scholarship Chairman, Nadine spent a great amount of time assisting applicants through the scholarship process as well as mentoring new members. She has held every post in her 99s Chapter. She has spent countless hours volunteering by flying blood for the American Red Cross and daffodils for the American Cancer Society.

Nadine has been flying for over 40 years and was the first woman in the state of Minnesota to earn an instrument rating. She is active on the Airport Commission for the city of Mankato and has donated significant financial support for the past 30 years to the aviation program at Minnesota State University and mentors the program and its students as well.

She regularly seeks and obtains new members for her 99s Chapter and promotes them tirelessly. She and her husband were instrumental in organizing the largest aviation show in Minnesota, which included the Thunderbirds and other celebrated flyers and hundreds of volunteers. She promoted Minnesota Chapter members volunteering during the air show and secured a \$720 donation for the scholarship fund for their efforts. She was instrumental in having the Chapter host Julie Clark during and after her performance at the air show.

Nadine is one of the finest examples of what The 99s is about.



Joan Mace

Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation

Joan's career in aviation began in 1942 during World War II building Helldiver aircraft for the Navy at the Curtiss-Wright factory in Columbus. But she couldn't build them without developing a desire to fly them. She worked the night shift so she could learn to fly by day.

Joan was accepted to the WASP program, but it was disbanded before she could start training. She applied to the airlines, who told her women couldn't do the job. So, Joan earned her commercial and instructor licenses and turned to instruction at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. The only woman on a staff of 22 instructors, she earned about \$2 an hour.

Ohio University was mainly training returning veterans using the GI Bill to learn to fly. When the GI Bill benefits ended in 1948, the OU program ended also, and Joan began raising a family of three boys. However, 15 years later in 1963, OU established a flight instruction program and thought enough of Joan and her previous work to ask her to come back. With her youngest in kindergarten and the full support of her husband Nolan, also a flight instructor, she happily took it on.

When the university made a rule in 1968 that all teachers had to hold a degree, she took that on, too, taking one course at a time. The university approved her efforts in order to keep her on staff. Ten years later, she graduated in the same class as her oldest son Mark, both summa cum laude.

While Joan was doing all this, she also earned more ratings, culminating with the highest FAA license given, the Multiengine Air Transport Pilot Certificate. She was one of only 60 women in the country at that time to do so.

She earned full professor status at OU, and in 1983 she was named head of the department, the first woman to head a university aviation department. Joan also became a designated FAA examiner for private, commercial, instrument, multi-engine and all flight instructor ratings. She retired from Ohio University in 1994, having taught there for 30 years, logging over 12,000 hours of instruction and guiding well over 1,000 students to their aviation degrees and more.

After retiring she became the chief check pilot for the Ohio State Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and flew with the Airborne Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Bob DeLong

George Palmer Putnam Award

Just as George Palmer Putnam was husband, promoter and number one fan of The Ninety-Nines first elected President, Amelia Earhart, Bob DeLong was always there for his life and love, former President Thon Griffith Delong, as well as Ninety-Nines everywhere.

Bob was a constant friend of The Ninety-Nines, attending as many Orange County Chapter and International events as his health would allow in recent years. He even accompanied Thon to the International Conference in Hawaii to show support show his support, not only for his wife as a former President of the organization, but for all Ninety-Nines.

When Thon and Bob met and married about 10 years ago, The Ninety-Nines were in the midst of a fundraising campaign to get enough money to purchase the 1929 Travel Air in which 99s Charter Member Louise Thaden won the 1929 Powder Puff Derby. At the same time, Thon was also heavily involved in cataloging historical memorabilia for the new 99s Museum of Women Pilots. Bob was a great support to Thon in her travels every few months from Southern California to Oklahoma City.

When he learned that The Ninety-Nines had not been able to raise enough money to purchase the Travel Air and get it home to Oklahoma City, Bob stepped forward anonymously to donate the additional \$100,000 needed to purchase the airplane. He did this because of his love and respect for The Ninety-Nines and because he felt the airplane must belong to the organization and be brought home to headquarters. He asked that his donation remain a secret until after Thon's death, when he allowed the donation to be revealed.

In addition, Bob also funded an AE perpetual scholarship in Thon's name, again, not only to honor her but to support The Ninety-Nines and future aspiring pilots who deserve to follow in the footsteps of Amelia and Thon in pursuing their goals and dreams in aviation.

As a pilot and aircraft owner himself, he was always there with a word of encouragement, especially when it came to pursuing a goal in aviation.

Sadly, Bob flew on to New Horizons in December 2013, following his beloved Thon who had gone on before him in March.



David Pearce

George Palmer Putnam Award

David E. Pearce started his aviation career in 1955. In 1975 he became a designated examiner for all Pilot Ratings and Certificates for Fixed Wing Aircraft. He has also been a flight and ground instructor for all FAA Fixed Wing Ratings. He has lectured extensively on Aviation Safety, Rules and Procedures.

In 1981 he received the FAA Flight Instructor of the Year award. From 1989 through 1993, he served as an Associate Engineer for the FAA's Advanced Automation System (AAS) Program. This program involved major upgrading of the FAA enroute terminal and tower and air traffic control facilities throughout the United States. In 2008 he was awarded "Fifty Years of Dedicated Service in Aviation Safety" by the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration.

He has over 23,000 hours of flying time as a flight instructor. He taught his son, daughter and brother-in-law to fly and, as a pilot examiner, he has tested over 5,000 applicants without accident or incident. Twenty-three of the female students are now airline pilots.

Recently when the Town of Leesburg established an ILS approach into the Leesburg Executive Airport (JYO), it named an approach fix for David in recognition of his leadership and support. The fix just happens to be right over his house. However, it is in his role as a designated examiner and pilot that he has exhibited the most support for The 99s. Every female pilot who ever took a check ride with him or a flight review was introduced to The 99s. If he could find a 99 at the airport, he would pull them over to meet the potential new member. I wish we had kept a record of the number of women of all ages that he introduced to The 99s. It would be in the hundreds for sure. Some of the hardest working members of the Old Dominion Chapter came as a result of Dave Pearce. He wants The 99s to succeed, and he shows this by his many actions on our behalf.



Terry Carbonell

Award of Inspiration

Terry Carbonell's mantra for life is "Never let fear, alone, stop you," and that certainly applies to Terry, from learning to fly at age 44 at the request of her late husband to taking on the IRS for the sake of her Section.

She says she did not take to flying immediately, and the development of wings was an evolutionary process for her that took time. But after over eight years, 2,300-plus hours, instrument, commercial, tailwheel, multi-engine and seaplane ratings, ground instructor, CFI, CFI-I certificates and lots of help from other pilots, instructors and friends, her flight feathers, she says, are becoming fully developed.

She joined The 99s in 2007, becoming a member of the newly formed Paradise Coast Chapter. She has served the Chapter as Secretary, Vice Chairman and worked on Chapter projects such as the 2010 Air Race Classic starting point, youth aviation education activities, scholarship committee and the Sunshine Derby. This is her eighth year racing in the Air Race Classic as pilot for Team Wild Mama, and she has served as director and secretary.

As Governor of the Southeast Section 99s, Terry has seen a growth in Section membership, overseen the addition of two new Chapters for the Section, with a possible third in the works. She also resurrected another Chapter and the Section's Gann Memorial Scholarship. Terry has worked tirelessly for the past three years to resolve a tax issue for the Section, which has also helped other Sections and Chapters avoid such issues.

Terry continues her love of flying by teaching aviation to kids, developing innovative aviation education programs and working with Aviation Adventures, Inc., an organization dedicated to providing aviation education to economically disadvantaged youth in underserved areas.



Carol Sokatch

Humanitarian Award

Carol Sokatch is truly an inspiring and dedicated person. She has been a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of The Ninety-Nines since 1982 and has worked tirelessly to support the Chapter and its activities since that time. She has also been involved in a number of aviation-based organizations and activities beyond The Ninety-Nines, including the Oklahoma Pilots Association.

Her involvement on the International level includes Election Judge for the International Convention, 1997; International Elections Procedure Committee, 1997-98; and volunteer at International Headquarters, 2000 to present.

Carol is also a dedicated member of the Oklahoma Chapter, having served as Chapter Chairman, 1995-97 and Chapter Secretary, two separate terms.

In addition, she was the liaison between the Oklahoma Chapter and the Convention Planner when the Oklahoma Chapter hosted the 1996 International Convention in Oklahoma City, 1995-96.

She also presented aviation and aerospace programs to school groups and youth organizations and served as Chapter liaison for the Air and Space Museum for over 10 years, helping with summer camps, school visitations and Exploration Celebration. Carol also served on the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission coordinating their statewide Aviation and Aerospace Art contests.

The Okie Derby Air Rally benefits from Carol's dedication. She served as chairman in 1993, has been on the Board of Directors from 2003 to present, was Hospitality Chairman from 2007 to present and served in other capacities over the years.

While Carol was Fundraising Chairman for the Wings of the Future scholarship, 1993-2003, the scholarship flourished and the amount awarded each year increased.

As if Carol's aviation involvement hasn't kept her busy enough, she graciously gives her time to a variety of needs in the Oklahoma City area, including The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City; Helping Hands Program, Oklahoma City Public Schools; and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.



Mary Wunder

The President's Award

Mary Wunder has been a member of The 99s and the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter since 1981. She served as Chapter Chairman twice and was instrumental in fundraising for the Chapter's scholarship program. She takes part in the Chapter's annual Pennies-A-Pound fundraiser and organizes their Chapter's annual Poker Run for the benefit of The 99s Endowment Fund. She has also been Ways and Means Chairman at both the Chapter and Section levels.

Mary's aviation experience includes numerous pilot ratings as well as a long career with the FAA as an air traffic controller in some of the nation's busiest airspace. While working as a Philadelphia Approach Controller, Mary facilitated tower tours for fellow Ninety-Nines, school groups and other aviation organizations, as well as ensuring that the tower was included in Take Our Daughters to Work Day. She always encouraged better understanding and cooperation between controllers and pilots, as well as promoted careers in aviation for women. The FAA awarded Mary a Special Achievement Award in 1992, and she continued to work on special projects for the FAA until her retirement in 2007.

Not wanting to sit still, Mary joined the ranks of the Air Race Classic participants in 2008 and has been racing annually ever since, taking a new co-pilot every year to share the cross-country and racing experience. She is also an assistant director.

Mary served on the International Board of Directors from 1997-2002, holding the offices of Director and Secretary. During that time, she and then-President Beverly Sharp made the motion that changed the Endowment Fund Resolution so that the Endowment Fund had to be at \$1,000,000 before any proceeds could be taken. Fifteen years later, the Endowment Fund was nowhere close to \$1,000,000, and she realized it was time to finish the task. Recognizing that future growth for The Ninety-Nines requires a dependable source of income, Mary worked tirelessly to meet the Endowment Fund Trust's million dollar goal. She could always be seen with her hand out – either looking for silent auction prizes, selling raffle tickets or trying to talk you out of your fuel money. Along with her current and past capable Trust members, Mary has closed the gap to get us to our long-awaited goal.



Joseph Gordon Sanders

Award of Merit

Joey Sanders fulfilled his childhood dream of flying a fighter jet, but that is only one of his many successful aviation careers.

Lt. Col. Sanders recently retired from the Birmingham ANG 117th with a distinguished military career in the F4 Phantom and the KC 135. He has worked for an international freight carrier as captain on the MD11 since 1987.

In 1996 he founded Sanders Aviation, a Fixed Based Operation at the Jasper, Alabama, airport. At that location, Sanders Flight Training was established, and additional offices at the Shelby County Airport and Marion Military Institute soon followed.

Sanders T-6 Race team was formed in 2004 for the National Reno Air Race Championship. During the 50th Anniversary Reno Air Race, Team Sanders celebrated 10 years of air racing and four First Place silver finishes in Big Red T-6 that turned 40 years old in 2013.

Joey is the president of the T-6 Racing Association, the T-6 Air Race Instructor and Check Airman and a member of the T-6 Class Board of Directors. Since 2006, Joey 'Gordo' Sanders and Big Red have performed in air shows, participating in national and international venues.

He donates proceeds and hosts fundraisers for The Birmingham Aero Club Scholarship Fund, The Southern Museum of Flight, Dreams on Wings and numerous charity appearances and performances.

Following Alabama's deadly tornado outbreak in 2011, Sanders Aviation hosted a relief benefit drawing almost 1,000 in attendance where The Ninety-Nines assisted.

Joey was born and lives in Jasper, Alabama, with his wife and two daughters.

Nominees Invited to Apply for 2015 International Awards

By Alice Talnack, International Awards Chairman

The International Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for three prestigious awards to be presented by The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at the 2015 International Conference in Munich, Germany. The deadline for submitting nominations is **January 15, 2015**.

Award	Description of Award	Who May be Nominated
Award of Achievement (for Ninety-Nines)	Three separate Awards of Achievement may be presented for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines; for Contributions to Aviation; for Humanitarian Efforts.	An individual member of The Ninety-Nines (living or deceased); a group of 99s; or an organization within The Ninety-Nines, such as a Chapter, Section, Committee or Trust. An individual recipient must be a current member or have been a current member at the time of her death.
Award of Merit (for non-Ninety-Nines)	Recognizes a significant contribution to any facet of aviation, such as aviation or aerospace education, aviation science, aviation history, aviation commerce, aviation legislation, etc.	An individual (male or female, living or deceased) or an organization. The recipient may not be a current or former member of The Ninety-Nines or of a group within The Ninety-Nines.
George Palmer Putnam Award (for non-Ninety-Nines)	Recognizes support provided to The Ninety-Nines by an individual (male or female, living or deceased) or an organization. The contribution may have occurred in the past or present, as a single action or a series of events.	An individual (male or female, living or deceased), or an organization. The recipient may not be a current or former member of The Ninety-Nines or of a group within The Ninety-Nines.

Who may submit nominations? A Ninety-Nines Chapter, Section, or Trust.

How to nominate: Submit a one-page letter, signed by two officers or trustees (as appropriate). The nomination must include the name, address and telephone number of the nominee or the nominee's next-of-kin if the nominee is deceased. Up to three additional pages of substantiating material may be attached to the letter. Send your nomination to International Headquarters in Oklahoma City to the attention of the Awards Committee. Nominations should be received by the deadline of **Thursday, January 15, 2015**. Note: Previous nominees may be resubmitted.

Questions? Contact Alice Talnack, International Awards Chairman, at atalnack@comcast.net, 831-688-8899.

Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

Welcome Back Members

Abbott, Myra, Indiana
Armour, Kresse, San Fernando Valley
Armstrong, Erika, Colorado
Aspegren, Lynn, Sacramento Valley
Bell, Monika, Minnesota
Brown, Caroline (F), North Jersey
Burris, Kelly, Michigan
Cherry, Marilee, San Diego
Crook, Tricia, Greater Seattle
Decker, Laura, Mt. Shasta
Fonseca, Pamela, All-Ohio
Forsyth, Marie, San Gabriel Valley
Gorny, Jennifer, Tip of Texas
Hollstrom, Rose, Northwest Section
Kline, Kay, Florida Firstcoast
Luthin, Melinda, Orange County
Marquez, Diana, Austin
McDonald, Kathy, Eastern New England
Meredith, Jessica, Orange County
Mudalayil, Shruthi, Arabian Section
Nicholson, Connie, Ambassador
Oslick, Rochelle, Ventura County
Planzer, Andrea, Eastern New England
Ramos, Mildred, Antelope Valley
Saurenman, Margie, Long Island
Stauff, Lisa (F), Chicago Area
Turner, Maxine, Bakersfield
Ulanowicz, Nancy, Washington DC
Vansickle, Amanda, Idaho
Wadsworth, Naomi, Finger Lakes
Wieman, Dianne, San Antonio



*Carrie West Hazleton,
Oregon Pines Chapter*

Curtis, Breckin (F), Colorado
Davis, Audree (F), Phoenix
Dean, Ashley (F), Oklahoma
DeBuhr, Stefanie, German Section
DeMoura, Candi (F), San Diego
Djemai, Rebecca, Arabian Section
Dudensing, Abby (F), Wichita Falls
Eddy, Rachel (F), Kentucky Bluegrass
Ford, Susan (F), Greater Seattle
Fortin, Marie Helene, Montreal
Foxlin, Xyla (F), Eastern New England
Friend, Danielle (F), Houston
Gallman, Carly, Minnesota
Geczi, Kimberly, Penn-Jersey
Gibeault, Danielle, Wisconsin
Goldmann, Aviva (F), Inland Empire
Graulich, Brenda, Greater Cincinnati
Griffin, McKenzie (F), Ambassador
Hammill, Nancy (F), San Fernando Valley
Hancock, Jessica (F), Kitty Hawk
Hansen, Christy, Kansas
Hansen, Charlie (F), Middle Tennessee
Hanson, Nicolette (F), San Fernando Valley
Hanthorn, Melissa (F), Greater St. Louis
Hazelton, Carrie West, Oregon Pines Chapter
Hostler, Susan, Finger Lakes 9
Johnson, Stephanie, Washington DC
Jorgensen, Laurette, Chicago Area
Keegan, Courtney (F), Eastern New England
Kenefick, Leah, Colorado
Kerkoub Kourdali, Houda, Arabian Section
Kirk, Mary, Houston
Kubalak, Maureen, Middle Tennessee
Kumar, Divyani (F), First Canadian
Lee, Sharon, Utah
Lemoine, Amberly (F), Florida Spaceport
Leth, Karlyn (F), Eastern New England
Lewis, Skylar (F), Orange County
Lewis Holiday, Cammie, Northeast Kansas
L'Heureux, Elizabeth (F), Aloha
Loveall, Hilary (F), Greater Kansas City
Major, Christina (F), Hampton Roads
Marker, Janell, Rio Grande Norte
Maxwell, Morgan, Minnesota

May, Melissa, Yavapai
McAdam, Erin (F), Eastern Ontario
McBride, Erin (F), Austin
McGurran, Katherine, Colorado
McMillan, Lesley (F), Maple Leaf
Miculka, Brittney, Sugarloaf
Miller, Kelly, Alaska
Milton, Jeanne, New York Capital District
Moe, Jane (F), Oregon Pines
Montima, Marie (F), Florida Gulf Stream
Mooberry, Jessie (F), Eastern Pennsylvania
Morisen, Krista (F), Indiana
Murchikova, Elena, San Fernando Valley
Obedoza, Aileen (F), Long Beach
Okada, Tammy, Aloha
Patrick, Tina, Intermountain
Perdue, Shannon, Austin
Rhodes-Benson, Carola (F), Colorado
Richardson, Sharyn, Ambassador
Roberts, Camilla, Chicago Area
Rubicam, Shannon, Bay Cities
Runkel, Arlene, Wisconsin
Russell, Carol (F), Kentucky Bluegrass
Sackey, Orchydia (F), St Croix Island Paradise
Salinas, Maribeth, Tennessee
Sammi, Kaldip (F), Orange County
Sargent, Amanda, Greater Seattle
Senyk, Renata (F), Carolinas
Shaw, Karen Marchand, Tennessee
Sikes, M., Eastern Pennsylvania
Sinanan, Natasha (F), St Croix Island Paradise
Smith, Kathryn, Bay Cities
Smith, Jocelyn (F), First Canadian
Smith, Margaret, Long Beach
Smith, Rebecca (F), Michigan
Smith, Cassia (F), St Croix Island Paradise
Soudi, Chantal, Arabian Section
Stam, Christina (F), Chicago Area
Steim, Dawn (F), Eastern New England
Stewart, Diane (F), First Canadian
Stewart, Olivia, Intermountain
Stockman, Tonya (F), Michigan
Stumpf, Christina, Eastern New England
Taylor, Ashley (F), Idaho
Thomas, Melissa, Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast
Toms, Julie, Eastern Pennsylvania
Turcotte, Julie, Alberta
Vasquez, Urlanda (F), Ambassador
Vukits, Barbara, Greater Kansas City
Wagner, Jessica (F), Wisconsin
Walker, Elizabeth (F), First Canadian
Welsh-Becker, Trista, Idaho
West, Charlene (F), Wisconsin
Wheelock, Elise (F), Virginia
Whitby, Laura, Intermountain
Williams, Luz, Sugarloaf
Winner, Kimberly, Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast
Wiseman, Marcia, Michigan
Zahos, Megan, Chicago Area

Welcome New Members

Abela, Diane (F), North Jersey
Abukhadra, Rema (F), British Columbia Coast
Adams, Ellen, Eastern New England
Al-Darab'ah, Nisreen (F), Arabian Section
Anderson, Anne, Intermountain
Angle, Ashley (F), Florida Suncoast
Barnes, Cynthia, Northwoods
Bath, Jaspreet, Bay Cities
Batt, Hayley, Intermountain
Bechtle, Alexandra (F), Florida Spaceport
Benson, Julie (F), Central Oregon
Benson, Cammi (F), Central Oregon
Berkule Johnson, Samantha (F), North Jersey
Birch, Elizabeth (F), Chicago Area
Boniface, Holly, Hampton Roads
Bowden, Brenna, Yavapai
Bowen, Christina (F), Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast
Capitol, Alexandra (F), Oklahoma
Chandler, Heather (F), Georgia
Collins, Chloe (F), Montreal
Cook, Sherry (F), Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast
Cooper, Joan (F), Coyote Country
Coverdell, Aileen (F), Mid-Columbia
Crozier, Penthea, Palomar



Future pilot Rishi, 7, with Captain Safetypants Tara Samuels. Rishi understood flight controls so well, he even explained how the elevator controls pitch on an Aero Commander.

Captain Safetypants Helps Kids Soar

BY TARA SAMUELS, Santa Clara Valley



Alessandro, 3 (left), and Marcelo, 5, figured out how the controls work and were absolutely amazed to see the ailerons and elevator move. In a real airplane!

I met my first private pilot nearly 15 years ago during an MBA program. We barely talked about flying, but she rekindled a fascination I'd had with flight that began in childhood. I went on to finish my MBA and embarked on a career in consumer marketing. All the while, I saved up for flying lessons and daydreamed about flying.

During ground school and even through flight training, I found myself wishing I'd met a pilot earlier in life. I wished I had known that small airports exist and that "real people" (even girls!) fly airplanes. If only someone had invited school-age me to the airport and introduced me to Bernoulli's Principle.

After earning my PPL, I asked friends whether their kids would be interested in visiting the airport and meeting a real airplane and pilot. My college friend jumped at the chance and out came the whole family to the airport. Her daughter was seven

years old, full of smiles and questions. We talked about airfoils, propellers, flight controls, instruments and so much more. She understood everything — even at age seven! She asked advanced questions like what the pitot tube does. It was wonderful, and it validated my hunch that, indeed, kids can be introduced to aviation at a very young age.

It wasn't long before a mentor pilot generously volunteered his plane, and that first family visit turned into countless more. Before I knew it, Captain Safetypants was born. My goal for 2014 was to introduce 100 kids to an airplane. I easily surpassed that goal in less than two months, one "day at the airport" at a time. I've even found pilots in other states willing to meet with local kids and introduce them to airplanes.

A typical Captain Safetypants day begins with a safety briefing. We don't start the engine or turn on the master switch. We

sit in the cockpit and talk about how airplanes work. What is an airfoil? How does it work? What are the four forces of flight? From there we experiment with the flight controls. See how turning the yoke left and right moves the ailerons in opposite directions? How do the ailerons bank the plane? How does the elevator control pitch? How does the rudder control yaw? We visit each control surface and talk about how it works. I demonstrate on a little model airplane.

The kids themselves often lead the flow of the discussion. What's the big red knob? Where is the fuel? We have a little guessing game: Is the fuel in the engine? No... Is it in the "trunk"? No... They are delighted when I reach up right over my head and sump a little bit of fuel into a cup—it's magic! We smell the fuel (gross!) and I dip my finger in it, and we watch how quickly it evaporates (wow!) and leaves a white residue (cool!).

One group of girls decided they wanted to build paper airplanes, so we dug up a few sheets of paper from the recycling bin. Some had never made a paper airplane before. We played the role of "test pilots." Mine did a nosedive right into the ground. Why did it do that?

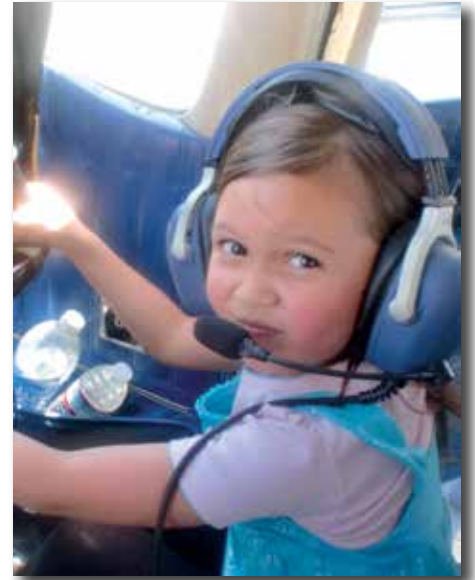
We wrap up our session with a simulated flight with our little model airplane, complete with imaginary conversations with the control tower. We get cleared for

takeoff and taxi out to the runway. How do we make the propeller turn really fast? (They show me where the throttle is.) What speed do we rotate at? (They know all about the airspeed indicator.) Now we climb (they point to the elevator) and – oh! It's so beautiful up here! When it's time to land, we enter the pattern (pull out the throttle a bit) and slow down (we talk about flaps), downwind, base, final. We enter ground effect, we land on the main wheels, we touch down ever so gently and taxi back to our parking spot. Even the parents are amazed!

After a day with Captain Safetypants, parents tell me their kids have started making paper airplanes at home, they gush to their friends about their day at the airport, and when they hear planes overhead, they run outside with their eyes turned skyward.

Airplanes are fascinating, and sitting in the cockpit with a real pilot makes them that much better. I make concepts like aerodynamics, instruments and systems age-appropriate so kids can connect something really cool (airplanes!) with physics, chemistry and math. Understanding how a plane works gives kids the confidence to ask even more complex questions. Captain Safetypants helps kids soar!

For more information about Captain Safetypants, visit www.captainsafetypants.com or email tara@captainsafetypants.com.



Phoebe had a spectacular time playing captain in the cockpit.



Rishi met the pilot of an Aero Commander, who just happened to be a Delta Airlines captain, and got to sit in his cockpit!



Ellie, 5, and dad Seth bonding in the cockpit.



Jeri Truesdell: A Living Legend

BY JENNY LYNN BURNETT
Ventura County Chapter

Jeri Truesdell was born with a passion to fly. To this day, she still looks up to the sky when she hears a plane and tries to identify the type of aircraft. Jeri took to the Chicago skies in 1935 as a student pilot. She was 21 years old. She joined The Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots and remembers meeting Amelia Earhart, who visited her 99s Chicago Chapter meeting. Inspired by Amelia's self-effacing presence and accomplishments, Jeri would soon log a few accolades of her own.





*Photos opposite page:
Top, Jeri Truesdell as a young pilot.
Bottom, Jeri with trophy.
Photos courtesy of Jeri Truesdell.*

*Photos this page:
Top, Jeri with Jenny Lynn Burnett and Gabriel Reoyo. Photo courtesy Jenny Lynn Burnett.
Bottom, Jeri Truesdell U.S. Navy. Photo by Bachrach Photography.*

After four years working diligently to pay for flying lessons at \$11 an hour, Jeri earned her private pilot certificate in 1939. Soon after, she joined the Chicago Flying Girls Club and participated in air shows, winning trophies for flour target drops and spot landings. Her precision would carry her through to a career of training for Lockheed Martin in years to come.

Jeri joined the Civil Air Patrol in 1942, shortly after the organization was formed at the inception of WWII. Flying was her passion, but at a time of need to help her country's defense, she assisted the war effort without hesitation.

Jeri learned formation flying without aircraft radios and flew #3 on the right. Formation flying without radios required skill and paying attention to the lead pilot, who simply tipped his/her wings twice in the direction they wanted to turn. She also performed other CAP duties, which included message pickup and marching in parades down Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

In 1944, Jeri joined the Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), after working for the Navy as a civil servant. She learned and then taught the Navy WAVES instructors celestial navigation and ground instrument training on the Link Trainer at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and Pensacola, Florida. Soon after, she joined the Navy Reserve and eventually moved to California. She is listed in the Women in Military Service for America registry in The Women's Memorial at Arlington in Washington, D.C. Jeri also earned a WWII Victory Medal, which is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who served in active and honorable duty during WWII.

Jeri flew for nearly 60 years. Most recently, the Van Nuys Airport Condor Squadron, well known for their commitment to preserving WWII aviation history, took her for a centenarian birthday flight in a WWII era AT-6. She recalled it as one of the most exciting days of her life.

Jeri is grateful for the aviation community and continues to reminisce about the planes she flew, the pilots she taught and the enriched life of aviation she has embraced.

As Leonardo DaVinci once said, "Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

More photos can be seen at: <http://photos.dailynews.com/2014/02/photos-condor-squadron-flies-100-year-old-woman-pilot/#1>





Front row, second from left: Sue Ballew, Mary Latimer, Sheri Spagnola, Flora Belle Reece (accepting for Pam Melroy), Nadine Sugden (accepting for herself and her husband George); Second row: Leslie Prellwitz, Capt. Jean Harper, Julianne Hartlaub (accepting for herself and James Quinn), Penny Nagy (accepting for the late Opal Kunz and Dell Hinn), Marilyn Dickson; Third row: Sandy Magnus, Tom Jensen (accepting for the late Nancy Kelly Jensen), Daphne Fautin, Cynthia Madsen, Anna Pangrazzi, Alisha Cole (accepting for Paul Rafford). IFOF Co-Chairman Linton Wells is shown first row, far left.

2014 International Forest of Friendship Inductees

BY LINTON WELLS
IFOF Co-Chairman

Thirty-six Ninety-Nines attended the annual induction ceremonies at the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas on June 14. The Forest is a living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace. Fifteen of the twenty-three inductees were Ninety-Nines.

The induction ceremonies were held in the Fay Gillis Wells gazebo, surrounded by the waving flags of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and 36 territories and foreign countries that have trees in the Forest. The weather was beautiful.

Within the Forest's overall theme of World Friendship through Flying, this year's theme was Discovery through Flight, with a particular focus on Women of Discovery, honoring the 29 women astronauts who flew on Shuttle Discovery during the 39 missions.

Ten of the Ninety-Nines honorees attended the ceremony: Sue Ballew, Santa Clara Valley Chapter; Marilyn Dickson, First Canadian Chapter; Daphne Fautin, Northeast Kansas Chapter; Julianne Hartlaub, Wisconsin Chapter; Cynthia Madsen, Chicago Area Chapter; Anna Pangrazzi, First Canadian Chapter; Leslie Prellwitz, Chicago Area Chapter; Deborah Kay (Waterman) Reavis, El Paso Chapter; Sherri Spagnola, Lake Erie Chapter; and Nadine Sugden, Minnesota Chapter.

Six Ninety-Nines honorees were not present: the late Betty Ardell "Dell" Hinn, Monterey Bay Chapter, award accepted by Penny Nagy; the late Nancy Kelley Jensen, Greater Seattle Chapter, award accepted by her husband Tom and granddaughter Emily; Norma Kudiesy, El Paso Chapter, award accepted by Kay

Baker; the late Opal Kunz, Charter 99, sponsored by the Southwest Section, award accepted by Penny Nagy; Col. Pamela Melroy, USAF-ret, Antelope Valley Chapter, award accepted by Flora Belle Reece; the late Sidney Ann Wales Sandau, Utah Chapter, award accepted by Kay Baker. Other honorees included Marvin Grunzke, Jean Haley Harper, Mary Latimer, Dr. Sandra H. Magnus, James A. Quinn, co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Chapter and Wisconsin Aviation, Paul Rafford, Jr., George Sugden, 49½ husband of Nadine, sponsored by the Minnesota Chapter.

The International Forest of Friendship was a gift to America on the Nation's 200th birthday in 1976 from the City of Atchison (Amelia Earhart's birthplace) and The Ninety-Nines. Within the acres of woodland are trees from around the world, as well as a "moon tree" grown from a seed taken to the moon on Apollo 14. Among the more than 1,400 honorees are such internationally recognized flyers as Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, the Wright Brothers, Sally Ride, Eileen Collins, and Chuck Yeager.

The public is invited to the induction ceremonies, the next of which will be on June 19-20, 2015. Although we tried this year to move the Forest ceremonies up a week to reduce schedule conflicts with the Air Race Classic, it turned out not to be early enough for most of the racers and conflicted with other events in Atchison, so in 2015 we'll return to the traditional third weekend of June. The focus for 2015, the Forest's 39th year, will be "Forests and Flying." More information about the Forest, and points of contact, are at www.ifof.org.

Oshkosh 2014: A Perfect Convergence of Planes, People and Weather

LIN CAYWOOD
Sugarloaf Chapter

Just weeks after our International Conference in hot and humid New Orleans, many of the same faces present in NOLA, plus some more new friends, headed for cooler air in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to EAA's annual convention during the week of July 28. Known as AirVenture, this event has been held for over 60 years now and is considered the premier aviation event of its kind.

Attendance topped 500,000, an estimated five to six percent higher than in 2013. Those numbers were bolstered by huge increases on both Saturday and Sunday, which saw 20 percent more people coming through the gates than a year ago and is attributed to both fantastic weather and a first time ever appearance of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

The past two years had been dubbed "Sloshkosh" for excess rain and "Frostkosh" for unusually cold weather. This year should be called "Goldiosh" for the just perfect convergence of planes, people, weather and all things aviation.

After our positive experience with moving our exhibit space from a tent to a double booth in Hangar B last year, we hoped to be able to repeat our success, which we certainly did – and then some. We enjoyed the camaraderie and excitement of student pilots, new pilots, veteran Ninety-Nines, 49½s and lots of new friends all week.

Although we did not host a raffle this year, we still had a bevy of activity all week as we signed up new members, educated the public about our mission, distributed plum-colored Women Soar T-shirts for the traditional all-women photo shoot, collected tons of votes for the Lightspeed Foundation competition and reserved slots for our member breakfast held at the International Aerobatic Club's Vicki Cruse Pavilion on Saturday morning.

From a success standpoint, we matched our recruitment efforts from last year, gave out 1,000 "99s are Lightspeed Fans" paper fans to show attendees, distributed window decals featuring our new logo to our approximately 260 members who visited the booth, awarded beautiful blue logo blouses to our core volunteers who staffed the

booth for three or more shifts and handed out 99s logo ball caps to our volunteers and new members.

In addition to staffing the booth, this large event provides many opportunities for The Ninety-Nines to showcase their talents and our great organization. In addition to attending, 99s drove shuttles on the show grounds, displayed their special aircraft on Boeing Plaza and throughout the show grounds, taught the public about hot air ballooning, represented their school in "College Park," participated in Women Soar as mentors and debuted their documentary series on historic aircraft restoration at EAA's Museum. Our President, Martha Phillips, also represented the organization at several dinner functions and awarded another Karen Johnson solo scholarship during the 2nd Annual Women's Power.

Many thanks to the over two dozen dedicated volunteers who helped staff the booth all week. Special thanks to my mom, Carol Caywood, who didn't miss a shift all week, Mary "How ya doin'?" Wunder and Pat "Can you help me out?" Prentiss for their extraordinary Lightspeed vote gathering, Sandra "Step this way!" Hawkins and Martha "Let's sign you up!" Phillips for their extraordinary recruiting talents. Then there was Kris "Square" Irvin mastering electronic payments, the Ventura 99s special Lightspeed forces and the ladies of the North Central Section, led by Darcy Kulesha, providing local talent.

We pinned several new members at the booth and proudly posted their pictures on the International Facebook page and tagged them with #OSH14.

We'll see you all next year in Oshkosh, July 20-26, 2015. It's not too early to sign up to volunteer!



At Oshkosh, Martha Phillips pins new member Kathryn Smith. WASP Millicent Young honored us with her presence.



PILOT CAREERS: Be Bold

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

Though we may have desires or bold goals, for whatever reason, most of us don't think we can achieve something beyond what we're qualified to achieve. Why, I ask, do we let reality interfere with our dreams? – Simon Sinek

I am constantly inspired by bold women. And let's face it: in order to become a pilot, we all had to be bold once. Just think of your first solo! I asked myself, "What steps do amazing women take that the rest of us don't?" What do our mentors do that make them successful when we seem to struggle so much? What can we learn from these astounding women that will enable us to become one, too?

I'm sure the list is long, but here are a few things I've noticed about remarkable women that stand out for me:

Bold Women Declare Their Dreams. Telling our dreams to those who support us allows us to move them into a place where they can take substance and create accountability. Once we say what we will do, we will start to do it. It's easy to avoid action if no one knows!

Bold Women Realign When They Drift. Autopilot. It's easy to let a good life cruise. Sometimes we need a break, but it's important to get back on the flight path after our batteries are charged. Don't live a good life when it could be great. Get back into being the captain of your amazing life!

Bold Women Give Back. We're all busy. But giving back and contributing make a significant difference, and amazing women know that. If you need proof, look no further than The 99s PPLI program. Now *there* are some astounding women!

Bold Women Dare to Try. Sure, you can fail. We all have failed at something. But remarkable women know that there is nothing to be gained by playing it safe. Go for that next rating. Put in for the captain upgrade. Risk failing and be willing to get back up if you fall.

Bold Women Do the Hard Work. Living a mind-blowing life doesn't come easy. The women who create something remarkable make the choice to spend their precious time pursuing their dreams. It's easy to get into a routine and to allow the hours to pass into a day and weeks and years without much to show for it.

Bold Women Choose Wisely. First, let me quote Mike Dooley who says, "Thoughts become things. Choose Wisely." We choose how we think about our circumstance, even when we can't change the circumstance itself. And every day, we are given choices. Choose to go big. We get a new chance every day to dream big and go after it. Remarkable women refuse to settle for mediocrity, or make excuses. They're too busy standing up, stepping out and getting moving!

You are already one of the Bold Women. You've mastered the art of flying. What you do with that is up to you. Make it amazing.

TRAINING MILESTONES

Cara Baldwin – Private
Sugarloaf Chapter

Callie Billingsley – Private
Texas Dogwood Chapter

Jingxian "Saki" Chen – Seaplane
North Jersey Chapter

Ashley Collins – Tailwheel
Endorsement
Oregon Pines Chapter

Theresa Farley – IFR
In completion of AE Scholarship
Phoenix Chapter

Jennifer Guetterman – Instrument
San Diego Chapter

Jessi Jenison – Instrument &
Commercial
Texas Dogwood Chapter

Jenna Johannsen – Private
Manitoba Chapter

Marisia Makowski – CFI
Reno High Sierra Chapter

Lisa Kienholz – Private
Ventura County

Heather McCoy – Commercial
Reno High Sierra Chapter

Susie McWilliams – CFI Light Sport
Ventura County

Olivia Perry – Tailwheel Endorsement
Ventura County

Sherry Richardson – Recreational
Montreal Chapter

Rosemary Watson – Instrument
Ventura County

Kits for Kids

"It takes a Village"...or perhaps a Section

BY DIANE M. COZZI
Chicago Area Chapter

A group of Ninety-Nines from the North Central Section, using their special talent – flying – lent a hand as part of an effort to help children in the developing world. Called Kits for Kids, the program is administered by Project CURE.

Described as a “simple, powerful package,” the Kits for Kids provides personal hygiene and basic “medicine cabinet” items that are scarce in the developing world. If a child gets hurt, families might have to travel a long distance by bicycle, bus or even on foot to receive care at the nearest hospital or medical clinic. Working with pediatricians and nurses, Project CURE developed Kits for Kids to give parents in developing countries the supplies to provide basic care at home.

This is how it works: Groups interested in participating contact Project CURE and request Kits for Kids bags, which are reusable, red nylon backpacks. The group then fills the bags with first aid and hygiene products that they have gathered. The bags are then transported to one of four Project CURE sites for distribution worldwide.

Donna Klein, Chairman of the Chicago Area Chapter, was contacted to help out Girl Scouts in Illinois, who wanted to become involved with Kits for Kids. The scouts had completed 310 kits (weighing over 900 pounds) and needed to get them to Nashville, Tennessee, the nearest Project CURE center for distribution. Donna arranged for temporary storage of the kits at Clow Airport (1C5) in Bolingbrook, Illinois, and then sent out a request for Ninety-Nines volunteers to transport them. Of course, Ninety-Nines responded enthusiastically!

Minnetta Gardinier, North Central Section Governor and Iowa Chapter member, dropped off about 40 Kits (80 pounds)



Minnetta Gardinier, North Central Section Governor, drops off 40 kits in Nashville, Tennessee, on her way to the New Orleans Conference.

in Nashville, Tennessee, while flying her Cardinal on the way to New Orleans for the International Conference. Sixty-plus Kits were delivered by the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter. They had so many members who wanted to participate that they broke the trip into four legs. First leg was Sue Glisson and Maggie Hettinger flying Sue’s C-172 from the grass field Skylane to Clow Airport and back. Leg 2: Valerie Hurt and Rae Eddy made the trip from Bowman Field in Louisville to Evansville, Indiana, and back. Leg 3: Doreen Yost and Robin Blevens flew from Louisville Bowman to Danville, Illinois, and back. Leg 4: Doreen Yost and Amy Bogardus successfully delivered the planeload of CURE kits to Nashville.

Sue Glisson and Terri Donner helped make this happen, and the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter donated their fuel costs. Donna Klein and her son, Wayne Jr., delivered the rest to Nashville in their Cessna 310, approximately 200-plus Kits weighing about 600 pounds.

As Donna said, “This was a very worthwhile project, benefiting children worldwide. These Girl Scouts got involved with the cause but needed a way to transport the

items. That’s where we were able to help.”

Project CURE, based in Centennial, Colorado, is the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world. Their current distribution centers are Denver, Houston, Nashville and Phoenix. Over 130 countries benefit from Project CURE programs. Project CURE is the recipient of the GuideStar Exchange Silver Seal, the Charity Navigator Four-Star Rating and ranked by Forbes as one of the 20 Most Efficient Large U.S. Charities.

Growing with the PPLI

BY PATTY HERBEL, Fort Worth Chapter

I often ask myself what my year would look like had it not been for The 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. Less hectic perhaps, and far less gratifying for sure. In fact, the PPLI has made such a difference in my personal and professional growth, I feel compelled to share why it is important to me and why it is significant for The Ninety-Nines.

As luck would have it, I discovered the PPLI earlier this year when I opted to pay my 99s dues online rather than mailing in a check. While I was on the website, a caption caught my eye: Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. The title was intriguing. I clicked on the link to investigate, and within the first few paragraphs I knew I had to apply.

If you're not familiar with the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI), it is a mentoring and leadership program exclusive to The Ninety-Nines. It was envisioned in 2004 by Jenny Beatty and created with the help of Laura Smith. By virtue of their own experiences, they recognized that women pilots would be well served to have a structured forum for one-on-one mentoring and leadership development as they navigate through an aviation career.

My discovery of PPLI couldn't have come at a better time in my own career. I've been a first officer with a regional airline coming up on seven years, and my seniority number is inching closer to an opportunity to upgrade to captain. But I'm aware of how comfortable I've become flying in the right seat. Although both pilots share the workload and responsibility, the CFRs state that the captain is the final authority for the operation and safety of the flight.

That simple statement carries a lot of connotations. And the more you think about it, the more daunting the idea of transitioning to the left seat becomes. Am I confident in my ability to use good judgment? How will I handle those weather or mechanical delays where worried and annoyed passengers are looking to me for an explanation? How well will I manage the flight deck when I get that F/O who's convinced our seats have been egregiously swapped?

The PPLI prepares me to answer these questions for myself by pairing me with a mentor who's on the same career path. And by challenging me to take on leadership responsibilities, PPLI is actually helping me build a portfolio of accomplishments that demonstrate the traits of a good captain. And the genius of PPLI is that no matter what sector or level of aviation you're in, you can tailor the framework for your specific concerns and goals.

As beneficial as it is to the individual, PPLI is important to our entire community of women aviators. The percentage of women flying for flight schools, airlines, government agencies and in corporate aviation today is roughly 5 to 7 percent. And the statistics are even lower in managerial positions such as chief pilot, fleet manager and director of flight operations. Part of PPLI's



International Director Corbi Bulluck with Patty Herbel.

Photos by Lilian Darling Holt

mission is to increase the representation of women at aviation's highest leadership levels.

So what leadership roles does PPLI advocate? They can be inside or outside of aviation, the possibilities are numerous. But here's the return for The Ninety-Nines. PPLI encourages us to utilize the resources within our great organization. There are so many opportunities. You can organize a flying event within your Chapter or conduct a seminar at the next conference. You can run for a Chairman position as I did, or manage the Scholarship Committee.

PPLI also awards points for public speaking. I volunteered to co-present on the value of PPLI at the Board of Directors meeting at the New Orleans International Conference. It was my first time attending an International Conference, and the experience was so rewarding it won't be my last. The last time I recall speaking to a group of people (other than an announcement to passengers) was about eight years ago to an audience less than half that size. So there's another benefit of PPLI. It challenges you to step outside your comfort zone, which ultimately results in expanding your comfort zone.

And here's one more way PPLI brings value to The 99s. You don't finish your service just being mentored. You become a mentor. You start the first phase of your PPLI session as a mentee, building your career flight plan with the help of your mentor. In the second phase, which I am entering, you work in a team environment with your peers "flying" your flight plans. And then in the third phase, you complete your session by stepping up to help someone who aspires to be where you are. Along the way you'll have made a definite impact on your pilot community, accomplished more of your career goals and strengthened the cohesion of our membership.

Whether you're a fixed wing or rotor CFI, pursuing corporate flying or the airline route, flying for a municipality or as an independent contractor, I'm urging you to go to the ninety-nines.org website and check out the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative. Trust me on this; it will motivate and inspire you to go for that job or promotion. More importantly, you'll broaden your network of professional friends and enrich your association with The Ninety-Nines.

SEATTLE CHAPTER

Greater Seattle Chapter members planned to meet at “Dodie’s bench” the day of the Friday Harbor Airport Fly In, but an unfortunate gear-up landing closed the airport and prevented arrivals. Two members were able to represent the Chapter, Veronica Von Allworden and Teresa DeGraaff.

The bench at the new Pilot Center was placed in honor of longtime member Dodie Post Gann. She and her husband Ernie hosted annual hayrides to Red Mill Farm, along with picnics, for many years.

— Marian Hartley



Veronica Von Allworden and Teresa DeGraaff at the bench donated in memory of Dodie Post Gann, Friday Harbor airport. Photo by Teresa DeGraaff

COLORADO CHAPTER

The Colorado Chapter held their annual picnic in Erie, Colorado, and visited the new Spirit of Flight Center there. The members enjoyed viewing rare aviation artifacts including a bronze sculpture of Amelia Earhart.

— Donna Miller



From left, Colorado members Babette Andre, Deb Price, Mary Lou Pohl and 49 1/2s Ray Pohl and Joe McGowan enjoy the annual picnic.



WASP A.J. Starr (second from left) hams it up with the ARC #43 team, Tonya Rutan, Tookie Hensley (Rio Colorado Chapter) and Pamela Bird (Intermountain Chapter). The ARC #15 plane is in the background.

NORTH JERSEY CHAPTER

The North Jersey Chapter has had a busy summer. Marilyn Patierno teamed with Mary Wunder (Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter) as ARC team #15. Marilyn also brought A.J. Starr, WASP and North Jersey Chapter member, to the start of the ARC. Chapter Chairman Shannon Osborne worked on both ends of the race parking airplanes, offering water and helping them with the next steps upon arrival. In California that involved dealing with long hours of sun and borrowing clothes to avoid sunburn. In Pennsylvania it was pull out the umbrellas.

Also, Chapter member Jingxian ‘Saki’ Chen obtained her Seaplane Rating.

— Shannon Osborne



It was a happy day for Jingxian ‘Saki’ Chen when she achieved her seaplane rating.



Wyvema Startz, Rita Eaves and Angela Drabek.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

The Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally, sponsored by The Oklahoma Chapter Ninety-Nines, is the world's largest proficiency air rally. This year it was held August 16 at Sundance Airport in Yukon, Oklahoma.

Since 1990, the Okie Derby has generated more than \$65,000 for aviation scholarships. All proceeds benefit the Wings of the Future scholarship that helps women realize their dream to fly.

The yearly event for the scholarship program helps encourage interest in aviation, as well as helps Okie Derby participants polish their piloting skills for this wonderful event.

The race is a cross-country proficiency event of approximately 225 statute miles for single, multi-engine aircraft and experimental aircraft (piloted by builder) to be flown during daylight hours under VFR conditions and conducted on a handicap system.

— Heather Sterzick



Pre-race briefing at the Okie Derby.

MAPLE LEAF CHAPTER

Sherry Richardson has followed an interesting path to becoming a pilot, going from ship's captain to airplane pilot at age 78!

After 45 years of service with the Royal Canadian Navy, Sherry retired in 1999 as captain of HMCS Sackville. The Sackville is the last surviving Flower-class Corvette and is now a Canadian Naval Memorial.

After a friend of hers discovered that both her parents had been pilots, he encouraged her to start flying. Age was not an obstacle, but the Nova Scotia weather traditionally presents challenges; as an example, tropical storm Arthur kept her from being able to fly for a full month between late June and July.

Sherry soloed in 2008, and in 2010 she received her recreational pilot permit. This spring she passed both her flight and written tests, achieving the private pilot license. She is possibly the most senior student the Debert Flight School has ever had!

— Grace Howell



Left, Maj. Dee Brasseur (ret.), one of the first female F-18 pilots, with Sherry Richardson.

VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER

June 27, 2014, was a wonderful culmination of months of planning and construction of a beautiful viewing area at Camarillo Airport. Ventura County Chapter members, members of aviation groups, friends of the airport and local dignitaries were there to celebrate The Viewport at Camarillo Airport opening on this perfect California day.

Honored speakers talked about how The Viewport serves as a special place for visitors to learn about the airport, its history and the aviation groups who support it. We watched as kids on the miniature runway, arms outstretched, pretended to be airplanes. The 16-foot replica of the control tower provided an opportunity for both children and adults to listen to live audio of air-traffic communications. A World War II Grumman Bearcat was displayed in the background by the Commemorative Air Force. Attendees enjoyed observing the engraved bricks that line the mini-taxiway that honor family members, friends or express a special tribute. The Waypoint Café generously provided delicious snacks and coffee, and it became clear that this is Camarillo's "place to be."

A huge congratulations to Linda Ehrlich for coordinating this effort in conjunction with the owner of the Waypoint Café, James Magglos, Ventura County Department of Airports, Ventura County Ninety-Nines, EAA Chapter 723, Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing and Campbell Construction. A sincere thank you goes out to all who contributed their time and effort to make this dream a living reality.

— Lori Parker



Sunset at The Viewport at Camarillo Airport.



Linda Ehrlich and Sheila Collier (aka Amelia) collect Lightspeed votes at The Viewport Grand Opening.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The Chicago Area Chapter's June meeting was held at the Fox River Airport, Rochester, Wisconsin. New officers were installed: Secretary Jill Mann, Chairman Donna Klein, Treasurer Madeleine Monaco and Vice Chairman Joan Kerwin.

The program following the meeting was a tour of the Champion Aircraft Company manufacturing facility. Our Chapter Secretary Jill Mann is employed at Champion as a quality control specialist. The program was presented by Dale Gauger.

Many Chapter members, 49½s and other guests joined us and posed for pictures in front of the company's Super Decathlon. We are hoping a 99s role will be in the future for Ellen O'Hara's granddaughter Erin, 12, who excitedly tried out the interior of the Super Decathlon.

— Diane M. Cozzi



Chicago Area members tour Champion Aircraft. Inset: Ellen O'Hara's granddaughter Erin got a close-up look at the Super Decathlon.



MINNESOTA CHAPTER

The summer has been a busy time for the Minnesota 99s. Tracy Lovness and her co-pilot Sandra Randall raced Tracy's Cirrus in the 38th Annual Air Race Classic in June. This was Tracy's second time racing, and she plans on racing again in 2015.



Tracy Lovness and her Cirrus in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, during the Air Race Classic.

Nadine Sugden and her daughter traveled in June to Atchinson, Kansas, for the International Forest of Friendship ceremony, where both Nadine and her 49½ George were inducted. Nadine was also awarded the Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines at the International Conference in New Orleans. We are so proud to have Nadine as a member of our Chapter. Both she and George have given so much to The 99s.

Our Chapter was also in the press this summer. Photos of the Minnesota 99s booth, Robyn Stoller, Tracy Lovness and Cheryl Daml appeared in the June 2014 issue of the *Minnesota Flyer* magazine for the Discover Aviation Days event at the Anoka Airport (KANE). Also in that issue, Tracy Lovness was featured for competing in the Air Race Classic.

In the June/July 2014 issue of *Midwest Flyer Magazine*, Marcy Drescher had a letter to the editor published, and Karen Workman published an article on "The Lure of Float Flying."

Finally, we are very happy to report that Robyn Stoller soloed, and Kjersti Kittelson completed her MEI training and passed her checkride. We'd also like to welcome new member Lane Dulon.

— Melissa Aho and Johanna Bischof

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

It's been a busy summer for Monterey Bay Chapter members. In June, we held a Dime-A-Pound fund event, flying 79 passengers and raising nearly \$1,000 for our scholarship fund.

Alice Talnack, Chapter Treasurer, volunteered at the start of the Air Race Classic parking planes and greeting racers, and at EAA AirVenture working in The Ninety-Nines booth.

Claudia Contreras, Chapter Chairman, taught a weeklong, all-girl class on airplanes and aeronautics at Hartnell Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy and also delivered a plane from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to San Jose, California. She and her student Danielle, who accompanied her on the trip, took the opportunity to make a stop at Ninety-Nines Headquarters on the way back.

Charter member Dell Hinn was posthumously inducted into the International Forest of Friendship. And, the Chapter airmarked the new frequency at Salinas Airport.

— Donna Crane-Bailey



Left, Claudia Contreras and student Danielle at 99s Headquarters.

Below, Lupita Jaime, Mona Kendrick, Sue Purvis and Joanne Nissen airmark Salinas (BSNS).





From left: Lyla Ferrell, Dee Baer, Sandy Goetz, Melissa Staunton, Jan Bishop, Jan Gageby, MaryAnne Read, Ann Batty, Kathy Gray, Linda Law, Joan Shonnard, Shirley Thom, Cheryl Bishop, Nicole Brill (Reno High Sierra Chapter), Shaaron Snead, Doris Bishop. Seated: Alanna McClellan (Lake Tahoe Chapter), Brandolyn Thran, Kathy Walton.

RENO AREA CHAPTER

The Reno Area Chapter celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 13, 2014. Twenty-five members and friends, including one of our charter members, Dee Baer, attended the celebration at the Gold Dust West Casino in Carson City, Nevada. Guests simply enjoyed lunch and time to visit with no formal program planned. It was fun to watch old friends reconnect and listen to stories shared.

Our Chapter looks forward to working at the National Championship Air Races in September at Reno Stead Airport (KRTS), something the Chapter has done since its inception. We are also excited to host the Fall Southwest Section meeting in Reno.

— Brandolyn Thran

OREGON PINES CHAPTER

June and July have been our “flyingest” months so far this year. Oregon Pines joined EAA 292 in hosting a rally on International Young Eagles Day in June. 99s registered students, conducted preflight training, provided airport advisories and helped fly Young Eagles at Independence State Airport.

The next weekend was Women in Aviation Day at Evergreen Air & Space Museum, with The 99s participating on a speakers panel with women pilots and mechanics from military, commercial and general aviation industries.

The last weekend of June was Ladies Day at the Airport, a special event at Lebanon State Airport to inspire more women to get involved in aviation. There was a BBQ lunch, speaker panels and vender booths, including an exhibit staffed by 99s showing women building airplanes and engaging in various types of aviation. Several women said they would like to learn to fly, and some went up for their first ever flight in a small airplane. Kudos to Lebanon Airport for making a difference in the lives of local women.

Also in June, our Chapter participated with Columbia Cascades and Crater Lake Flyers on the Air Race Classic Timing Team at Dorris, California.

Oregon Pines 99s are flying in many directions this summer. Vanessa Nelson flew 26 hours roundtrip in her Piper Cub to the West Coast Cub Fly-In in Lompoc, California. Sylvia Manning spent a week with CFI Judy Phelps at CP Aviation in Santa Paula, California, flying aerobatics and practicing emergency maneuvers with her Vicki Cruse Memorial Scholarship. Marilyn Husser flew off in her Bonanza for the six-day Oregon Air Tour with the Oregon Antique and Classic Aircraft Club. Ashley Collins and Debra Plymate took off on a 1,600 mile cross-country to Oshkosh to serve as mentors in



Debbie Origer and Barbara Anderson are talking up aviation with visitors during Ladies Day at the Airport.

the Women Soar Program. The flight will help Ashley build time for her instrument rating.

To “honor our unique history,” Oregon Pines enjoyed a movie night at our June Chapter meeting and watched the documentary by Jill Bond, *We Served Too: The Story of the Women Air Force Service Pilots of World War II*. In July, we celebrated the legacy of Oregon women in The 99s with strawberry cheesecake. We had a presentation on aviation contributions by various Oregonian women, including the mother of the Oregon 99s, Edith Foltz, who flew in the 1929 Women’s Air Race, became a charter member and the first Northwest 99s Governor, then joined the British Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) during WWII.

— Debra Plymate

GRASS ROOTS



Bruce Landsberg, Debi Dreyfuss, Mark Baker and Sandi Terkelsen.

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

On July 24, Washington DC Chapter Chairman Debi Dreyfuss met with AOPA President Mark Baker and AOPA Foundation President Bruce Landsberg, along with Sandi Terkelsen, Foundation Director of Development, to discuss the future of general aviation and ways to increase the new younger pilot population.

Debi brought up the natural fit of AOPA partnering with The Ninety-Nines. AOPA will have a prominent presence at the Air Race Classic start in 2017 at KFDK, according to Bruce Landsberg, AOPA Foundation President. “We hope The Ninety-Nines will come and utilize our resources here at AOPA. I know we’ve helped out with regional meetings, and with some of our new visionaries here, we want to reach out to more groups to inspire new generations of pilots. Come out and visit us here at AOPA — see what we have to offer.”

The Washington DC Chapter also held an aviation education day on September 20 at Freeway Airport (W00), with programs that appealed to both young pilots-to-be and adults.

— *Debi Dreyfuss*

RACING ACES OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Racing Aces, Dianna Stanger, Joyce Wilson (both 99s) and Erin Cude, will be offering a new \$5,000 Aviation Aces Scholarship for Women. The team just won the 2014 Air Race Classic and is funding the scholarship with their winnings and sponsorships to underwrite aviation education for women.

The deadline for submission for the 2015 scholarship is November 30, 2014. Applicants will be advised of winner in February 2015. The application should be submitted at <http://theracingaces.com/aviation-scholarship/> or emailed to scholarships@theracingaces.com.

TOUCH & GO

SUSAN PARSON GRANTED MIE STATUS

Susan Kirstein Parson (Old Dominion Chapter), six-time Master CFI and SAFE member, was recently granted Master Instructor Emeritus (MIE) status in recognition of her many years of commitment to excellence, professional growth, service to the aviation community and quality aviation education.

Susan is a special assistant to the FAA’s Flight Standards director (AFS-1) and editor of *FAA Safety Briefing* magazine, as



Susan Parson.

well as an independent flight instructor in the Leesburg, Virginia, area. She also serves with the Civil Air Patrol’s Virginia Wing and is a FAASTeam service provider in the Washington FSDO area.

— *Marge Shaffer*

DICK MERRILL PAINTS AIRPLANE IN RECOGNITION OF JERRIE MOCK

Dick Merrill of Tennessee saw Ninety-Nine Jerrie Mock’s Cessna 180, Spirit of Columbus, displayed at the National Air and Space Museum. It just so happened his 1953 C-180 needed a paint job, and he decided to honor Jerrie by using her paint scheme.

“I called her and asked for her okay to paint it in her colors. She thought that was a great idea. Also, I wanted to call attention to her accomplishment, which seems to have been forgotten by many people, including 99s.”

Among other accomplishments, Jerrie was the first woman to fly solo around the world, first woman to fly around the world in a single engine plane and the first woman to fly the Pacific single-engine.

For more information on Jerrie, see the March/April 2013 issue of 99 News.

— *Donna Crane-Bailey*



Above, Dick Merrill’s 1953 Cessna 180. Right, Jerrie Mock with Shukria Ali in Pakistan on April 5, 1964.



BETTY ERA JONES Purple Sage Chapter

Betty Era Jones, 68, passed away on July 6, 2014, in her home in Odessa, Texas, after a two-year battle with cancer. Betty was a charter member of our Chapter, which was established in 1984. She held every office in our Chapter multiple times, and she was our Vice-Chairman when she passed away.

Betty flew a yellow and white Cessna 172, and she took aerobatic lessons in a Pitts two-seater so she could fly her husband's one-seat red Pitts, and that she did!

In addition to being a member of The 99s and our Purple Sage Chapter, she was also a member of EAA and the West Texas Flyers Club. When she wasn't flying, she was a mom, wife, seamstress, embroiderer, tax preparer and a good friend to all who knew her. We miss her terribly! Fly on, Betty.

— Priscilla L. Barbee

BEVERLEE GREENHILL Chicago Area Chapter



Beverlee Greenhill.

The Chicago Area Chapter is saddened to report the loss of one of our longtime members, Beverlee Greenhill, on July 14, 2014, after an extended illness.

Born in 1935, "Just Bev," as she preferred to be known, was a very active member of The Ninety-Nines for almost 40 years and a lifelong devotee of aviation. She logged flying time in fixed wing airplanes, seaplanes and helicopters, as well as being her husband Chuck's Citation copilot.

Bev worked tirelessly behind the scenes on Ninety-Nines safety seminars, flew air races, hosted many meetings and was always ready to help out where needed. She worked with the FAA and the Illinois Department of Aviation to host safety seminars and promoted aviation safety in all aspects.

The entire Midwest aviation community lost a great figure in her passing. There are certainly no Midwestern airports where Bev, in her Bonanza with her "squadron" of poodles, was not well known and loved. Her holiday and hangar parties for The 99s were legendary.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Greenhill family. The entire community mourns her loss, and she leaves a legacy that will live forever.

— Diane Cozzi

ESTHER POWELL SAFFORD Southeast Section

Esther Powell Safford, 84, of Gainesville, Florida, passed away on July 19, 2014, at her residence. Esther was born in Gainesville, Florida, on September 8, 1929, to Josie Mae Powell and Caleb Allen Powell. She grew up in Gainesville, graduated from the P.K. Yonge Laboratory School and attended Florida State College for Women, a forerunner of Florida State University.

A part owner with her father and siblings of a Holiday Inn in Williston, Florida, she left school before graduating to help her father operate another motel in Thomasville, Georgia. In 1963, Esther built, opened and operated yet another motel, a Holiday Inn in Thomasville, where she was one of the founders of The First National Bank of Thomasville.

Esther later moved to Sky Valley, Georgia, where she was elected to the city council.

A lifelong interest in flight led her to become a pilot in 1967, and shortly thereafter she became an instrument rated commercial pilot and single-engine flight instructor. She was a founder of Air Race Classic and flew in more than 25 of the cross-country races.

Esther was appointed by President Nixon to the Women's Advisory Commission on Aviation and by President Carter to the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Aviation.

— Terry L. Carbonell

JANET WILLIAMS KOONCE Purple Sage Chapter

Janet Williams Koonce, 74, passed away to new horizons on June 13, 2014, at her home in Midland, Texas, after a short battle with cancer.

Janet began flying in the early 1980s, and she started coming to Purple Sage Chapter meetings as a "66." It wasn't long until she earned her single-engine land certificate, and she joined The Ninety-Nines and The Purple Sage Chapter just as quickly as possible. She was a real asset to Purple Sage and a true friend.

Janet flew her Cessna 172 in Poker Rallies, Treasure Hunts, fly-in breakfasts and looked for any other excuse to fly. Janet held every office in our Chapter at one time or another, and often more than once. She was our Chapter Chairman when she passed away. Janet opened her beautiful home to us for our Christmas parties, and she was a gracious and wonderful hostess.

She was a great gal and we miss her terribly. Fly on, Janet!

— Priscilla L. Barbee

Final Flights for Our 49½s

Rick Hoefler – Marie Hoefler, San Diego Chapter, December, 1, 2013.

Lewis Guy 'Gus' Manwaring – Betty Lou Manwaring, Utah Chapter, July 14, 2014.



Officers and Directors ham it up for the camera. Just so you won't forget who is who!



Headquarters Manager Laura Ohrenberg and Alice Talnack organize award plaques.



Mae Marquet, Allie Smith, Jan Oreck, Marla Partimbene and Alice Fanto marshaling a "We Are Family" flash mob at the Thursday night reception at Lakefront Airport.



Jerry Anne Jurenka at the Awards Banquet. Photo by Glenna Blackwell.



49½s Ed Marquet and Art Phillips enjoying the pleasures of the hospitality suite.



Exciting news: The Endowment Fund tops its one million dollar goal!



*Background photo by Glenna Blackwell.
Alligator by Jill Smith.*

"See ya later, fly ladies!" said the alligator with a grin on its face.