



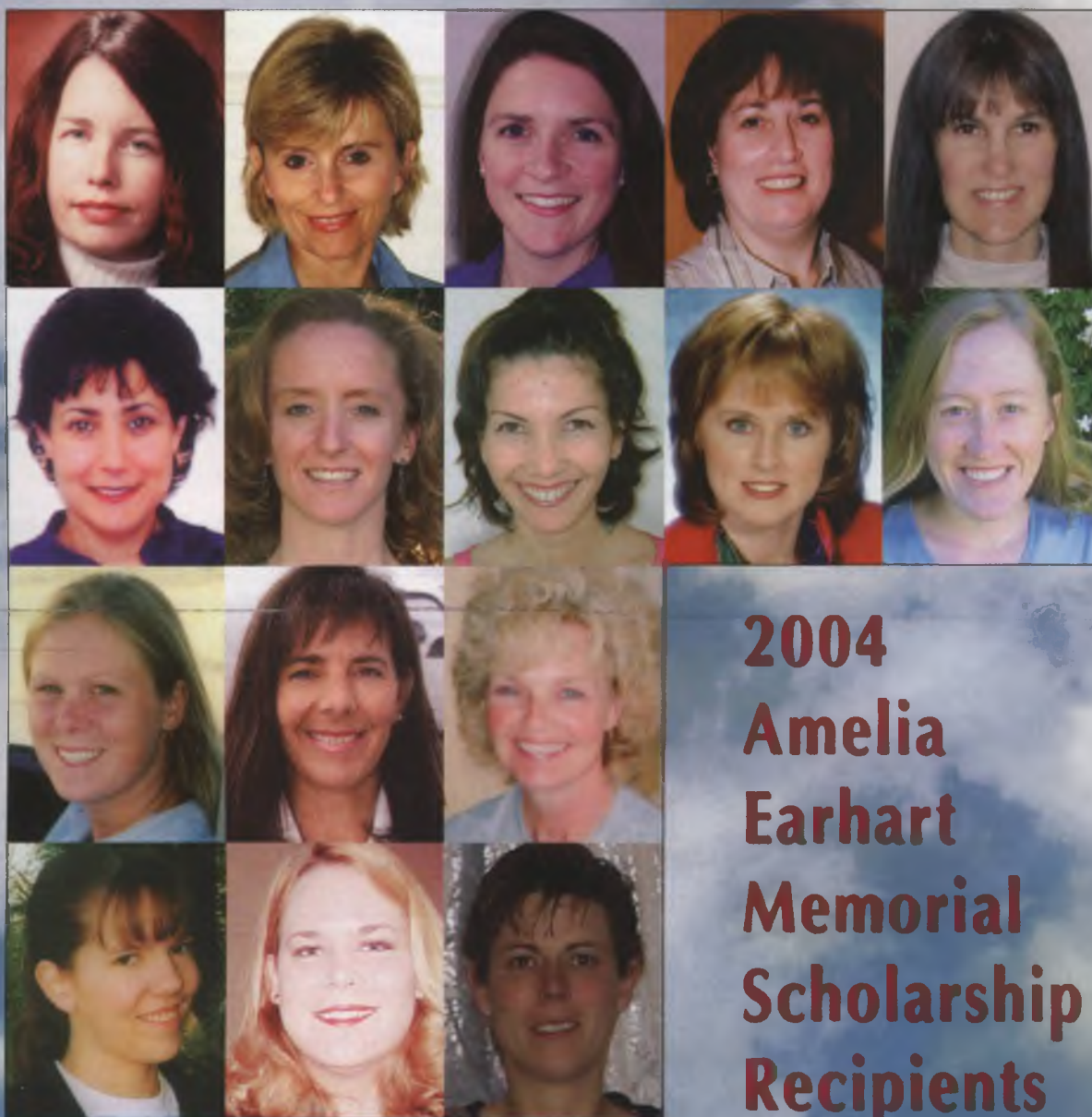
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## On The Cover

*One of the exciting events of the International Conference is the Awards Banquet, and this year was no exception. Seventeen Ninety-Nines received educational scholarships, along with three Future Women Pilots (see diagram at right).*

*The 99s scholarship committee was formed in 1936 by Amelia Earhart, and this year the fund surpassed one million dollars, ensuring many more years of support for 99s pursuing educational goals.*

*Five new scholarships and awards were announced at the banquet, including the Past Winners Scholarship funded by previous award recipients.*

# PERPETUAL CALENDAR

## 2004

### OCTOBER

- 1** **99 News Deadline – Nov/Dec issue.**
- 1-3** **Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting.** The Williamsburg Hospitality House, Williamsburg, VA. Hosted by the Virginia Chapter. Contact Chairperson Sharon Blodinger: phone 434-973-3461; Fax 434-295-2960; w4npx2@earthlink.net.
- 2** **Greater Cincinnati 99s Poker Run.** Based at Butler County Regional Airport (HAO), Fairfield, OH. Contact Cyn Macke 513-553-7349 or isaacmacke@fuse.net.
- 7-9** **National Business Aviation Association (NBAA),** Orlando/Orange County Convention Center (OCCC), Orlando, FL. Contact: www.nbaa.org.
- 8-10** **Fall Southwest Section Meeting,** Solvang, CA/Santa Ynez Airport. Tie down-free. The Royal Scandinavian, Solvang. Contact Michelle Leiphart, leiphart@aol.com.
- 15-17** **North Central Section Meeting,** South Bend, IN, hosted by Indiana Dunes Chapter. Contact Christine Murdock, 574-289-8642 or email: chrismur@michiana.org.
- 21-23** **AOPA Expo 2004,** Long Beach, CA Convention Center. Jacquie Sprague, Volunteer Coordinator, 562-596-6902. Ninety-Nines Breakfast scheduled at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at Hyatt-Regency immediately adjacent to Convention Center. Make reservations early as there is limited space.
- 30-31** **Discover Aviation,** the Jean Sport Aviation Airfield, 20 miles south of Las Vegas, supported by the Las Vegas Valley 99s.

- 31** **Deadline for Submission of Intent to Seek Election** for two International Director positions. Forms are available in the Members Only Section of The 99s website: www.ninety-nines.org.

### NOVEMBER

- 3-7** **Fall Board of Directors Meeting.** Ninety-Nines Headquarters, Oklahoma City, OK, with travel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November. Hilton Garden Hotel on Meridian Avenue. For reservations call 405-942-1400. Please let Liz Lundun, Headquarters Manager, know the dates you will be attending.

### DECEMBER

- 1** **99 News Deadline – January/February issue.**
- 5** **Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus Fly-In,** MAPS Air Museum, Akron/Canton (CAK) Regional Airport. Contact Patricia Synk, 330-945-7518, FlyerDreams@aol.com.
- 20** **Deadline for Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) Applications.** Contact Laura Smith, PPLI Program Leader, at mentoring@ninety-nines.org or www.ninety-nines.org/careers/mentoring.html.

## 2005

### JANUARY

- 5** **Deadline for the AEMSF application.** See www.ninety-nines.org/aemsf.html for details.

### AUGUST

- 21-26** **International Conference in New Zealand.** Fun and Fellowship Down Under. Pre- and Post-Conference tours of North and South Island are available. For additional information go to www.ninety-nines.org.

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# Past-President's Message

BY JODY McCARRELL  
Oklahoma Chapter



Jody McCarrell

**W**e certainly had a wonderful time in New Jersey. Those who attended accomplished the goals of getting all of the amendments, standing rules and by-laws passed except one, which the Board decided to withdraw for more work. I really want to thank all of you delegates who helped achieve this massive project and still adjourn 15 minutes early.

I want to give a special thanks to the New York-New Jersey Section for helping put this 2004 Conference on the record book with lots of people going home happy. I will have to admit that some of us experienced a good deal of excitement during the bus trips and that extended even to the New York trip. The circle dance that occurred on Thursday night by the bar was an experience to remember. I didn't know so many of you had such moves in you. Lianne Oakes may never be the same again.

I was glad to see Beverly Sharp; she and Ed were cutting a pretty good rug themselves in the dance circle. This was the very first Conference where we did not have any of our Charter Mem-

bers in attendance, but I guarantee you, Fay Gillis Wells would have been proud of Linton Wells in the conga line as well as two-stepping with the ladies.

Amanda Wright Lane, our guest and great-niece of Katharine Wright, attended to help present the Katharine Wright Memorial Award to Gertrude Rogallo. This award is co-sponsored by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) and The Ninety-Nines. Both of Gertrude's daughters, Carol Sparks and Marie Samuels, were in attendance to accept the award for their mother.

We now have Betty Huck working on getting Amanda to fly, and I understand that Amanda's sister is also interested. Would that not be wonderful to have the Wright girls as members of The Ninety-Nines?

My thanks and good luck to our wonderful friend from NAA, Don Koranda, for all the help he has given us. This was the last Conference that Don will attend as representative from the NAA, but he said he was going home to present an application for The Ninety-Nines to his wife, as he always enjoyed our group so much.

I want to give a very special thanks to all the committee chairs who served during my reign as your President, as well as to the hard-working governors and my friends who take care of the Trusts. It has been a very successful and exciting two years, and, my, how time flies when you are having fun. We certainly had our share of that. I have always said you can get a lot of work done and still have fun doing it.

Thanks to everyone who took the time and money to attend the Board meetings in Oklahoma City. It is because of all of you that we have come so far since I first joined the Board of Directors in 1998. You all have made this time in my life very, very special.

As you in Atlantic City witnessed, we had a great installation ceremony where your new President, and my old friend, along with the new Board of Directors, took command of this wonderful organization that we all love so much. I will be at her service, as I am sure all of you will be, to keep The Ninety-Nines on course, on center line and with tail winds at our back. Thanks to all, and I love each and every one of you.

*Below, from left, Jody McCarrell, Carol Sparks, Amanda Wright Lane and Don Koranda prepare to present the Katharine Wright Memorial Award to Gertrude Rogallo.*



**A**t the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting on July 9, 2004, the President's gavel was transferred from Jody McCarrell to Elaine Morrow, as Jody installed the 2004-06 Board during a candlelight ceremony. We thank the 2002-04 International Board and Committees for giving their time, enthusiasm and personal expense to serve the membership.

The New York-New Jersey Section worked hard to provide a memorable Conference for us in Atlantic City, and we appreciate the wealth of tours and seminars. A highlight, as always, was the parade of winners at the AEMSFS Scholarship Dinner. Did you know that the very first scholarship was given to Patricia Gladney, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, in 1941? She was the only recipient that year and received \$125 to obtain an Instrument rating.

My first official visit was to The Ninety-Nines tent at the end of July during the annual EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Coordinator Rita Adams had everything well organized and had volunteers signed up every day. The Ninety-Nines breakfast on Friday, July 30, was well attended. I had the opportunity to meet many Ninety-Nines, 49½s, Future Women Pilots and representatives of NASA and the Smithsonian Institution.

Vendors stopped in to request information on our calendar for their websites, dropped off flyers describing their facilities (where they hope we would have future meetings), and one even visited the tent just to say how impressed he was to receive numerous thank-you notes for his advertisement in the Air Race Classic program.

I was interviewed at the EAA announcer's booth and was able to give the location of our tent and website several times. Many new Ninety-Nines and FWPs were signed up, and we even succeeded in getting an EAA volunteer to join The Ninety-Nines!

For the next two years, "Reach Out" is my theme – to treasure our existing Ninety-Nines and their history, bring in new members and find alternative options for fund-raising to provide increasing services and support.

In our effort to have International Board

## President's Message

BY ELAINE MORROW  
Minnesota Chapter

members and International Committee members more available, the public portion of the website will have a calendar listing those who will be attending the events. You will then have an opportunity to meet all of us and share your ideas and success stories.

We especially invite you to attend our Board of Directors meetings in Oklahoma City to help us seek solutions to mutual concerns.

I ended the Post-Conference Board Meeting with the following wish: Wherever I travel to Ninety-Nines events and see you put out your arm, may it be to welcome newcomers into our circle rather than pushing them away to greet your friends. If you point your finger, may it be in direction and praise, not in criticism. And should I see you with your nose pointing upward, may it be to seek guidance and wisdom from above to help The Ninety-Nines really make a difference in the next two years. I look forward to greeting and meeting as many of you as possible in the near future!



*Elaine Morrow*

*Below, the new Board, from left: Frances Luckhart, Director; Linda Marshall, Director; Donna Moore, Secretary; Susan Larson, Treasurer; Pat Prentiss, Vice-President; Elaine Morrow, President.*



# Atlantic City Provided Great Weather, Exciting Ambiance for 2004 Conference

BY BARBARA HARRIS-PARA, Garden State Chapter

The Atlantic City press enjoyed interviewing all of our guests and did a wonderful article, which was sold out immediately at the hotel.

Thanks to over 150 Ninety-Nines and guests who took the gamble to visit Atlantic City, New Jersey this past July 6-11. We had tremendous weather, lots of fun and another milestone accomplished. Over three years ago when Judy Tokar, then governor of the NY/NJ Section, asked the group for sites to be considered for this conference, I spoke up immediately. Atlantic City would be wonderful: we have the beach, casinos, Bader Field (one of the oldest airports), huge amounts of aviation history, and the Wm. J. Hughes Technical Center.

Well, I got my wish to have it here, and from the many cards, letters, emails and telephone calls that I have received in the past few weeks, everyone who attended had a great time.

Our Section is not very large, and help was scarce, but Judy Stiles (at her first conference) offered to again portray Blanche Stuart Scott, and we found "Amelia Earhart" at the cocktail hour, along with "Harriet Quimby." The Atlantic City Press enjoyed interviewing all of our guests and did a wonderful article on Friday, which was sold out immediately at the hotel. The other members of our Section who worked from inception on various jobs and pitched in to help deserve a round of applause for a job well done.

One of the highlights of the week was our "Breakfast at the Top" featuring six dynamic women representing the FAA, Newark Airport, Federal Air Marshals and an FBO owner. They provided answers to questions posed by moderator Joyce Malkmus from Long Island Chapter. Marilyn Patierno of North Jersey Chapter provided the centerpieces for this program, which were outstanding and very clever.

Since this was our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the Conference is where it all started a few miles removed, the underlying theme was past aviators and aviatrix. We visited Millville Army Air Field Museum, talked with three Tuskegee Airmen from Delaware and viewed a restored Navy A-4 jet from the Vietnam War along with the pilot who flew the plane off the U.S.S. Hancock. The movie *Blue Horizon* and the P-47 movie about Millville's heyday during WWII were shown to the crowd of 99s and citizens of the Millville area.

Saturday night's entertainment was about the WASP program, featuring Lois Cutler (a former 99) of Miami. Her daughter Jamie came to the Conference to sing her song that she recorded for her mom and others including Ann Shields, a WASP from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. A PowerPoint presentation showed pictures from Avenger Field in San Antonio, Texas that rounded



Ninety-Nine Judy Stiles, left, portraying Blanche Stuart Scott, is accompanied by "Harriet Quimby," represented by New Jersey actress Brianna Brown.

out the entertainment for the evening. Tom and Lorraine Jordan, Garden State Chapter, worked for many months on the wonderful centerpieces for the Awards Banquet.

A huge crowd gathered for the AE Scholarship Dinner, with at least half of this year's AE winners attending. Judy Tokar made beautiful dolls for the centerpieces at each tables, and these were for sale afterwards. When the regular program concluded, the past and current AE winners posed for picture taking; at this rate we will soon need an auditorium for this part of the program.

The gals and 49½s interested in flying and survival training attended the seminars for both the Survival Course and the Saturday morning programs. The U.S. Coast Guard filled in for the New Jersey National Guard Unit 177<sup>th</sup> as they were not stateside at the time. On Tuesday's hands-on approach to survival, various Coast Guard personnel gave the group a wonderful presentation. I personally heard lots of compliments for all the programs.

The 49½s had a good week too, golfing, fishing and touring the USS New Jersey. Tuckerton Seaport was also a hit. A few folks took the train to Philadelphia for the day, while others drove to Cape May. Some guests decided to walk or ride the boards and view the sand beaches, and the casinos managed to take a few bucks from some of our guests.



WASP Anne Shields visits with Tuskegee Airmen from Delaware at the Millville Army Air Field Museum.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the New York/New Jersey Section for the great Silent Auction items, the Fly Market, registration, coordination of programs, etc. For the ladies who attended, we hope you enjoyed your stay and are saving your pennies for New Zealand.

*Below: Award winners gather for a commemorative photo at the 2004 Banquet.*



# ATLANTIC CITY 2004



Conference photos on this and other pages  
by Barbara Feldman, Ellen Nobles-Harris  
and Bobbi Roe.

**T**he past twelve months have marked some extraordinary milestones for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. First and foremost, our Fund has surpassed *one million dollars*, establishing itself as a marvelous legacy from the women who had the foresight to create the fund and the dedication to continue building it in the 63 years since.

The 99s scholarship fund committee was formed in 1936 by our first president, Amelia Earhart. In 1940, the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund was formally established to help deserving 99s to further accomplishments in memory of Amelia's unselfish interest and enthusiasm for all women pilots.

The Fund's success can be attributed to every contributing 99s member and the meticulous planning on the part of former Trustees who ensured that those contributions would grow in perpetuity. Kudos to Bonnie Seymour and her husband Milt, who recommended that the Fund hire professional financial management, and to our Merrill Lynch advisor, Sue Phillips of Oklahoma City, who has been an integral part of keeping that plan on track.

This does *not* mean that we have a million dollars to give away, however! To ensure the Fund exists in perpetuity, we are bound by the Trust Resolution to use only the interest on the principal plus one-half of specific donations. But with a million dollars and growing, we will be able to give more scholarships and grants every year, especially now that even more 99s members are eligible to apply.

### ***New Applicant Criteria***

The scholarship application criteria have changed. Effective immediately, a *one-year* 99s member may apply for an AE Scholarship or Research Grant (there is no length of membership requirement for Future Women Pilot Award applicants). This change comes after a great deal of member input, deliberation by the Trustees and a vote at our July meeting. The Trust Resolution has been amended so that the objective of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund is as follows:

a. To provide scholarships and/or grants for educational advancement in aviation or aerospace for Ninety-Nines who have been members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. for *12 months* immediately prior to the date of application for scholarship and who pass screening by Chapter (if applicable), Section, Trustees and Judges.

b. To provide scholarships and/or grants for educational advancement in aviation or aero-

# AEMSFSurpasses One Million Dollars!

BY JACQUELINE BOYD  
AEMSFS Trustee

space for Future Women Pilot members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. who pass screening by Chapter, Section, Trustees and Judges.

We would like to bring your attention to how the objective of the Fund has *not* changed: AE scholarships and grants are not just for career pilots. (Read the Resolution statements above carefully!) In fact, scholarships have been awarded for a variety of purposes over the years, including completion of Airframe & Powerplant certificates, instrument ratings, multi-engine ratings, helicopter add-on ratings, crew coordination training, Bachelor of Science degrees in aeronautical engineering and aviation management, and Master of Science degrees in aerospace education and aerospace systems management.

Clearly, not every scholarship winner has her sights set on being a professional pilot, but all applicants are asked to show a specific goal in educational advancement in aviation or aerospace, financial need and participation in the work of The Ninety-Nines.

### ***New Scholarships and Awards Announced at AE Banquet***

At the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Awards Banquet held during the 2004 International Conference in Atlantic City, the Trustees were pleased to announce new perpetual scholarships and special awards.

It took 10 years of selling note cards and address labels, and carrying a large quilt from meeting to meeting to sell raffle tickets, but they did it: The Minnesota Chapter raised \$20,000 for a perpetual scholarship. The **Minnesota Chapter Scholarship** will be named in honor of a different member each year.

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If you've ever witnessed the Parade of Past Winners at an AE Scholarship Banquet or Luncheon, you've seen and heard firsthand the importance of this Fund to our members.

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**T**he Albuquerque Chapter and the El Paso Chapter pooled funds to establish a perpetual scholarship to honor 99s Past President Ruth Deerman. Because Ruth has always looked out for women student pilots, the point of founding the 66 program, the **Albuquerque-El Paso Ruth Deerman Scholarship** will provide a Future Woman Pilot Award each year.

Fay Gillis Wells' dedicated service to aviation and aerospace persisted for over 72 years, making her one of The Ninety-Nines' most beloved Charter Members. The **Fay Gillis Wells Memorial Scholarship** was established by generous contributions from Fay's many friends in The 99s and the International Forest of Friendship, and we were pleased to have Linda and Linton Wells attend the banquet.

If you've ever witnessed the Parade of Past Winners at an AE Scholarship Banquet or Luncheon, you've seen and heard firsthand the importance of this Fund to our members. Four years ago, a past winner pledged to raise money for a new perpetual scholarship, and AE Scholarship winners were grateful to have a tangible way of giving back to The Ninety-Nines and helping future generations of women pilots.

Several even repaid the entire amount of their original scholarship. At this year's banquet, a check for \$20,000 was presented to the AEMSF on behalf of all AE Scholarship winners from 1941 to 2003, to establish the new **Past Winners Scholarship**.

The Trustees were also pleased to announce a special award to the AEMSF. Susan Maule of the Maryland Chapter was instrumental in facilitating the donation of the **2005 Maule Tailwheel Training Award** (see below).

A very sincere *thank you* to everyone who contributed to the Fund this year!

### **Char Falkenberg Named Chairman Emeritus**

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that, in recognition of her two decades of outstanding service and leadership and the high regard in which she is held, Charlene Falkenberg has been named Chairman Emeritus of the AEMSF Board. Char will continue fulfilling her duties as Permanent Trustee to the Board and devoting herself to the success of our scholarship winners.

The 2004-2005 AEMSF Board of Trustees consists of:

Charlene Falkenberg, Chairman Emeritus (Permanent Trustee); Dr. Jacques Boyd, Chairman, Research Scholar Grant Chairman (Permanent Trustee); Jenny Beatty, Vice Chairman (2004-2007); Peggy Doyle, Secretary (2002-2005); Madeleine Monaco, Treasurer (Permanent Trustee); and Joy Parker Blackwood (2003-2006).

### **Your Donation and Bequest**

Please send your donation to the AEMSF to: Madeleine Monaco, 46 S. Stonington, Palatine, IL 60074. For information about making a bequest, please contact Jacques Boyd at [AEChair@Ninety-Nines.org](mailto:AEChair@Ninety-Nines.org) or 505-377-3166.

## 2005 Maule Tailwheel Training Award

The Maule Tailwheel Training Award is intended to expose a Ninety-Nines member to the joys of flying taildraggers so that she may share this experience with others.

This special award is for 10 hours flight training in a Maule tailwheel aircraft, with training provided by Maule Flight, Inc. in Moultrie, Georgia. The approximate value of the award is \$1,500. The winner must be able to provide her own transportation to and from Moultrie, GA, and for room and board during the approximately four days of training.

### **Eligible Applicant Criteria:**

- is a one-year member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at time of application;
- does not have previous tailwheel flight experience as pilot, wants to fly a taildragger and will spread the word on how much fun it is;
- holds a Private or higher grade pilot certificate and current medical certificate;
- meets requirements for pilot currency (i.e. Flight Review, Competency/Proficiency Check, or equivalent);
- is a U.S. citizen (Maule Flight is unable to make immigration and security

arrangements for non-U.S. citizen flight students;

- agrees to complete the training by December 31, 2005;
- agrees to maintain these qualifications through completion of training.

### **Application:**

Financial need is not a consideration for this special award. Full details and the application form are available on The 99s website or from 99s Headquarters. Submit to the AEMSF by the deadline of January 5, 2005. The winner will be notified by about April 15, 2005.

# AEMSF Scholarship Recipients

## NANCY ANN GINESI – Instrument Rating



Reading the local paper one day, I found a story and picture of the local 99s. I thought it would be great to ride my 1941 motorbike down to the local airport, jump into my old biplane and fly. I received my pilot's license in 1990 and officially joined The 99s. I have flown for the Civil Air Patrol and Volunteer Sheriff Department.

I'm now Chapter Chairman and received WPOY in 2003. I manage a flight school and work at a WWII AAFB while raising my son. My goal is to operate my own flight school while teaching others to fly. Big thanks, 99s!

## SUE HUGHES – Multiengine Instructor

Since growing up near Philadelphia, Sue traveled the world and lived abroad for five years in Japan and the Netherlands. Recently, she settled in Denver with her husband of four years, Dale. Sue's 20-year career has centered on education, with stints as an English teacher, tour guide, museum docent, U.S. citizenship instructor, technical writer and instructional designer. She is currently employed by Jeppesen. Sue discovered flying relatively late in life, starting ground school at age 39. Four years later, she earned her CFI certificate and has been flight instructing since. Naturally, she's preparing for a future in aviation education.



## SAREANA PINSON KELLY – Multiengine Instructor



Sareana Pinson Kelly is originally from Denver. As the daughter of an airline pilot, she was drawn to aviation at an early age. She received her Private Pilot license in September 2000 in Eagle, Colorado. Since that time she has achieved her instrument rating, commercial and instructor certificates and, most recently, her Multiengine rating. She is a full-time flight instructor at Jefferson County Airport in Broomfield, Colorado. Sareana attended Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, where she received her BA in Art History in May 1998. Her ultimate career goal is to fly for a major airline.

## M. PENNY LEVIN – Certified Flight Instructor

When I was five years old, I wanted to be an astronaut. Because this was a terribly unladylike fantasy, it was over 30 years before I first began to pursue my dreams of flight. In the interim, I became a psychologist, started both a family and a



practice, and pursued more conventional goals. However, with my first flight I became hopelessly addicted to aviation and have spent the past several years working toward my Private, Instrument and Commercial ratings. I have become fascinated not only with flying, but also with the learning process. As a result, I will work toward a CFI with the intent both of teaching and of merging my interests in psychology and aviation. Thank you so much for helping me to make my dream come true!

## PEGGY LOEFFLER – Certified Flight Instructor

As a young girl, I flew with my dad in his small plane but didn't pursue my Private license until after the age of 40. While raising two boys and working several jobs, I earned my Instrument rating (with a 2000 AE Scholarship) and Commercial license. Since serving as Chairman of the Connecticut Chapter, I've worked with hundreds of scouts and have mentored several young pilots. These experiences have made me realize my desire to instruct, and this scholarship will help me reach my goal. As the new Vice-Governor of the New England Section, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute again to The 99s. Also, someday I hope to restore my father's plane, which waits in my garage!



## PATRICIA MANOS – Commercial Certificate



I caught the fever during my demo ride in a Cessna 150. I was working on my Ph.D., and as the daughter of Greek immigrants (and rather naïve), had just learned that one could take flying lessons as one would piano lessons. I decided not to switch careers but still pursue my new love: aviation. I finished my Private certificate and Instrument rating and have been active in both the Chicago Area and the Washington D.C. chapters. My goal in aviation is to start a non-profit flight school for women to implement the mission statement of The 99s by providing flight training and airplanes.

## KRISTEN MANSEL – Boeing 737 Type Rating

My first solo was the beginning of a journey that created long-lasting relationships, inspiration, dreams and memories. My solo changed my life and shaped my future. Since then, I have formed many life-long friends in The Ninety-Nines who have been supportive. With their encouragement, I have been inspired to help others fulfill their aviation dreams while continuing my career goal



of becoming a B-737 Captain. Currently, I am the Scholarship Chair for the Mt. Diablo Ninety-Nines, an IOE Captain and Par 135 Metroliner Captain flying Department of Defense military missions. Thank you, Ninety-Nines, for new journeys dreams, and memories – like my first solo.

#### JANYN MICHAUD – Certified Flight Instructor



The desire to fly has been a childhood dream. This became reality when I was hired as a flight attendant for Aloha Airlines in 1994. My ultimate goal of earning my Private Pilot certificate transpired in 2001. Since then I have achieved my Instrument rating and Commercial certificate, with a Multiengine rating being a

VOR away. I balance my family, The Ninety-Nines, attaining ratings, working as a flight attendant and going to college full-time (on-line) at Utah Valley State College, to earn my BS in Aviation Science.

#### M. MERCEDES RATLIFF – Multi/Commercial

Flying became a fascination when I won an internship with the Navy as one of 25 national women engineering students. I fell in love with flight-testing at Edwards Air Force Base in California. I've conducted mission briefings and executed flight and ground testing on the Stealth Fighter, F-117, MD-130H and F-15. I pursued my own flying after attending National Test Pilot School and received training in many aircraft. In 2000, I became a private pilot through The 99s FWP program. I'm currently pursuing my CFI, and the Scholarship will help me achieve my goal of becoming a professional pilot, with hopes of becoming a flight test pilot.



#### AMBER ROE – Citation Type Rating



I've been interested in flying since I was a small child. I never realized I could become a pilot until I visited The Ninety-Nines booth at a local airshow. I received my Private Pilot certificate in 1999. Currently I work full-time as a flight instructor and part-time flying a Citation Jet under CFR 14 Part 135 on demand as co-

pilot. This scholarship will allow me to fly as a contract pilot for several companies and eventually provide me with the experience to make a living as a corporate pilot. Thank you 99s for your ongoing support and inspiration.

#### SANDRA RUTLEDGE – Flight Instructor (Class IV)



I enrolled in the Professional Pilots Program at my local school, and upon completion I was accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Aviation Degree Program at Utah Valley State College. I have had several opportunities to work in different areas of the aviation industry. I worked at Diamond Aircraft Industries in many different capacities, and I am currently employed by WestJet Airlines as a flight attendant. I also competed in the Webster Memorial Flying Competition, where I was an Ontario Regional Champion and had the opportunity to compete in the Canadian championships. I have thoroughly enjoyed my flying career thus far, and look forward to furthering my future in the Aviation Industry.

#### KATHRYN SALM – Airline Transport Pilot

When I was a child, my father took me to air shows. I wanted to fly too. I tried other careers; none grabbed my heart like flying. January 2000 brought me to Tucson, Arizona for a teaching position. Months later I was diagnosed with a rare medical condition. After major surgery and losing my medical, I remained vigilant in my goals. In Holland I earned my JAR approval and shortly after obtained my first class medical! Working as assistant chief flight instructor for two years was followed by flying medical supplies in Africa. After seven months of unemployment I have been hired by a commuter line as first officer.



#### MARCELAINE WININGER – Multiengine Rating



I refer to myself as a student pilot, despite holding Instrument, Commercial, Flight Instructor and Land and Sea Airman certificates. There is always much more to learn about aviation. Flying and flight instructing year-round in Michigan's desolate and inclement Upper Peninsula present their challenges. Nevertheless I have earned

the designation of Master Flight Instructor from the National Association of Flight Instructors. More than anything else, I am a teacher of flight. I am also a skydiver, holding a United States Parachute Association Master Skydiver License. In addition, I am an English teacher and free-lance aviation sports writer.

For more information about the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund awards, including the application process, visit [www.ninety-nines.org/aemsf.html](http://www.ninety-nines.org/aemsf.html).

**Application deadline for 2005 scholarships is January 5, 2005.**

## Future Women Pilots

### JANELLE BARON – Future Woman Pilot



I thought flying was out of my league. I concentrated instead on homeschool, where I am a junior, and basketball, since I play varsity. But then I met Marita Dragten, who introduced me to flying, and Frank Magnussen, who is now my instructor. They instilled such a love for flying in me that I had to fly, whether or not I could afford it. I joined The 99s at age 15 and soloed at age 16. Now that I've received this award, I'll be able to get my Private Pilot certificate when I turn 17, and achieve my goals.

### ELAINE M. MCLAUGHLIN – Future Woman Pilot

I started my pilot training in November 1990 in Northern California and quickly soloed in February of 1991. My goal was to complete it by summer, as I couldn't wait to be a licensed pilot. However, due to a terminal illness of my father, I eventu-

ally quit in favor of saving money so I could move to where he was treated. After he passed away in 1999, I went on to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and will graduate this spring. I am anxious to start flying again, and this award will make my dreams come true.



### TARA ZELLER – Future Woman Pilot



I am 33 years of age and have a 10-year-old daughter. I live in Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania. I have two hobbies; martial arts and flying airplanes. I have been in martial arts for 14 years and I am a third degree black belt. I am currently a full-time student pursuing a career in the field of law. Flying is a relatively new hobby for me. I started taking lessons in December of 2002. I have always wanted to learn how to fly. My ambition is to obtain a Private Pilot certificate by the end of the year.

## Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Judges

### PIERRE PORTMANN



Pierre Portmann was born in Bâle, Switzerland in 1936 and currently lives in Paris, France. Receiving his Private Pilot's license in 1958, Pierre currently has over 1,000 PIC hours.

Having lived and worked in several locations in Europe, Pierre has been a tireless, outspoken tour de force advocate for the preservation of general aviation and air sports.

He has made significant inroads and effective changes to aviation rules and regulations and built strong working relationships with governmental authorities. He has been President of the Sadi Lecoigne Aero Club since 1986 and Secretary-General of the FNA (National Aeronautic Federation of France) since 1997; and President of the General Aviation Commission of the FAI (Fédération Aéronautique Internationale) since 1999.

In 2002, the French Ministry of Transportation awarded Pierre the prestigious "Médaille (medal) Aéronautique" for outstanding voluntary service in national and international sport aviation.

### CAROLINE GOUGH-COOPER



Caroline Gough-Cooper is currently Careers Advisor for the British Women Pilots' Association (BWPA) and is their representative with the Federation of European Women Pilots. She also represents the BWPA in her position as a Trustee of the Amy Johnson Memorial Trust, which awards scholarships to young British women wishing to pursue a career in aviation.

Caroline began flying in 1986 and commercially in 1989 and has type endorsements for the HS748, Handley Page HP7 Herald, Lockheed L188 Electra, Fokker FK27 and the de Havilland DHC8.

In 1994, Caroline qualified as a helicopter pilot, flying a Robinson R22 from the UK to Moscow just seven weeks after gaining her license to compete in the World Helicopter Championships as a navigator with the British team.

In 1996, she flew as navigator again in Salem, Oregon, in 1999 as pilot in Germany, and 2002 as pilot in Austria where she and her crew won the Ladies' World Title.

### DEBORAH MCCOY



Deborah McCoy resides in Houston, Texas and is senior vice president of flight operations for Continental Airlines, Inc., a position she has held since September 1999. Prior to this position, Deborah was vice president of flight training and Inflight.

She joined Continental Airlines as a pilot in 1979 and held positions of increasing responsibility including check airman, fleet manager, director of flight standards and training and senior director of operational performance.

In 2000, Deborah was named one of the "100 Most Powerful Women in Travel" by *Travel Agent* magazine and one of five aerospace executives to watch by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

Deborah is the first woman in the USA to head a major commercial airline pilot group. She has played a large role in promoting diversity at Continental, sponsoring the Organization of Black Airline Pilots and WAI conventions.

She is type-rated on the Boeing 757, 767, DC-9, MD-80, A-300 and DC-10.

# Special Awards

## **PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Rita Adams**

For the past 35 years, The 99s have been endowed with the devotion and unflagging enthusiasm of Rita Adams. As a member of the Chicago Area Chapter, Rita has volunteered to do whatever needed to be done.

Rita began flying like so many of us at the behest of her husband, who wanted her to know a little about flying. After a couple of lessons she decided she would do this for herself rather than her husband and obtained her license in 1968.

Rita served on the Illi-Nines Race Board for 12 years and was instrumental in donating the perpetual trophy and remaining funds in its treasury to the Museum and International. Rita's biggest contribution to The 99s has been working at Oshkosh at The 99s' venue for 23 years. Each year she takes her vacation to spend it meeting and greeting 99s, signing up prospective members and FWPs. She has been The Ninety-Nines EAA Coordinator since 1997. This position involves making arrangements for the site and setting up accommodations for The 99 volunteers, staff and Board members. During the week, Rita and her crew of volunteers meet and greet all and become an on-site membership committee. At the end of the week, Rita takes her list of new members or prospective members and follows up by contacting each of the Chapter Chairs with the names in her area and requests they contact them.

Rita's warmth and enthusiasm for The 99s is contagious. Whether she is working in her own chapter, attending section meetings or in the friendship tent at Oshkosh her caring attitude can't help rub off on those around her. "I have a whole other family out there," says Rita, "and they are The 99s."

## **AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT: Ardyth Williams**

## **AWARD OF MERIT WINNER: Belinda Bender**

The impact that these women had on each others lives is measured not only in the growing intellectual capital of young people but in the emotional investment in caring about our future generation as a whole.

Last year on their own time, they solicited over 2,700 members and 334 volunteers from business and government to help stuff goody bags, tutor students and serve as mentors/exhibitors to disadvantaged schools and students seeking careers in transportation. Last year over 2,896 students walked the halls of FAA at Ground Hog Job Shadow Day, Bring Your Child to Work Day, and Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first powered flight. Ardyth and Belinda have designed and publicized the Odyssey of the Mind Aircraft Flyer Contest, which inspires creative problem solving, strategies and school teamwork.

The FAA National Transportation Week partnership at Potomac Airfield with the aviation industry, schools and community is an example of their ability to forge alliances, create teams and collaboration among government agencies and the aviation community to work to the benefit of the students.

They were also instrumental in forging a partnership with FAA, NASA, National Business Aircraft Association, Airline Pilots' Association and the National Air and Space Museum through a special live "NASA Connect" television program. It was carried by PBS stations in 32 states, educating over one million young people on aviation and space transportation.

## **KATHERINE B. WRIGHT AWARD: Gertrude Rogallo**

Gertrude Rogallo is the winner of the Katharine Wright Award, presented jointly by the National Aeronautic Association and The 99s. She has made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time. Working with and aiding her husband throughout his career, she worked for the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics and later with NASA. Together they developed an airfoil that was light, stable and flexible that could create lift like an aircraft's wing. In 1948 Gertrude created the prototype using her husband's plans, a sewing machine and old kitchen curtains. The result — the Rogallo Wing.

Gertrude was born January 13, 1914, the second of three children in Hampton, Virginia. She taught school for many years and in 1939 married Francis Melvin Rogallo. During the first years of their marriage, they both met Orville Wright, and this had a profound effect on their work on the flexible wing and fueled their spirit for invention. Gertrude helped make flight available and affordable for everyone by developing the wing that led to hang gliding and ultralight flight.

## **AWARD OF INSPIRATION:**

## **Barbara Sierchio and Nancy Wright**

Nancy Wright and Barbara Sierchio are the recipients of the Award of Inspiration.

Nancy's father was a pilot during WWI, which prompted her interest in aviation. She was talked into attending her first 99s meeting by friend Jim Pappas, who fostered her interest in flying and encouraged her to get her commercial and instrument rating. Nancy and Barbara Sierchio became great friends and together they co-chaired The 99s' involvement in Sun'n Fun and helped bring about The 99s' permanent building on the grounds.

Nancy has worked with Sun'n Fun since 1982 and has been a very active member of the Southeast Section in many positions, including Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary and International Ad Hoc Committee for conventions. She has served on the International Nominating Committee three times and on the International Aerospace Education four times. This year using the NASA grant and donations, she and Marie Grein brought 30 young students to Sun'n Fun.

Barbara Sierchio has worked for the Department of the Navy in Washington, D.C. and also lived in Japan, North Carolina and Guam. She and her husband moved to Florida, and Barbara learned to fly and joined The Ninety-Nines in 1980.

Being an active 99, she worked with Air Bears, Young Astronaut chapters, USPFT, WPFC and NIFA, as well as many other volunteer organizations. In 1983 she became very involved with Sun'n Fun and has been instrumental in The Ninety-Nines' involvement there ever since.

**T**he New Zealand Section invites you to join us for The Ninety-Nines International Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, August 21-26, 2005.

The New Zealand Section was formed following the 1978 International Conference in Canberra, Australia, after which many Ninety-Nines visited New Zealand, raising the profile of the organization and stimulating interest and enthusiasm. As New Zealand has a national women pilots organization (the New Zealand Association of Women in Aviation), the New Zealand Section of The Ninety-Nines was formed on the basis of offering the extra opportunity for international fellowship. Our numbers are small, but over the years we have extended hospitality and fellowship to visiting Ninety-Nines and enjoyed meeting and establishing friendships with Ninety-Nines when travelling overseas.

The conference is being held in Christchurch, situated on the Canterbury Plains in the South Island and is known as the "garden city." The Conference venue is in the heart of the city within walking distance of shops, the botanical gardens, Canterbury Museum, a new art gallery and much more.

We are sure you will enjoy all that New Zealand has to offer. If you have seen any of *The Lord of the Rings* movies, you will have an idea of some of the spectacular scenery. Pre- and Post-Conference tours have been planned to show you some of the highlights of both the North and South Islands. If you take both tours you will experience a compact overview of the country.

Those who can stay longer can explore at a more leisurely pace, and those with little time to spare can pick from several destinations for a brief three-day New Zealand experience. Stay as long as you can — you will not regret it. For further information on New Zealand, check the Tourism New Zealand website, [www.purenz.com](http://www.purenz.com).

For those interested in flying in New Zealand, the Civil Aviation Authority website at [www.caa.govt.nz](http://www.caa.govt.nz) has licensing information (under Pilots). You will also find interesting information under Safety Information – Publications, particularly the Good Aviation Practice booklets for information on flying in some selected areas (the In, Out and Around series). Flying in New Zealand is different from in the United States — procedures are different, the terrain can be inhospitable and the weather can change quickly — but the scenery is beautiful. Unless you have plenty of time, my recommendation would be to hire a plane and an instructor in selected areas for

# Come to New Zealand in 2005!



BY PAM COLLINGS  
Governor, New Zealand Section

a local flight or day trip. Most flight training (and aircraft hire) in New Zealand is through aero clubs.

The Royal New Zealand Aero Club website at [www.rnzac.org.nz](http://www.rnzac.org.nz) has links to member aero clubs throughout the country. For example, the Canterbury Aero Club is based in Christchurch. Start planning now. It will be 27 years since The Ninety-Nines Conference was last in the Southern Hemisphere. We look forward to seeing you in New Zealand in 2005 for fun and fellowship down under.



*Children in Rotorua greet in the traditional Maori fashion.*



*Milford Sound cruise.*



*Sightseeing by tram in Christchurch.*



Rotorua – Waimangu.

# Discover New Zealand

## International Conference New Zealand

### Pre- and Post-Conference Tours

Seattle-based travel company Down Under Answers has worked with The Ninety-Nines to put together some exciting tour options especially designed for members who want to see more of New Zealand

when they are down under in 2005. Down Under Answers has been in business for 11 years and is one of the leading U.S.-

based travel companies selling New Zealand in partnership with New Zealand's own airline, Air New Zealand.

The tours offered are fully escorted private coach tours and can be taken either prior to or after the Conference. They will finish or start in Christchurch on the day before or the day after the Conference ends. You could even do one on both ends. The tours are offered as land packages only or can be combined with the special guaranteed airfare Down Under Answers offers through Air New Zealand. All prices are in U.S. dollars (USD).

### NEW ZEALAND'S SPECTACULAR SOUTH

6 nights experiencing New Zealand's South Island

Available either before or after the Conference

(If taken at the end of the Conference, the tour will be in reverse.)

**PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR:** Saturday, August 13 to Sunday, August 21, 2005

**POST-CONFERENCE TOUR:** Friday, August 26 to Thursday, September 1, 2005

**Highlights: Nelson, West Coast, Queenstown, with a tour to the magnificent Milford Sound.** Here you'll discover golden sands, vineyards, native forests, rugged coastline, pancake rocks, glaciers, peaks, nikau palms, snow-capped mountains, valleys, waterfalls and so much more.

The South Island is all about magnificent scenic beauty, spectacular vistas and truly amazing contrasts within a remarkably compact area. New Zealand's Spectacular South tour will scintillate your senses and have your cameras clicking non-stop. Starting with the golden bays and rich grape growing lands of the Nelson region, the first two nights will be spent in the city of Nelson, a compact port city of just 87,000 people set between valleys and beaches and known as a lifestyle mecca with year round vacation ambience. Surrounding Nelson are apple orchards, berries, vineyards, hop fields, olive groves and the studios of a great variety of artists. Further afield is the Able Tasman National Park, a beautiful park dropping straight down from the



Queenstown – Lake Wakatipu.

mountains to the sea, where you will find golden sand beaches and turquoise waters — great for hiking and kayaking.

From Nelson you will be taken to New Zealand's West Coast region memorable for its mountain peaks, massive glaciers, bizarre limestone landscapes, lakes and rivers, lush rainforest and a magnificent, wild coastline. Just one night on the West Coast before continuing south to Haast and the Haast Pass, the most recently opened of New Zealand's transalpine routes. This pass follows an ancient greenstone route, taking you through rainforest country with dramatic twists and turns and breathtaking scenery across to the eastern side of the alps to the dramatically different scenery of Wanaka and your destination, Queenstown.

Queenstown is the Southern Hemisphere's premiere four-season alpine and lake resort. Nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and overlooked by the majestic and aptly named Remarkables, Queenstown is the perfect destination all year round. The town follows the shores of Lake Wakatipu — a deep blue pool of pure mountain water. Framing the picture is The Remarkables Range with its purple-brown peaks topped with snow. In Queenstown there will be a choice of optional tours, as well as an included full day tour to the magnificent Milford Sound, which Rudyard Kipling once called the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world. Queenstown will be a relaxing three nights before flying off to Christchurch to begin the Conference.

**Tour price:** \$1,429 USD per person (single supplement available); **International airfare:** \$1,010 USD per person (includes flight into Nelson).

#### Questions and Reservations:

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*Te Papa, Wellington.*

## NEW ZEALAND'S CULTURAL NORTH

6 nights experiencing New Zealand's North Island

Available either before or after the Conference

(If taken at the end of the Conference, the tour will be done in reverse.)

**PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR:** Saturday, August 13 to Sunday, August 21

**POST-CONFERENCE TOUR:** Friday, August 26 to Thursday, September 1

**Highlights:** Rotorua, Napier, Hawkes Bay, Martinborough, Wellington and a ferry crossing to the South Island.

Hissing geysers, bubbling mud, green and blue lakes, Maori dancing, rolling green countryside, vineyards, Art Deco, limestone cliffs, bays and beaches, Te Papa, cafes — you'll experience all this and more on New Zealand's Cultural North tour.

It will begin with a drive through rolling green pasturelands and roads lined with native New Zealand bush to take you to Rotorua for your first two nights stay. Rotorua is all about the fascinating nature and earth forces of this geothermal area, while soaking up and feeling the spirit of Maori and European history, art and culture.

From Rotorua a beautiful drive will take you to the east coast and New Zealand's Hawkes Bay region, a year round vacation destination well known for its sunshine and for being New Zealand's second largest winemaking region. Supported by a Mediterranean climate and a varied landscape from dramatic sea cliffs and mountain ranges to fertile plains and crystal clear rivers, the region has a diverse range of things to see and do. Your resting place in this area will be Napier, the city by the sea, which is renowned for its 1930s Art Deco architecture, stately Norfolk pines, surrounding wineries and a vibrant café culture.

Traveling on from the Hawkes Bay region you will be taken south, making a stop at the wine village of Martinborough before crossing the spectacular Rimutaka Ranges and dropping down into New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. Set between a magnificent harbour and rolling green hills Wellington is a compact city where funky shops, exciting galleries and great restaurants are within easy walking distance.

Not to be missed and included in this tour is Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum, offering visitors a unique and authentic experience of this country's treasures and stories.

After two nights in Wellington you will finish your journey with a 2½-hour ferry crossing from Wellington, at the bottom of New Zealand's North Island, to Picton at the top on New Zealand's South Island. You will cruise through the incredible Marlborough Sounds, a network of fjord-like waterways with hundreds of miles of coastline, bays, coves and inlets, sheltered by steep hills, mostly clad in native forests. From Picton you will travel down the Kaikoura coastline, overlooked by majestic mountains, offering stunning coastal alpine scenery. The end of your journey will take you into the Canterbury region and the city of Christchurch.

**Tour price:** \$1,249 USD per person (single supplement available); **International airfare:** \$975 USD per person.

Don't have enough time to do a full week pre- or post- option? Ask Down Under Answers about one of their South Island two night/three day add-ons for Queenstown or Nelson starting from \$239 per person.

If you would like to travel independently and have Down Under Answers put together a personalized itinerary, please call one of their New Zealand travel specialists, who will help you with your plans.

A variety of day tours around Christchurch and the Canterbury region will also be available during the Conference week from August 22-25.

### Booking Information:

Complete information will be sent to you about payment dates, deposit requirements, terms and conditions and general details when you inquire about any of Down Under Answers packages. General deposit and payment requirements are:

#### Tour Packages

Non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is required to hold space on any Down Under Answer tour. All tours are subject to availability. All tours require a minimum of 16 people to operate.

#### Airfare

Non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is required to secure your airline reservation. Prices given are for specific departure dates, and pricing may alter if your departure and return dates are different from those given.

Final payment is due in full 90 days prior to your departure date.

Prices are guaranteed once paid in full. Pricing subject to currency fluctuation until payments received in full. Cancellation penalties will apply if cancelled less than 90 days prior to departure.

Payment installments are possible. Please check with Down Under Answers.

You will be traveling in New Zealand during New Zealand's winter months, and while the climate throughout New Zealand is fairly temperate, you should expect to see daytime temperatures in the mid to high 50s from Auckland to Christchurch. Casual dress and warm layers of clothing are recommended on this trip.



# Air Race Classic Celebrates 75 Years

BY JUDY BOLKEMA-TOKAR  
North Jersey Chapter

*Above, the top 10 winners of the Air Race Classic 2004 are: Front Row, 1st - Elaine Roehrig and Marolyn Wilson; 2nd - Karen Redman and Heidi LaPine; 3rd - Sophie Payton and Ernesteen Hunt; 4th - Marge Thayer and Helen Beulen; Back Row, 5th - Bonnie Johnson and Linda Pecotte; 6th - Laura Zook and Margaret Ringenberg; 7th - Denise Waters and Rugh Maestre; 8th - Esther Safford and Judy Bolkema-Tokar; 9th - Katie Ventresco and Kristin Shoemaker; 10th - Amanda Gruden and Sarah Tower.*

*Right, Ohio University students took home the Collegiate Challenge Trophy this year: Katie Ventresco, left, and Kristin Shoemaker.*

The 28th Air Race Classic is now history, a part of history that includes many great women pilots and marks the 75th anniversary of women's air racing this year. In 1929 the founders of The Ninety-Nines raced from California, through Wichita, Kansas to Ohio. In June, 2004, 67 women pilots participating in the Air Race Classic started and ended in Wichita to commemorate this historic event.

We were hosted by the Kansas Chapter Ninety-Nines and had a great and memorable experience. In keeping with the history of the race, 1929 winner Louise Thaden (impersonated by Ninety-Nine Bonnie Johnson of Wichita) shared her thoughts on the first women's air derby at our start banquet. Inspections at the start and terminus were performed by mechanics from PAMA. Joyce Wells and Kathy Walton checked credentials this year. A "Kansas Meltdown" at Vicki Hunt's home after the completion of the race allowed us all to relax and unwind. The Awards Banquet is always the final event where the racers are presented and awards made to all who have participated in the event.

Keri Wiszernowicz, 2003 winner of the Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge Trophy, presented the plans for the 2005 race at the Awards Banquet. We are all in awe of the preparations being made for our 29th Annual Air Race Clas-

sic. A once in a lifetime opportunity, the Purdue University Campus will be our home for both the start and terminus. The Amelia Earhart collection, simulators, the Grand Ballroom for our Awards Banquet and loads of other surprises are on the list. Purdue is going all out and their aviation department is helping to plan the route for our second ever round robin race. Keri is focusing on recruiting new teams from colleges and universities that have aviation programs.

The 30th Annual Air Race Classic will depart Mesa, Arizona and end at Menominee, Michigan, and more surprises are coming in the next few years as we continue our grand tradition of all woman air racing.





## CAREERS:

# Learning Successfully From Failure

BY JENNY T. BEATTY

International Careers Committee Chairman

In my last column I shared the failures and rejections I experienced during my career advancement to airline pilot for a major airline. My intent was to show that no professional pilot's flight follows a perfectly linear path to the point of intended arrival. But rather than curse our failures, we should cherish the lessons they bring.

The first lesson of the school of hard knocks is: Failure is normal and routine, so don't take it personally. In the past, boys had more opportunities to learn the competitive skills necessary for success in the professional world. Now with Title IX equal opportunity in education, many more girls are participating in school sports where they learn at an earlier age how to compete with others in healthy ways. Whether in a softball diamond, across a chessboard or on a debate team, girls can win and lose with dignity and resilience.

Successfully weathering the vagaries of life is an acquired trait. No matter how hard you try, no matter how deserving you may be, sometimes things just don't work out the way you hoped. Life isn't fair, and if you haven't already learned this from other experiences, now's the time.

In addition to acknowledging how hard you worked and how you did things right, consider how you contributed to the failure. Were you somehow inadequately prepared? Are you subtly sabotaging your own success? Examine which aspects were beyond your control: Was the competition particularly stiff? Did the cyclical nature of our industry influence the outcome?

Then search for the hidden or intangible benefits of failure, like lessons in humility and gratitude, and new meanings of "success."

Learning from failure requires fully feeling your disappointment, self-pity, anger and resentment but avoiding destructive thought processes and stances. Don't take on the role of the Loser who assumes all blame ("I'm not worthy, no wonder they hired the other guy") or of the Victim who wholly blames others ("They hate women, no wonder they hired the other guy"). Honestly identify your mistakes and affirmatively decide to improve in those areas, while setting aside the issues beyond your control. Then accept what happened and move on. If you have trouble working through these steps, write your thoughts in a journal or ask a friend or mentor to share their insight.

One of failure's more interesting lessons is how to be comfortable with success. No one likes a gloating champion, and effortless success is not necessarily respected in a meritocracy. People perceived to have been helped to the top by powerful family connections or entitlements are viewed with suspicion and jealousy. Sometimes such people feel inadequate, like undeserving imposters, and they mask these fears with exaggerated authoritarianism, perfectionism and defensiveness.

So learning about failure lets us earn our success – and enjoy it. In the midst of a setback, it may help to remember Henry Ford's words: "When everything seems to be going against you, remember that an airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."



Wenyu Fu

## PRO 99s PROFILE: Wenyu Fu

By Betsy Jordan Donovan, International Careers Committee

Wenyu Fu, Canadair CRJ first officer for Pinnacle Airlines, was inspired to become an airline pilot through encouragement and support of the many pilots at Northwest Airlines, where she was a flight attendant. "Being around the air-

lines opened my eyes to the exciting and wonderful world of traveling and flying," she says. At age 36, Wenyu began her pilot training at Part 91 flight schools in Honolulu, Hawaii and built her hours through instructing.

In 2000, the Aloha Chapter, of which Wenyu is a member, awarded her a scholarship for commercial training. Wenyu's ratings and certificates include CFI, CFII, MEI and ATP. The best part of her job is that, "Every day is a new day...working with various crew members from a wide variety of backgrounds, going to different places, meeting different winds and clouds..." Wenyu's ultimate dream is to fly the Trans-Pacific route to and from her native China.

Her advice to others working their way up: "If there is a dream, there is a way!"

# Flight Training Forum: A New 99 Resource

BY PAM SAYLOR  
99s Flight Training Forum Project Leader

New 99s email discussion forum provides flight training resources for all levels of pilots.

**T**he 99s Flight Training Forum (FTF) is a new email discussion forum where members can discuss all aspects of flight training. Modeled after our successful 99s Email Network and Pro 99s Network, the 99s FTF is another way for all 99s – beginning pilots, experienced pilots, flight instructors and everyone in between – to get involved in learning and encouraging each other to advance as pilots.

## **Who is this for?**

Interested 99s may include: Future Women Pilots (FWPs), aviation college students, members pursuing new ratings, active pilots, professional pilots, flight instructors, flight school owners, designated examiners and “all” members interested in flight training and currency issues.

## **What will be discussed?**

- Choosing the right flight instructor and/or flight school
- Finishing your Private Pilot certificate.
- Working towards advanced ratings, like your Instrument rating or Commercial certificate.
- Fun training, like flying aerobatics, sea planes or balloons.
- Aviation regulations.
- Flight safety concerns.
- Staying current and currency training.
- Issues with your flight instructor, or issues with your flight student.

## **How does it work?**

The 99s FTF is an email forum, just like the existing 99s Email Network and Pro 99s Network. So you must have the capability to send and receive email, including an email address (contact me for low-cost email ideas). As a forum participant, you will receive one email message daily with all that day’s “posts” in it. You may simply read the commentary (“lurk”), or you may make your own “post” – ask a question, make a comment or reply to another post – by sending

an email message to the FTF email address. Your post will be forwarded automatically to all FTF participants. It’s that easy! Also, an archive of all posts will be accessible by FTF participants.

## **Who will be on the forum?**

Ninety-Nines members of all kinds will be participating. To help with the discussion, experienced flight instructors, flight school owners and pilot examiners in the U.S. and Canada have volunteered their expertise as moderators. But we can all share our wealth of knowledge and experience by encouraging other 99s to advance as pilots.

## **99s FTF Forum Moderators**

*Mary Build* is a member of Katahdin Wings Chapter (New England Section). Mary is a Gold Seal Flight Instructor for SEL, SES, MEL, and Instrument, an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner and an FAA Aviation Safety Counselor. She is Owner/Operator of Naples Seaplane Service, Inc.

*Dr. Marilyn I. Dickson* is a member of the First Canadian Chapter (East Canada Section). Marilyn is a Flight Instructor, Class II and Assistant Chief Flight Instructor at Aviation International, Guelph, ON.

*Linda Mae Draper* is a member of Reno Area Chapter (Southwest Section). Linda Mae holds the Airline Transport Pilot with CE-500 type rating and is a Master Flight Instructor for SEL, MEL, Instrument, and Glider. She is President and Chief instructor of NIFTI Flight School, as well as an FAA Aviation Safety Counselor.

*Raeleen Ranger* is a member of British Columbia Coast Chapter (West Canada Section). Raeleen has an Aviation diploma and is a Flight Instructor Class III for Single and Multi-Engine, Instrument and Seaplanes.

*Jessica Reinschmidt* is a member of the Intercollegiate Internet Chapter (North Central Section). Jessica is a Flight Instructor for SEL, MEL, Instrument and Glider, with a B.S. in Aviation Maintenance Management. She is the Check Instructor for Lewis University’s flight program.

*Torea Rodriguez* is a member of Santa Clara Valley Chapter (Southwest Section). Torea has her Commercial Instrument ratings and a strong interest in flight training topics. She will be sharing her expertise in email/Internet computing.

## **How do I join the 99s Flight Training Forum?**

Visit our 99s Website (<http://www.ninety-nines.org>) for more information and to sign up. Once your 99s membership is verified, you will receive a welcome message with more details. We look forward to hearing from you on our new 99s Flight Training Forum – see you online!



FTF moderators from top, left to right: Mary Build, Linda Mae Draper, Raeleen Ranger, Jessica Reinschmidt and Torea Rodriguez. Not shown is Marilyn Dickson.

A public viewing of the *SpaceShipOne* test flight? Wow! First there was Kitty Hawk, then Cape Canaveral and now Mojave. Kitty Hawk happened in a previous lifetime. I always wanted to visit Florida and watch a Shuttle launch, but haven't been able to as yet. If history was going to be made right here in the California Desert, I wanted to be there to see it happen. The launch was scheduled for June 21 at 6:30 a.m., and the public would be allowed inside the airport starting at 3 a.m.

Arriving at 3:00, I found people like me out there for whom this was a momentous occasion. The public viewing area was right across from the departure end of runway 30, giving a fairly decent view of not only the takeoff but also the landing of *SpaceShipOne*.

As the sun rose over the desert, rendering a reddish hue to the eastern sky, the winds which previously were gusting to 25 knots began to die down. Soon the reddish hue was replaced by bright yellow sunlight. It was going to be a nice, warm, clear day with unlimited visibility (or should I say an extremely hot first day of summer). Right on schedule, the majestic White Knight, with *SpaceShipOne* tucked on its belly, taxied past us, preceded by the three chase aircraft. All of us watched with suppressed excitement. The time had finally arrived. As the crowd of 20,000 to 30,000 people watched, White Knight was soon on the roll-out ready for takeoff to usher in a new era in the history of private manned space flight.

The estimated time to climb to the design altitude of 50,000 feet when separation of *SpaceShipOne* from the launch vehicle was expected to occur was an hour. Everyone watched with their necks craning, trying to keep the rising spacecraft in view. The spacecraft and launch vehicle were easily visible with the naked eye for most of their ascent and separation phases. After that, *SpaceShipOne* was on its own. With its rockets fired, off it went to catch a glimpse of the world from beyond the earth's atmosphere. Though it was estimated that a total of three minutes would be spent in weightlessness, the ultimate time spent was barely a minute. Due to unscheduled problems, it was decided to cut short the flight and return it safely back to earth. Despite that, the mission achieved its goal of sending a pilot into space and experiencing weightlessness.

Under the skillful guidance of the first private astronaut Mike Melvill, *SpaceShipOne* made its re-entry with a steep descent and finally a

# SpaceShip One, Government Zero

BY LAKSHMI VEMPATI  
San Louis Obispo County Chapter

smooth landing. There was widespread cheering by the crowd. The chase aircraft too had ample occasion to celebrate the highly successfully mission and, not to be outdone, performed a formation flyby. When later asked about the flight, Melvill aptly described it as "touching the face of God."

With the test flight complete, *SpaceShipOne* was towed out for display before the cheering crowd and media. It was time to honor the men who made it all happen. It is moments such as these that touch our inner soul and inspire us to do great things.

If you are curious about the title of this article, Burt Rutan is famous for his open dissension to NASA policies. This whole venture by Rutan seeking the XPrize is wholly private, funded solely by private investor and Microsoft co-founder Paul G. Allen. Incidentally, Rutan was given the banner by a spectator during the victory roll. He ran across to accept it and triumphantly had Melvill wave it from atop *SpaceShipOne*.

Now that it is over, I can truthfully say that if not I, at least my fingerprints, have been in space and back (unless, of course, *SpaceShipOne* has been washed clean since that fateful day in October).

*SpaceShipOne* takes off on the first manned private space-flight on June 21 over the Mojave desert.

*The White Knight, with SpaceShipOne tucked on its belly, taxies down the Mojave Airport runway. SpaceShipOne flew to an altitude of 62 miles, leaving the Earth's atmosphere during its suborbital space ride.*



## LETTERS

### WONDERFUL STORIES

I just read my July-August 99 News magazine. What an excellent publication! So many wonderful stories about accomplished women.

It is an inspiring reminder of why I am so proud to be a member of The Ninety-Nines. Thank you and everyone who contribute to this superb publication.

Stacy Howard  
Phoenix Chapter

### MEMORIES OF GALINA

I enjoyed the story about Galina Korchuganova in the last issue [May/June] of the 99 News.

I first met Galina in June 1993 when I was in Moscow adopting our daughter, Irina. Galina came over one evening with Valentina Kotliar, a former airline pilot. We drank vodka and toasted aviation. She had formed and was the president of Club Aviatrix and was trying to arrange an international forum of women pilots, which finally took place in December 2000.

In September 1997, the "girls" in my family took a river trip on the Volga. We had a very short visit in Moscow, but Galina and Valentina made it to the boat and we had a small party in my mother's berth.

Since Galina's English was minimal, and my Russian was nonexistent, the story that was in the paper filled out the details of her life. She was a force of humor and intelligence.

Sincerely,  
Captain Nancy Waylett  
Mid-Atlantic Section



While on a trip to Russia, Nancy Waylett, left, visits with the late Galina Korchuganova, center, founding president of the Russian Aviatrix, and Valentina Kotliar, a retired Russian Aeroflot pilot and current Russian Section Governor.

## BOOK REVIEW

### HIGH, WIDE, AND FRIGHTENED

By Louise Thaden, Reissued 2004

Those of us lucky enough to have a copy of Louise Thaden's 1938 book *High, Wide and Frightened* turn decidedly stingy when confronted by a potential borrower. We simply won't chance the loss of such a precious link to our heritage. Louise has taken us flying without waypoints and enclosed cockpits – when aviation was young.

In this year, which would have been her 99<sup>th</sup>, The University of Arkansas Press has come to our rescue with a beautiful reprint of Louise's tale. The book has an updated Prologue and Epilogue by Louise, a forward by Patty Wagstaff, an index and many photos we haven't seen before. It's a must for every aviation library, even if it already includes the original book.

Louise liked to say that she was just an ordinary girl, without the dazzle of Pancho or the continuing mystery of Amelia, but, of course, she was not. From the moment she fell in love with airplanes, Louise pushed both her personal limits and her airplane's. She wanted to see how fast, how far and how high she and her airplane could go, attaining an altitude record, a solo duration record and a light plane speed record – the first time all were held simultaneously by a woman. In 1929, Louise entered the All Woman's Air Derby from Santa Monica to Cleveland in Walter Beech's Speedwing Travel Air – and won! That very airplane is today owned by The Ninety-Nines and is displayed in Oklahoma City. The Bendix Air Race was opened to women in 1936, and Louise entered in a Staggerwing Beech. She won. The follow-up was the Harmon Trophy from the FAI for Louise Thaden, the Champion Aviatrix of the U.S. for 1936. So much for "I just happened to be at the right place at the right time."

Of special significance to Ninety-Nines, Louise Thaden was one of the original Charter Members of the organization. Due to a prime organizer's death, election turmoil and distance, the group operated without a president for its first two years. Louise Thaden acted as secretary until 1931 when she stepped aside for Amelia Earhart's election as first president, thinking that Amelia's fame would add prestige to the new group. But for Louise's modesty, I'm convinced that her name would be first in the line of 99s past presidents.

The *High, Wide and Frightened* reprint is available at your local bookstore, on the Internet or from the 99s Museum of Women Pilots. You will love meeting this low-key pioneer pilot and will be humbled by what she and her compatriots did to open aviation's doors for us.



## RATINGS AND WINGS

### RATINGS

Angelee Conroy – CFI  
Ventura County Chapter, Southwest Section

Theresa Dellaquila – Instrument  
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

Laura Conover – Multi-Engine Instructor  
Old Dominion Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

Kristina (Meagan) Elmendorff – Private Pilot  
Florida Goldcoast Chapter, Southeast Section

Sara Esterline – Private Pilot  
Three Rivers Chapter, North Central Section

Darcy Hume – Commercial  
Embry-Riddle - Daytona Campus, Southeast Section

Connie Irvine – CFI  
Golden Triangle Chapter, South Central Section

Sally E. W. Kroeker – Instrument  
Eastern New England Chapter, Eastern New England Section

Colleen J. McCabe – ASES  
San Diego Mission Bay Chapter, Southwest Section

Mary Ellen Morris – Private Pilot  
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Mid Atlantic Section

Dianna Mullet – Instrument  
Golden Triangle Chapter, South Central Section

Susan Kirstein Parson – Master CFI  
Old Dominion Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

Torea Rodgiruez – Commercial  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Southwest Section

Sandra Rutledge – Multi-engine  
Ambassador Chapter, South Central Section

Kari Webb – CFII & MEI  
Utah Chapter, Southwest Section

### WINGS

Coleen Campbell – Phase VIII  
Golden Triangle – South Central Section

Pam Distaso – Phase VII  
San Fernando Valley Chapter, Southwest Section

Martha Dunbar – Phase IV  
Eastern New England Chapter, Eastern New England Section

Kim Grimes – Phase V  
Women With Wings Chapter, North Central Section

Joan Landrey – Phase VII  
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

Diane McCort – Phase I  
Women With Wings Chapter, North Central Section

Beth McGregor – Phase IV  
Utah Chapter, Southwest Section

Patty Synk – Phase I  
Women With Wings Chapter, North Central Section

## NEW HORIZONS

### MELANIE MARIE TOMBES

#### Reno Area Chapter, Southwest Section

The Reno Area Chapter lost a precious member this past Memorial Day in an aircraft crash at Columbia airport in California. Melanie Tombes' aviation career began in 2000, with her earning her Private Pilot license, quickly followed by Instrument and Multi-Engine ratings. She then earned her Commercial Pilot license in 2004. She was looking forward to a job as a commercial pilot with great excitement and anticipation.

Melanie brought endless joy and love to her family and to all of those who crossed her path in her short 34 years on earth. Her wonderful smiles and happy nature will always be remembered and treasured in the hearts of her many friends, relatives and fellow 99s.

— Dr. Dene Chabot-Fence

### MARGARET WARREN, CHARTER MEMBER

#### Member at Large

I regret to inform you of the death of Charter Member Margaret "Tommy" Thomas Warren, who passed away peacefully in a hospital near her home in West Cork. A memorial service was held on August 27 in her home town of Castletownshend, Co. Cork, Ireland. Tommy is survived by her daughter, Mary, her son Michael, and Micheal's daughter Margaret. They requested no flowers at the service and suggested donations to the Council of the Blind as an alternative. She was such an extraordinary woman and will be much missed.

—Mary Reade

*Note: The next issue will feature an article about Margaret Warren.*

### Nominating Committee Seeking Director Candidates for 2005 Elections

All qualified members wishing to serve at the International level are encouraged to submit their "Intent to Seek Election" forms to the International Nominating Committee. A valid medical is no longer a requirement to run for office.

Positions available for the 2005-2007 term are two Directors. Intent forms are available from 99 Headquarters, Nominating Committee members or the 99 Website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org).

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS OCTOBER 31, 2004**

## WELLS FARGO CONTRIBUTES \$10,000 TO NINETY-NINES ON BEHALF OF ELAINE MORROW

Ninety-Nines International President Elaine Morrow received a Volunteer Service Award from Wells Fargo in recognition of the valuable contributions she has made to The Ninety-Nines. Wells Fargo will contribute \$10,000 to the organization in Morrow's honor.

An 18-year volunteer with The Ninety-Nines and database analyst for Wells Fargo Services in Minneapolis, Morrow uses her aviation skills to deliver blood for the American Red Cross, daffodils for the American Cancer Society and toys for the terminally and seriously ill. Morrow volunteers about 10 hours a week with the organization, also helping to maintain its database, train staff and work on educational and fund-raising efforts. She was inducted in July as the new International President at the Conference in Atlantic City.

The Volunteer Service Award Program gives Wells Fargo team members the chance to win up to \$50,000 for the non-profit organization or K-12 school where they volunteer. Morrow is one of 163 Wells Fargo team members across the country to receive a Volunteer Service Award this year from a field of over 1,000 applicants.

## PROFESSIONAL PILOT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline to apply for participation in the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) is December 20. If you are a 99s member pursuing or planning any professional pilot career, you are encouraged to apply to the PPLI.

For further information, go to [www.ninety-nines.org/careers/mentoring.html](http://www.ninety-nines.org/careers/mentoring.html) or contact Laura Smith, PPLI Program Leader, at [mentoring@ninety-nines.org](mailto:mentoring@ninety-nines.org).

## DOTTIE PORTS RECEIVES ZONTA'S AVIATION AWARD

Shreveport Chapter Member Dottie Ports was honored with Zonta Club's Annual Aviation Award. Her 49½ Bud Ports had previously received this award.

## PASSED AT BOARD MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY

### Article V – Membership

A Future Woman Pilot shall convert to full Ninety-Nines membership when her Private Pilot certificate is earned. The increase in dues will not be implemented until her renewal date.

### Article X – Eligibility to Hold Office

The word current is removed. A United States pilot certificate and many International Pilot licenses are issued without an expiration date. Since these certificates never expire, they are always valid. When accompanied by a current medical certificate, the Pilot certificate or license is then current.

Changes to the FARs will allow a pilot to operate an aircraft without a medical certificate, meaning those pilots would never have a "current Pilot certificate." Removing the limitation allows this new category of U.S. pilot certificate-holders to fully participate in and serve The Ninety-Nines.

### Article XVII – Publications

This amendment brings our bylaws up to date to include the use of Internet technology, e.g. website, email networks and any other Internet or web-based projects and resources that may be added in the future.

## INVITATION TO FLY AUSTRALIA

Other 99 members might be interested in flying around Australia after The 99s Conference in New Zealand. My husband and I are planning a further adventure by going on to Australia, flying a Cessna 172 with an organization called GOANA (Greater Outback Air Navigation Adventures). We have flown with them twice before.

The enjoyment of flying along listening to our leader tell us about the things we were seeing on the ground, and the overall excellent quality of the experience provided to us, made this a truly can't-be-beat way to see a remarkable country.

If you would like to join us on this grand adventure, you can email Elinor Kline at [EliJo92@comcast.net](mailto:EliJo92@comcast.net).

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## GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

### FLORIDA GULF STREAM CHAPTER

Newlywed Finnish 99 Maiju Kiuas-Sisko and her pilot husband Ari recently vacationed in South Florida. While here, not only did they enjoy our good weather, but the aerobatic flying as well. They were hosted at the home of Gulf Stream Chapter 99 Lee Leger-Miller and 49½ Adason Miller and enjoyed an evening with Clararose Lee, Lya Korda and Ellie Reichenbach. Maiju eagerly answered all our ques-



*Finnish Newlyweds Ari and Maiju Kiuas-Sisko*

tions about her flying experience in her country and the differences she found here. This was her second trip here and hopefully not her last.

The Gulf Stream Chapter

hosted the Southeast Section Conference on Mother's Day weekend. Though we were small in number, it was an intimate gathering of interesting women.

Represented were International President Jody McCarrell, International Vice President Elaine Ruth Morrow and Past International President Vicki Lynn Sherman and Current International Director Connie Wilds. Also in attendance were Past Southeast Section Governor and AE Chair-

person Lisa Anne Cotham. Participants from our chapter were Southeast Section Governor Cheryl Cichocki, Lya Korda, Clararose Lee, Lee Leger-Miller and Ellie Reichenbach.

Cheryl officiated at the meetings; Lya exhibited her art and designed and engraved the name tags. Ellie was in charge of the transportation and the hanger market, Lee the hospitality room and gift for raffle, a lovely crystal bowl, champagne and crystal flutes.

—Lee L. Miller

### SANTA CLARA VALLEY

#### *Chapter Celebrates 50th Anniversary*

July 17 was a special day for our Chapter — a birthday, our 50th — and we wanted to celebrate. Bruce and Susan Worster invited us to a party at their beautiful new home, so new the furniture had not yet arrived for the lower floor. Blanca Cinco, FWP and party Chairman, made a favor for each and arranged folding tables and chairs to seat the nearly 50 guests who came for "hangar flying" and barbecue in the afternoon.

Chairman Candice Tuttle presented Judy Stark with the Service Award, Torea Rodriguez the Pilot of the Year, and Sandra Clifford accepted the Professional Pilot medallion with a moving statement. Of course there was a lovely cake! Many stayed to watch a magnificent sunset from the hilltop home.

Candice sent special invitations to our remaining Charter members Natalie Bossio, Jean Collins, Dell Hinn, Faye Kirk and Mary Jane Oberg. We were delighted to have Jean and Dick come, just home from a trip to Washington in their Swift. Most of us had not met Mary Jane and Harold and were pleased to find they are still active in aviation.

Donna Crane-Bailey, our Southwest Section Governor from Monterey Chapter, came with her husband and presented the Chapter with a large box of chocolate airplanes, enough for each.

We have a special relationship with Monterey. They started their own Chapter, separating from us in August 1965 and competing against us in a spot-landing contest for many years and maintaining many personal friendships.

A committee had been working for months updating our 1994 40th Anniversary History and brought a copy to show, along with original composite photos to celebrate our 50 years. Well done everybody!

—Verna West



*Santa Clara Valley Charter Members Jean Collins, left, and Mary Jane Oberg were specially invited to help celebrate the Chapter's birthday party.*

### VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER

At our June recruitment picnic we announced our first Ventura County Pilot of the Year Award, which was presented to Susan Liebler. Susan has been a dynamic member, organizing VFR and IFR refresher classes with the local FAA for The 99s and the aviation community, arranging for exciting guest speakers at our meetings and increasing our Chapter revenue for the scholarship fund with an innovative silent auction at the Camarillo Airshows. We congratulate Susan!

Our two \$1,000 student scholarship awards went to Judy McCarthy and Linda Ehrlich.

One of our Founding Members, Della Abernathy, was inducted into the Forest of Friendship. Della continues to be an active member, flipping pancakes at every pancake breakfast, attending our chapter meetings and not missing a Southwest Section Meeting.

Many members, 49½s and friends came out for air marking at the Camarillo Airport.

—Marie Fasano-Ramos

## INDIANA DUNES CHAPTER

### *An Inspiration and Role Model for All*

There is an old saying that goes, "If you want something done, give the job to the busiest person." That person is Indiana Dunes Chapter Chairman Christine Murdock. Since she earned her Private Pilot, Commercial and Instrument ratings, Christine has contributed continuously to The Ninety-Nines and general aviation. Christine received the North Central Section Governor's Award April 17. It was presented by Elaine Morrow at the banquet held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Christine has been the "unsung hero," always contributing to the chapter with little acknowledgment. She has kept our chapter together many times by accepting an office that no one else wanted, volunteering to host a meeting, plan an air rally, conduct a safety seminar, present a program, put out our newsletter, do our scrapbook, arrange for PR or participate in an aviation clinic. Presently she is chairing the Fall 2004 Section Meeting which our chapter is hosting, and next on her list is to develop a website for our chapter. Christine also participates in both International Conferences and Section Meetings, having missed only a few during the 28 years she has been a member of our chapter. She has served at the section level on the AE Committee, and is presently the Section's Scrapbook Chairman.

She is our first member to serve twice as chairman and has chaired every committee within the chapter at one time or another. She has instructed at safety seminars and flying companion seminars and participated in many aviation clinics, 99s booths and air markings. Organizations seek her to speak on aviation related matters. She has appeared on TV shows and the



*Christine Murdock receives the North Central Section Governor's Award for her continued contribution to The Ninety-Nines.*

radio supporting The Ninety-Nines.

Christine and her husband of 55 years, Rawson, have owned several planes. She has raced in many air races, winning so many of our chapter's Air Rallies that she flew several years without competing to give others a chance. She has flown to Oshkosh, Florida, Dallas and the Bahamas numerous times, participating twice in the Bahamas Flying Treasure Hunt. She hosted the 1997 Air Race Classic when the pilots stopped over in our area. She has flown daffodils and "Penny a Pound" for the American Cancer Society.

—Joy Valek

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER

The Golden Triangle Chapter has had a busy year. In October of 2003, we celebrated our Chapter's 34th birthday with a beautifully decorated cake (Ninety-Nines motif) and party favors brought to the monthly meeting by Mary Wheelock.

In April, Chapter member and Future Woman Pilot Tiara Roberts hosted our monthly meeting at her home in Azle. The Reverend Doctor Gertrude Box, who is Tiara's mother, and Morris Wiener were our guest speakers. In their 80s, both are active pilots and skydivers. We all enjoyed a tasty potluck buffet and were charmed and fascinated by the wonderful stories and exciting experiences that both Gertrude and Morris so generously shared with us that afternoon.

Also in April, Chapter members Beverly Stephens, Mary Wheelock and Penny White attended the South Central Section Meeting held in Houston. Penny was the winner of the Spring Section registration refund prize. All three ladies braved the torrential rains and had a real good time in Houston, bringing home to us several stories of their adventures.

In May our chapter held elections and new officers were chosen. Congratulations and best wishes go out to Mary Wheelock, our new chapter Chairperson, Beverly Stephens

our new Vice Chairperson, Ellen Hamlett who will remain Secretary for another term and Joan Weightman who will continue as our Treasurer for another term. Installation of officers was held during our June meeting at the Arlington Airport conference room. Chapter member Dottie Hughes creatively composed and conducted the ceremony to officially welcome our new officers.

In July, our monthly chapter meeting was held at the Vintage Flying museum at Fort Worth, Meacham Airport. Chapter members provided a wonderful potluck lunch that was very much enjoyed by all. After the business meeting we were able to tour the museum and enjoy the displays and vintage aircraft.

We would like to welcome our newest member, Dianna Mullet, who is our website specialist, and at the same time we would like to extend to her a big Ninety-Nines congratulations for just receiving her Instrument rating. Also, we would like to send out a big Ninety-Nine's congratulations to chapter member Connie Irvine who is attending Purdue University in Indiana and has just recently received her Certified Flight Instructor's certificate.

—Coleen Campbell

#### SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

April 2 and 3, Shreveport Chapter members created a compass rose at DTN airport. On April 23, they held their annual fund-raising Fish Fry with approximately 150 in attendance. More food was served on May 27 at the annual hot dog party for the Downtown airport in Ray Hardey's hangar.

—Mary Jo Voss

*From left, Rachel Buchanan, Sandra Presley, Mary Jo Voss and Robin House repaint the compass rose at DTN Airport, Shreveport.*



#### KATAHDIN WINGS CHAPTER

The Katahdin Wings Chapter of the New England Section enjoyed a very busy late spring and early summer schedule. After hosting a successful Spring Section Meeting in April, they were again hosting another exciting Sectionwide event.

Planning for the New England Section Poker Run started a year ago. The event was to be held in the fall, but bad weather prevailed and the event was postponed. The weekend of June 5 proved worth the wait as members of the Katahdin Wings, Eastern New England and Connecticut chapters converged at the Fitchburg, Massachusetts, terminus to pull together and provide an organized and well-executed event. Pilots, co-pilots and pas-

sengers, as well as numerous non-pilot supporters, bought 266 hands and tried their luck at winning the top prizes.

Over 24 aircraft participated, landing at the four other scheduled stops. Approximately 40 pilots and passengers enjoyed the Make-Your-Own Sandwich Lunch, with prizes swiftly awarded afterward. Approximately 80 lucky winners came away with a prize or two – or three.

The following Saturday was a beautiful flying day, and in Naples, Maine, several Katahdin Wings 99s gathered to help member Mary Build host the 2nd Annual Seaplane Safety Expo. It was sponsored by The Seaplane Pilots Association, the FAA, Naples Flying Service, LLC, Naples Seaplane Service, Inc., the Katahdin Wings, David Clark, Lake-Air, Inc., and Wipaire Inc.

The attendees listened while John Wood (ASC manager of the Portland FSDO) presented his seminar on Seaplane Safety, then they enjoyed a DVD of the beautiful scenery of flying in Ketchikan. The afternoon presentations included "On the Water Operations" by Mary Build and a slide presentation from Telford Allen on his most recent trip to Greenland in his Caravan on amphibian floats.

Meanwhile, up the coast in Rockland, the Young Eagles Day was enjoying a healthy turnout with 60 kids taking flights. Lisa and two other women pilots participated in the flying activities. Lisa was able to fly five Young Eagles (three of them girls) in her J-3 Cub before afternoon breezes made it too bumpy for comfortable flights. This Young Eagles Day was especially focused on women in aviation, with local Girl Scout troops in attendance.

July 13 was the date of the Katahdin Wings annual Summer Picnic hosted by Mary Build at her lakeside residence and seaplane base. The evening was overcast but with a high enough ceiling that allowed for scenic tours of the lake region in Mary's float-equipped Piper Cubs and Jacki Roger's Cessna 185 on floats.

The Chapter will be gearing up for a busy fall flying season, including another Seaplane Fly-In and several aviation expos.

—Lori Plourd

#### Share Your Educational Endeavors

An important component of The Ninety-Nines Mission Statement is providing aviation education, and as you can read in every issue of the 99 News, our Chapters continue to promote education in many ways.

We would like Chapters to share their special educational programs with other members by providing in-depth, how-to articles that will appear throughout the year in the 99 News. The presentation should provide enough details so that others can get a true idea of what is involved, how to get started and where to go for additional resources or assistance.

There are many wonderful programs out there, from Air Bears to Airmarking, Girl Scouts to Flying Companion Seminars. Whatever your chapter is involved in, we hope you'll let us know what you're doing and how you're doing it so other chapters could adopt your program without "reinventing the wheel."

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### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

The All-Ohio Chapter toured a KC-135 Stratotanker during their May 16 visit to the 121<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard at Rickenbacker AGS near Columbus. Back row from left: Linda Blodgett, Kay Johnson, Ann Samuelson, Joan Mace, Wilbur "Buck" Ewing (Col. USAF, ret., who piloted the KC-135 from this base for four years), Jay Wells, Bob Hebebrand and WWII pilot Luther Feters (Col., USMC, ret.). Front row from left: Martha Snee, Debra Henrichs-Holton, Barb Ewing, Kathy Samuelson, Sylvia Sears, Ellen Wells, Linn Steward and Margaret Hazlett.



### FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER

Florida Spaceport Ninety-Nines Carol Gosling and Bobbi Lasher presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Kamara (Kamie) Walters at the Space Coast Regional Airport in Titusville, Florida. Each year the Spaceport 99s award a scholarship to a female pilot who is working to earn a new rating on her way to becoming a professional pilot.

Kamie is a student at Helicopter Adventures, Inc. in Titusville. She moved to Florida to learn to fly helicopters on her way to becoming a pilot in law enforcement. Currently Kamie has earned her Private license and her Commercial license and in July will start working on her Helicopter Certified Flight Instructor license and her Instrument rating.

— Bobbi Lasher



Displaying Kay's quilt are Shauna Burrow, Rita Limmer (quilter), Kay Gott Chaffey, Georgia Trehey, Patricia Davis, Rose Hanan and Lois Bozarth.

### REDWOOD COAST FLYERS CHAPTER

On June 13 a good-bye picnic was held for Kay Gott Chaffey, who is moving to Medford, Oregon. Kay is one of the founding members of the Redwood Coast Flyers. She was presented with an aviation quilt to keep her warm during those cold Oregon winters. Kay is well known for her books on women in aviation and is a former WASP. She also taught dance at Humboldt State University.

—Rita Limmer



Bobbi Lasher, left, and Carol Gosling present a scholarship to Kamara Walters, center.

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Sawyer International Airport can now claim to have the first Compass Rose in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Through a joint effort between the Michigan Chapter of The Ninety-Nines and the Lake Superior EAA Chapter 850, a gorgeous compass rose was painted on the general aviation ramp during an all-day work bee on Saturday, June 5.

The rose with labels measures 132 feet long and 132 feet wide. Support from local businesses was tremendous. All of the supplies were donated, from paint, brushes, rollers to lunch, snacks and beverages for the volunteers. We even had the luxury of getting a bird's eye view from the Boreal Aviation's manlift as the project took shape. Now the Upper Peninsula truly is "Someplace Special."

—Patti Uncapher and Lynn Sykes



### WOMEN WITH WINGS CHAPTER

A group of thirteen Women With Wings (3-W) Chapter members took advantage of blue skies and sunshine to fly/drive to Ravenswood, West Vir-

ginia for the April meeting. It was hosted at a Jackson County Airport (TPA) hangar by Pat Harmon, Charli Heilmann and Leigh Anna Rice. We lunched from a marvelous buffet and discussed the

desire by these gals to charter a new 99s Chapter in the Ravenswood/Parkersburg area. As 3-W celebrates its tenth anniversary in July, we hope to be able to facilitate the birth of another 99s chapter.

Election of officers took place at the May meeting, and installation was held at our June meeting.

Congratulations to our incoming officers for 2004-2006: Chairman, Ellen Pretorius; Vice-chairman, Denise Hobart; Secretary, Charlotte Tracey, Treasurer: Ginny Hart.

On the weekend of June 19-20, several 3-Ws participated as volunteers for the annual MAPS Air Show at Akron-Fulton Airport (AKR). This year's theme was "Corsair Homecoming." All flying Corsairs were invited to participate along with "Rosie the Riveters," test pilots, mechanics, ground crew and WWII pilots who were associated with the Goodyear-built FG-1D Corsair. Thanks to Lynn Markert, Patty Synk, Chris

Goff, Charli Heilmann, Denise Hobart and Gaye Wohlin for their hard work. A documentary will soon appear on Bravo and The History Channel along with a commemorative book on the people, planes and the City of Akron that is also in the works.

Women With Wings in the News: Charli Heilmann participated in ACE (Aviation Career Education) program at Kent State University in June. Donna Moore played surrogate "mom," hosting Charli while at ACE. Bonnie Stitch is Chair of the 3-W's Flying Companion Seminar and is hoping to lend an "out of the box" experience for attendees who simply want to know more about aviation and flying in general.

Donna Moore is still "on the road" for The 99s and working hard to promote The 99s' "Fly for Cure." Bonnie Stitch spoke at the closing ceremony of ACE, and Denise Hobart has added a link to their pilot shop on the American Wind.



Tennessee Ninety-Nines take a spin to Sewanee. From left, Martha Miller, Betty Gay Blanc, Nancy O'Laughlin-Dougherty, Ernesteen Hunt, Catherine Cavnagaro Haight, Bill Kershner, Judy Wayman and Linda Meese.

### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

June 12 the Tennessee Chapter Ninety-Nines held its monthly meeting at picturesque Sewanee-Franklin County Airport. August plans were made to complement recent airport renovations at Sewanee with a beautiful compass rose. Weather permitting, we will paint three such roses this year.

Over lunch provided by the Civil Air Patrol, author and aerobatic instructor Bill Kershner shared his wealth of knowledge and experience on spins in the entertaining way that has become his trademark.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Fourteen members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of The Ninety-Nines happily, eagerly and enthusiastically celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of The Ninety-Nines by attending the International Conference in Atlantic City in July. Chairman Theresa Dellaquila, scholarship winner Penny Levin, Janet Arnold, Cheryl Benish, Alison Chalker, Laura Fonseca, Nancy Jane Godfrey, Gayl Henze, Diane Jackson, Kate Macario, Sylvia Merritt, Mary Ellen Morris, Anne Shields and Carol Wyman all had a wonderful time bonding, networking, learning and sharing.

The Shoe Bar at the Sheraton was a favorite watering hole for hangar flying, and the backdrop of Atlantic City mirrored the excitement that we all felt as we gathered together for the special camaraderie and friendship among Ninety-Nines that begins, grows and lasts year after year. Our Chapter tips our collective hats to the New York/New Jersey Section, who did a terrific job hosting and coordinating this incredible event.

As a newly minted private pilot, I feel honored to be part of a group of women whose spirits, achievements and capacity for giving are second to none. I am sure that Amelia must be looking down at all 6,000-plus of us now, grinning from ear to ear.

—Mary Ellen Morris



*Eastern Pennsylvania members attending the Atlantic City Conference are, from left, standing: Gayl Henze, Sylvia Merritt, Laura Fonseca, Nancy Jane Godfrey, Kate Macario and from left, seated: Chairman Theresa Dellaquila and Anne Shields.*

### Scholarships Awarded

Two chapter scholarships were awarded by the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. Angela Capece received the Connie Wolf Scholarship, and Sandra Hawkins was the recipient of the Louise Sacchi Award.

## Museum Hosts Fundraiser and is Featured on TV

BY MARGIE RICHISON  
Museum Chairman

As members of The 99s we own a one-of-a kind historic treasure. Our organization's mission statement states that one of our goals is to preserve the unique history of women in aviation. We are doing a wonderful job of fulfilling that statement at our Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City. I want to share with you my enthusiasm by reporting a couple of events which have taken place in the past few months.



In April we hosted a fundraiser for a local state representative, and 55 people attended. We were paid for the use of our facility and, most importantly, these local politicians were introduced to our museum. It's so much fun to see their faces and hear their comments as they learn about early women pilots.

A film crew from a local television station came in May to film the museum. Liz Lundin and I were interviewed on the local early morning news broadcast while the images of the museum were shown to the community.

Our recent fundraiser for the new shelves in the archive room was a great success. The unending support of our membership and friends has an immediate and lasting effect on the future of the museum. Your financial contributions make all of this possible. These gifts, large and small, all have a direct impact on the operation of the museum. Thanks to each and every one of you.

The new Board of Trustees for the Museum of Women Pilots are: Margie Richison, Chairman; Linda Cain, Vice-Chairman; Vicky Anderson, Secretary; Vee Gorden, Treasurer; Anita Lewis, representing The 99s; Bonita Ades, representing The 99s; Margaret Whitaker, representing Oklahoma City; Linda Marshall, International Board of Directors Liaison; Claire Walters, Trustee Emeritus.

## THE NINETY-NINES WELCOMES THESE 97 NEW 99s, ACADEMIC MEMBERS AND FUTURE WOMEN PILOTS

**ACADEMIC:** LAMB, Erika Roxanne, Deep South Chapter. **FUTURE WOMEN PILOTS:** AMERSON, Kayleen M., Nebraska Chapter • CAGLE, Kimberlee S., Houston Chapter • CALCETA, Jeanine Remetio, Mount Diablo Chapter • CATTO, Sara Brianne, Jackson Gold Dust Chapter • CHRISTENSEN-HUGHETT, Adrienne Nicole, Alaska Chapter • COHEN, Lynne Anne, Eastern New England Chapter • DALTON, Carol D., Oregon Pines Chapter • DELUISE, Dima H., Florida Suncoast Chapter • EVANS, Ashley Nicole, Sutter Buttes Chapter • FONTAINE, Melissa Marie, Intercollegiate Internet Chapter • FRAIM, Barbara J., San Luis Obispo Co. Chapter • GOMES, Lindsey Anna, Colorado Chapter • HANKLA, Erin Paige, Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter • HOLLSTROM, Katie Rose, Coachella Valley Chapter • HOLTSCHNEIDER, Mary E., Kitty Hawk Chapter • HSIA, Rebecca Kastel, Fullerton Chapter • KLEIN, Heidi Crystal, Wisconsin Chapter • LIVINGSTON, Asti K., First Canadian Chapter • MARX, Elizabeth A., All-Ohio Chapter • MOCZYGEMBA, Loraine Kay, San Antonio Chapter • PAULK, Kayla Lynn, Oklahoma Chapter • RANSTROM, Sarah Mary, Dallas Chapter • SAMORAJ, Krystyna Zofia, First Canadian Chapter • SMITH, Susan Mari, Long Beach Chapter • SQUIERS, Janet Marie, Greater Cincinnati Chapter • ST. CLAIR, Mary A., Santa Rosa Chapter • STIMSON, Mary-Jane, Santa Rosa Chapter • STRANDSTRA, Megan Ann, Dallas Chapter • SUGGS, Cynthia Carol, Deep South Chapter • THOMPSON, Peggy Lynn, Santa Rosa Chapter • WATKINS, Rosicler Barcelos, Monterey Bay Chapter • WELDEN, Julia D., Alabama Chapter • WILLIAMS, Lynette Ann, San Fernando Valley Chapter. **NINETY-NINES:** AUSTIN, Joanne B., Scioto Valley Chapter • BADGER, Marjorie Anne, Yavapai Chapter • BARRER, Mary Burgess, Coachella Valley Chapter • BENTLER, Katarina S., North Central Section Member • BERGSMA, Lynda Joan, Tucson Chapter • BUSH, Valarie Lynn, Sutter Buttes Chapter • CANNON, Janet Mansfield, Indiana Dunes Chapter • COLPITS, Christina Grace, Lake Tahoe Chapter • DAMMEL, Deborah Lynn, Intermountain Chapter • DEFREITAS, Sharon Ann, Eastern New England Chapter • DOUGLAS, Cynthia Lynn, San Luis Obispo Co. Chapter • DUTT, Sunita, India Section Member • EARLY, Julie A., Eastern New England Chapter • FRASER, Laurie E., Garden State Chapter • GOUVEIA, Julie Marie, Greater Seattle Chapter • GRAFF, Marcia D., Florida Gulf Stream Chapter • HARRIS, Mary Hart, Katahdin Wings Chapter • HARVEY, Rhondra M., Greater Seattle Chapter • HOLLSTROM, Rose Marie, Coachella Valley Chapter • JEFFRIES, Joy L., Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter • JENKIN, Christina L., Albuquerque Chapter • JONES, Sheryl K., New Zealand Section Member • KAPORIS, Mary J., Chicago Area Chapter • KASS, Gail Diane, Los Angeles Palms Chapter • KELLY, Susanne Glyn, Oklahoma Chapter • LAWRENCE, Christine Ann, Oklahoma Chapter • LEICHNER, Patricia Q., Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter • LONG, Pamela L., Santa Rosa Chapter • MANNING, Sylvia, Oregon Pines Chapter • MAXWELL, Janet K., Texas Dogwood Chapter • MCCORMACK, Janice E., Borrego Springs Chapter • MCKINLEY, Sarah Jane, Greater Kansas City Chapter • MCNAMARA, Lynn Kathleen, Alaska Chapter • MERRILL, D.O., Patricia, Tucson Chapter • MICHAELS, Barbara Kadish, San Fernando Valley Chapter • MILLAR, Tiffany E., British Columbia Coast Chapter • NAUMAN, Marion Elizabeth, Southwest Section Member • PIERSCIONEK, Julie Michelle, Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter • POKLAR, Janeen Ann, Greater Cincinnati Chapter • POWELL, Elisabeth Ann Kailing, Southeast Section Member • RECKER, Terri D., Tucson Chapter • RICE, Jennifer R., Greater Detroit Area Chapter • ROCIO, Trias De La Rosa, Mexico Section Member • ROMERO, Luisa C., Mexico Section Member • ROUGHAN, Letricia Fichera, Ventura County Chapter • SCHURR, Connie Lee, San Fernando Valley Chapter • SHEA, Mary A., Western New England Chapter • SHIMER, Julie Ann, Keystone Chapter • SHINN, Lyn C., First Canadian Chapter • SKOOG, Norma, Greater Cincinnati Chapter • SLIMMER, Francine M. Fran, Southeast Section Member • SMITH, Nancy E., Oklahoma Chapter • STRICKLAND-MEADS, Deirdre Noble, Carolinas Chapter • STULIK, Christine Marie, Orange County Chapter • SUTTLE, Penny Lindon, Women With Wings Chapter • SUTTON, Juanita Blanche, Alberta Chapter • TANABE, Jamie P., Orange County Chapter • THWEATT, Suzanne Sherry, South Central Section Member • VON VOGT, Kelly, Southeast Section Member • WALKER, Shannon, South Central Section Member • WASELL, Ida Mae, New York-New Jersey Section Member • WATKINS, Grace Virginia, Southeast Section Member • WEISS, Rosanne M., Garden State Chapter.

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