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On The Cover

The 2015 International Conference hosted by the German Section will be held in the breathtaking setting of Munich, where attendees just might feel like they've stepped into the pages of a fairy tale.

An exciting schedule includes tours in the sky and on the ground. Feel the grandeur of a castle or spend time pondering Greek and Roman statues. And for a taste of traditional German food and beer, there's the Hofbrauhaus located in the medieval town square. Aerial tours of the stunning Alps are also offered.

For registration and details on the Conference, see pages 6-13.

Cover photo: An aerial view of Munich's city center from the tower of St. Peter'skirche, Munich's oldest church (1150). Photo by Gary/Shutterstock.com

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2015

APRIL

- 1** Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the May/June issue.
- 12** **Antelope Valley Poker Run and Barbeque Scholarship Fundraiser**, William J. Fox Field, Lancaster, California, 9 a.m. kick-off. Contact Lynne Hsia, 626-484-2898.
- 17-19** **North Central Section Spring Meeting**, Columbus, Ohio. Hosted by Scioto Valley Chapter. Contact Paula Rumbaugh, paula-pilotosu@gmail.com, 614-946-2027)
- 21-26** **Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In & Expo**, Lakeland, Florida.
- 23** **WASP Luncheon at Sun 'n Fun**, Lakeland, Florida, honoring the surviving members of the WWII WASP, 11:30 a.m. at Buehler Restoration Center. To purchase a ticket, contact Nancy Wright, 727-946-1050 (cell) or wrightaviation99@gmail.com. Alternate contact: Barbara Yeninas, 813-654-3780 or jjybmy@verizon.net.
- 30-May 3** **Southwest Section Spring Meeting**, Temecula Creek Inn. For more info: <http://ninety-nines.net/sws99sCC/general.asp>.

MAY

- 14-17** **South Central Section Spring Meeting**, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Contact Kris Irvin-Herron, kherron99@aol.com.
- 15-17** **Southeast Section Spring Meeting**, St. Petersburg, Florida. Hosted by the Florida Suncoast Chapter. Contact Nancy Wright, wrightaviation99@gmail.com or Jeanne Burkland, jeanne.burkland@fpcg.net.
- 22-23** **East Canada Section Spring Meeting**, Toronto area (TBA). Contact Susan Begg, sbegg2004@yahoo.com.

JUNE

- 1** Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the July/August issue.
- 5-7** **New York-New Jersey Section Spring Meeting**, hosted by the North Jersey Chapter. Contact Joanne Campbell, 201-337-5831
- 19-20** **International Forest of Friendship**, Atchison, Kansas. The 2015 theme will be Forests and Flying, honoring foresters who fly, smoke jumpers, pilots and operators of fire tankers, and other related fields. For information, visit <http://www.ifof.org/>.
- 22-25** **2015 Air Race Classic**. Visit airraceclassic.org for race information.



Marienplatz, the central square in Munich.

Photo by Sigi Mueller

JULY

- 5-10** **99s International Conference and Annual Business Meeting**, Munich Germany. See pages 6-13 for more information and registration.
- 20-26** **EAA AirVenture 2015**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Visit eaa.org. Be sure to stop by The Ninety-Nines booth in Hangar B, Aisle B.

AUGUST

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

OCTOBER

- 1** Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the November/December issue.
- 15-18** **South Central Section Fall Meeting**, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter. Contact Susan Larson, 505-690-6903 or sjlarson99@mac.com.

DECEMBER

- 1** Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the January/February issue.

CORRECTION

On page 26 in the November/December Grass Roots section, the caption incorrectly identified the Florida Goldcast members. They are, sitting, Ursula Davidson, Myra Bugbee and Ellie Reichenbach. Standing, Laurie Reeves, Carol Steele, Tina Pena, Kathleen Suarez and Terry Carbonell.

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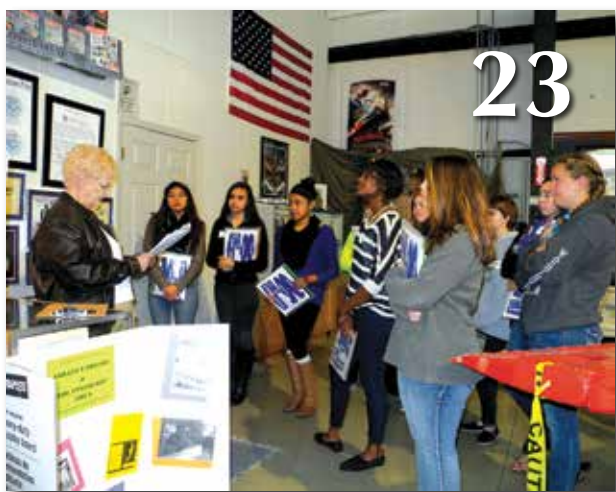
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International Director Maureen Kenney at the Tucson Treasure Hunt with Marilyn Perna in her Tiger.



Debby Dennis explains dials and gauges in the cockpit.
Photo: Anne Honer



While participating in the East Canada Section Gold Cup Air Rally, Ninety-Nines Marilyn Dickson (PIC), Jean Franklin Hancher and Akky Mansikka witnessed a rare phenomena, often called a Pilot's Glory, that Akky captured with her camera. The image of the aircraft is created when light refracts on moisture drops or ice crystals below. The observer is between the sun and the moisture or ice crystals. This Pilot's Glory is even more rare with its double halo.

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President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

If you haven't yet visited The 99s Headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, plan to stop by during future travels to chat with the staff, and, in particular, visit our Museum of Women Pilots.

The Headquarters complex consists of two buildings. The oldest is a one-story structure built in 1975 when Headquarters was moved to Oklahoma and located on the grounds of the Will Rogers Airport. In 1987, a two-story building was constructed next to it. The second story of the bigger building has been the home of our Museum since 1999. It was opened and dedicated during the 99s Annual Conference held in Oklahoma City that year.

Between the two buildings is a small courtyard where a large, tiled 99s Compass Rose was installed and dedicated in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Conference held in Oklahoma City. Thanks to individuals, Chapters and Sections that purchased the gold, blue, white and grey pieces that make up the Compass Rose, we were able to have it ready in time for the Conference. As you may have noticed, the cover of the November/December issue of *99 News* featured the Compass Rose and members who attended the 2011 Conference Open House.

Recently, HQ staff noticed a man in a pickup frequently parking in the Headquarters lot for a few minutes and then leaving. Worried about their safety, Laura

Ohrenberg, Headquarters Manager, called the police after finally getting a license number. They contacted the young man and then escorted him over to explain to Laura his short visits.

It turns out he is an employee of AAR, an FBO on the airport. AAR was also a temporary tenant in the headquarters' one-story building while their facilities were being repaired after tornado damage. The man is involved with a game on the Internet called "Ingress" that actually used our Compass Rose as a portal in their game. Since it can apparently be seen on Google Earth as an easily identifiable object, it was a part of their game in which a person who "owns" it has to be on or near it during specified times to defend it. Otherwise, someone else could claim to own it.

One of his jobs at AAR is to drive a water truck, and during the times when the game's portal was open during working hours, he would get the truck filled. Since it takes 20 minutes to fill the truck, he jumped in his own pickup and drove over to Headquarters, where he sat for the required few minutes to defend his ownership of the portal. He then dashed back to his water truck. Mystery solved. The 99s definitely provides a doorway and a direction to women interested in pursuing their interest in aviation, but who would ever think we'd become a "portal" for an online game?



Recently, HQ staff noticed a man in a pickup frequently parking in the Headquarters lot for a few minutes and then leaving.

Photo below left, the "portal" Compass Rose can be seen in a Google Earth shot. Photo right, the Compass Rose, installed in 2011, is located in the courtyard between the two buildings at Headquarters.





Blue and White — Alps in Sight



The Munich skyline frames the Alps in the background.

99s International Conference July 5-10, Munich, Germany

BY RUTH HALITI, German Section

Munich might not be the capital of Germany, but Munich can be considered the capital of hearts.

Located in southern Germany, Munich was the capital of the Kingdom of Bavaria until 1918 – and this spirit still survives. Munich, nestled in the impressive Romanesque Alps, draws hundreds of thousands of visitors under its spell every season. The city itself houses multifaceted architecture with sweeping boulevards, baroque palaces, ancient churches and streets lined with stately buildings. Nearby are castles, lakes and picturesque little villages. There aren't many places left in the world that look as if they've just stepped from the pages of a fairy tale.

During our 2015 Conference hosted by the German Section, various sightseeing tours are being offered throughout the city of Munich. One tour will be to Neuschwanstein, the impressive royal castle at the foot of the Alps. Another tour will be sightseeing flights to view the breathtaking landscape from above.

Known worldwide, loved and often copied, everyone has heard of Oktoberfest, the beer-fair in Munich that usually starts at the end of September and lasts about four weeks. Since The 99s Conference takes place earlier in the year, during the first weeks of July, you can at least enjoy the Hofbrauhaus in the center of Munich's medieval town square, which hasn't changed much in 100 years. All Munich, locals as well as visitors from abroad, crowd onto the flagged floor to sit at trestle tables and to sample schweinsbraten (pork roast) with dumplings and sauerkraut or obazda, a cheese crème with onions and paprika powder, served with bread or a pretzel.

If not already filled with local food, treat yourself by strolling in the Viktualienmarkt. You can wander around the stalls looking at the meticulous displays of delicious gourmet products such as honeycombs, ham from nurtured pigs, regional Schnapps, herbal-buttered pretzels, shiny fresh fruit and local vegetables.

Pilots more interested in culture will find a wonderful range of museums, such as the Glyptothek, with its collection of Greek and Roman sculptures, located on Königsplatz, a neo-classical square that Ludwig I created to be his version of Athens. Not far away, the rather new Brandhorst Museum is the place for lovers of modern architecture with its excellent collection of Warhols. There is also the Deutsche Museum for tangible science.

Munich in a nutshell can be described as a winning combination of history with a mixture of the best contemporary investment in infrastructure, high-quality housing, low crime, strong media and a general feeling of *Gemütlichkeit* (a situation that induces a cheerful mood and peace of mind), especially in its innumerable beautiful beer gardens that make it a city that inspires! Some even say there is a certain Italian ambience in Munich.

Combining Mozart's historic Salzburg with modern aviation, another optional trip before the Conference offers a view into the famous Hangar-7 at Salzburg airport, showing an exhibition of selected aviation in breathtaking modern, light-flooded architecture. The history of aviation on historical grounds will be offered at the airfield in Munich-Oberschleissheim, the aviation branch of the Munich Deutsche Museum, a museum that has no equal when it comes to science and engineering.

The 99s German Section is looking forward to welcoming International 99s to Munich and to passionately share Bavaria's beauty on the ground and in the air.

Arrival Information for Munich International Airport

Upon arrival at the airport, you will first have to pass through Passport Control. Be sure that your passport is valid until at least six months after you are leaving Germany. After Passport Control, you will collect your baggage and then go through customs/immigration. At this time, follow the signs to make your way to the train station (it is a long walk) or the ground transportation area. They are in different parts of the airport, so be sure to go the correct way.

You can take the train from the airport for approximately EURO 10.00 per person each way. Take the S1/S8 S-Bahn (city train) line towards the city center and change onto the U4 metro at Hauptbahnhof (main train station) in the direction of Arabelapark. Get off at the endstation Arabelapark, and leave the metro station in the direction of Rosenkavalierplatz. Follow the signs for the Sheraton Arabelapark Hotel Munich.

Taxis are readily available from the airport as well and are approximately EURO 55.00 each way. Two or three people with bags could share a taxi. The hotel is located 16 miles from the airport, and the drive time is about 40 minutes.

Some websites about Munich you might want to explore:

<http://www.muenchen.de/int/>
<http://visit-munich-bavaria.com/>
<http://vimeo.com/56581814> (video)
<http://www.munichfound.com/>



With the Grimming mountain in the background, a Lebanese aerobatic pilot sweeps over a DO-27 in the field.



Conference Optional Tours

Sunday, July 5 and Monday, July 6. Royal Castles Neuschwanstein & Linderhof, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. \$124 per person.



Wander through the scenic German countryside on your way to the legendary extravagance of the German castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof, known for their elaborate construction and world-famous architecture. Departing from Munich, you'll first visit Linderhof Castle, a French rococo-style

castle inspired by Versailles itself and surrounded by immaculately manicured gardens. A quick shopping and photo stop in the charming village Oberammergau will recharge your batteries for the second half of your day. You'll arrive at idyllic Neuschwanstein Castle around 1 p.m., where you're free to explore the castle and grab a bite to eat (not included).

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, full day excursion Neuschwanstein (on foot), Linderhof (on foot) with English speaking guide, and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers.

Sunday, July 5, Flying in Bavaria, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., \$29 per person for transportation to airfield.

Tannheim Airfield is one of the few family operated public airfields in Germany.

Tannheim Airfield is happy to welcome The 99s and offer the possibility of a flight in a glider or share a single engine plane for a flight to the Alps. The visit includes a seminar about flying in Germany, with electronic charts provided by Jeppesen. You can choose to fly a glider or share a single engine plane to fly to the Alps and enjoy an aerial view of Neuschwanstein Castle. All flights will be accompanied by a flight instructor, so you don't need a German or a European license. Prices depend on what you choose to do and how long you will be airborne. Fees are payable at the airfield. They will range from about 30 Euros for a winch launch and a short flight in a glider to about 90 Euros per person for a flight in a single engine plane to the Alps. Flights to the Alps require visual meteorological conditions (VMC). Please state your preference when you register for the tour.

Includes: Local transport from the hotel and driver gratuities. Minimum 40 passengers. Maximum 55 passengers. Not Included: Cost of glider or single engine plane to the Alps, to be paid directly at airfield.



Photo: Herzog

Monday, July 6, Salzburg & Hangar-7, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., \$149 per person.



Salzburg, the city of Mozart, is a jewel north of the Alps, located approximately two hours from Munich. Baroque churches and façades, parks and fountains dominate Salzburg's ever-popular cityscape today.

Hangar-7: Home of the Flying Bulls. The Flying Bulls are a group of enthusiasts who are passionate about historic aircraft and helicopters. They have a fleet of the greatest aircraft in aviation history and a unique knowledge of how to maintain and repair them.

The globally admired and unique collection includes rarities such as the Lockheed P-38 Lightning, a North American B-25J Mitchell, a Chance Vought F4U-4 Corsair and a DC-6. The helicopter fleet is no less impressive. There will be time for shopping, lunch (not included) and a walk through the picturesque old city. Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, English speaking guide and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers.

Monday, July 6, Wednesday, July 8, Munich City Half Day Tour, 1-5 p.m. (July 6); 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (July 8), \$64 per person.

Grand tour of Munich with visits to Marienplatz, Nymphenburg Palace Gardens with view of Nymphenburg Palace, and Olympic Stadium.

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, half day tour with English speaking guide and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers.



Tuesday, July 7, Full Day Munich City Tour with BMW Museum Tour, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$79 per person.



Grand tour of Munich with visits to Marienplatz, Nymphenburg Palace Gardens featuring view of Nymphenburg Palace, Olympic Stadium and private guided tour at the BMW Museum. The BMW Museum

embodies the brand experience in Munich along with the BMW Plant and BMW Welt. Enjoy deep insights into the tradition, present and future, of the BMW brand.

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, full day tour with English speaking guide, and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers.

Tuesday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 8, Museum Oberschleissheim Tour, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$29 per person for transportation, EURO 8.00 entrance fee paid directly at museum.



Photo: Deutsches Museum

The airfield of Oberschleissheim is the oldest airfield in Bavaria and today part of the Deutsches Museum with an exhibition of old-timer and veteran planes built in Germany. The location is 10km from Conference hotel. The airfield and its historic buildings were constructed between 1912 and 1919 by the Königlich-Bayerische Fliegertruppen (Royal Bavarian Flying Corps). In the early 1990s, the historic maintenance hangar was restored and enlarged with a new exhibition hall and a restoration workshop.

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel and driver gratuities. Minimum 40 passengers.

Wednesday July 8, Munich Food Tasting Viktualienmarkt Tour, 2 – 4 p.m., \$79 per person.

In the Viktualienmarkt, you will taste an amazing variety of Bavarian specialties while your English speaking tour guide explains the traditional backgrounds. A special highlight will be our beer tasting stop. Decide which is the best of our six local breweries.



Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, English speaking guide, a variety of Bavarian specialties such as cheeses, meats, sausages, sweet/sour antipasti and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers.

Wednesday, July 8, Munich by Night at Hofbrauhaus 5:30 – 10 p.m. \$29 per person for transportation.



This evening tour takes you through the illuminated Munich. You will enjoy a Bavarian evening with music and dinner in the famous Hofbrauhaus, followed by a trip up the Olympic Tower to view the city lights.

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel and driver gratuities. Minimum 40 passengers.

Not Included: Cost of dinner and drinks is payable at restaurant.

Background photo courtesy Tourismus Salzburg GmbH

Thursday, July 9, Guest Tour, BMW Museum Half Day Tour, 8 a.m. - Noon, \$54 per person.

The BMW Museum embodies the brand experience in Munich along with the BMW Plant and BMW Welt. It was founded in 1973 as one of the first ever brand museums and was redesigned and expanded in 2008. Enjoy deep insights into the tradition, present and future, of the BMW brand.

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, half day tour with English speaking guide, and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers.

Friday, July 10, Dachau Memorial Site Half Day Tour, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$59 per person.

Driving through the village of Dachau, you'll reach the former concentration camp and have ample time to visit the memorial site, the museum and view the documentary film. Explanations of the memorial site on the bus, no guided tour on site. Visitors are asked to respect the dignity of the site by wearing appropriate attire.



Photo: mFahren.

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, English speaking guide and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers.

Friday, July 10, Rothenburg & Romantic Road Full Day Tour, 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., \$139 per person.



Photo: ©Rothenburg Tourismus Service

Along the Romantic Road we first reach Harburg, one of the oldest, biggest and best preserved castles of Southern Germany, first mentioned at the end of the 11th century. Through the Swabian crater landscape passing Dinkelsbühl, we arrive in Rothenburg, the most perfectly preserved medieval town in Europe. Time for sightseeing, lunch (not included) and shopping.

A popular attraction is the Kathe Wohlfahrt Christmas Store on Herrngasse, a large store open year round where you can purchase ornaments, nutcrackers and other Christmas items. Many of the highlights in Rothenburg are centered around Marktplatz, such as the Town Hall with its Rothenburg History Museum and St. Jakob's Church, a Gothic building with soaring ceilings filled with light. Rothenburg is about three hours from Munich, but there are many stops along the way.

Includes: Local transport from the Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel, English speaking guide and gratuities. Minimum 30 passengers. Not Included: Entrance Fees to the Harburg Castle to be paid locally of EURO 5.00 per person.



2015 International 99s Conference Schedule

Sheraton Arabella Park Hotel – Munich, Germany

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Sunday July 5

8:30am - 6:30pm Royal Castles Neuschwanstein & Linderhof Tour *
9:00am - 5:00pm Flying Gliders & SE Planes in Bavaria *

Monday July 6

8:30am - 6:30pm Royal Castles Neuschwanstein & Linderhof Tour *
8:00am - 6:00pm Salzburg & Hangar-7 Tour *
11:00am - 5:00pm Hospitality
12:00pm - 5:00pm Registration
1:00pm - 5:00pm Munich City Tour *

Tuesday July 7

9:00am - 12:00pm IBOD Meeting
9:00am - 5:00pm Munich City Tour with BMW Museum Tour *
9:00am - 1:00pm Museum Oberschleissheim Tour *
11:00am - 5:00pm Hospitality
12:00pm - 5:00pm Registration
2:00pm - 3:00pm Endowment Fund Trust Meeting
4:00pm - 5:00pm Council of Governors Meeting (all Governors invited)
6:00pm - 8:00pm Welcome Reception – Paulaners Beer Garden/Westin Hotel

Wednesday July 8

9:00am - 1:00pm Munich City Tour *
9:00am - 1:00pm Museum Oberschleissheim Tour *
11:00am - 4:00pm Hospitality
12:00pm - 5:00pm Credentials
12:00pm - 5:00pm Registration
2:00pm - 4:00pm Munich Food Tasting Viktualienmarkt Tour *
5:30pm - 10:00pm Munich by Night at Hofbrauhaus *

Thursday July 9

8:00am - 8:45am Credentials
8:00am - 8:45am Registration
8:00am - 12:00pm Guest Tour - BMW Museum Tour *
9:00am - 12:00pm Annual Business Meeting
1:00pm - 3:00pm IBOD Meeting
1:00pm - 4:00pm Hospitality
5:30pm - 6:30pm No-Host Cocktail Reception
6:30pm - 10:00pm Awards/AE Scholarship Banquet

Friday July 10, 2015

8:00am - 12:30pm Dachau Memorial Site Tour *
8:30am - 6:00pm Rothenburg & Romantic Road Tour *
* Optional Tours: see previous pages for dates, times and costs

Background photo:
The Hofbrauhaus
Photo by Friedrich Mueller



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 AND RESERVATIONS:
 JUNE 1, 2015**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> International Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Past AE Scholarship Winner
<input type="checkbox"/> Section Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Int'l President	<input type="checkbox"/> AWTAR Alumna
	<input type="checkbox"/> International Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> ARC Alumna

MEETING REGISTRATION

Registration Fees are quoted below in EUROS. However, Travel Planners will be charging the fees in US DOLLARS at the current rate of exchange on day of processing.

Please check XE.com website for daily updates. Please call Travel Planners at 800-531-7201 for current Exchange Rate to ensure proper registration amount is paid.

Full Registration Includes: Welcome Packet, Conference Program, Hospitality Room, Paulaners Beer Garden Welcome Cocktail Reception, Business Meeting, Awards/AE Scholarship Banquet, and Option to Take Tours.

99s FULL REGISTRATION:

	<u>Deadline Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Registration	March 31, 2015	EUR 250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> On-Time Registration	May 31, 2015	EUR 270.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration	After June 1, 2015	EUR 280.00

Awards/AE Scholarship Banquet Menu Selection: ☐ Chicken ☐ Fish ☐ Vegetarian (*Exact menus to be advised*)

GUEST REGISTRATION: Includes Name Badge & Holder, Schedule, Hospitality Room, and Option to Take Tours.
Guests' registration is required in order to purchase activities below:

	<u>Rate</u>	<u># Persons</u>	
Guest (Non-99) Registration:	EUR 11.00	_____	
Tues, July 7 - Welcome Cocktail Reception	EUR 60.00	_____	
Thurs, July 9 - Awards/AE Scholarship Banquet	EUR 71.00	_____	Select: <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS – SHERATON MUNICH ARABELLAPARK HOTEL

☐ Superior Room - EUR 169.00 Single Occupancy (one person) ☐ Club Room – EUR 234.00 Single Occupancy
☐ Superior Room – EUR 194.00 Double Occupancy (two persons) ☐ Club Room – EUR 259.00 Double Occupancy
 Check-in Date: _____ Check-out Date: _____ # in room: _____
 Special Request: _____

***NOTE: HOTEL REQUIRES A CREDIT CARD FOR GUARANTEE. NO CHECK DEPOSITS ALLOWED.
 DUE TO SMALLER ROOMS, THE MAXIMUM PER ROOM IS 2 ADULTS PER ROOM WITH 1 CHILD**

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

Please arrange air transportation from (city) _____ arrive in Munich on (date) _____
 and return on (date) _____ Airline Preference (if any) _____
 Frequent Flyer # _____ Seating Preference: _____ Window _____ Aisle _____

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Optional Activities are quoted in US Dollars and full prepayment is required at time of reservation.

Sunday, July 5

- Royal Castles Neuschwanstein & Linderhof Tour (8:30am – 6:30pm) @ \$124 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Fly Gliders in Bavaria – Transportation Only (9:00am-5:00pm) @ \$29 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Please Choose: _____ Glider _____ SE Plane

Monday, July 6

- Royal Castles Neuschwanstein & Linderhof Tour (8:30am – 6:30pm) @ \$124 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Salzburg & Hangar-7 Tour (8:00am-6:00pm) @ \$149 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Munich City Tour (1:00pm-5:00pm) @ \$64 x _____ person/s \$ _____

Tuesday, July 7

- Munich City Tour with BMW Museum Tour (9:00am – 5:00pm) @ \$79 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Museum Oberschleißheim - Transportation Only (9:00am – 1:00pm) @ \$29 x _____ person/s \$ _____

Wednesday, July 8

- Museum Oberschleißheim - Transportation Only (9:00am – 1:00pm) @ \$29 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Munich City Tour (9:00am-1:00pm) @ \$64 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Munich Food Tasting Viktualienmarkt Tour (2:00pm-4:00pm) @ \$79 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Munich by Night at Hofbrauhaus – Transportation Only (5:30pm-10:00pm) @ \$29 x _____ person/s \$ _____

Thursday, July 9

- Guest Tour – BMW Museum Tour (8:00am-Noon) @ \$54 x _____ person/s \$ _____

Friday, July 10

- Dachau Memorial Site Tour (8:00am – 12:30pm) @ \$59 x _____ person/s \$ _____
- Rothenburg & Romantic Tour (8:30am – 6:00pm) @ \$139 x _____ person/s \$ _____

Total for Optional Activities: \$ _____

SUMMARY/METHOD OF PAYMENT

_____ Check Enclosed. Make check payable to Travel Planners, Inc.	Member Registration	\$ _____
	Guest Registration	\$ _____
_____ Pay by credit card:	Optional Activities	\$ _____
	Total Due:	\$ _____

Select credit card: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____ Discover

Card #: _____ Expires: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Name: _____ Billing Signature: _____

I have read and understand the cancellation policies as listed below:

Signature _____ Date _____

Cancellations and Refunds

*Written notification of cancellations must be received by June 1, 2015. Cancellations will not be accepted over the phone. Please send an e-mail to 99s@travelplannertexas.com. Illness, changes in travel, inclement weather and arriving late to the departure area are beyond Travel Planners' control and will not be considered a reason for providing a refund.

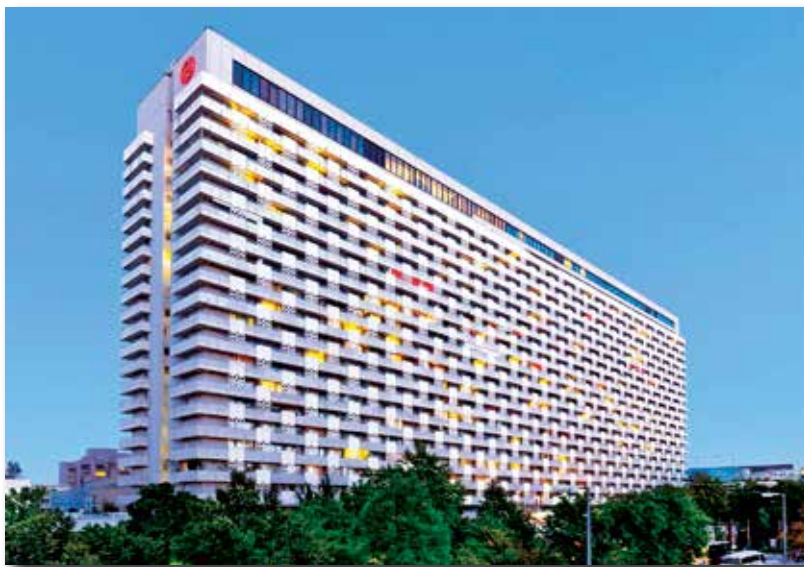
*A \$50 cancellation fee will be charged for registration cancellations prior to June 1, 2015; \$75 fee between June 1-15, 2015

*NO refunds will be honored for cancellation requests received after June 15, 2015.

*A \$50 processing fee will be charged for hotel cancellations prior to June 1, 2015; After June 1, 2015, the processing fee and 1 night room

*A \$50 processing fee will be charged for tour cancellations prior to June 1, 2015; After June 1, 2015, no refunds

*Tours that do not meet the minimum requirements are subject to cancellation. All monies will be refunded in the event the tour is cancelled.



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99s Elections 2015

BY TRISH SAUVÉ
Election Procedures Chairman

Mid-term wahl (elections) will be held in July during the International Conference in Munich, Germany. Votes will be taken from the floor, and everyone with a voting card will be eligible to vote. Ballots will not be mailed out. Please read over the candidates' position statements and then have your Chapter discuss how they would like to vote.

Candidates are listed in the order that their Intent To Seek Election was received.

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DIRECTOR — TWO POSITIONS

DEBI DREYFUSS

Washington DC Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Section



I hope to bring a perspective that will be different, yet complimentary, to the present board. Having been a leader in the private sector for 30 years, I've had the opportunity to work with scores of different personalities in order to successfully complete projects, and that's my forte – getting the job done, and doing it well, on time and in budget. I have unique connections and resources, business and aviation experience, am an active pilot and airplane owner, have sufficient time, motivation and energy that serve me well in being able to see a job through from planning stages through implementation.

Change is best done by working within the system, using organization resources wherever possible, keeping focused on basic objectives. I personally would like to see The Ninety-Nines continue to embrace new technology, enabling more members to participate and motivating women to join us.

Cultivating new members, we develop a deep lasting commitment among women pilots to ensure the success of our organization. We do this by embracing change and new ideas, using technology, being responsive to the needs of women flying today.

We can rekindle the spirit seen in the documentary "Breaking Through the Clouds" as we focus on the original ideals of flying and fun, and of reaching our goals. Older members have the experience, but younger members are the life blood of our group, and we need to inspire the next generation of women pilots.

CATHERINE (CATHY) WAPPLER PRUDHOMME

Houston Chapter
South Central Section



When I was a student pilot in the 1980s, a friendly lineman asked me if I knew about "this great group of lady pilots." He gave me some names, and I joined the Houston Chapter as soon as I could. I still recall how awed I was by those women and, many years later, I am still awed by The Ninety-Nines. It is an honor to invest time and energy in the organization that has given me so much.

Much has changed since I joined The 99s, but we have to accept change because change was our founders' goal. We will flourish as long as we embrace the future while honoring the past, seek ways to improve services and support for our members and remain connected through multiple means of communication.

My experience as an educator and my service to The Ninety-Nines will help me contribute as an International Board member. I have served as Chapter and Section officer and on committees at all levels. A huge honor was chairing the International Awards Committee, providing the opportunity to meet and introduce the award winners at the Oklahoma City and Providence Conferences. I completed my term as South Central Section Governor in May 2014 and now serve on the Section Nominating Committee. A new favorite project is assisting with the planning of the 2017 International Conference in San Antonio. I look forward to additional opportunities to serve and support The Ninety-Nines at the Chapter, Section, and International levels.

DIRECTOR — TWO POSITIONS (Continued)

ANDREA CHAY

Greater Seattle Chapter
Northwest Section



I've been a 99 member since 1980 and will always be a 99 member, even when I'm not flying. I have been Chapter Ways and Means Chairman, Membership Chairman, and Chapter Chairman for the Houston Chapter and the Greater Seattle Chapter. On the section level, I have served as Vice Governor and now Governor for the Northwest Section, as well as Nominating Chairman. Internationally, I served as International Membership Chairman.

I would like to continue to serve on the International Level as Director and help The Ninety-Nines continue to be a meaningful part of young female pilots' lives. This means continuing to look forward to new ways of reaching and retaining the active young female pilots of today. The opportunities for professional women pilots are more abundant and create new challenges for us in retaining women as they enter the challenging world of commercial aviation. The old ways of doing things just won't work in today's aviation world, and we need to keep innovating so that The 99s will remain relevant for today's woman pilot.

I look forward to joining the forward thinking individuals on this Board to bring The 99s to all female pilots across the world.

LESLIE W. PRELLWITZ

Chicago Area Chapter
North Central Section



The Ninety-Nines have been woven into my passion for flying since I joined in October of 2003, the same month I completed my first solo. On the road to certificates and ratings, my formal active participation at both the Chapter (Flying Activities Chairman, Nominating Committee, Secretary and Vice Chairman), and Section (Secretary, multiple terms) levels has always felt like 'just the right thing to do.' When it comes to supporting the organization's mission, vision and goals, going above and beyond when needed, such as stepping up to provide complete logistical and organizational support for Girl Scout Badge Day on very short notice, fuels the inspiration for me to give back and move us all forward.

I've learned more about the International organization from attending Conferences and other activities, such as partnering with International level personnel on an Endowment Fund raffle in 2013. In this work, I see opportunities that arise from our need to grow and develop into the future while preserving our key historical DNA, and the importance of proactively strengthening our Chapters and Sections against the challenges facing all aviation groups. I believe that my 25 years of professional experience in strategic planning, analytics, team building, management, training and education and member service in healthcare would serve The Ninety-Nines well in realizing those opportunities. As Director, I would be honored to put those skills and talents to use for our futures, and ask for your support and your vote.

AEMSF — ONE POSITION

LINDA MATHIAS

Hampton Roads Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Section



I still remember the exhilaration I felt from winning an AE scholarship in 1978, and I believe that the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund is one of the best features of The Ninety-Nines. The AEMSF trustees have built and safeguarded this legacy for our members.

I believe that my experience as Chapter and Section AEMSF Chairman and my 16 years handling glider scholarships for a 501(c)3 organization in my community qualifies me to serve as a trustee for the AEMSF. As a FAA-Designated Pilot Examiner, I can also contribute to the evaluation and selection process an in-depth knowledge of training requirements.

ENDOWMENT FUND — ONE POSITION

CAROL ANDREWS

Sutter Buttes Chapter
Southwest Section



The Ninety-Nines organization, comprised of so many amazing women who have accomplished so much, has been the basis of my priority list since 1995, when I found myself widowed and needing a new place to direct my energy.

Finding a need for a local Chapter in 1998, I gathered seven pilots from around the area and chartered the Sutter Buttes Chapter, which has grown to 25 since then. We hosted the 2002 Spring Southwest Section meeting in Yuba City, where I served as Event Chairman. From our proceeds, we set up a scholarship fund and have granted over \$10,000 to high school students and 99s as an investment in aviation. In 2009, we hosted another Section meeting, where I again served as Chairman.

On the Section level, I served on the Nominating Committee, as Secretary and on the Board of Directors. From 2011 to 2013, I was Vice Governor for the Southwest Section. From 2006 to 2010, I served as Section Awards Chairman and am currently Chairman for The 99s Southwest Section WINGS awards program.

It's now time to turn my energy and efforts to the International level. I have been interested in the Endowment Fund since its inception. I don't have a lot of financial background – before retirement, I worked as a secretary, a lay business teacher in a parochial school, escrow officer and real estate salesman. But I have enthusiasm, a positive attitude and a sincere belief that the future of The 99s depends on the Endowment fund to carry it forward in a viable manner. I am able to attend meetings and look forward to coming to OKC, and, while there, volunteering at Headquarters, as time allows, as I've done the past three years.

I own and fly my own airplane, using it to fly Young Eagles, Angel Flight, Pilots and Paws and anyone I can find to share the thrill of flight with.

99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS — ONE POSITION

GEORGIA PAPPAS

Eastern New England Chapter
New England Section



I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines for over 40 years, and I am currently serving as a Trustee for the Museum of Women Pilots. I have served most recently as Governor of the New England Section. Previously, I have held a variety of Chapter positions, Poker Run Chairman, served as International Conference Treasurer, Vice Governor, and I have also raced in numerous air races. I have a commercial pilot certificate with instrument and multi-engine ratings.

My career has been in airport management and, during my 35 year employment at Boston-Logan Airport, one of my responsibilities was manager of the Educational Tour Program at Logan Airport. I also held the position of manager of Terminals A & B; manager of Terminal Services, and Operations Shift Manager. In addition, I currently serve on the board of the Massachusetts Aviation & Space Museum. We are in the development phase of building a museum to highlight Massachusetts' role in aviation history and development.

When I first joined The Ninety-Nines, I was both awed and inspired by the rich history of the organization and the courageous women pilots who have been a significant part of aviation history since its inception. It is important to preserve this history for those who follow, to inspire the next generation of pilots, astronauts and engineers.

I am seeking your support for a second term for the position of Museum Trustee and welcome the opportunity to work with the Board and be a part of the future development. Thank you for your support in the upcoming election.

AEBM — TWO POSITIONS

ANN SHANEYFELT

Northeast Kansas Chapter
South Central Section



I am seeking re-election to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Board of Trustees. I have been on the board since 2008 and have enjoyed working to keep the museum a place that The 99s and Amelia would be proud. I feel we've accomplished many projects, most importantly preserving the 150-year-old structure in her stately elegance.

I've worked on many committees on the board such as Fundraising, Publicity, the Docent Thank you Coffees and finding other 99s and Atchison citizens to serve on the board. I've also helped find and develop new products to sell in the gift shop.

I live in Olathe Kansas, one hour away from Atchison, so when extra help is needed such as filling in for a docent or help with tours, I can be there in a short time.

I consider serving on the Museum Board is my way of contributing to The 99s and caring for this wonderful treasure of Amelia's life an honor. I joined the Northeast Kansas 99s in 1995 and have served as Chapter Chairman, Secretary, Newsletter Chairman, Program Chairman and in Public Relations.

BARBARA 'BJ' VANECEK

Greater Kansas City Chapter
North Central Section



I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines for 36 years. I live in Kansas City so I am fairly close to Atchinson and the Birthplace Museum. I enjoy the camaraderie found with fellow women pilots. We are a very special group.

I was the Greater Kansas City Chapter Chairman 1990-1992, Recording Secretary 1987-1990 and 2005-2013, Ways and Means Committee 1991-1993 and Scholarship Committee 1993-1995. I also served as the Wright Day Dinner Chairman.

I am a retired registered nurse, having worked 45 years in various fields of nursing. Nursing is a profession where decisions have to be made quickly, sometimes with minimal information.

Thank You to 2015 Election Candidates

A big thank you to these candidates who volunteered their time and talent to serve as leaders of our organization. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting in Munich in July.

Be sure that your Chapter/Section discusses and selects the two (2) candidates for Director your Delegate(s) will vote into office at that meeting. Make your vote count.

—Joan Kerwin



‘Valley Girl’ International Director Maureen Kenney

Although she was born in Portland, Oregon, International Director Maureen Kenney seems to be a fantastic example of the California “Valley Girl.” She has been a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines since September, 1997, when she passed her Private Pilot checkride



In her 4th year, Maureen took her first flight.

BY JACQUE BOYD
Rio Grande Norte Chapter

Maureen attended various schools in the San Fernando Valley and then spent four years at St. Genevieve High School, also in the San Fernando Valley. Following that, she completed two years of college and an Associate’s Degree at Los Angeles Valley College, then her BA and MA at California State University, Northridge.

As Maureen said in her questionnaire: “Notice a trend?” Although she’s stayed around a great area to live, she’s got some interesting experiences under her belt. Let’s get to know her a little better.

Maureen was elected to The Ninety-Nines International Board of Directors to serve a term from 2013 through 2015. She’s served The Ninety-Nines at the Chapter

level, developing the first website for the San Fernando Valley Chapter. She’s also served at Section Level as the Southwest Section Webmaster, the Section Secretary and as a Section Director. At The Ninety-Nines International level, Maureen was the Technology Chairman and helped shepherd the beginning of the website redesign.

Maureen also belongs to AOPA, EAA, Women in Aviation International, Cal Pilots and serves as an FAA Safety Representative. From 2010 through 2014, she served as the Director for the Air Race Classic and also as the ARC Webmaster.

When asked if she knew what she wanted to be when she grew up, Maureen’s initial answer was “HA! This changed depending on what books I was reading. With Nancy Drew, it was a private investigator. Then Cherry Ames encouraged me to go into nursing or a related occupation. In high school, I decided that journalism, and in particular being a foreign correspondent, would be great. Then, I took the only journalism class available in my high school and got sick to death of fonts and headlines. I wanted to write!”

At one point it appears that Nancy Drew’s “advice” won out, because Maureen did become a private investigator, working under a major company’s license. One of her assignments during that time – from 1966 until 1970 – was working undercover in an ammunitions factory in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Having married during that time, Maureen said she became much more practical. With two sons, Thomas and Sean, and her husband Dan to consider, she researched the job market and settled on the field of education. She became a school psychologist.

The career of being a school psychologist then expanded to include being a night-time college professor. Although she began work on a PhD at UCLA, she said being Doctor Mom was not as important as being Mom to her teenaged sons. So, she ended with being an ABD (All But the Dissertation) and moved on into work as a private school administrator. There she learned she had a certain talent for organizing small business and computerizing their record keeping.

Her work there led to being hired by California State University at Northridge in 1999 as the Computing Supervisor for the School of Business and Economics. A short 11 months later, she was recruited by Raytheon to fill a similar role at NASA-JPL. Maureen said, "I LOVED THAT JOB!" While there she worked for a number of agencies, including Patents and Trademarks, NOAA and the DoD. Some of her work included a project she is particularly proud of that involved converting the flight manuals from "a three-foot high stack of phone-book like documents into online, searchable and linked documents, and then interweaving tutorials to teach new engineers how to fly unmanned spacecraft."

She co-wrote a paper about it and was sent to Moscow to present it to an international organization of space scientists and engineers. I pulled up the entire paper and read it. In her questionnaire Maureen says that this "sounds ho-hum today, but in 2001 it was ground-breaking work." Believe me, after having read the article, and several other entries, there is nothing "ho-hum" about it.

Maureen retired from Raytheon in 2006. Her husband had retired in 2003 after work for 37 years for GTE/Verizon. At that stage, both of them were able to enjoy time to travel and spend time in the Sierras, where in 1992 Maureen and Dan had ventured outside "the valley" and began a building project. It took them 10 years to build their ranch house. Maureen was assigned the task of wiring the entire house after she developed a fondness for the local hardware stores.

She said she was always interested in flying, beginning as a toddler in Portland, Oregon, living under the AFB flight pattern. Her first flight was at age 4½ in a Constellation. No one else in her family flew, but Dan once told her when they were in high school that he planned to be a fighter pilot. She says it was a "clear case of bait-and-switch."

Maureen once co-owned a C-182 but at the present time does not have an airplane. She has (at the time of this writing) 751 flight hours logged, her private pilot certificate with an instrument rating and holds a high performance endorsement. She's raced

in the Air Race Classic four out of the past six years. She said, "No awards, just a sense of accomplishment." When asked about what flying has meant to her life, she said, "Flying has been a joyous release for my hyperactivity and probably saved my family life more than once. My husband would say – "I think you need to go flying" when I got too compulsive or bitchy."

Maureen lost Dan on March 5, 2014, after a short battle with lung cancer. His 99s New Horizons piece reads in part, "Dan was an avid supporter of The Ninety-Nines. He supported Maureen in all of her Ninety-Nines related activities. He attended Chapter social gatherings as well as section meetings, and frequently volunteered to help out. Dan delighted in telling people that his wife was a pilot, and he was always thrilled to be able to explain The Ninety-Nines to men and women alike."

Maureen said he was her hero, staying on at the phone company for 37 years so she could take chances by trying different careers.

Maureen Kenney adds an additional facet to the personalities we've elected to The Ninety-Nines International Board of Directors. The members' thanks go out to her for her continuing service to the organization.



Maureen with her husband Dan at the 2008 International Conference in Alaska.

"Flying has been a joyous release for my hyperactivity and probably saved my family life more than once. My husband would say – "I think you need to go flying" when I got too compulsive or bitchy."

Below: Maureen hanging out her laundry before the start of the 2013 Air Race Classic.



AEBM Celebrates 30th Anniversary



'Amelia' greets visitors to the Birthplace Museum.

BY CAROLE SUTTON, Trustee, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum

It was a busy time for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Most recently, at a luncheon on November 12, the Museum received an award for its 30th anniversary from the Atchison Chamber of Commerce.

This spring, we had a booth next to the Atchison Chamber of Commerce at the Kansas Sampler in Wamego, Kansas. The Kansas Sampler represents persons, places and products of Kansas. It was the largest crowd in 25 years with 11,000 people attending.

The Amelia Earhart Festival in July was a special time as Michele Stauffer from the Northeast Kansas Chapter received the Amelia Earhart Pioneering Achievement Award. The recipient is awarded \$10,000 to give to a non-profit organization of her choice. Michele, being a former board member, gave the Museum \$5,000 and the balance to her other favorite charity, Angel Flight.

Michele is founder of the Kansas Aircraft Corporation. Among her many accomplishments include being the first U.S. Woman to pilot the Russian SU27 frontline tactical fighter (1993) flying at 40,000 feet and breaking the sound barrier. Her donation will start a fund to purchase storm windows to help preserve the windows and lower our utility bills. If you would like to contribute to the fund, send your check to the museum at 223 North Terrace, Atchison, Kansas, 66002, earmarked for this fund.

Thanks to International Vice-President Jan McKenzie, we welcomed the Colorado Pilots Association to visit the museum during the festival. In the afternoon, we hosted a wine and cheese party for the group in the festival's tent. Thirteen airplanes flew in with 25 pilots and guests, who toured the museum. Ninety-Nine Julie Clark, who puts on an aerobatic performance every year at the festival, stopped by to visit with them. A very generous donation was given by the group. They stayed for the Garden Party and the wonderful firework display that evening.

Our record number of visitors enjoyed a new addition to the museum, a life-size sculpture of Amelia Earhart. Dee Bond of the New Zealand Section generously donated the money to purchase the sculpture. The sculpture was on display when Amelia Earhart was inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame in Topeka, Kansas. It was created by Melissa Kingman Rau of Topeka. The figure was carefully researched and painstakingly created to tell a story about Amelia. The body is made with metal and wire armature. The clothing is hand-crafted, and antique pieces are incorporated. We've had a busy fun-filled year and so appreciate all the generous donations given to the museum by 99s to make it a place where we can all be proud.



Members of the Colorado Pilots Association visit the museum.



Celebrating the Museum's 30th anniversary are, from left, Mick Hundley, Chairman Atchison Chamber Board of Trustees, Donna Roe, AE Museum Docent, Jacque Pregont, President of Atchison Chamber, Lou Foudray, Museum Caretaker and Historian, Ann Shaneyfelt, Museum Trustee and 99, Frank Carpinelli, Museum Trustee.

Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

Welcome Back Members

Coombes, Margaret, British Columbia Coast
Erhardt, April, Alaska
Good, Doris (F), New Orleans
Gross, Deborah, Phoenix
Harris, Mary, Dallas
Hayssen, Nancy, Santa Rosa
Irvin Connorton, Lori, Blue Ridge
Jaime, Lupita (F), Monterey Bay
Kelly, Cathleen, Florida Goldcoast
Kissick, Kathy, Northeast Kansas
Koss, Jessica, Greater Kansas City
Parker, Heather, Australian Section
Partimbene, Marla, New Orleans
Purcell, Kim, Alameda County
Ramseier, Evelyn, San Diego
Reis, Mary, Phoenix
Roe, Holly, Alabama
Sanchez, Ann, Monterey Bay
Schneider, Franziska (F), Austrian Section
Sullivan, Emma (F), Santa Barbara
Touch, Mary (F), Alabama
Yan, Li (F), Arabian Section
Zajko, Victoria, Sugarloaf

Welcome New Members

Aouissi, Melissa, Arabian Section
Avignone, Rosemary (F), Long Island
Beatty, Alison (F), Michigan
Beazley, Elise (F), Georgia
Bertram, Meaghan (F), Marin County
Bizri, Tania, Arabian Section
Booth, Rebecca (F), San Fernando Valley
Borries, Cecilia, Eastern New England
Brandt, Emily (F), Greater Kansas City
Brindisi, Alicia, Connecticut
Burton, Catherine, British Section Member
Carpenter, Lori (F), Reno High Sierra
Contento, Bonnie (F), Central New York
Dizon-Townson, Donna, Utah
Edwards, Miranda (F), Montana
Filippova, Elina, Santa Rosa
Firth-Butterfield, Rohaise, Austin
Fuller, Olivia (F), Sugarloaf
Gaskins, Niki, Iowa
Grizard, Diane (F), Ventura County
Ha, Yeji, Manitoba
Haas, Marcia (F), Dallas
Hambric, Sarah (F), Alabama
Hanson, Michelle (F), Sacramento Valley



*Tania Bizri,
Arabian Section*

Hawkes, Erin, San Luis Obispo Co.
Hubbert, Stephanie (F), Long Beach
Huerta, Pamela (F), Ventura County
Hutton, Lisa (F), Florida Firstcoast
Jarrett, Kelci (F), All-Ohio
Johnson, Heather (F), San Gabriel Valley
Jusino, Angelica (F), Hampton Roads
Lavin, Genevieve (F), San Diego
Lintala, Tejanita (F), Phoenix
Long, Krista (F), Kansas
Maitzen, Jessica, Florida Spaceport
Maupin, Dana, Mid-Columbia
McLendon, Sarah, Texas Dogwood
McNeil, Judy, Phoenix
Meyers, Jill, San Diego
Miller, Katherine, Michigan
Myren, Jennifer (F), Iowa
Nance, Heather, Las Vegas Valley
Olney, Amanda (F), Florida Suncoast
Padron, Daniela, Chicago Area
Perkins, Lena (F), Santa Clara Valley
Ploch, Hannah (F), North Jersey
Plonske, Cathleen (F), Las Vegas Valley
Ray, Brooke (F), San Diego
Reifel, Savndra, Orange County
Salit, Cynthia (F), Dallas
Secrist, McKenna (F), Greater Seattle
Sharma, Nitya, India Section
Sprang, Pamela, Florida Firstcoast
Surina, Heather (F), Hampton Roads
Treppa, Leslie, Chicago Area
Vazquez Soto, Rubi, Ambassador
Velazco, Kathleen, Georgia
Verhulst, Katherine (F), First Canadian
Whaley, Evangeline (F), Carolinas
Winburn, Lilly (F), Tennessee



PILOT CAREERS: Defining Success

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

The size of your success is measured by the strength of your desire, the size of your dream and how you handle disappointment along the way. – Robert Kiyosaki

As pilots, we can be very critical of ourselves. Along our aviation career ladder, there are times so frustrating that we just want to throw in the towel. But besides earning that next milestone rating, or acquiring that breakthrough number of hours, how do we know we are succeeding?

I have watched successful women pilots for many years and observed a few of the traits they have in common. The first is when you are not afraid to ask for help and support. No one has ever succeeded alone, and it takes strength to reach out and find a team to guide you. It's also important that your teammates "have your back." It's all too common to have a flight instructor who encourages more lessons, only to find out later that he or she was in it just for the money. And then, you are succeeding if you can look beyond these setbacks and continue to press forward.

On the topic of setbacks, success is seeing setbacks as part of growth. The saying goes, "If you have not made a mistake, you have not made anything." Look at your setbacks as stepping stones and continue to strive. In addition, you are succeeding if you don't complain much. Truly, unless you have experienced an unimaginable horrible experience, there isn't much to complain about. Most of the day-to-day frustration isn't worth the breath it takes to mention it.

You are also succeeding if you have tasted victory. If you are a Ninety-Nine, you KNOW how amazing you felt after your first solo. You found your superpower! It is that feeling that fuels you to continue pursuing your private certificate and beyond. That feeling of having something to look forward to is another indicator of success. You are creating goals with passion, and that excitement propels you forward.

Successful women also celebrate others' success. Applauding those who rise to the top creates positive energy in your own life. On the flip side, successful people show empathy for others who are struggling. We're all connected, and helping others get ahead will help you too.

Another good sign is that you look on the bright side. As my mother always said when things went wrong, "With all this manure there must be a pony in here somewhere!" She rarely saw life as disappointing but rather as "a learning opportunity." And she was right. When we can't change something, it is best to accept it with grace and equanimity. However, successful women change what they can. Emily Warner did it back in the early '70s to become the first woman airline captain. We can all celebrate that!

Finally, successful people are happy. Regardless of where you are on the career ladder, if you are happy, you are truly succeeding, and not just in your career, but in your life. And isn't THAT what really matters after all?

TRAINING MILESTONES

Abraham, Laura – Solo Helicopter
Old Dominion Chapter

Al Saud, Sama – Private
Arabian Section

Borst, Victoria – CFI
Columbia Cascade Chapter

Connelly-Smith, Ari – IFR
Columbia Cascade Chapter

Bradshaw, Nancy – Commercial
Antelope Valley Chapter

Deaver, Jeanne – 737 Type Rating
Western Washington Chapter

Park, Barbe – Instrument Rating
Oregon Pines Chapter

Poirier, Samantha – Private
Colorado Chapter

Kaufman, Linda – Multi-engine
Commercial
Florida Suncoast Chapter

Koralia, Beth – CFI
Minnesota Chapter

Luongo, Stephanie – Multi-Engine
Reno High Sierra Chapter

Meyer, Donna – 757/767 Type Rating
Western Washington Chapter

Rabadi, Carol – Line Instructor
Royal Jordanian Airlines
Arabian Section

Shams, Razieh – Captain
Aseman Airlines
Arabian Section

Thoen, Stephanie – Private
Colorado Chapter

Tosin, Vivin – First Officer
AZUL Linhas Aérea
Brazil Section

Umba, Vanessa – Master's Degree
Aviation Management
Arabian Section

Welayat, Nazish – IFR
Arabian Section



Sharing Aviation

BY ANNE HONER, Carolinas Chapter

What a beautiful day for a flight to Myrtle Beach, just 120 miles away. We could fly there, have lunch and shop a little and be home in time for dinner.

Though many of us in the Carolinas Chapter wouldn't blink an eye over a lunch flight to Myrtle Beach, our ground-bound friends might consider us nuts. So we started thinking, how could we share the pleasure and job opportunities available in aviation with young women, who are the future of aviation?

We were inspired at the Southeast Section meeting by reading and hearing about what other Chapters in our Section are doing to share aviation with a new generation. We had also been frustrated by our local school system's lack of interest in adding new curriculum material to the annual plan of work. This motivated us to explore the concept of approaching a charter school and an airport to see if they might be interested in participating in an aviation event to introduce young women to flight.

The airport in Asheboro, North Carolina, (HBI) is managed by a woman and is also the site of the state's aviation museum. The Uwharrie Charter Academy was looking for ideas to fill one of five Flex Days during the year in which students in grades 9-11 would see practical applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts. The Chapter had a wide variety of aviation career choices represented in its membership and the willingness to coordinate and teach a one-day introduction to flight. BINGO — a match!

This initial program was open to 20 of the school's girls, who started the day at school with a science lesson on the physics of flight. They then came to the airport, and led by Barbara Harris-Para, they planned a flight from HBI to GRE at Myrtle Beach using NC aviation charts.

Eileen Malan gave a brief history lesson on women in aviation, including Amelia Earhart, Poncho Barnes and The 99s. Debby Dennis explained a pre-flight walk-around inspection to the students using Karen McDermott's airplane. While each girl sat

in the cockpit, Debby explained the dials and gauges. Mechanic Lou Pugliese discussed what is involved in doing his job, and 99s introduced themselves by sharing their aviation backgrounds.

As a result, the students heard from women involved in flight instruction, air traffic control, the airline industry, being a corporate pilot, aerial photography, managing an airport, air racing and working at the airport.

A special guest was Tom Freeman of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, who provided some of the materials used in the envelopes for each girl. A special bonus of the day was seeing the governor's King Air take off after he finished his visit to another local event.

Another special guest was International 99s Board Member Corbi Bulluck, a member of the neighboring Kitty Hawk Chapter. Reflecting on her impressions of the day, Corbi observed that it was exciting to see so many young women interested in learning about aviation and the many aviation careers open to women.

Was it successful? At the beginning of the day, Barbara Harris-Para asked her group of students, "How many of you would like to fly an airplane?" One hand went up. When she asked the same question at the end of the day, half the hands in the room went up! One girl, who confessed to being afraid to fly, was exhilarated after sitting in the airplane and admitted flying might not be so bad.

Both 99s and students were positive about the day and look forward to doing it again. The best outcome of all would be to see one of these young women join The 99s in the future...as a result of plotting the course to GRE for a hamburger!

Photo above: Carolinas 99s and Uwharrie Charter Academy girls at Asheboro, North Carolina, airport on October 23, 2014.

Photo courtesy of journalism class, Uwharrie Charter Academy, Asheboro.



Emily Warner, center, is congratulated on her induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. From left, Suzanne Skeeters, Terri Donner, Debbie McEndree, Linda Horn, Emily Warner, Bev Sinclair, Nancy Novaes, Jan McKenzie and Donna Miller.

99 EMILY WARNER INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Ninety-Nine Emily Warner, Colorado Chapter, was recently inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio. Surrounded by Who's Who of aviation, friends and family, 99s and fellow airline pilots, Emily graciously accepted the long-awaited honor.

Emily began taking flying lessons in 1957 at Clinton Aviation in Denver, Colorado. She scraped together the \$12.75 per lesson and eventually became a receptionist there while continuing to fly. Emily then became a flight instructor and amassed thousands of flight hours teaching men to fly.

In 1973, Emily was hired by Frontier Airlines and eventually became the first woman airline captain.

Today Emily is retired and continues to speak to aspiring pilots and students, inspiring them with her stories. Her first uniform is displayed at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

To say Emily Warner has arrived is an understatement. She has arrived, ahead of schedule, having greased the landing of her jet with a woman's touch. The aircraft door has opened for thousands of women pilots to step out on to the jetway of their own dreams. And for her contributions to The 99s, we can all be proud!

— Donna Miller

NEW GROUP FOR PILOT MOMMIES

The Southeast Section has put together a Mommy Pilots Facebook group. Our goal is to reach out to our fellow 99s and other female pilots who are moms, soon-to-be moms or those interested in starting a family to have a place to support and encourage each other. We want to make sure you and your children are included. You don't have to be a mom but just have the desire to be supportive. To join, go to the link www.facebook.com/groups/MommyPilots/ and click on "Join." We will be happy to add you to the group!

— Elizabeth Poeppelman

JOANN LEAVEY RECEIVES CANADIAN 'CARING' AWARD

JoAnn Leavey of the British Columbia Coast Chapter has received a great honor, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. This award recognizes individuals who volunteer their time to help others and build a smarter and more caring nation.

JoAnn is recognized for the compassion and engagement she demonstrates in her extensive volunteering in medical, community development, teaching and research areas.

JoAnn is a student pilot. She has been pursuing her dream to fly since she was 23, but her training has been interrupted again and again by her medical studies. She is a registered nurse, a registered psychologist and is currently enrolled full-time in a nurse practitioner program.

JoAnn volunteers extensively in disaster relief programs around the world and provides health care and public health education to the ultra-poor. Obtaining her pilot license will further help JoAnn make the world a better place.

— Clare Brooks Higgins



JoAnn Leavey.

ANDREA CHAY RETIRES FROM THE FAA AFTER 30 YEARS

Greater Seattle Chapter member Andrea Chay said farewell to her longtime employer, the Federal Aviation Administration, on December 15 at a retirement party in recognition and celebration of her 30 years of dedication to the agency. Northwest 99s members attended the event and presented Andrea with a cozy blanket embossed with the 99s logo.

Andrea joined the FAA in 1984 as a steno clerk in Houston, Texas. By 1987, she'd worked her way up the ladder to Air Traffic Control Specialist, followed by Management and Program Analyst and Aviation Technical Systems Specialist, with assignments in Texas, Alaska and Washington.

At her retirement party, Andrea shared photos and anecdotes of her career.



Andrea Chay at her retirement party, celebrating 30 years with the FAA.



Varied Themes Mark Three-Day Celebration of Arabian Section's 25th Anniversary

BY ALIA TWAL
Arabian Section Governor

The Arabian Section recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary and its third annual meeting, which was held under the patronage of the ministry of transport in the Kingdom of Bahrain and with the support of the Bahraini Civil Aviation Authority.

Thirty-six members from various locations around the Middle East and Ninety-Nines officers from the U.S. gathered in Bahrain to celebrate our 25th anniversary. The meeting extended over three days, and each day had a theme.

The first day was Charity Day, where members spent time with orphans and children with cancer, giving them a day to always remember. Through Hope Flights, the kids flew in a private jet to Saudi Arabia for touch and go and returned to Bahrain with excitement in their eyes and joy in their hearts. The day didn't stop there. They also had hands-on flight experience in the Airbus 320 simulator at Gulf Aviation Academy. Beside all the fun activities, the children explored a colorful DHL B757 and learned about the parts of the plane and how it differed from a passenger plane.

With support from Gulf Aviation Academy, Ayla Aviation Academy, Mena Aerospace, DHL Aviation Aventura, Bahrain Airport Services and Bahrain Airport Company, the children experienced the aviation world and the dream of becoming a pilot.

In the evening, 140 guests were invited to the grand opening ceremony that was held at Movenpick Hotel Bahrain. Members, guests, sponsors and media all enjoyed the opening ceremony. Also announced were special discounts that the Arabian Section is providing to women who are interested in flight training, whether it's initial pilot training or a type rating.

The second day was Friendship Day when members enjoyed their time at Al Dar Island, known for its exotic activities and water sports. One of Bahrain's famous activities is pearl diving, and members enjoyed collecting oysters and learning how to open them. Some of the lucky ones even collected a few pearls.

On the third day, the members toured Bahrain, visiting his-

torical sites. They were introduced to Bahraini culture, savored traditional foods at one of the famous restaurants and enjoyed the music of a local band.

During the event, two new members were recruited, and Waed Al Dossary from Bahrain was elected Vice Governor for the Section. It was a memorable experience that we took back to our countries with new passion and enthusiasm to achieve more, recruit more members and encourage more women to join aviation.

The Arabian Section is one of the largest and fastest growing overseas sections of The 99s. It was established in 1989 by 12 members of The 99s in Saudi Arabia. Today the Arabian Section has over 63 members from around the world, all with different aviation experiences and backgrounds, but one thing in common – the passion to fly.

For the first time, the Arabian Section is able to give scholarships to our members to enhance their aviation careers.

I look forward to seeing more international members at our future meetings. It meant a lot to us when Leslie Ingham, International Treasurer, and Carol Munch, Membership Chair/International Sections, came from the U.S. to our small part of the world and saw what women in these countries have been able to achieve.

Some of the Arabian Section members, including myself, are planning to go to the Munich International Conference in July, and we look forward to meeting Ninety-Nines from many countries. Hopefully we will one day host the International Conference in Jordan and Bahrain.

Photos above, from left, the group visits the historic Arad Fort in Bahrain; The children were able to sit in the DHL's cockpit while the pilot explained the switches and how the plane flies. At the Gulf Aviation Academy, the children enjoyed flying the Airbus 320 simulator and learning emergency procedures such as sliding down the emergency evacuation slide.



East Canada 99s in Cochrane.

EAST CANADA SECTION

Mary Norman, Akky Mansikka and the late Mary Woodall planned this year's 2014 East Canada's Gold Cup Air Rally (GCAR). Mary Woodall enthusiastically did almost all of the creative and fun-filled planning, until she had a tragic, fatal fall from her deck at her home in Muskoka.

Ten planes and 22 women registered for the rally. Rally participants were to gather in Tobermory, Ontario, on September 12 for the start of the rally early the next morning. However, low clouds covered the area. Only the five aircraft that had filed IFR were able to make it into Tobermory. Located at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula, Tobermory offers spectacular scenery, great accommodations and choice restaurants and shops.

Five other aircraft were able to join the others by flying direct, VFR, to Cochrane the next day. Approaching the Muskoka Lake area, a beautiful double pilots glory appeared on the ground, reminding us of Mary Woodall's presence on this flight. As we headed north, the spectacular scenery of lakes and forests became more remote as roads became non-existent.

In Cochrane, we visited the polar bear habitat where some of us got quite close with only a glass window in between. Dinner was in the Ice Hut Restaurant to continue with the northern theme.

On Saturday, again under a ceiling of low clouds, we departed Cochrane south to Muskoka Airport, our next destination. On the way we were treated to a spectacular display of rainbows. The final banquet was at the Docks Restaurant on Lake Muskoka, the

closest restaurant to Mary Woodall's home on Loon Lake.

Robin Hadfield of the First Canadian Chapter was the winner of the spot landing in Muskoka. The winners of the Gold Cup were Sharron Lutman, Lina Masi and Anne Cunningham from the Eastern Ontario Chapter. The challenges consisted of questions, based on many facets of flying and selfies of the teams in unusual and creative settings.

On Sunday, most rally planes joined the Ewings Rally, a fundraiser for Ewings Sarcoma, a rare children's cancer.

Besides re-connecting with friends, great camaraderie, learning to extend our boundaries of flying in remote areas and in marginal weather conditions, and contributing to a good cause, we had, in Mary Woodall's words, "a blast."

— Akky Mansikka

ALASKA CHAPTER

The Alaska Chapter just turned 60.

On January 19, 1954, an intrepid group of women pilots gathered at Helen Stoddard's house to form the Alaska Chapter. The original members were Helen Stoddard, Pat McGee, Margo Cook, Lois Wise, Helen Snyder, Laurine Nielson, Decema Andresen, and Ruth Hurst. The Ninety-Nines was just 25 years old, and the first airplane flight in Alaska had taken place only 41 years before the Alaska Chapter was chartered.

Jean White, the oldest active member at age 92, was a charter member of the Civil Air Patrol in Iowa. Too short to become a WASP, Jean joined the Air Force in 1942 and served initially as a maintenance technician and later was moved into logistics. Jean served two tours at Elmendorf Air Force base and retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel.

In 2014, Jean received the Congressional Gold Medal for her volunteer service in the Civil Air Patrol during World War II.

Currently there is an exhibit about the Alaska Ninety-Nines 60th Anniversary on display at the Aviation Museum at Lake Hood.

— Mio Johnson



Alaska member Jean White in the 1940s.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

For the past several years, the members of the Orange County Chapter have carefully shopped to find ‘little things’ to fill holiday stockings for members of the military and their families, both adults and children. Many of the stockings are given to soldiers as they deploy for overseas duty, and we hope these reminders of home help ease the transition away from family and friends.

Stockings are stuffed by both individual Chapter members and groups who pool their resources and purchases to provide a wider variety of items. This year, most of the stockings were turned in at the November Chapter meeting, then gathered and prepared for transport by Patty Murray, Colleen Handrahan, Shirley McFall and Pat Prentiss.

Patty and Colleen drove our stockings to the USS Midway in San Diego harbor and delivered our contributions to welcoming arms (okay – really a big container), to the delight of the military coordinator. They delivered six 33 gallon, black heavy duty bags filled with a ton or so of stockings. We will have our photo and information on The 99s and on our Chapter in the Midway Magazine.

“It has been a great project that our 99s and others who have heard about it have enjoyed being part of, our stockings for the troops,” says Patty.

— Shirley McFall



Chapter members, from left, Pat Prentiss, Shirley McFall, Colleen Handrahan and Patty Murray display a small fraction of the gift stockings donated to members of the military and their families.



Sue Glisson, Kentucky Bluegrass Vice Chairman, is ready for a flight in a Waco biplane. Waco biplane and soaring flights were available to 99s attending the Fall 2014 NCS Meeting at Bardstown Airport in Bardstown, Kentucky.

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

The Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter hosted the Fall North Central Section Meeting at Lion’s Camp Crescendo in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. For the meeting, the site was renamed Camp Willa Brown after the Kentucky-born, first African-American woman to obtain a pilot certificate in the U.S.

The picture perfect weather allowed several 99s to fly to the Bardstown Airport where Waco bi-plane rides and sailplane rides were available for our members. We had a “howling good time” with the Kentucky Flavor Traveling Road Show at Friday’s dinner and enjoyed the harmonious songs of the Heartland Fillies at the Saturday banquet. There were several winners in the 1940s/1950s costume contest on Saturday evening. Trolley tours were available for the 49½s and 99s who visited the Jim Beam Distillery and took the Bourbon Tour.

The business meeting was informative as usual, and afterwards presentations were given on the Air Race Classic, Pilots N Paws, the Zontas, the new flying club Countrywide Flyers, Professional Pilots Leadership Initiative, and Girl Scout Aviation Day. A historian conducted and recorded oral interviews with 14 of our North Central Sections 99s as part of a Wolf Grant to preserve our history.

The first female Executive Judge of Bullitt County, Kentucky, presented us with a proclamation declaring September 27, 2014, as Women Pilots’ Day. A special thanks goes to Maggie Hettinger, our Chapter Chairman, and her family for going above and beyond to make this a great North Central Section Meeting.

— Susan Glisson

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

SUGARLOAF CHAPTER

On October 30, members of three Chapters of The Ninety-Nines joined with AOPA to repaint the compass rose at AOPA's south hangar. Frederick Airport provided the paint and AOPA cleared and resurfaced the area in preparation. They also provided lunch and snacks for the painters as well as frequent moral support.

The painters were Sandra Feliciano (Sugarloaf and activity chair), Judy Shaw (Old Dominion), Debi Dreyfuss (DC), Brenda Tibbs (AOPA organizer), Luz Beattie (AOPA), Paula Wivell (AOPA), Lorianne King (Frederick Flight Center). Special thanks to Debi for returning the next day to add The Ninety-Nines logo!



RIO GRANDE NORTE CHAPTER

This fall, Rio Grande Norte Chapter members have focused on the educational wing of The Ninety-Nines mission, with information booths at the Land of Enchantment Fly-In (Double Eagle II airport) in early September, New Mexico Aviation Aerospace Association's Career Day at Kirtland AFB on September 17, and a full-day program for Girl Scouts on November 2.

Many of the 28 girls attending were excited to fly the following weekend as Young Eagles, and their evaluations show they loved the day. The control tower visit was a favorite for 12 of the girls, especially if they got to see a plane land. One of them added, "I enjoyed learning about everything that the field can offer me in the future, and that I can do something that I enjoy doing."

Go, girls!

— Elizabeth Hunke



Barbara Fricke of the Rio Grande Norte 99s introduced the Girl Scouts to the adventures of flying, channelling Amelia Earhart.



It's done! Happy airmarkers, from left, Caitlin Kuersteiner, Kimberly Karlen, Carol Voss, Sherry Cook, Whitney Robare, Lindsay Boitnott and Amy Fooladi.

EMERALD ANGELS OF THE GULF COAST CHAPTER

The Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter had the opportunity to complete their first compass rose at the H.L. 'Sonny' Callahan Airport (KCQF) in Fairhope, Alabama, on October 18. It was a great feat, considering we are a fledgling Chapter of less than a year.

The members joined forces with the local EAA 1265 Chapter and the No Limits girls' aviation program of the Boys and Girls Club of Mobile.

It ended up being the perfect day to complete the compass rose. As it turned out, the setting up and painting of the compass rose went rather smoothly for our first attempt. With many helping hands, months of planning and an organized approach, our "work of art," being only 80 feet in diameter and using 42 gallons of highway paint, wrapped up well before the sun went down.

Sonny Callahan Airport (KCQF) will be hosting the Terminus for the upcoming 2015 Air Race Classic in June. It is exciting to think that the compass rose, representing the Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast and The Ninety-Nines, will welcome the arrival of over 50 teams of female pilots who will be competing in the race.

— Caitlin Kuersteiner

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Our October meeting was held at Volo Aviation, Tampa Executive Airport (KVDF), hosted by new members Ginger Adelstone and Ashley Angle. Captain Sam Chiodo, CAP Commander, gave us a most informative talk about the Civil Air Patrol. Lunch was provided by Brian Clambra, president of Volo Aviation.

Our November meeting was at Ocala Airport (KOCF) hosted by Connie McConnell. Speaker Emily Mortensen presented a film clip about the WASP and talked about their fundraising to make the film available to PBS and schools so that WASP history can live on. We were glad to see our lifetime member Blanche O'Brien attend the meeting and celebrate her 98th birthday!

— Sophia Payton

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

It's been a busy fall for the Minnesota Chapter. We helped celebrate the 95th birthday of WASP Liz Strohfus (Elizabeth "Betty Wall" Strohfus) on November 2. Happy Birthday, Liz!

On December 7, we once again joined with the aviation community in supporting the Tree of Hope, which celebrated its 25th year at the Maple Lake (KMGG) Airport. The Tree of Hope provides toys to children who are in the hospital. This year 103 large bags of toys were collected and delivered to 35 hospitals in Minnesota and one in Wisconsin.

Our Winter Business Meeting and Holiday Party was held at the Anoka Airport (KANE) on December 13, and we had 15 Minnesota 99s in attendance and two 49½s, Elaine Samuelson and Steve Guette.

Congratulations to Beth Koralia on her new CFI certificate and receiving our Chapter award for Most Minnesota Airports Visited; to Cheryl Daml for winning our Chapter award on Activity Attendance; and to Melissa Aho for being selected to attend NASA's social media event, #FlyNASA, on November 18-19 at the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center on Edwards Air Force Base in California. It focused on NASA's contribution to aviation.

We would like to welcome new members Carly (CJ) Gallman and Morgan Maxwell. And finally, the Minnesota 99s have new social media accounts. You can find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MN99s> and on Twitter at @Minnesota99s. Follow us!

— Melissa Aho



Attending the Minnesota 99s Holiday Party and Business Meeting are, from left, back row, Patti Sandusky, Cheryl Daml, Karen Workman, Chris Kocinski, Deb Thompson, Pamela York, Marcy Drescher. Front row: Thuy Piper, Mikaela Sandager, Tracy Davenport, Beth Koralia, Melissa Aho, Tracy Lovness and Robyn Stoller. Not pictured Kjersti Kittelson.



Florida Gold Coast Chapter members kick off their 75th year.

FLORIDA GOLD COAST CHAPTER

On December 7, the Florida Gold Coast Chapter got together at the Quayside in Miami, Florida, for their Annual Scholarship Brunch. This year it was extra special because it was the kickoff for their 75th Anniversary Celebration.

The Chapter is honored to be able to promote scholarships that give female pilots a "leg up." Scholarships can change a person's life and help get them on their way to a fruitful career. Generally, when a person receives one of the scholarships, she finds ways to give back to the aviation community, and especially to The 99s.

We awarded two scholarships in 2014. Nicole Hester is the recipient of the Fran Sargent Scholarship for \$2,000. She is a student at Embry Riddle and also works as a CFI. The scholarship will help Nicole earn her multi-engine rating.

Jody Smith received a scholarship for a 737-800 NG Jet Checkout from ADF Airways, valued at over \$5,000. Jody is the newly appointed assistant chief pilot for NetJets at KPBI.

The scholarship brunch is also the Chapter's only fundraising project during the year. Over \$1,000 was earned from a Silent Auction and approximately \$600 from the Chinese Auction. A surprise donation of \$5,000 from Chapter member Lois Watson was sincerely appreciated!

Speaker Laurie Reeves, a retired captain from United Airlines, gave a riveting speech in which she shared what it was like for females to break into the pilot seat in the 1970s. Many of the younger members were surprised to learn of these barriers and how these women pilots paved the way for females to participate fully in aviation today.

— Marcy Lannon



Scholarship winners Nicole Hester, left, and Jody Smith.

GRASS ROOTS



San Fernando Valley Chapter members get a little goofy at the Doo Dah Parade in Pasadena, California.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

The San Fernando Valley 99s were their usual outrageously festive selves at the Doo Dah Parade in Pasadena. They flew their parade planes, followed by their drumline and their own parade convertible car dressed up with planes on the hood and trunk.

This annual parade is a parody of the Rose parade and always has such incredibly creative participants! We solicit sponsors and attach their names on the parade airplanes. The donated money is added to our scholarship fund.

Continuing in the holiday spirit, the Chapter also boxed 25 containers of cookies at the AirTel Hotel to be delivered to the towers of frequented airports and the Van Nuys Airport office, fire department and police department.

We also celebrated the start of Christmas and Hanukkah season at the home of Lilian Darling Holt. Sixty people attended, enjoying festive music, food and friendship. Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the elves came by also to deliver a white elephant gift.

— Lilian Darling Holt



San Fernando Valley members gather for their 2014 Christmas portrait. Photo by Ryan Yates.

NEW HORIZONS

MARJORIE B. ANDERSON Chicago Area Chapter

Marjorie Anderson (nee Raglin), age 92, passed away on December 14, 2014, at her home. At the age of 20, Marjorie earned her private pilot certificate. Hoping to make a career in the field of aviation, she added a Commercial certificate and a seaplane rating. Realizing the limited field for women in aviation at the time, she became a high school teacher, keeping aviation as a high-interest avocation.

She was an active member of The Ninety-Nines, holding various Chapter offices and committee chairmanships. She participated in both Midwest and transcontinental cross country races, and won numerous awards. Her greatest satisfaction came in mentoring eager young women pilots.

She and her husband Art were welcome participants in all things Ninety-Nine, including being devoted to the Forest of Friendship. When Marge received the North Central Section Governor's Service Award, Art received 49½ of the Year at the same time.

— Cynthia Madsen



Marjorie Anderson.

CHERYL LYNN CICHOCKI Florida Gulfstream Chapter

The Southeast Section is saddened to report the loss of a former Southeast Section Governor, Cheryl Cichocki. Cheryl passed to New Horizons on August 7, 2014, at Palmetto General Hospital, Hialeah, Florida, due to kidney failure. She was 69 years of age.

Cheryl joined The Ninety-Nines in April, 1994. She was Governor of the Southeast Section, 2002-2003, and served as Vice Governor and Secretary of the Southeast Section. She was a member of the Florida Gulfstream Chapter, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She also served multiple times as Chapter Chairman, Secretary and magazine reporter for her Chapter.

Cheryl had two passions in life: flying and having her own airplane. She owned a Cessna aircraft. Among her ratings and certificates were CFI, MEI, AGI and IGI. Her second great passion was cats. She raised exotic Siamese cats with rare colors. Her cats were her babies and brought her much love and companionship.

Cheryl's main career was as a nurse. She was so proficient in nursing medical procedures that she was sought after by plaintiffs' lawyers to testify as an expert witness in medical malpractice cases, and she was very successful.

The Ninety-Nines were very important to Cheryl. Accordingly, she left the majority of her estate to The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Cheryl was a special member of The Ninety-Nines. Her brilliant smile, friendship, enthusiasm, determination, sense of humor and leadership will be greatly missed.

— Cecile Hatfield



Cheryl Cichocki.

JOYCE FAILING Long Beach Chapter

A memorial celebration and a farewell tribute was held in Santa Cruz, California, for Joyce Failing, 87, who passed away peacefully at her Aptos home on December 25, 2014.

Born in Los Angeles, California, Joyce was an accomplished pilot of both helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. During her career of more than 50 years, she was an air race pilot, instructor and teacher.

She was a member of the Long Beach Chapter of The Ninety-Nines and also the Whirly-Girls International Women's Helicopter Pilots. Joyce obtained her pilot certificate at a very young age and volunteered her flying services during wartime.

She also made significant contributions to the Failing family business, "Bun Boy Restaurants," headquartered in Baker, California.

She was laid to rest in a private ceremony at Santa Cruz Memorial Park. Any memorial contributions can be sent directly to AEMSF Treasurer Dorothy Berthelet at 1000 Broken Oak Dr., Orleans, ON K1C2W7.

To read more or leave condolence messages for the family, see <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/santacruzsentinel/obituary.aspx?pid=173665196>.

— Michael Faelin, son



Joyce Failing.

BRIGITTE IWASZKIEWICZ Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Brigitte Iwaszkiewicz flew to new horizons on November 7, 2014. Born in 1940 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, into a family of diplomats, Brigitte spent her early years in Bariloche and Mendoza. She attended high school in Caracas, Venezuela, and Port of Spain, Trinidad. Her college years were spent in London, England, where she obtained a business degree.

Brigitte later settled in Palo Alto, California, where she had a long and successful career with Syntex Corporation, retiring in 1997.

She began her pilot training in 1995 at Palo Alto Airport, receiving her private pilot certificate in 1997. She immediately joined the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, where she became a very active member. Brigitte served on many committees and as Vice Chairman from 2001-2003. She attended meetings in the United States and the International Conference in New Zealand. She also participated in the Third World Aviation and Safety Congress in Nepal. At these meetings she became friends with women from



Brigitte Iwaszkiewicz.

all over the world and continued to keep in touch with them.

Brigitte enjoyed fly-ins and organized many. She was instrumental in planning our yearly Chapter birthday picnics and often staffed our booth at Palo Alto and Reid-Hillview Airport Days.

Brigitte will be remembered as a warm, caring and gracious lady, always composed and inquisitive. She immersed herself fully in whatever activity she undertook with intelligence, perseverance and true enjoyment, always eager to share her passions with others and pleased when she found kindred souls.

She fought cancer for many years and was able to pace herself so that she could continue to participate in the activities she enjoyed up until the end of September this year. She simply said she would do as much as she could for as long as she could, and in that she was incredibly successful.

We know that her spirit has transcended the trials of her illness and has soared aloft where she continues to fly, but now with angels.

— Carol Munch

JOAN STALK Washington DC Chapter

Joan Stalk, a longtime member of the Washington DC Chapter and friend of the Old Dominion Chapter, as well as treasurer of Silver Wings Over Washington and widow of Air Force Colonel George Stalk, passed away suddenly on December 11 at her home in Northern Virginia.

Joan and George shared their love of flying with one another in their two Piper Cherokees and a Cessna.

One funny story Joan loved to tell happened when another plane cut them off on final approach. Joan picked up the mike and read him the riot act. Joan was pilot in command at the time and had to do a go-around. When it came time to land, George liked to take the controls, and he completed a perfect landing. Shortly after, they heard over the speakers, "Hey, lady with the big mouth, nice landing."

Joan's final resting place will be in Arlington Cemetery alongside George.

— Marge Shaffer

Final Flights for Our 49½s

Dick Wildman — Jeanne Wildman, Oregon Pines Chapter
September 23, 2014

Robert Frantz — Ruth Frantz, Chicago Area Chapter
November 2014

Arthur Freier — Norma Freier, Chicago Area Chapter
December 2014

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Neuschwanstein Castle in the Bavarian Alps at sunset.

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