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On The Cover

Before Idaho Chapter member Ashley Taylor became a pilot, she was a wildland firefighter. Like many, she started fighting wildfires to help cover college finances. However, she discovered this volatile working environment actually made her happy.

After graduating from college with a business degree, she was hired as a permanent seasonal employee with the U.S. Forest Service.

Five years later, in 2012, Ashley was selected to train as an elite smokejumper. Her next goal: to become a smokejumper pilot.

Cover photo: Ashley's first practice jump during rookie smokejumper training. Photo courtesy U.S. Government from Ashley's collection.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2016

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- 12 **Northwest Section 2016 Spring Board of Directors Meeting**, Western Antique Aeroplane and Automotive Museum, Hood River, Oregon. Contact Karin Rodland, krodland49@gmail.com for more information.

- 15 **Fly Now applications due for Spring awards**. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be officially registered as Student Pilot Members by February 15 to be eligible to apply for the Spring Fly Now Award. For more information, see ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/FlyNowInstructions2015-2.pdf

- 18-19 **Havasu 600 Air Race, Tookie and Don Hensley Memorial Race**, sponsored by the Rio Colorado Chapter in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Originally scheduled for November 2015, the event was delayed when race coordinator Tookie Hensley and her husband died in an airplane accident. The race will be run in their honor. Visit www.Havasu600.com for details.

APRIL

- 1 **Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the May/June issue.

- 7 **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 Barbara Yeninas, 813-654-3780, or e-mail jybm@verizon.net. No tickets will be sold at the door.

- 5-10 **Sun 'n Fun International Expo and Fly-In**, Lakeland, Florida, sun-n-fun.org.

MAY

- 19-22 **South Central Section Meeting** hosted by the Austin Chapter in Fredericksburg, Texas. Contact Becky Smith, smithhair52@gmail.com for more information.

JUNE

- 1 **Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the July/August issue.

- 17-19 **International Forest of Friendship, 40th Anniversary**, Atchison, Kansas. This year's theme is World Friendship Through Flight. Visit www.ifof.org for more information.

JULY

- 5-10 **2016 International Conference**, Ottawa, Canada.

- 25-31 **EAA AirVenture Oshkosh**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, eaa.org/en/airventure.

SEPTEMBER

- 15 **Fly Now applications due for Fall awards**. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be officially registered as Student Pilot Members by August 15, 2016, to be eligible to apply for the Fall Fly Now Award. For more information, see ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/FlyNowInstructions2015-2.pdf

- 15-17 **Northwest Section 2016 Fall Section Meeting**, Hilton Garden Inn Seattle North/ Everett, Washington. Contact Andrea Chay, andrea40@juno.com, for more information.

LETTERS

CHEERS TO CHERYL

Cheers to Cheryl Cooney for her very interesting account of participating in Cherokees to Oshkosh (November/December issue). I have been interested in the Cherokees to Oshkosh since acquiring my Piper PA-140 in 2010. Time, finances and, yes, a bit of intimidation at the prospect of crashing another aviation boys' club have thrown up roadblocks. I'm glad Cheryl took the time to tell her story. I hope she'll do it again, and I hope to be her wingwoman in the future.

— *Jill Wood Tallman, Sugarloaf Chapter*

GREAT LAYOUT

I just want to tell you that I think you did a fabulous job making my little report, *My Summer Adventure* (November/December issue) look like a real magazine article, especially making the casual and tiny photos I took with my cell phone really look like some grand and "on purpose" scenery shots in your layout! I was *so* impressed with the final result!

"Thanks a million" to whomever it is due!

— *Linda Abrams, Orange County Chapter*

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Ashley Taylor with instructor Marla Wolf after her first solo. Now a member of an elite group of smokejumpers, Ashley wants to take her job to the next level and become a smokejumper pilot.



Take a ride down the Rideau Canal and explore the other wonderful attractions and scenery that Canada's national capital of Ottawa is waiting to show you in July! 99s East and West Canada Sections are busy getting ready to welcome you. www.99sottawa2016.com

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TRACEY CURTIS-TAYLOR COMPLETES 13,000-MILE FLIGHT IN OPEN COCKPIT STEARMAN

Congratulations to British Section Member and adventurer pilot Tracey Curtis-Taylor. On January 1, 2016, she completed a flight in an open cockpit 1942 Boeing Stearman from England to Australia in order to pay homage to aviation pioneer Amy Johnson. Amy was the first female pilot to fly solo from England to Australia in 1930.

Departing October 1, Tracey flew nearly 13,000 miles across Europe and the Mediterranean to Jordan, over the Arabian Desert, across the Gulf of Oman to Pakistan, through India and on to Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia before crossing the Timor Sea to Australia. The plane will be shipped to America and flown across the United States to complete the world flight in 2016.

We're looking forward to Tracey sharing her story in an upcoming issue of 99 News.



British Section Member Tracey Curtis-Taylor with photo of aviation pioneer Amy Johnson. Photo from Tracy's website.

President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

As most of you know, The Ninety-Nines organization gives out specific awards to our members and non-member supporters at our Awards Banquet that takes place during our annual International Conference.



Pat Prentiss and Jonathan Gaffney presented this year's Katherine Wright Award.

However, we have one award that is given every year at the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) Fall Awards Ceremony in Arlington, Virginia. This award is the Katherine Wright Trophy and is a joint presentation of The Ninety-Nines and NAA to a woman who has "contributed to the success of others or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time."

Katherine Wright, the sister of Wilbur and Orville Wright, was known for her selfless sacrifice to help her brothers with their vision of making flight possible. In his latest book, *The Wright Brothers*, author David McCullough specifically mentions her less well-known contributions to making flight possible. Recently, I've heard from many people who read and thoroughly enjoyed the book and were surprised at her intense involvement and personal sacrifices.

The Katherine Wright Award this year was given to Patricia Pearce, who was nominated due to "her dedication over 28 years to advancing the state of the art in hypersonic propulsion systems and aerospace system fueling technology, in addition to serving as a mentor for female engineers and students pursuing careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)."

Jonathan Gaffney, President and CEO of NAA, and Pat Prentiss, Past President of The Ninety-Nines and Board Member of the NAA, jointly presented the award to her on December 3, 2015. On behalf of

The Ninety-Nines, Pat congratulated Patricia and enumerated her accomplishments to an audience of many of aviation's well-known faces and benefactors. Thanks, Pat, and congratulations to Ms. Pearce.

As mentioned, our other awards are given at our International Conferences, and this year will be no exception. By the time you receive this issue, the nominations for those awards will be in the hands of the judges. We hope that all who win will be able to come to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, during the week of July 5-10 to accept their awards.

This issue will give you lots of information about the 2016 Conference, so now would be the time to register and make your travel and tour arrangements. You will notice that there is no printed reservation form due to its length. Please go to [https://www.99sottawa2016.com/form/99s_Print form.pdf](https://www.99sottawa2016.com/form/99s_Print%20form.pdf) to print out the registration form. For those Chapters and Sections that have members who "don't do computers," please be sure those members are sent a printed registration copy.

Also in this issue is information about candidates for the International Board of Directors and The 99s Trusts. Please take the time to get to know those members who are gracious enough to give of their time and talents to our organization. Voting for these positions will be by mailed ballots that you will receive this spring, so be on the lookout for them and be sure to return by the posted due dates.



From left, Col. Joel Luker, Pat Prentiss, Katharine Wright Award recipient Patricia Pearce, and her daughter Brianna Liberio.



Wildland Firefighter

BY ASHLEY TAYLOR, Idaho Chapter



This May, I was successful in obtaining my private pilot certificate. As many know, it is a challenging road. I had an amazing support system and pilot mentors to help guide me and provide encouragement along the way. I am proud to say, I now have a license to learn. To explain my goals and my dedication to flying, I have to go back several years.

During the summer of my junior year in college, I started working with the U.S. Forest Service as a wildland firefighter, fighting fires in the forest to make money for school. After graduating from college with a business degree, I chose to pursue wildland fire and was hired as a permanent seasonal employee with the Forest Service. Diving into a versatile working environment that made me happy was a huge turning point in my life.

Becoming a wildland firefighter is not everyone's dream. It also does not usually become a career for most. Many use it as a stepping-stone to make it through college financially, to move into other related fields, like structure firefighting or to have the opportunity before "growing up" to work hard, sweat and explore the great outdoors.

Like aviation, it is a volatile environment. You normally work in rugged terrain, under inclement weather, in high stress situations, typically 16 hours a day, and sometimes for two to three weeks without a day off.

In general, our job is to remove fuel from the fire's edge, down to mineral soil, so that when the fire burns to that edge, it goes out. We use digging tools, chainsaws and, if the fire is big enough, equipment like dozers to build a fire line. The fire burns to the mineral soil and hypothetically stops, given it does not burn so intensely that it catches the fuel on the other side of the fire line on fire.

Sometimes you have the opportunity to be on a small fire that you can catch in one day. Other times you are on larger fires, some that burn thousands of acres, with thousands of firefighters, for weeks at a time. Depending on a person's experience level, we all generally do the same job, with responsibilities in leading others with less experience becoming greater as you gain more experience and move up within an organization. As you can imagine, a high level of physical fitness, nutrition and mental stamina is needed to endure a hard fire season.

The biggest difference between wildland fire personnel is the mode of transportation. Modes of transport can be by road in an engine or truck, landing in a landing zone with a helicopter, rappelling out of a helicopter into a safe location or by jumping from an airplane and parachuting into a safe jump spot. Granted, each can gain you access close to the fire's edge, but many times firefighters are left to hike with all their gear to the fire.

The mode of transportation to a wildland fire is determined by the location, access, difficulty of terrain, if homes or sensitive areas are threatened by the fire and the experience level of the personnel. In the end, we all do the same job, but the mode of transport can vary significantly. I have been fortunate enough to access fires by most of these methods of transport, but my love for flying is what pushed me to pursue transportation via parachute out of an airplane.

In 2012, after five years with the Forest Service, I applied and was selected to train with one of the most elite groups of people in the world of wildland fire. I spent five weeks training at the McCall Smokejumper Base to become a smokejumper. They train "rookies" to become wildland firefighters who jump out of fixed wing airplanes into remote fires. It is an elite program with roughly 400 smokejumpers at only nine bases in the United States.

After three years of working as a smokejumper, it became clear that behind the controls of an airplane was where I wanted to be. I don't want to stop at my private pilot certificate. My goal is to become a smokejumper pilot and fill a unique roll that combines firefighter experience and pilot training. I want to take the job I love to the next level.



The world of aviation, in many ways, is a lot like wildland fire. It is an amazing group of people who love and are dedicated to a unique set of skills. In the fall of 2014, I received the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship "Fly Now Award" through The Ninety-Nines. I could not have done it all without The Ninety-Nines support, the encouragement of my mentor Gene Nora Jessen, my amazing flight instructors and many others within my field of work and aviation.

Since I am a permanent seasonal employee for the Forest Service, I work 6 to 10 months of the year, mainly April through November. I was able to finish my private certificate within five months last winter. My goal for this winter break is to acquire more hours, gain more confidence and skill in my flying while working towards my instrument rating.

My path to becoming a smokejumper pilot will take time and persistence. It is a path I am more than happy to pursue. Until then I will continue to enjoy blue skies both on the end of a parachute and in the cockpit of an airplane.



Photos opposite page, top: a late evening jump is made in Idaho as a fire burns in the background.

Bottom photo, a smokejumper exits the Twin Otter. McCall smokejumpers currently jump round parachutes, with chutes deployed from a static line attached inside the aircraft.

Photos this page, top: Ashley is all smiles after her first solo.

Left, the team takes rare time out for a group shot prior to a practice jump. Ashley is with four of her "rookie bros" (she's the shortest in the group). The other three "salts" on this load have been jumping close to two decades.

United States Government photos from Ashley Taylor's collection



On behalf of all Canadian 99s, we can't wait to host you at the 2016 Conference in our nation's capital – Ottawa. You'll love what this city, and our country, have to offer! And with only six months left before the conference, it's time to register! **Take advantage now of the low Canadian exchange rate!**

Ottawa is a dynamic showcase city of more than one million people. Located in Ontario at the Quebec border, it's a place where you'll hear English and French spoken in the streets; where you can discover Canada's proud heritage at impressive national sites and famous landmarks, including the Rideau Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). It's a city steeped in culture, with world-class museums and galleries displaying stunning national collections and special exhibitions from Canada and around the world.

This city is a uniquely beautiful place: an urban centre on the edge of nature where you can enjoy the great outdoors — just outside your hotel room, and nearby in the surrounding countryside. There's an easy cosmopolitan vibe here, and Ottawa is known for being both welcoming and walkable. Explore the distinctive local neighbourhoods, including the historic ByWard Market: by day this area boasts a bustling farmers' market and chic shops, by night it hums with activity at the restaurants, pubs, and nightclubs.

This is also a city that enjoys the finer things in life, with a culinary community that's earning wide acclaim, unique boutiques and shopping districts, a lively local music and art scene, and always exciting nightlife.

This is your host city – Ottawa! Come experience it for yourself.

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HALF DAY TOURS

Discover the Capital with Changing of the Guard Ceremony

Board your luxury motorcoach and meet your professional tour guide who will bring the nation's capital to life during a tour of Canada's capital and the National Capital Region. Hear all about the history of Ottawa from the early explorers to the fur traders to the lumber industry and the vibrant cosmopolitan city that it is today.

Sit back and relax while you enjoy hearing about the creation of the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

During the tour you will stop at the Canadian Parliament Buildings and enjoy the pageantry of the Changing of the Guard Ceremony held every day (weather permitting) on the lawn in front of the Centre Block.

Continue your tour as you board your motorcoach and enjoy the sites of the Capital including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Bank of Canada and the Canadian War Museum. Cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec to get off the bus and enjoy the architecturally impressive Canadian Museum of History and its unique views of the Ottawa River and the Parliament Buildings.

From there the tour will pass the National Gallery of Canada on the way to Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General of Canada, and 24 Sussex Drive, the official residence of the Prime Minister of Canada. You will also pass by the Royal Canadian Mint and many Embassies and High Commissions.



Discover Ottawa by Land and by Water!

Board your luxury motorcoach and let your professional tour guide introduce you to the nation's capital. Sit back, relax and learn as you pass the historic Rideau Canal – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy the sites of the Capital including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Bank of Canada and the Canadian War Museum. Cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec to get off the bus and enjoy the architecturally impressive Canadian Museum of History and its unique views of the Ottawa River and the Parliament Buildings.

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You will board a triple-decker riverboat for a cruise along the Ottawa River. It is from this vantage point where guests will experience the natural beauty of the region that captured the imagination of the first European explorer, Samuel de Champlain, including the magnificent Rideau Falls.



Introduction to the Capital - City tour with guided tour of the Canadian Museum of History.

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During your tour, enjoy a guided tour of one of Canada's top museums, the Canadian Museum of History, with its spectacular location on the banks of the Ottawa River and a stunning view of the Parliament Buildings. It is especially noteworthy for its exhibits on aboriginal peoples, its reconstructions of Canadian life throughout history, and its IMAX/OmniMax cinema. The museum was designed by Alberta aboriginal architect Douglas Cardinal, whose buildings are noted for their flowing curves and few straight lines.



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Visit to the Diefenbunker and guided tour of the Canadian War Museum.

Enjoy a guided tour of this once secret facility, a huge, four-story bunker buried deep under a hillside. It is a 40 minute drive from downtown Ottawa. Known as the Diefenbunker, it got its nickname from Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, whose government decided to construct the facility in the late 1950s to house crucial elements of Canadian government should nuclear war have broken out. The Diefenbunker Cold War Museum has been named Canada's most significant Cold War site. This National Historic Site of Canada is an underground nuclear bunker built in secrecy during the height of the Cold War years between 1959 and 1961. As the Central Emergency Headquarters, it was meant to house top government and military officials during the risk of a nuclear attack.

Tours of this unique facility take visitors through a time warp to 1960s era government rooms, living quarters, and cryptographic areas. Some of the focal points include the Prime Minister's suite, the War Cabinet Room, the CBC Radio studio, and the Emergency Government Situation Centre.

Continue your morning with a guided tour of The Canadian War Museum that was opened in 2005. This unique building was designed by world renowned Canadian architect Raymond Moriyama. Its main theme, which can be seen throughout the museum's design, is that of regeneration. It showcases Canada's participation in various conflicts throughout history and puts a human face on war both at home and overseas. Its many exhibits range from a Viking helmet to Hitler's car.



Guided Tour of the Canada Aviation and Space Museum/Bi-Plane rides

Join your tour leader and board your luxury motorcoach for a scenic drive along the Ottawa River to the Canada Aviation and Space Museum where you will enjoy a guided tour of the museum.

The museum engages visitors with the wonder of flight through its spectacular collection. The museum focuses on aviation in Canada, but within an international context, from its beginnings in 1909 to the present day. As Canada's contribution to aviation expanded to include aerospace technology, the museum's collection and mandate grew to include space flight.

The Collection itself consists of more than 130 aircraft and artifacts (propellers, engines) from both civil and military service. It gives particular, but not exclusive, reference to Canadian achievements. The most extensive aviation collection in Canada, it is also considered one of the finest in the world. Care and development of this collection remains one of the museum's main purposes. The museum practices conservation and restoration techniques to keep the collection in a condition equal to the highest standards.



TSB / NRC Facilities Tour

This tour will be guided by 99 and Chair of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB), Kathy Fox. The TSB's mandate is to advance transportation safety in the air, marine, pipeline and rail modes. Their staff conducts independent investigations into transportation accident occurrences, safety deficiencies and makes recommendations. You will visit their experimental lab.

Close by is the National Research Council (NRC) facilities where it is globally recognized for science and technology research and innovation. It is Canada's national aerospace laboratory undertaking and promoting matters affecting design, manufacture, performance, use and safety of aerospace vehicles. Several aircraft types are there for researchers to experiment on flight mechanics, avionics, aircraft recorder technology and airborne research.



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The Collection itself consists of more than 130 aircraft and artifacts (propellers, engines) from both civil and military service. It gives particular, but not exclusive, reference to Canadian achievements. The most extensive aviation collection in Canada, it is also considered one of the finest in the world. Care and development of this collection remains one of the museum's main purposes. The museum practices conservation and restoration techniques to keep the collection in a condition equal to the highest standards.



TSB / NRC Facilities Tour

This tour will be guided by 99 and Chair of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB), Kathy Fox. The TSB's mandate is to advance transportation safety in the air, marine, pipeline and rail modes. Their staff conducts independent investigations into transportation accident occurrences, safety deficiencies and makes recommendations. You will visit their experimental lab.

Close by is the National Research Council (NRC) facilities where it is globally recognized for science and technology research and innovation. It is Canada's national aerospace laboratory undertaking and promoting matters affecting design, manufacture, performance, use and safety of aerospace vehicles. Several aircraft types are there for researchers to experiment on flight mechanics, avionics, aircraft recorder technology and airborne research.





HALF DAY TOURS

Vintage Wings

Vintage Wings of Canada is an active flying and restoration museum. Its mandate is to share the amazing story of flight in Canada with all Canadians through their education programs, flying events and hangar tours. It is located approximately 20 minutes driving time from downtown Ottawa.

For the Conference we will be offering two half day tours on July 6. The morning and afternoon sessions will include:

1. Guided tours of the museum conducted by volunteers who escort visitors throughout the collection, describe the significance of the aircraft type as it relates to Canadian aviation history with fascinating and colourful anecdotes and give you the opportunity to be close to these rare and historic aircraft:

F-86 Sabre, American Mustang IV, Hawker Hurricane Mk IV, Curtiss P-40 Kittyhawk (Tomahawk in the U.S.), Westland Lysander, Goodyear FG-1D Corsair, Supermarine Spitfire XVI, Vickers Spitfire Mk XIVe, Supermarine Spitfire MkIX, Harvard Mk IV, Blackburn-Fairey Swordfish MkIII, Fairchild Cornell, Fleet Finch, Hawker Hurricane XII

2. Time to walk around and view into the cockpit, or even sit in one of the airplanes.

3. Pre-booked flights in their aircraft (reservations to be made no later than May 30th). This is on a limited, first-come, first-served basis when you register for this event. The cost for these flights will be over and above the basic cost of items 1 and 2 above. Each flight will take between one and 1½ hours. The aircraft choices will be:

Optional Flights are available in the following aircraft, all aircraft flights are 20 minutes flight duration.

- Harvard Mk IV, \$400
- Westland Lysander, \$750
- Curtiss P-40 KittyHawk, \$2100

The P-40 and Harvard are full controlled dual aircraft and flights include some 'stick' time for the passenger (at pilot's discretion).



FULL DAY TOURS

Thousand Islands Cruise with lunch in Kingston followed by tour of the Limestone City

Join your tour leader and board your luxury motor coach for a drive to Ivy Lea on the St. Lawrence River. The St. Lawrence was discovered by Jacques Cartier on August 10, 1535. The early explorers made use of the St. Lawrence River as a highway to the interior of Canada and the United States. On the cruise, experience the icons of the 1,000 Islands such as Boldt Castle, the Statue of St. Lawrence, 1,000 Islands International Bridge and Zavicon Islands containing the smallest International Bridge in the world. Cruise past the Statue of St. Lawrence, while he watches peacefully over the moving vessels and mighty St. Lawrence River. This statue is only visible from the water, standing high above on a rock cut.

Following your cruise, take a short ride to Kingston, Ontario, located on the banks of Lake Ontario. Canada's first capital known as the Limestone City and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch board your motorcoach where your local professional tour guide will give a one-hour tour of this Historic City. As the gateway to the 1,000 Islands, Kingston is a city rich in history, culture as well as critically claimed attractions. The highlights of this comprehensive city tour include Kingston City Hall and the Farmer's Market, the Royal Military College, the historic Prince George Hotel, the Grand Trunk Railway Station, the National Historic Sites of Fort Henry, Bellevue House and the Rideau Canal, as well as many other historic buildings and inns that make this city so beautiful.

SCHEDULE

2016 99s CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

July 5 to 10, 2016

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

08:00-20:00	Registration
Afternoon	Tour • Discover Ottawa by Land and by Water (PM)

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

24 hr. access	Event Staff Office
08:00-17:00	Registration
Morning/Afternoon	Tours • Vintage Wings (2 ½ Day tours) • 1000 Islands cruise with lunch in Kingston (DAY) • Montreal (DAY) • Discover the Capital & Changing of the Guard (AM) • Diefenbunker & guided tour of Canadian War Museum (AM) • Discover Ottawa by Land and by Water (PM)
12:00-17:00	Hospitality Suite

Thursday, July 7, 2016

24 hr. access	Event Staff Office
08:00-17:00	Registration
08:00-17:00	Hospitality Suite
08:00-17:00	Trade Show
08:00-10:30	International BOD Meeting
Morning/Afternoon	Tours • Discover the Capital & Changing of the Guard (AM) • Diefenbunker & guided tour of Canadian War Museum (AM) • City tour with guided tour of Canadian Museum of History (PM)
13:00-16:00	EAST/WEST CANADA SECTION MEETINGS
14:00-16:00	AEMSF Trustee Board Meeting
14:00-16:00	Endowment Fund Trustee Board Meeting
16:00-17:00	Governor/Past-Governor/President /Past-President Tea
18:00- 21:00	Welcome Reception

Friday, July 8, 2016

24 hr. access	Event Staff Office
06:30-08:00	Continental Breakfast
08:00-14:00	Registration and Credentials
08:00-17:00	Hospitality Suite
08:00-11:00	Trade Show

For additional information or to register for the Conference, please visit www.99sottawa2016.com

If you cannot use the Internet and wish to receive a hard copy of the registration form, please contact Joy at 416-877-2083

SCHEDULE

2016 99s CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

July 5 to 10, 2016

Friday, July 8, 2016 (continue)

Morning/Day	Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Safety Board Engineering Lab/NRC (AM) • Canada Aviation & Space Museum tour/bi-plane rides (AM) • Canada's Cold War Museum/lunch/beer tasting and tour of Beer Museum (DAY)
Morning	Free time
13:00-14:00	Seminar
13:00-14:00	Seminar
14:00-15:00	Seminar
14:00-15:00	Seminar
15:00-16:00	Leadership Training Seminar
16:00-17:00	Pre ABM Communication Session
18:00-19:00	AEMSFCocktail Reception
18:00-19:00	Silent Auction
19:00-22:00	AEMSFBanquet

Saturday, July 9, 2016

24 hr. access	Event Staff Office
06:30-08:15	Registration and Credentials
06:30-08:15	Hot Breakfast buffet
08:30-12:30	Annual Business Meeting
Morning/Afternoon	Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada's Cold War Museum/lunch/beer tasting and tour of Beer Museum (DAY) – GUESTS • Discover Ottawa by Land and by Water (PM) • City tour with guided tour of Canadian Museum of History (PM)
13:00-17:00	Hospitality Suite
13:00-17:00	Trade Show
14:00-16:00	IBOD post-conference board meeting
18:00-19:00	Silent Auction
18:00-19:00	99s Award Cocktail Reception
19:00-22:00	99s Award Banquet

Sunday, July 10, 2016

24 hr. access	Event Staff Office
08:00-17:00	Hospitality Suite
All Day	Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000 Islands cruise with lunch in Kingston • Montreal • Canada Aviation & Space Museum (AM)

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99s Elections 2016

BY TRISH SAUVÉ
Election Procedures Chairman

Your Nominating Committee has been very busy this year and, as a result, we have a lot of candidates for the 2016 election. Kudos to Joan Kerwin and her team for their hard work. The ballots for the 2016 election will be mailed by MARCH 1, 2016, and must be post-marked by MAY 1 to be counted. Please make sure Headquarters has your current address on file. Members will be electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors. We will also be electing the Nominating Committee and Trustees for the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

*Candidates are listed in postmark or timestamp order within the office sought.
PLEASE VOTE!*

PRESIDENT — Vote for One

JAN MCKENZIE

Colorado Chapter
South Central Section



As your current Vice-President and past International Director, I have had the pleasure of serving as liaison to International Conferences, as Strategic Planning Chairman for 2½ years, and as the Co-Chairman of Webinars for over two years. In addition, I have served as the International Awards Chairman and Chairman of the 2007 International Conference held in Denver-Boulder.

I enjoyed working for my Section as Governor, Vice-Governor and Director, and I have been Chapter Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer, as well as chairing other Chapter activities. As a passionate advocate for women pilots and a 41-year member of The Ninety-Nines, I have loved being able to support this wonderful organization!

My aviation credentials include instrument ASEL and commercial helicopter with over 2,500 total hours. I am an electrical engineer and have managed large groups and run complex, multifaceted projects with great success for over 30 years. My strengths include financial management of multi-million dollar budgets, personnel management and group leadership. With your support, my upcoming retirement will allow me to bring my energy and business background to the office of President.

I will continue to drive toward raising funds from outside sources to ensure our future stability. I look forward to promoting The Ninety-Nines and raising our visibility to other aviation organizations. I will work with the Trusts, Section leaders and 99s Committees to “Promote, Provide, Preserve” the mission of our special and unique organization. To serve you as International President would be an honor and a privilege. I would appreciate your vote.

VICE PRESIDENT — Vote for One

CORBI BULLOCK

Kitty Hawk Chapter
Southeast Chapter



Our organization has surely evolved since 1929. Gone are the days when our members arrived at meetings wearing dresses and fancy hats and when membership was by invitation only. Once just one large organization, we now have local Chapters and Sections, allowing frequent interaction among our members. We have websites and Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts to keep us connected; we use Skype and Facetime to attend distant meetings. We offer webinars on many aviation topics; our PPLI helps members develop skills that propel them in their aviation careers.

One thing that has never changed is our camaraderie and love of aviation. Yet we must continue to evolve and find new ways to reach out to our newest members and cultivate their participation, provide resources to help our members achieve their aviation goals, support our international membership, provide assistance to our Chapters and Sections, increase our visibility in the community and seek outside sources of funds.

I want to participate in the continuing evolution of The Ninety-Nines. I currently serve as an International Director and Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. I've previously served as Chairman of the International Membership and Awards committees; Section Governor and Vice Governor; and Chapter Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Through my involvement, I understand the scope and complexity of The Ninety-Nines.

I offer my enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to listen to others and explore new ways to accomplish the mission of The 99s. I hope you will allow me to serve as your International Vice President.

VICE PRESIDENT — Vote for One ... continued

DIANNE COLE

San Joaquin Valley Chapter
Southwest Section



The 99s have a special and intense place in my heart. Besides the joy of flying, I love seeing my best friends (some of whom I had never met before) at various 99s meetings.

One of the best aspects of being your International Director is visiting all the different Sections and Chapters and learning of their joys, successes and concerns.

I have served most offices at the Chapter level including Chapter Chairman; Director and Vice Governor of the Southwest Section; and two terms as International Director. I am looking forward to using my experience to serve as your next Vice President.

This is an exciting and challenging time for The 99s, and I will use my experience from having owned small and large sized firms, as well as being on the International Board for two terms, to benefit The 99s. Organizational, public outreach, advocacy and lobbying government officials and industry leaders are all skills I have employed in the various positions within my own businesses and representing The 99s. I have been working on several initiatives to grow The 99s organization. I can get the job done.

In 2006 I was the recipient of the Achievement Award for preventing Buchanan Field in Concord, California, from closing. After almost three years of battle, we won! I will apply this same perseverance to my duties as your Vice President.

The 99s have given me so much that I look forward to continuing to serve this great organization. I now ask for your support and your vote. Thank you.

SECRETARY — Vote for One

LISA COTHAM

New Orleans Chapter
Southeast Section



Thank you for the confidence you showed in me by electing me International Secretary. I enjoy it immensely and am asking for the privilege of serving another two-year term.

The Secretary's duties do not end with the meetings. The Secretary is responsible to complete a draft of the minutes of the Board of Directors and Annual Business Meetings and distribute them in accordance with Board Operating Policy within a given time frame. She must manage the motion, attendance and other forms used at meetings, and she must document any actions taken by the Board between formal meetings and report them at the next regular meeting.

I have striven to carry out my duties efficiently and effectively. I made small improvements to Board processes that enabled the Board to better perform its duties. There were many questions at first, but I have learned how to be Secretary and will use those skills to benefit The 99s.

I am a 28-year member and proud to be part of the legacy created by Amelia Earhart, Pancho Barnes and other remarkable women flyers. I previously served as International Director, 99s Museum of Women Pilots Chairman, Southeast Section Governor, Chairman of South Louisiana and New Orleans Chapters and various committee chairmanships at the International, Section and Chapter levels.

I hold commercial pilot and flight instructor certificates with single, multi-engine and instrument ratings, and advanced and instrument ground instructor ratings. I am an FAA Aviation Safety Technician, which gives me many settings to promote The 99s.

TREASURER — Vote for One

BARBARA CROOKER

Mount Shasta Chapter
Southwest Section



As a member of this organization, I have gained much in my life. I have great respect for the members and the efforts that are contributed to support the success of our organization and its mission. We all support The Ninety-Nines according to the time we are able to contribute depending upon our other life commitments.

After a busy working life, I find I am now in a good position to contribute more time to support this organization that means so much to me. I am able to commit the time and travel that is needed to serve as a member of the International Board.

I feel it is important to support all members and Chapters, from the very large groups to the smallest Chapter. Keeping the membership informed and understanding the activities of the Board is critical to the continued success of this wonderful organization.

We have been fortunate to have had superb leaders on the Board, and I look forward to drawing wisdom from them as we go forward supporting our mission and making a difference in the lives of women pilots.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve our organization as your International Treasurer and would appreciate your support and vote!

DIRECTOR — Vote for Two

PATRICIA OHLSSON

Long Island Chapter
New York/New Jersey Section



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

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

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

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

MARJY LEGGETT

Mid-Columbia Chapter
Northwest Section



As a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1989, I consider it an honor and a privilege to be a part of this great organization. I have served the Mid-Columbia Chapter of the Northwest Section as Treasurer, Membership Chairman and newsletter editor. At the Section level, I was a Director, Vice Governor and Governor before serving as International Director on the International Board.

While on the Board, I was privileged to be in on the decision-making as we made great strides in this organization setting up Project Action Plans, reaching a million-dollar Endowment Fund and establishing a Fly Now Scholarship. As International Director, I worked on many projects, including the Strategic Plan to refurbish The Ninety-Nines website, and I served as liaison between the Board and the Scholarship and Endowment Trusts. The Ninety-Nines webinars I have organized and facilitated have been well received, and I look forward to continuing with this project. It has been my pleasure to work with Ninety-Nines across our country and beyond, whether it is providing support, information, encouragement or just serving as a sounding board.

There is so much more that I would like to do, such as finishing the website project, continuing with webinars and participating in the decision-making that guides this great organization. I have the passion, enthusiasm, determination, experience and skills to work collaboratively to help move us forward. I would be honored to serve as International Director.

TERRY CARBONELL

Paradise Coast Chapter
Southeast Section



I learned to fly in 2005 at the request of my now deceased husband. Since I had no prior inkling that I would be flying, my discovery of the world of aviation was akin to sipping water through a firehose. In 2007, I stumbled upon the best kept secret of all times: The 99s.

My 99s sisters welcomed me with open arms. It was not long before I was serving my Chapter and community, participating in many aviation events and helping raise money for our fledgling Chapter Scholarship Fund. I started attending Section meetings and soon found myself serving as the Southeast Section Governor for three years.

As Southeast Section Governor, my goals were to increase organization awareness and membership, restore our group 501(c)(3) exemption, become financially stable, build strong, viable Chapters and create continuity in the Section leadership. As a team, we grew three new Chapters, 100 new members and reached out to our members by creating the Mommy Pilots Group and developing electronic attendance at Chapter and Section Meetings. We re-established a dormant scholarship, became a financially strong Section, got our group exemption and ushered in a dynamic, cohesive new board of forward thinkers.

Embracing change, while preserving our heritage, is critical to our survival as an organization. It is time to let the secret out and boldly move forward. Serving The 99s has been an honor and a privilege, and I look forward to serving all of our members as Director on the International Board.

JERRY ANNE JURENKA

Texas Dogwood Chapter
South Central Section



When I passed my private checkride 30 years ago, the woman who ran the FBO where I rented my plane opened a bottle of champagne and would not let me leave until I filled out the application to become a Ninety-Nine. Little did I know at the time what adventures that would bring and the amazing women all over the world I would meet.

We have a unique and proud heritage of supporting women as they seek to fly. Your Board is strong and can boast many positive accomplishments. They have shown their desire to communicate with the members at the Chapter and Section level, which is vital to our growth. I would like to contribute my skills, expertise and desire to fortify that goal and help carry out the mission of The Ninety-Nines.

As Governor of the South Central Section and as Bylaws Chairman under three Presidents and Resolutions Chairman under a fourth, I attended all the International Board meetings, so I have good insight into what is required as a Director and can appreciate the scope of their work. I am dedicated to see that The Ninety-Nines continues to prosper and grow for many years to come. There are many challenges in finance, public relations and membership, but I feel I have the experience from business and volunteer activities to meet those challenges. If elected, it would be a privilege to serve.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Vote for Five

KAREN WELDON

New Orleans Chapter
Southeast Section



I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines for 22 years, first in the Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter and then in the NOLA Chapter in New Orleans, where I have been the Chairman for the past three years. I thoroughly enjoy the camaraderie found with fellow women pilots. I am also a director in the Southeast Section of The 99s. I desire to take a more active role in The 99s at the International level through serving on the Nominating Committee. In 2009 I retired from my 41-year career focusing on computers in manufacturing, where I reviewed many resumes for my requirements. This experience, along with an ability to spot talent, will directly relate to my role on the Nominating Committee.

MADELEINE MONACO

Chicago Area Chapter
North Central Section



I believe that our wonderful organization has accomplished its goal to honor the past accomplishments of women pilots but needs help in moving forward. New ideas, new energy and new involvement by the members of The Ninety-Nines will help us to make those forward moves. I hope to be of help in accomplishing that goal.

I have been a member of The 99s since 1978. I have attended hundreds of meetings and events. I have served in many offices and chaired and/or served on many committees. I have met many wonderful, intelligent women. I have been made aware by some that they feel like they cannot contribute as they are too new. Not true, I say, because new input is valuable.

Learn from the past but aim for the future. If elected, it will be my goal to reach out for those new contributors.

PENELOPE 'PENNY' NAGY

Sutter Buttes Chapter
Southwest Section



When I attended my first Ninety-Nines Chapter meeting in 1982 as a then "Sixty-Six," I knew this organization would become a big part of my life. I just never realized at that time how big a part it would become. Since I attended that first meeting, I've served in most Chapter offices as well as Section offices, and in 2014 I completed my second term as Southwest Section Governor. I am currently a member of the International Nominating Committee and a Museum of Women Pilots Trustee.

Attending International Board Meetings has allowed me to see firsthand the hard work and dedication of our International Board. It also has given me the opportunity to meet members outside of the Southwest Section. I firmly believe that every member has something to offer our organization, and it is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to make sure that dedicated, hardworking members are recruited to carry on. The work of serving The Ninety-Nines may be frustrating or hard at times, but it is also fun. It is important to let others know this.

I'm looking forward to serving on the Nominating Committee for another term. I appreciate your consideration.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Vote for Five ...continued

SUSAN LARSON

Rio Grande Norte Chapter
South Central Section



Extensive travel to our North American Sections along with international travel to visit the Finnish, Austrian, German, Russian and New Zealand Section members, has found me in the enviable position of having met many talented and capable 99s who give of themselves and have the capacity, willingness and vision to give to the organization at the International level, if only they are asked. After 12 years on the International Board of Directors, I feel that the best way to continue to serve The 99s is to find and encourage those women to fulfill their passion.

My goal is to encourage the best and most capable to run for International elective positions and offer any guidance they may need. Travel to various Sections to attend regional meetings is required and definitely my bailiwick, my *raison d'être*, my joy. I may be asking you to serve at the International level, asking you to participate in semi-annual meetings in Oklahoma City, asking you to receive a sense of great fulfillment, asking you to give back to The Ninety-Nines, asking you to pay it forward to those coming up in aviation and in the organization.

If elected to the Nominating Committee, I will be looking for the best, the most enthusiastic, the most qualified, and may be asking you to serve.

GLENNA BLACKWELL

Connecticut Chapter
New England Section



I am honored to be asked to serve on the Nominating Committee. I feel that my past service, my qualifications and my acquaintance with numerous members will attest to why I can serve in this role to benefit The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

My service to The Ninety-Nines started after joining the Connecticut Chapter in 2002. Initially serving as the Ways & Means Committee Chairman, I followed that by serving as the Chapter Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chapter Chairman. I served my Section first as Secretary, then Vice Governor and currently as the Governor of the New England Section.

As Co-Chairman of the 2012 Ninety-Nines International Conference held in Providence, Rhode Island, I was able to attend many Board of Directors meetings in Oklahoma City. Currently as the Council of Governors Spokesperson, I have had the privilege of communicating and working with Governors from around the world. This role has allowed me to get to know many of our members on a more personal basis.

By serving as an officer and a member of many committees, I understand the mission of the organization. I understand the qualities of leadership needed to inspire people to work together. I feel these experiences will aid me as a member of the Nominating Committee. If elected, it would allow me to continue to spread my joy and passion of being part of this elite organization and to continue my service to The Ninety-Nines in a meaningful way. I look forward to working hard for all of you.

ENDOWMENT FUND — Vote for Two

ELAINE MORROW

Minnesota Chapter
North Central Section



Having served on The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund since 2013, I would like to continue another term to help the Trust grow. With the challenges from today's economy and dropping membership, it is vital for the Endowment Fund to flourish and give back to ALL members of the organization.

My experience working in large corporations and small companies and my serving The Ninety-Nines for over 25 years at the Chapter, Section and International levels gives me a broad perspective of membership, technology, finances, business and operations. I would be honored to have your vote so I can assist the Trustees to increase the support for the mentoring, historical, membership, building maintenance and scholarship efforts for the present and future generations of The Ninety-Nines.

As said before, we want to THRIVE, not just SURVIVE!

VIRGINIA HARMER

San Gabriel Valley
Southwest Section



I was privileged to be an Endowment Fund Trustee when we attained the goal of \$1,000,000. The Trustees worked very hard to accomplish this goal. I want to continue to be a part of this endeavor to continue its growth. The Ninety-Nines will no longer need to go to the membership to solicit funds. The Fund will enable us to apply for grants, take on new projects and secure our future.

Preserving our heritage and providing for our infrastructure is what the Endowment Fund is about. The Trust has a strategic plan in place to continue to grow the Fund, and it includes every 99, whether you can give, \$1, \$10 or \$100 a month. It is not the amount but the commitment that you believe in the organization that will make the difference. I believe! I feel I can make a difference by serving on the Trust.

Thank you for considering me as an Endowment Fund Trustee for the next term.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST — Vote for One

SHELLEY VENTURA

Aux Plaines Chapter
North Central Section



During my 16-year membership, I have maintained an active leadership role in The Ninety-Nines. I've served as Chapter Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer for Aux Plaines, chaired several Chapter and Section committees, served as Director, Vice Governor and two terms as Governor for the North Central Section, and was twice elected to be the Council of Governors' Spokesperson. Since 2013, it has been my privilege to be a Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

My primary focus as AEMSFT Trustee has been the Fly Now Award program. Since its 2013 inception, I have been the point person for application development and intake, and for monthly follow-up communication with the 59 award winners. This role has been both rewarding and enlightening. If re-elected, I plan to apply the feedback I've received to improve the process and benefit of not only the Fly Now Award program but the AE Scholarship program as well.

My abilities to organize, communicate and juggle responsibilities while keeping an open mind and sense of humor have enabled me to be productive and successful in both volunteer and career work. In addition to my AEMSFT role, I am Director of Internal Operations for a national construction firm, in charge of our Headquarters facility and administrative staff and am considered to be an all-around MS Access database guru. I hold a commercial pilot certificate, courtesy of a 2003 AE Scholarship, and actively participate in Young Eagles, dog rescue flights and just flying for the joy of it.

BARBARA SCHULTZ

Antelope Valley Chapter
Southwest Section



One of the purposes of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots is to provide an understanding of the most significant achievements and adventures of the international community of women pilots.

As an aviation historian and author for nearly 30 years, I have had the privilege to interview numerous pioneering men and women involved in aviation as well as access museum and private collections, archives and ephemera. The result of my passion for aviation history has resulted in four aviation history books, two articles published in the *99 News* magazine (edited versions) and the *American Aviation Historical Journal*, a most prestigious aviation publication.

I have been a consultant and participant in three aviation documentaries including the yet-to-be released documentary on Katherine Cheung. Serving as a trustee for the Museum of Women Pilots seems an appropriate place for me to contribute to The Ninety-Nines. The operation of museum archives and the importance of sharing history with researchers is paramount. If a historian embarks upon a project, all materials on the subject should be available to them, as accuracy of facts is essential.

I believe my knowledge base and perspective in this area can enable the Museum to grow towards an ideal communication between the researcher and our historical collections.

DYDIA DELYSER

Fullerton Chapter
Southwest Section



I first came to the Museum in 2005 as a scholarly researcher interested in early women pilots. At that time, the current volunteer staff members were just beginning a full-scale effort to catalog and conserve the collection, and I was pleased to be able to lend my expertise. I soon began serving as a historical and archival advisor to the Museum, as well as a volunteer, helping staff the Museum's booth at WAI, and present the Museum's collections at the Air Race Classic.

I have also worked to build current collections, acquiring materials from Charter Member Ruth Nichols, which I have donated to the Museum. In 2008 I ran for election to the Board and served two terms during which I helped successfully secure significant grant funding for Museum projects and operations. In 2015 when those terms were completed, I followed the Museum's Bylaws and stood down for one year. I now seek re-election to the Board: I wish to be able to continue bringing to the Board my expertise as a scholar, experience as an archivist and connections as an agent for development. I have worked for 18 years as a university professor and have some 20 years of experience managing, cataloging, conserving and developing archival collections.

If elected, I will continue to work to help the Museum gain grant funding to sustain and grow the collections as well as to remunerate staff; develop policies for the use of the collections and their use in scholarly and revenue-based outlets (print, film, etc.); complete the cataloging of the current collections and make finding aids available online; increase the Museum's web presence to draw both visitors and researchers to the collections; raise awareness of the Museum in the aviation and historical communities; and draw new collections to the Museum.

Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

Welcome Back Members

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Graham, Courtney, Phoenix
Haber, R., Greater New York
Hanson, Nicolette, San Fernando Valley
Hensley, Sharon, Tennessee
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Kenyon, Stephanie, Washington DC
Llewellyn, Susan, Ventura County
Lowe, Kimberley, Florida Goldcoast
Mixon, Anita, Florida Goldcoast
Morisen, Krista, Indiana
Moseley, Betty, Kentucky Bluegrass
Palmer-Serrato, Theresa, Shreveport
Ramm, Tracy, San Diego
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Staunton, Melissa, Reno Area
Thorne, Nadene, Alaska



Carolina Anderson, Daytona Beachin' Eagles Chapter

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Czyz, Jacqueline, Eastern Pennsylvania
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Dishman, Amanda (F), Houston
Duncan, Marie (F), Colorado
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Fuller, Beth (F), Alaska
Goettl, Tiffany, Sedona Red Rockettes
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Greco, Caroline (F), Maple Leaf
Hair, Patricia, Santa Clara Valley
Harrison, Maria (F), Katahdin Wings
Hyatt, Suzanne, Paradise Coast
Irwin, Allison, Eastern Pennsylvania
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Kelly, Erin (F), Greater Pittsburgh
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Kirkland, Kirsten, Waterloo on the Grand
Kitta, Michele (F), Ambassador
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Lipari, Bernadette, Eastern Pennsylvania
Loehrer, McKala, Ambassador
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Martin-Tumasz, Caroline, Eastern Pennsylvania
Mautner, Beverly, Florida Heartland
Meaders, Alexis, Memphis

Minda, Elise (F), San Diego
Mitchell, Barbara (F), Middle Tennessee
Moulis, Ashley (F), Nebraska
Muskett, Maryclaire (F), Old Dominion
Pop, Oana, Australian Section
Potje, Christine (F), Intermountain
Prowse, Donna, Manitoba
Rabadi, Lena, Arabian Section
Ramadan, Natalie (F), Arabian Section
Randrianjafy, Stephanie, Montreal
Sanchez, Brenda, Houston
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Schlump, Chantelle (F), Colorado
Shea, Donna (F), Connecticut
Sizemore, Samantha, Phoenix
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Smith, Kali (F), Palomar
Spindler, Rita, Florida Heartland
Stcynske, Kristine, San Diego
Strand, Arianna (F), Connecticut
Tuschka, Michelle, Ventura County
Van De Velde, Dyan, Long Beach
Van Sickle, Lucille (F), North Jersey
Vazquez, Gabriela, Ventura County
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Walton, Caitlin (F), Pikes Peak
Waters, Kiristan, Carolinas
Whitis, Julie (F), All-Ohio
Wilson, Annette (F), San Fernando Valley

Welcome New Members

Allen, Rachel, Daytona Beachin Eagles
Anderson, Carolina, Daytona Beachin Eagles
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Blakley, Belinda (F), Oklahoma
Bowdon, Noreen (F), Columbia Cascade
Bruce, Laurie, Arkansas
Bruno, Kelly (F), Sacramento Valley
Caldwell, Christiane (F), Shenandoah Valley
Caldwell, Motsarah (F), Shenandoah Valley
Chen, Mingyue, China Section
Christensen, Christe (F), Pikes Peak
Churchill, Ashley, Austin
Clark, Gail (F), Mid-Columbia
Costello, Keely (F), Phoenix
Craig, Michelle, Fort Worth

CORRECTION

In the November/December 2015 issue, New Horizons section page 30, Phyllis Morrison Baer was incorrectly listed as having belonged to the Los Angeles Pines Chapter. She was a member of the Greater Seattle Chapter.



Pilot Careers:

How We View Life

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

There is a story they tell of two dogs. Each, at separate times, walked into the same room. One came out wagging his tail while the other came out growling. A woman watching this went into the room to see what could possibly make one dog so happy and the other so mad.

To her surprise, the room was filled with mirrors. The happy dog found a thousand happy dogs looking back at him, while the angry dog found a thousand dogs growling at him.

I think of this story often because, as women pilots, we take the comments and reactions of the traveling public to heart, and it affects who we are in our daily lives. There are times when a well-meaning passenger will make a joke about a woman flying the plane. We get to decide how we are going to take this comment and how we let it affect the rest of our day.

There are certainly times when we have to stand up for ourselves and not allow ourselves to be disparaged, but there are other times that a joke can be a connection between us. For every time there is an “empty kitchen” comment that makes me want to roll my eyes, there must be 10 that just warm my heart.

Haven't you had an older woman get on your flight and say,

“Way to go, Girl!” with just a touch of envy in her voice? Or a little girl who squeals with delight that “there is a Girl Pilot flying our plane!”? Just recently, a van driver said, “You look great in your uniform! Only ONE thing would make you look better!” I must say, I was bracing for a snide comment when he finished his thought: “A fourth stripe!” We both laughed out loud, and I told him that he had just made my day.

What I have decided is that it is a joy to be one of the five or six percent of women pilots. When someone says, “I’ve never had a woman pilot fly me before,” I tell them it is truly my honor that I get to be the first. Because it is. They will never have a “first woman pilot” again. Today, I am it. In this moment, I stand for Emily Warner and all of the women pilots who blazed the trail before us, and I want to represent them well. I enjoy being a part of an “unmanned flight” when the pilots and flight attendants are all women, and even the gate agents are confused. I’ve seen women walk out of the ladies’ room because they saw my hat and assumed they had strayed into the men’s bathroom. (We laughed out loud at that!)

Let’s face it. We are a minority. We have chosen to step out of the traditional roles of women and learned to fly. We have created our own uniqueness in that 95 percent of our sisters will never do what we do. And when people notice, in whatever way they express it, it is ours to enjoy.

TRAINING MILESTONES

Stella Brunner – Seaplane Rating, High Performance Endorsement
Oregon Pines Chapter

Shannon Chandler – Solo
Indiana Dunes Chapter

Tricia DeBlock – Instrument
Indiana Dunes Chapter

Heather Gamble – Instrument
San Diego Chapter

Malia Johnson – Private
Oregon Pines Chapter

Julie Kirchenbauer – Private
Colorado Chapter

Kenna Landon – Private
Antelope Valley

Moe Makowski – Multi-engine and Commercial
Reno High Sierra Chapter

Heather McCoy – Multi-engine
Reno High Sierra Chapter

Alexandria (Noelle) Palmer – Private
Antelope Valley

Joelle Petersen – Single Engine Seaplane
Paradise Coast Chapter

Brittany Riser – Private Pilot
Antelope Valley Chapter

Hanna Summers – Private
In completion of Fly Now Award
San Diego Chapter

Julia Rose Teal – Rotorcraft
Tucson Chapter

Keegan Starkey – Instrument
Indiana Dunes Chapter

Emily Schott – Private
Indiana Dunes Chapter

Danne Varel – Private
Paradise Coast Chapter

Lacey Wolf – ATP
In completion of AEMSF
Columbia Cascade Chapter

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From left, Diane Cozzi, Sharon Schorsch, Rita Adams, Donna Klein, Jill Feldman, Jill Mann, Ellen O'Hara and new member Natalie Berman in front of a Douglas Skyraider.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The October meeting, held at Waukegan Airport, featured both an educational and entertaining tour of the Warbird Heritage Foundation plus a historical perspective by EAA Chapter 414 President Jim Hull about the fate of the remaining airplanes at the former Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul. The museum there closed on December 31, 2015, and they gifted an historical F-111 jet to Waukegan Airport. The jet had to be taken off-site by that date, and our Chapter voted to give the EAA chapter a donation in support of their effort. We hope to see the plane on display the next time we fly in.

Our October meeting was held at Sue Nealey's home at the Brookeridge Airpark. After our meeting, we all went down the block to the hangar of Sue's neighbors, Caelie and Ed Skalniak, to see and hear about their Arion Lightning, an experimental amateur-built airplane they completed in March, 2012.

— Diane Cozzi

PARADISE COAST CHAPTER

Record setting high temperatures and sea breezes welcomed the Paradise Coast Chapter 99s to the Page Field Aviation Day on November 7 in Fort Myers, Florida.

Many of the Chapter members came out to meet and greet the general public, educating them about The Ninety-Nines. We created a "bio board" to tell a little about our members and what aviation and The 99s mean to each. Joelle Petersen brought Roxie Red Plane, her rented Cessna 150, and Gabriela Turkel displayed her Hughes 500 helicopter. Kids of all ages enjoyed sitting in the aircraft for pictures and a quick lesson about flying. We also had airplane parts diagrams for the public to try to see how much they knew about the anatomy of an airplane.

The Chapter held a raffle for a free one-hour scenic flight in an airplane and one hour in a helicopter. Proceeds of the raffle benefitted the Wings Over Paradise Scholarship.

The Chapter signed one new member – a huge welcome to Denise Kidd. We had many other interested potential members requesting information, including one young lady who was 10 years old! Aviation Day is an annual event in Fort Myers designed to highlight the value of the general aviation airport in the community.

— Ellen Herr

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Tennessee 99s, along with several other organizations, completed a compass rose air marking at the Morristown (KMOR) Airport on November 14. Over 20 volunteers arrived on a picture-perfect day to paint the compass rose.

We completed it in the record time of five hours and fifteen minutes. What fun it was and how beautiful the airport looks with all the improvements.

Thanks go to Michael Baker International, Morristown CAP, Morristown EAA, Morristown Manager Tommy Fielder, our Chapter members and all who helped in the many aspects of making this beautiful compass rose possible.

— Judy Wayman



Judy Wayman, Tennessee Chapter Air Marking Chairman, puts her touches on the compass rose at Morristown Airport.

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FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER



Blanche O'Brien.

In November, our Chapter was honored to have one of our members, Blanche O'Brien, attend our meeting in Ocala, Florida. We were delighted to celebrate her 99th Birthday with her. Congratulations, Blanche – a 99 since 1947!

Blanche McEowen O'Brien was born November 13, 1916, on the H.E. McEowen farm where, in 1928, Landsdowne Airport was established in Greenville, Ohio. Her brother John managed the field.

Later it was run by Blanche and her husband John.

They co-owned Greenville Flying Service and had a CPTP contract before WWII. The vouchers were mailed to Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio. She did it the fun way, got dressed up with heels and skirt, hopped in one of their Taylorcrafts and flew to Lunken Airport, delivered the vouchers and went off to downtown Cincinnati for lunch and shopping.

Blanche soloed a Piper J-3 Cub from their airport November 26, 1939 and received her private certificate four days before Pearl Harbor. At that time, she headed a Girl Scout group, focusing on getting young girls interested in starting to learn to fly.

She joined the All-Ohio Chapter in 1947. She served as Chairman of the All-Ohio Chapter in 1953 during the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

— Sophia M. Payton

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

On November 14, the Wisconsin Chapter 99s toured the Milwaukee Mitchell Airport Control Tower at KMKE. Hostess was Lauren Sherrick. The tour included both a bird's eye view of the airport and surrounding area, as well as the radar facility.

— Laurie Probst



Touring the control tower at Milwaukee Mitchell Airport are, front row, kneeling: Laurie Probst, Krys Brown. Middle row: Tina Hartlaub, Julie Hartlaub, Darcy Kulesha, Lauren Sherrick, Dee Becker, Maria Lamia. Back row: David Ross, Keith Hartlaub, Jim Becker and Kathy Ross, MKE tower chief.



Alice Talnack presents a book written and signed by Amelia Earhart to Martha Phillips. The book was donated by the family of the late Pamela O'Brien, former Monterey Bay Chapter member.

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

Recently, the Monterey Bay Chapter hosted the Fall Southwest Section Meeting in Santa Cruz, California, in combination with the Chapter's 50th Anniversary.

At the business meeting, a presentation was made to International President Martha Phillips in the name of Monterey Bay member Pam O'Brien. You may recognize Pam's name because she served as the International webmistress for many years. The Chapter lost Pam in 2012 after a long and brave battle with cancer.

Recently, Monterey Bay members Donna Crane-Bailey and Laura Barnett were asked by Pam's husband, Dale, to pick up some of Pam's aviation material. The family wanted all of Pam's aviation items to go to the Chapter to be used as the Chapter decided.

Among Pam's books was *20 Hrs. 40 Mins. Flight in the Friendship* written by Amelia Earhart in 1928. What makes this copy so valuable is that it is an autographed copy. Amelia's autograph, small and in pencil, is there inside the first page of the book.

The Monterey Bay Chapter, in celebration of their 50th anniversary, decided this book needs a new home, a location that will honor it and help to preserve it. They donated the book to the 99s Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City in the name of Pam O'Brien and her family.

— Alice Talnack



Ninety-Nines and friends at the Aloha Chapter's 2nd Annual Maui Aviation Day and Scholarship Fundraiser.

ALOHA CHAPTER

The Aloha Chapter once again showed great energy at our two big annual events this year, both in October. Our three-day booth at the Kaneohe Bay Airshow tended by 99s from four islands was visited throughout the show by interested parents, future aviators, curious students, general aviation enthusiasts and pros from all arenas of aviation.

We collected donations and sold 99s items to raise money for our Chapter scholarship fund. Chapter members even had the chance to visit with aerobatic champ Jacquie B following her performance.

Carrying on the momentum, the next weekend on Maui we held the Aloha Chapter's 2nd Annual Maui Aviation Day and Scholarship Fundraiser. Dedicated 99s, including a visiting 99 from Phoenix and supporters from Oahu, organized themselves into five private planes and flew inter-island to join Maui aviatrixes for the event.

The event was supported by the Civil Air Patrol and Maui Aviators, who also had information tables with us at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, Maui's largest shopping center.

We set up several interactive tables to educate guests on Bernoulli's Principle, magnetic compasses, navigation and airport ops through paper airplane spot landing contests. Live music provided by volunteer supporters added excitement to our prize drawing. We raised a whopping \$2,000 over the month.

We would also like to send a big mahalo (Hawaiian for thank you!) to the staff at International Headquarters for supporting our local Chapters, providing guidance, pamphlets, goodies, insurance requirements...everything you do. The teamwork of The 99s is marvelous. Thank you and aloha!

— Sarah Hudgins

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

Our annual Flying Companion Seminar was held at Reid-Hillview airport on August 22 attended by an enthusiastic group of seven women and several pilot spouses. The seminar featured speakers from our Chapter and the control tower. Feedback from attendees was very positive.

The Southwest Section Winter Workshop will be coordinated by our Chapter and will be held on January 24, 2016, at the Hiller Museum at San Carlos Airport (KSQL). Contact Pat Gregory, plowers@pacbell.com.

Carol Munch

OREGON PINES CHAPTER

Several members of the Chapter flew up to Spokane for The 99s Northwest Section Conference. Oregon Pines shone in the awards ceremony, winning the Aerospace Education Award for our many training and mentoring activities. Patty Viall received the Governor's Award; Bev Clark, Behind the Clouds; and Vanessa Nelson, the Spinning Prop.

At our Chapter meeting in October, Sherry Sisson gave a presentation on her self-fly European cross-country trip in a Cessna 172.

More fun in October was a farewell luncheon with Columbia Cascade Chapter. Beverly Fogle, a Columbia Cascade 99 since the '70s, is moving to Seattle to be closer to family. Kelly Abplanalp, a pilot and 99 since high school, returned after graduating from the University of Wisconsin where she participated in NIFA. She is now moving to Houston for a job with ForeFlight.

In November, the Chapter met at the Oregon Aviation Historical Center in Cottage Grove. We held our business meeting in the Hedberg Aviation Resource Library and then toured the museum and restoration facility. The 99s are considering how we can help the museum restore a replica of the Taylorcraft "Miss Liberty" flown by Evelyn Burleson non-stop from Canada to Mexico in 1941.

— Debra Plymate



Sherry Sisson, Barbara Anderson, Stella Brunner, Marilyn Husser, and Debra Plymate at the Independence Airport Starduster Cafe. Photo by Margot Cheel



Ninety-Nines and other sponsors hosted the 2nd Annual Career Day for Ventura County High School students. VC99s Stephanie Blake, Angelee Conroy and Marylou Johnson were among the professional pilots there.

VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER

The 2nd annual Career Day for Ventura County High School students took place on October 30, 2015, in the Commemorative Air Force Museum at Camarillo Airport. The free event was co-sponsored by Ventura County 99s, EAA Chapter 723, Ventura County Career Education Center, California Aeronautical University, Commemorative Air Force, CP Avia-

tion, Channel Islands Aviation, Ventura County Department of Airports and Scofield Catering. Each organization brought something different to the table to make the event successful.

We had 312 students (81 were girls!) attend from 15 high schools, and 35 presenters represented all areas of the aviation and aerospace industries, as well as over 20 Ventura County 99s. We had 12 breakout sessions where aviation professionals talked to small groups of students about their aviation careers, from aerobatic flying, air traffic control, engineering, search and rescue and NASA test pilot.

The event also featured an airplane building/flying contest called "Make Garbage Fly," created by Larry Berlin of California Aeronautical College and organized by 99 Linda Ehrlich. We invited the schools to make it a class project with the competition to be held at Aviation Career Day. We were pleasantly surprised by the seven impressive entries.

We were also honored to have Congresswoman Julia Brownley and Superintendent Stanley Mantooth give the welcome addresses. Representative Jacqui Irwin was in attendance.

Planning will begin soon for 2016 Aviation Career Day. We are in need of a few new members to join the team. Please email vc99soutreach@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the 2016 planning team.

— Alison Barker

NORTHWOODS CHAPTER

The Northwoods Chapter has been somewhat quiet this year. However, in April we hosted and presented another Girl Scout Aviation Fun Day with 45 girls in attendance. They always have a great time, and it keeps us sharp and ready to share our passion for flying.

We also repainted a beautiful compass rose at TKV, Tomahawk Regional Airport, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, in June. A new ramp destroyed the original compass rose. The center of this new rose now bears our interlocking 99s, the letters TKV and a wonderful 'tomahawk' or hatchet. The local non-profit airport group, FOTA, Friends of the Tomahawk Airport, helped with the painting and provided us lunch both days.

In October, Lynn Sykes, Lesley Putman and Dee and Bill Dreger attended a wonderful event in Marquette, Michigan, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's second visit to Northern Michigan University in Marquette. The featured speaker was Larry Inman, who owns the largest private collection of Amelia Earhart memorabilia and artifacts. His presentation, "The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart," also included many amazing photographs of Amelia and maps of the many searches that have been conducted over the years. Afterwards, we introduced ourselves as the only women pilots at the program and that



From left, Lesley Putman, Lynn Sykes, Larry Inman and Dee Dreger at The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart presentation.

we were all current Ninety-Nines members. He was impressed!

We are currently planning another Girl Scout Aviation Fun Day in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, for this April. It will be the first time girls in this part of Wisconsin can participate in this amazing activity. The Girl Scout leaders are all very excited for this opportunity.

— Dee Dreger

NEW HORIZONS

MARY BURGESS BARRER Coachella Valley Chapter

Mary Barrer traded her pilot's wings for angel wings this summer. Mary was born June 16, 1936, in Chicago, most people would say with a pen in her hand. She graduated from Northwestern University in 1952 with a degree in communications. Mary married Bert Barrer and moved to Alaska, where she started the now popular *Alaska Magazine*.

Mary learned to fly and survived at least one plane crash. She had many adventures in aviation, including flying in Nicaragua. She received the Medal of Distinction, Government of Nicaragua, in 1975.

When she worked for the Miami Herald, she was an investigative reporter and covered the Bay of Pigs. She received many awards, including one from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Mary served as The 99s Florida Air Race Chairman in 1974. Mary served many positions with the Florida 99s and with the Coachella Valley Chapter after moving to the Palm Springs area.

Mary was active in the Palm Springs Air Museum from the beginning and wrote and published the newsletter, *The Beacon*. Mary always had a smile and kind words for anyone she spoke to, and was a friend and mentor to many.

— Bonnie Muench

JEAN F. BATCHELDER Eastern New England Chapter

Jean F. Batchelder, 93, passed away on November 3, 2015, in Concord, New Hampshire. She was a member of The Ninety-Nines for 50 years.

Jean was active in The Ninety-Nines, serving as Northern New England Chapter Chairman and New England Section Governor. She served on the International Nomination committee of The Ninety-Nines, two International Convention Committees and several New England Air Race Committees. She was a member of the Shirley Mahn Scholarship founding committee and was named to the FAA's New England Region Women's Aviation Advisory Committee. The New England Section of The Ninety-Nines awarded Jean their Merit Award, an Amelia Earhart medal in 1982. Also, in 2015, the Eastern New England Chapter named a scholarship in her honor.

Jean was a respected female pilot, inspired to take flight instruction when she learned of the accomplishments of women in aviation at a Ninety-Nines meeting in 1962. She went on to get a commercial certificate with airplane single engine land and sea, multi-engine and instrument ratings. She flew several transcontinental and international speed races.

Jean worked for an aviation-oriented business for many years. She also gathered news for an aviation column and was the author of *History and Heroes of New Hampshire Aviation*. She is



Jean F. Batchelder.

recognized in the New Hampshire Aviation Museum and at the Laconia Airport where she based her Piper Arrow.

She was an inspiration to many young pilots and 99s, and will be missed.

— Georgia Pappas

SHEILA HILL BENECH Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Sheila Hill Benech, 90, a member of Santa Clara Valley 99s, flew to New Horizons on October 1, 2015, in Aptos, California.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, she moved to California as a teen and graduated from Campbell High School. After marrying her high school sweetheart Raymond Benech, they established a successful orchard and dried-fruit farming operation near New Almaden, California. There they raised three children, and Sheila participated as den mother, 4H club advisor and enthusiastic sports promoter.

Once the children were launched, Sheila learned to fly, joined The 99s, purchased a plane and flew in cross-country air races.

Her best advice: "Keep your speed up in the turns."

Following retirement, she and Ray traveled the world and split their time between homes in Aptos and on the Big Island of Hawaii.

She will always be remembered for her "can do" attitude, strength of character and great sense of humor.

— Carol Munch

MARIANA 'MARDI' DUGGAN DREBING Central New York Chapter

The Ninety-Nines lost a dedicated and hardworking member on September 4, 2015, when Mardi Drebing passed away at her daughter's home in Michigan.

Mardi was the center of our Central New York Chapter for the last 20 years. Before coming to Syracuse in 1996, she had a long career in Michigan after joining The Ninety-Nines in 1978. At that time she joined the Greater Detroit Area Chapter, later transferring to the Renaissance Chapter, then rejoining Greater Detroit Area in 1994-95. She held many positions in the Chapters.

She was inspired to start flying when she had an office that overlooked an airport. Intrigued, she talked to her husband, Carl, who had been a Naval aviator in WWII, about learning to fly. He was quite happy to reactivate his interest in flying and encouraged her to start.

Together, they owned two airplanes and flew them frequently. When Carl passed away, she sold the house but kept the airplane. She and her Ninety-Nines friend Marie Littler flew the plane "all over," visiting family and friends around the country.

She was proud of earning her instrument rating at the age of 56. She continued flying for many years after moving to Central New York.

— Marcia Buller

NEW HORIZONS

SHIRLEY LAVERNE EVERETT Wyoming Chapter

Shirley LaVerne Everett, longtime resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming, went to new horizons on September 30, 2015, in Denver, Colorado, surrounded by her family. Shirley was born on October 9, 1929, in Powell, Wyoming.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Shirley balanced her family life with a lengthy career with the United States government, highlighted by her recognition by then-Attorney General John Ashcroft for her dedicated service.

Shirley gave everything she had to enrich the lives of her family, including sharing with them her love of nature, the performing arts, zoos, museums and adventure.



Shirley Everett.

— Erma Kauffman

MARY 'JEAN' GIVEN Nebraska Chapter

Mary 'Jean' Given of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on November 6, 2015, at the age of 93.

Jean was a life member of The 99s and past Nebraska Chapter Chairman. She was a commercial pilot and flight instructor. Jean raced in eight transcontinental or international air races, including the Powder Puff Derby, Angel Derby and Air Race Classic. In 1998 at age 75, Jean got current to fly in the Air Race Classic with her daughter Jeanné Willerth, who she taught to fly, and granddaughter Stephanie. They were the first triple generation of women to compete in cross country air racing.

Jean had been married to the love of her life, Jerome, for 73 years. He passed away August 21, 2015. Jean and Jerome were members of the "Greatest Generation" and married in 1942 shortly after Pearl Harbor was bombed. Jerome served in WWII under Patton and fought at Battle of the Bulge.

Jean would say, "Don't be a passenger in your own life. Be the pilot of your life." That's what she was.

—Jeanné Willerth, daughter, Greater KC Chapter

AMY LAWS Greater St. Louis Chapter

Amy Laws flew to new horizons on September 11, 2015, at the age of 92. Amy was born on November 14, 1922. She married her husband Jack prior to World War II. When he was drafted during the war, she enlisted in the Navy and spent her war years as a WAVE.

In the 1950s, Jack began taking flying lessons, and it wasn't long before she was also learning to fly. Amy received her private certificate in 1961 and joined The 99s in 1962. She and her husband

owned a Cessna 182.

Amy flew for the fun of it. She loved cross-country air races, competing in her first race, the St. Louis Sky Lady Derby, in 1963. She also participated in the transcontinental Powder Puff Derbies in 1967 and 1971, as well as in several regional races. Her last race may have been the 1988 Air Race Classic when she was a 65-year-old grandmother. In addition to her air racing, she and Jack were fixtures at the Chapter meetings and fly-ins.

Amy was described as an "outstanding and inspiring leader of the Greater St. Louis Chapter, and a lot of fun as well. She just had a way of making people smile."

Blue skies, Amy, we will miss you.

— Libby Yunger

IRENE RAWLINGS Greater St. Louis Chapter

Irene Rawlings passed away on April 28, 2015, at the age of 99. She was born September 28, 1915, in Stratford, South Dakota, and received a business degree from Lorraine Business College. She married Erwin Rawlings on New Year's Day, 1934. Both she and her husband were pilots, and they enjoyed traveling together.

Irene joined The Ninety-Nines in September, 1963, and became very active in Greater St. Louis Chapter activities. She was our Chapter Chairman in 1965-1966. She also enjoyed attending the International Conferences and North Central Section meetings.

Even after she left St. Louis, she remained a loyal Chapter member, always including a friendly note with her yearly dues.

— Libby Yunger



Irene Rawlings.

ESTHER WYANDT LEAVES BEQUEST TO 99s



Esther Wyandt.

Esther Wyandt crossed to New Horizons on December 28, 2014 at the age of 81. She was a devoted member of The Ninety-Nines, having joined in 1974 when she learned to fly. Her Chapter will tell you she owned a Cherokee 180 named George that she loved to fly and that she loved The 99s. She was so passionate about The 99s that she left a bequest of over \$700,000

to The 99s Endowment Fund. We are extremely grateful for her generosity and forward thinking.

— Mary Wunder



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