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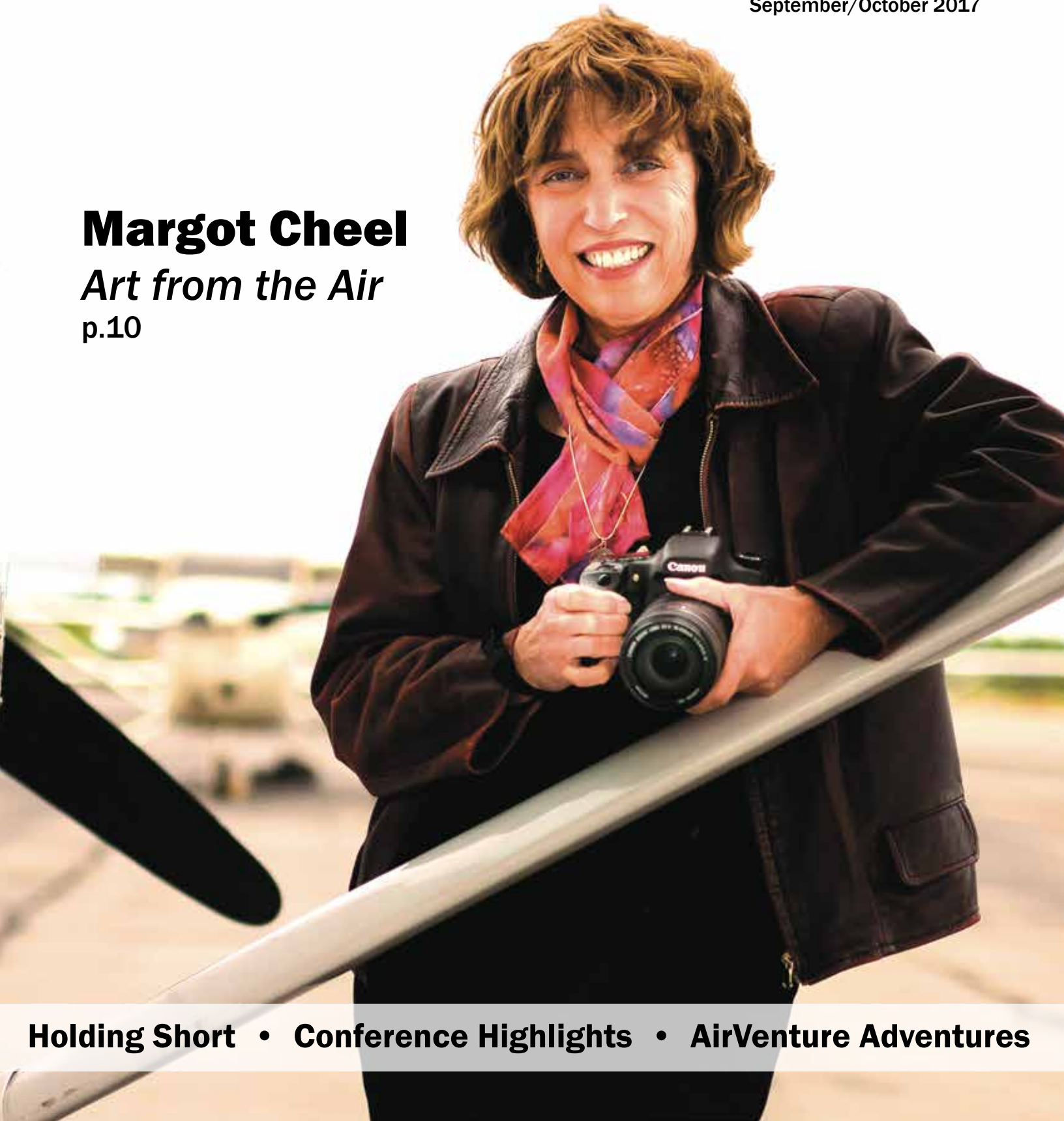
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*Ninety-Nine Member-
At-Large Refilwe
Ledwaba, left, from
South Africa, with
Yvonne van den Dool,
the first Governor of
The 99s Section in
South Africa.*



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*President Jan McKenzie
with around-the-world pilot
Adrian Eichhorn.*



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*We're still looking for a few
issues of 99s publications to
complete the organization's
online library dating back
to 1929.*

On The Cover

When Eastern New England Chapter member Margot Cheel was driving home from dropping off her child at college in Maine and began noticing small airports all along her route, little did she realize that this was going to be the beginning of a new source of personal and artistic inspiration. Starting with her \$49 introductory flight and earning her private pilot certification, Margot has let her passion for flight lead her to a new facet of artistic expression, that of aerial photographer and book publisher. Her books are a delight for everyone from age "9 to 94." Her passion for flight has also lead her on many adventures in every corner of North America.

Photo by Ken Burg





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Georgia Pappas enjoys the Thursday Night Welcome Fiesta at the International Conference in San Antonio, Texas.



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Alice Fairbank-Furr, a new 99, private pilot and first-time Conference attendee, shares what the organization means to her.

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Susan Liebler, center, and guest speaker Adrian Eichhorn congratulate Brenna Koeppen, recipient of the 2017 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship, at the 99s first annual Aviation Appreciation Dinner at Oshkosh.

The 99s Mission Statement

The Ninety-Nines is the International Organization of Women Pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

EVENTS

2017

OCTOBER

- 5-8 South Central Section Fall Meeting**, Shreveport, Louisiana. Hosted by the Shreveport Chapter. Contact Theresa Palmer-Serrato, rotorsafety@gmail.com.
- 6-10 Southeast Section Fall Meeting**, Memphis, Tennessee. Visit <http://www.sesection99s.org/> for more information and registration form
- 13-15 Mid-Atlantic Section Fall Meeting**, Reading, Pennsylvania. Hosted by the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. Contact Sally Moritz, sally.moritz@gmail.com.
- 20-22 West Canada Section Fall Meeting**, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Hosted by Alberta Chapter. Contact Rosella Bjornson, captrose@syban.net.
- 21-22 New York-New Jersey Section Fall Meeting**, Saratoga County Airport, Saratoga Springs, New York. Contact Shannon Osborne, N759YU@gmail.com or 917-747-0797.
- 27-28 New England Section Fall Meeting**, Lenox, Massachusetts. Contact Glenna Blackwell, blackwells@verizon.net
- 27-30 Arabian Section Fall Meeting, Cairo, Egypt**. Contact Alia Twal at twalia@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER

- 3-4 Fall International Board Meeting**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DECEMBER

- 1 Due date for submissions to 99 News** for the January/February issue.
- 1-3 20th Anniversary of the German Section, Wiesbaden, Germany**. Information will be updated at a later date, ninety-nines.de/events/.



ARC - Mary Build and Margo Cheel.



Rainbow over Oshkosh.

2018

FEBRUARY

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

APRIL

- 1 Due date for submissions to 99 News** for the May/June issue
- 10-15 Sun 'n Fun Lakeland, Florida**, www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo.

MAY

- 3-2 South Central Spring Section Meeting**, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hosted by Pikes Peak Chapter.

JUNE

- 1 Due date for submissions to 99 News** for the July/August issue.
- 19-22 Air Race Classic**, www.airraceclassic.org.

JULY

- 3-7 99s International Conference 2018**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, www.99sconference.org.
- 23-29 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018**, EAA Aviation Center, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, eaa.org/en/airventure.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The San Antonio Riverwalk, an astronaut talking about life on the International Space Station, the Blue Angels Air Show and 70-plus new and reinstated members. What do they all have in common? July 2017 if you are a 99!

The Riverwalk in San Antonio was the perfect setting for our 2017 International Conference. We celebrated our Amelia Earhart Scholarship and International Award winners "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Keynote speaker American Airlines Captain Beverley Bass kept the audience enthralled with her story of landing in Newfoundland with a plane full of passengers during the 9/11 crisis.

Our days were packed with educational seminars, Spanish Mission Tours and our very own private tour of The Alamo. Thank you, South Central Section, for a flawless Conference and for providing such great "southern hospitality." A special thanks to Chairs Cathy Wappler Prudhomme and Reni Baker for the outstanding Conference.

A week after coming home from San Antonio, I was off to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. I love meeting members from all around the world, and this is surely the place to do it. We signed up new members from the U.S., Canada and Italy. Our new member from Italy is interested in starting an Italian Section!

The first annual 99s Aviation Appreciation Dinner at EAA AirVenture was a huge success. Dynamic speaker Adrian Eichhorn drew an enthusiastic crowd and presented his recent round-the-world flight in his Bonanza. The dinner, open to all Oshkosh attendees, was sold out, so plan on reserving your tickets early for next year.

We topped off the evening by presenting The 99s 2017 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to Brenna Koeppen from Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Brenna is 16 years old, joined The 99s at Oshkosh and recently completed her first solo flight. After an initial flight at the local airport sparked her interest in aviation, Brenna participated in the Young Eagles program and enrolled in Lakeland University's summer aviation course. She is taking her flight training in a Cirrus SR20 at Lakeland University's flight school.

Fall has started, and I hope you have cool, crisp days for your aviation adventures, on the ground and in the sky!

Choose to Soar! Choose to fly your Dreams!



Jan McKenzie
International President

Summer Soars with International Conference, Oshkosh



Adrian Eichhorn gives Jan some tips about around-the-world flying.



Jan, Dee Bond and Kathy Fox at the Conference Awards Banquet.

BRIEFINGS

BY JAN MCKENZIE
International President

I am excited to announce that Electionbuddy has been chosen as our partner for electronic voting. In 2018, elections for the International Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and Trustees will use the Electionbuddy application to allow voters to cast their ballot online. It's fast, efficient, anonymous and secure.

We estimate that The Ninety-Nines will save approximately \$3 per ballot every year versus processing a paper ballot. Some Sections have already used Electionbuddy for Section elections and found it very quick and easy to use.

Here's how it works. Those of you who have opted-in will receive an email with a link and a unique ID that will allow you to vote one time online.

You will be able to review the candidates' bios and vision statements. Then cast your ballot for your selected or write-



with Electionbuddy!

in candidate(s) and submit your ballot online.

Those who don't have an email address or prefer to cast their vote using a paper ballot may still do so as in past elec-

tions. Detailed voting instructions will be sent closer to the 2018 election time frame.

But first, the Standing Rules state that each member must receive an email from Ninety-Nines Headquarters inviting you to "opt-in" to electronic voting. If you don't opt-in or you don't respond, you will automatically be sent a paper ballot.

However, there are over 800 members who have old email addresses still listed at headquarters. **You will not receive the electronic voting opt-in email unless we have your correct email address!** Go to ninety-nines.org/members/. Then log in and click on "Directory" located on the right side of the page to check your email address.

Please respond ASAP to confirm we have your correct email address. Then when you receive the opt-in email, we encourage you to "opt-in"!

Check Your Attic for Missing Issues of 99 News(letters)!

As you may know, The 99s issued an Amelia Earhart Research Scholarship Grant in 2012 to then 99 News Publisher Bobbi Roe to digitize 88 years of the organization's publication, making the history of 99s members available online for researchers throughout the world. This has entailed locating, scanning and digitizing close to 1,000 newsletters and magazines from 1929 to the present. However, there are some issues that haven't been located, and Bobbi is hoping members might have saved some of the copies over the years.

If members have any of the missing issues listed below, please let Bobbi know by emailing her at Bobbi99@comcast.net. These are the last issues needed to complete the publication history of The 99s since 1929. The digitized history can be read on ninety-nines.org by clicking on the magazine cover icon that appears on the opening page.

Missing Issues:

1930s: 1930 Oct; 1932 June; 1932 July; 1932 Aug; 1932 Sept; 1932 Oct; 1933 Oct; 1935 Dec; 1936 Jan.

1940s: 1946 Nov

1950s: 1956 Dec; 1957 June; 1957 Dec; 1958 Dec; 1959 July; 1959 Dec.

1960s: 1960 July; 1960 Nov; 1961 Dec; 1962 Nov; 1963 Nov; 1964 Nov; 1966 Nov.

1970s: 1974 Feb; 1976, Feb; 1976, Jul.

1980s: 1980 May; 1980 July; 1980 Aug; 1980 Oct; 1986 Sept; 1988 Oct; 1989 Nov.

1990s: 1999 Nov; 1999 Dec.



BRIEFINGS

A New Look

BY DANIELLE CLARNEAUX
Publisher/Editor

Welcome to the debut of the newly-redesigned *Ninety-Nines* magazine. No doubt there were some surprised looks when you opened the first pages filled with bold new colors and a distinctive layout.

As International President Jan McKenzie noted in the last issue of *Straight and Level*, a magazine is generally modernized about every eight years. For *99 News*, the magazine kept its familiar look for at least 15 years, although minor updates were made as technology changed and allowed for more color and sophisticated graphics.

Along with the fresh design, you'll also find some new and interesting sections and articles. For one, there's lots of quick and interesting reads in Holding Short starting on the next page. We welcome your brief submissions and photos, so don't miss reading the next two pages for info.

For future issues, we also have a long

A glance back:
99 News cover
from 2003.



list of interesting features lined up and several educational columns, so stay tuned. We've also kept your favorite columnists and sections like Grass Roots, Touch & Go and New Members. Obituaries are listed by name, with more information available on the 99s website.

We want to thank members who responded to our recent survey. Your input was instrumental in helping us refine the magazine's content and design.

For questions, comments or suggestions, please email news@ninety-nines.org. We hope you enjoy your magazine!

Don't Miss Your Chance — Watch for The 99s Traveling Raffle!

A new traveling raffle sponsored by The 99s debuted at Oshkosh. Booth workers sold numerous tickets for six great raffle prizes: a CP Aviation EMT course/Tailwheel Course (winner's choice) in California, a McCall Mountain/Canyon Flying course in Idaho, a Promark Aviation seaplane rating in Texas and airline tickets/frequent flyer miles on Alaska, Southwest and Hawaiian Airlines.

The raffle will travel to airshows, aviation events and some Section meetings throughout the summer and fall. We will draw the winning ticket in California on November 11. The 99s are grateful to the donors for the great prizes and support of The 99s.



One lucky raffle winner will be taking a tailwheel or EMT course at CP Aviation.

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HOLDING SHORT

Welcome to “Holding Short” — some quick reads for our busy pilots on the go! We’ll be looking for lots of input from our readers for this section, so when you post your favorite flying photo or announce an award or scholarship on social media, think of us too. Send it to news@nintey-nines.org.

There also will be various categories for photos and short captions, such as “What I would’ve missed if I weren’t a 99,” “Back Taxi in Time” (a favorite photo from your Section, Chapter or personal archives), “Featured Photo” — send us your favorite photo taken from a flight, at the airport or with your aircraft.



Sarah Dickerson and Mary Build won Lindy Award plaques at this year’s EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Sarah’s award was for Outstanding Cessna 120/140 for her 1947 Cessna 120 N120VW (top photo). Sarah is a member of the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Mary, member of the Katahdin Wings Chapter, received her award in the Custom Class C (151-235 hp) for her 1947 Piper PA-12, N4433M, shown below.



The Lindy Awards are presented annually at AirVenture to recognize high quality aircraft craftsmanship, restoration and owner maintenance.



Orange County Chapter 2017 Conference Delegates

Shown from top to bottom are Pat Prentiss, Christine Olson, Irene Engard and Irene Bates. Christine Olson was a first-time International Conference attendee. Below, Christine shares her first impressions and some tips for enjoying the Conference

“I realized that there was so much more to this event than just “business,” including tours, seminars, banquets and FLY-MART... it’s about bonding and experiencing these wonderful adventures with our 99 sisters.” — Chris Olson

Tips from a first-time Conference attendee:

- Give yourself plenty of time to participate in the activities. Allow at least three days to join a tour or two, social events and the business meeting.
- Don’t talk yourself out of attending because you aren’t going with a friend. It is nearly impossible not to make new friends without even trying.
- Plan ahead. The further ahead you plan, the easier it is to get hotel bookings and coordinate your trip. You might save some money, too.

East Canada Section Member Honoured

The East Canada Section honoured Melissa Haney, the first Inuk airline captain, with a commemorative stamp. Her story made Canadian national news. Six of us recently traveled with her to her hometown of Inukjuak, Nunavik (above the tree line) and we toured by land and boat. We were treated like family, including cultural traditions and family gatherings of celebration.

Captain Melissa Haney, member of the Montreal Chapter, is an inspiration to young people living in remote villages only accessible by air or sea.

— Lisa Bishop



The Canadian 99s initiated the idea of commemorative stamps to celebrate Canadian female pilots. They accomplished the project thanks to the Canada Post's Picture Postage program. Haney is the 10th honouree of the Aviatrix series.

HOLDING SHORT

Notes from South Africa



99 Member-At-Large Refilwe Ledwaba, left, from South Africa, recently shared the following news:

"I had the pleasure of spending time with Yvonne Vandendool, the first Governor of The Ninety-Nines Section in South Africa, which was established in 1966. In 1967, she attended the Conference in Washington DC. She went on to write a book, *Aprons to Airplane*, which is very inspiring to our generation. As a member of The Ninety-Nines, it is exciting to see that South Africa's history of women in aviation is very much a part of The Ninety-Nines history. Yvonne served The Ninety-Nines with such distinction and it was a pleasure meeting her."

Back Taxi In Time

Dr. Paul Dumas, Jr., son of 99 Florence Massouras, recently shared his short story about his mom. He writes:

"Back in the day, my mom was one of the pioneering members of Amelia's celebrated Ninety-Nines... My mom was known as 'Flossy the Flier' by her fellow pilots at the flight school in Ellensburg and was Central Washington's first woman aviator."

Below is an excerpt from the short story he wrote that has been published in *Yakima Herald's* annual regional magazine.

"Mom was a member of The Ninety-Nines, a professional society of women pilots founded in 1929



Florence Massouras, "Flossy the Flier" as her fellow winged-men called her, was the first woman to be licensed as an aviator in Central Washington. A Ninety-Nines newsletter from 1945 includes her name.

by 99 women pilots 'with a passion for flying,' women who, to quote Amelia Earhart: all 'flew for the fun of it!' Flossy actually had some societal correspondence signed by Amelia Earhart, a postcard also signed by World War II flight-hero General Jimmy Doolittle and World War I flying ace Eddie Rickenbacker, who were both awarded Medals of Honor.

But her prized possession was her silver air-wings pin, a membership token from The Ninety-Nines which she donned on very special occasions. All of this was a lot for a small-town girl from Ellensburg in the aftermath of the Great Depression. Her sport was certainly adventuresome enough, but it's also important to note that aviation was – at least for her – much more than a novel endeavor: it was foremost a wholesome affair, an experience that lifted Flossy, remarkably, even wondrously, from the dark-rich sod of the Kittitas Valley to the breath-taking realms of the heavenlies above."





Margot Cheel

Art From The Air

**A \$49 demo flight in 1997
ultimately led to a creative
career in aerial photography**

BY JANN CLARK, Eastern New England Chapter

Margot Cheel is an accomplished aerial photographer. She was an arts major at Middlebury College and stayed involved in the arts in various ways as she raised her two children. As her younger child was preparing to leave for college, Margot happened to participate in a creativity workshop that inspired and encouraged her to take risks. And she did, taking her love of the arts in a new direction.

She discovered that direction one day as she drove home from Maine after dropping her last child off at college and casually noticed the many small airports along the way. When she got home, she went to a bookstore and picked up a book about female aviators.

She read an article in *Time* magazine about a woman in mid-life who, in one small plane flight, found a profound perspective from the views above. Finally, a friend dropped in and talked about her son, an Air Force flyer, who had been urging her to try flying. With all these messages, a portentous adventure was born.

A \$49 demo flight at Marshfield Airport in 1997 ignited a passion for flying that has gripped Margot ever since. She started taking flying lessons and soon obtained her private pilot certificate. However, it wasn't until a fortuitous encounter at a church fundraiser in 1998 that Margot discovered the joy of aerial photography. A pilot had offered to photograph people's houses from the air and donate his fee to the fundraiser. It was a beautiful autumn day, and Margot offered to go along to help with the photography. The pictures came out great, and people were happy to pay for them. A career in aerial photography was born.

Besides publishing two books of her photographs, Margot has taken aerial photographs for homeowners, real estate firms and environmental



*Cape Cod National Seashore
— one of nature's shifting sea
and sand forms, from Mar-
got's book "Sea & Sand from
the Sky."*



groups in the New England states, South Florida, the Pacific Northwest and Ontario, Canada. She has taken photos of Mt. Rainier in Washington State and Mt. Denali in Alaska.

A favorite photo expedition took place in Hawaii at The 99s International Convention in 2010. She and another 99 rented a Cessna Caravan with an instructor, who pointed out

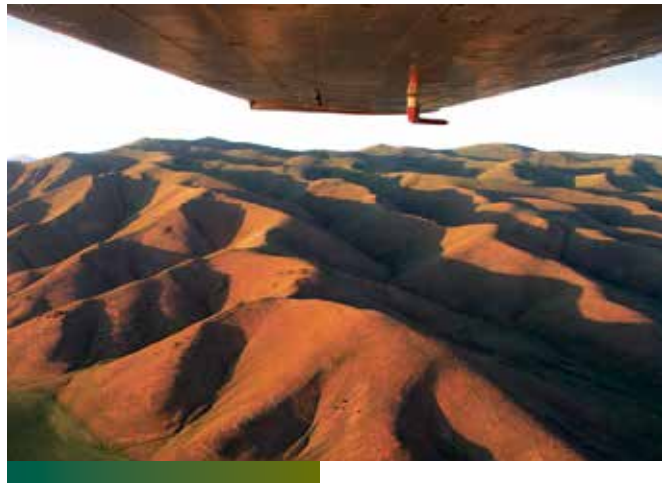
sights she wouldn't have known to look for.

An exciting and challenging photo adventure was the 2013 Air Race Classic, where Margot was the third teammate and photographer in Olga Mitchell's 1977 Cessna Cardinal. Olga, Eastern New England Chapter, was PIC, and Mary Build, Katahdin Wings Chapter, was co-pilot. There were weather

challenges throughout the race, with downdrafts in the mountains at the start, a dust storm just behind them at one departure, and delays on the first day when they reached the airport within seven minutes of the official time limit for the day. They made it, and the next three days of the race as well. Margot took some wonderful pictures and has put them into a slide show for

presentations to The 99s, the New England Air Museum, the Aero Club of New England and other groups.

Margot's Fine Art Aerial Photography (margotcheel.com) has been shown in juried exhibitions and has appeared in local magazines, *Cape Cod Life* and *South Shore Living*. She was featured on Boston WCVB-TV's *Chronicle*, showing



Upper: Two triptychs of Margot's aerial photos printed on canvas. They were on exhibit at Highfield Hall, Falmouth, Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Lower: A photo captured enroute in the Air Race Classic near Logan, Utah.

in 2016. She initially tested the images on her four-year-old grandson, then found that fifth graders also loved discovering shapes in her photos. Adults generally buy the book for their kids or grandkids but get caught up in the game, so Margot markets the book to “kids from 4 to 94!”

“It’s a way to spark creative imagination, connect to nature and look beyond the first glance – beyond labeling,” says Margot.

Margot first heard about The 99s when a member called to congratulate her on her private pilot certificate. She attended a meeting, where she found a compatible group of women offering mutual support, education and opportunities to be a part of women pilot history. Along with aerial photography and her responsibilities within The 99s, Margot continues to facilitate creativity workshops and mentor people seeking to find and follow their dreams.

She joined the Eastern New England Chapter in 2002 and has been an active member since. She has served as the Chapter newsletter editor back when the newsletter was photocopied, stuffed into envelopes by hand and mailed; as Vice Chair and as Chapter Chair. On the Section level, she is the Oral History Chair for the New England Section, producing video interviews of our oldest members before their stories are lost forever, and is currently the New England Section Vice Governor

Margot and the New England Section are looking forward to hosting next year’s Air Race Classic terminus in Fryeburg, Maine.

how her aerial images speak to environmentalism (margotcheel.com/press).

Encouraged by many to create a book of her aerals, Margot produced and published *Sea and Sand from the Sky* in 2012, a full-color coffee table book with quotes from aviators. That year at The 99s International Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, Margot’s book was given as a thank you to all presenters.

Her second book developed through an interesting phenomenon: kids who came to her photography exhibits would often visualize a figure in the landscape photo. Parents might see something else in the same image, and a conversation would ensue. That inspired Margot to create a picture book for children, *What Do You See? Finding Shapes from the Sky*,



BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

Baby Steps

Please tell anyone who wants to know that a dream not followed by consistent action, however humble or small the actions may be, points to either a huge contradiction or a gigantic misunderstanding. Because when people are clear and they realize just how powerful they already are, wild horses can't stop them from taking baby steps, every day. –The Universe (Mike Dooley)

I often hear people tell me that at one time they wanted to be a pilot but... Truthfully, it's hard for me to give my full attention to the excuse that generally follows. On the flipside, I love hearing stories of how pilots, especially women, reach their goals. I am inspired how a little idea in the back of their minds becomes a dream, and the passion in their hearts in some way makes its way to become an unstoppable fire in the belly.

It all starts with one small step: that first flight that makes us decide that we can take another step and another flight. Our journeys are all unique, but for the most part, each one didn't come without considerable commitment and sacrifice.

I just learned of a woman who is a farmer and a wife and a mother. She always wanted to be a commercial pilot but for many reasons didn't think it was possible. So, she continued her life doing what farmers and wives and moms do, living farther and farther away from her dream of flying.

She had earned her initial ratings and enjoyed recreational flying. However, a few years ago she realized that, while telling her kids they could do anything they wanted to do, she wasn't walking the walk. Her dream to fly resurfaced with a vengeance, and she took deliberate baby steps every day to make it a reality. Now in her 40s, she is a commuter airline first officer, preparing to upgrade to captain. And she is still a farmer and a wife and a mom – with inspired children (and a proud husband!).

Not all of us have the resources to throw several thousand dollars at a flight school to get through our ratings quickly, and that's okay. In fact, it's the creative journey that makes for great hangar flying once you do reach your goals. (I have scars from loading and unloading car parts in Mexico during my very first flying job.) I've heard of women who have juggled three jobs and lived in their cars to make ends meet while building time.

I'm amazed by the tenacity I see in people who really want to achieve something. I remember seeing a woman pull out flash cards of aircraft limitations while waiting in line at the bank. I asked her about them, and she said that the three minutes here and five minutes there keeps her from having to sit down for an hour at a time to study something she needs to review regularly anyway.

Start today with deliberate baby steps and see where they take you. You may surprise yourself.

MILESTONES

Jennifer Billock – Solo
Colorado Chapter

Alice Fairbank-Furr – Private
Nola Chapter

Samantha Gambon – Private
Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast
Chapter

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99s International Conference 2017

Deep in the Heart of Texas!



BY CORBI BULLUCK
International Vice President

Top Photo: First time Conference attendees, from left, Alice Fairbank-Furr, Brittini Jean, Dannielle Courchene, Mariko Duskow, Christine Carnie, and Alisa Singhasri Liley.

Above: Jerry Anne Jurekna welcomes 99s to the Conference.

Yes, the stars did shine bright in San Antonio at the 2017 International Conference. Inspiring and educational seminars, fun tours, perfectly planned events and a great location made for another Conference to remember. Thank you to the South Central Section and Co-Chairs Cathy Wappler Prudhomme and Reni Baker for their hard work to ensure a successful event from start to finish.

On Thursday evening, Captain Beverley Bass provided an inspiring, standing-room-only Keynote Welcome Address, sharing with us many of the challenges and triumphs she experienced during her aviation career, including becoming the first female captain for American Airlines in 1986. Her retelling of her September 11, 2001 Paris-to-Dallas flight

that was diverted to Gander, Newfoundland, was quite moving – and is showcased in the award-winning Broadway musical *Come From Away*.

Thursday night's Welcome Fiesta featured an all-female mariachi band and lots of delicious local Tex-Mex foods. Amid the festivities, Conference attendees made new friends and renewed old acquaintances.

One of the features of this year's Conference was the Meet-and-Greet gathering for first-time attendees, allowing them to get to know each other and ask questions about Conference procedures, as well as our organization.

Also new this year was the fast-paced, high-energy "Maximizing LIFT (Leading Into the Future Together)" session, which allowed attendees



Top left: Entertainers at the Thursday night Welcoming Fiesta.

Top right: Captain Beverley Bass, center back, provided an inspiring, standing-room-only Keynote Welcome Address. With her are her husband Tom; Patricia Shaw, front left; and Donna Miller, right.

Right, Conference seminars covered a wide range of topics. Speakers included, from left, front row: Lori Parker, Liz Poeppelman, Dottie Norkus, Terry Carbonnel, Susan Larson, Jill Williams.

Back row: Dorothy Berthelet, Jacque Boyd, Linda Mathias, Shelley Ventura, Myra Bugbee, Jan McKenzie and Martha Phillips.



Conference Photos by Lilian Darling Holt and Glenna Blackwell

to participate in conversations of most interest to them, focusing on leadership, membership recruitment and retention, and best practices for Chapters and Sections.

During the Pre-Business Meeting Communication Session, in addition to discussing the proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule amendments, President Jan McKenzie presented her vision for future Conferences, and the attendees offered their ideas and suggestions, with many members requesting more educational seminars.

Highlights of the Annual Business meeting included discussions and the passage of two Bylaw amendments and one Standing Rule amendment. The first Bylaw change better

defines the vehicle by which student pilots can be members. The other bylaw and its associated standing rule provide for more options for purchasing a Life Membership. Other highlights included a pictorial tour of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots and three inspiring and invigorating videos featuring many of our members.

The Mid-Term elections resulted in the installation of International Directors Leslie Prellwitz and Cathy Wappler Prudhomme, Endowment Fund Trustee Kris Irvin-Herron, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Trustees Cheryl Thompson and Deborah Yarbrough, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustee Dorothy Norkus, and 99s Museum

Of Women Pilots Trustees Pat Chan and Jeannie Wheatley.

Saturday's educational seminars included "Living on the International Space Station" presented by NASA astronaut and Ninety-Nine Shannon Walker, "Mental Health and Pilot Safety," "The WASP Experience," "Flying with Kids," and "Professional Pilot Opportunities."

Later that evening, we celebrated our 88-year history and recognized The 99s Awards and Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners during the festive banquet. The 99s Award winners are highlighted starting on page 18.

Touring the historic San Antonio missions, day trips to quaint Texas hill country towns,

visiting the LBJ Ranch and the President's Jetstar (which President Johnson dubbed "Air Force One-Half"), sampling wines at area wineries, exploring caverns, enjoying after-hours guided tours of the Alamo, wandering along the famous Riverwalk, and visiting in the marvelous Hospitality Suite (hosted each day by a different Chapter in the South Central Section), kept conference attendees busy and rounded out our week.

Start making plans now to attend our next engaging and educational International Conference hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Section in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 3-7, 2018. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Conference Rewind



*Conference Co-Chairs
Cathy Wappler
Prudhomme and
Reni Baker.*



Ventura County Chapter members Mignon Gery, Janeen Gaul, Art Phillips (George Palmer-Putnam Award winner), Martha Phillips, Lori Parker, Sheila Collier and Judy McCarthy, Chapter Chairman.



Conference Sentinels Pat Ohlsson, Barbara Little, Janice Welsh and Ann Easterly.



Endowment Fund Trustees Mary Wunder, Kris Irvin-Herron, Carol Andrews and Virginia Harmer present a report on the Fund.



Installation of The 99s Board of Directors, from left, Pat Chan, 99s Museum of Women Pilots; Leslie Prelwitz, Director; Cathy Wappler Prudhomme, Director; Dottie Norkus, AEMSF; Kris Irvin-Herron, Endowment Fund; Deborah Yarbrough, AEBM; Jan McKenzie, President; Corbi Bulluck, Vice President.



A light show projected on the San Fernando Cathedral depicts the history of San Antonio.

What The 99s Stand For

BY BABY ALICE
aka Alice Fairbank-Furr
NOLA Chapter

Becoming a 99 is, without a doubt, the best decision I ever made in my life! If I could change anything, I would have joined sooner. The 99s stand for endless support, inspiration, opportunity and, yes, love.

I've learned that The 99s stand for women pilots coming together to support and celebrate each other in reaching our goals and achievements in flight.

They share their spirit and give their time, knowledge and experience to support those of us in pursuit of an aviation career. I am inspired to not only be a better pilot but a better person.

What The 99s has done for me...

The 99s has revamped my motivation to fly and prosper. I was once at a low point when I doubted I could continue flight training. I now have the best support group, my NOLA 99s Chapter, from which I receive almost daily encouragement.

I am working on my private pilot certificate, and these women tell me they believe in me, hold me accountable for achieving my goals and educate me on aviation-related topics.



Mary Latimer, left, volunteers ground school to Alice Fairbank-Furr at the Conference.

The 99s has given me the gift of flight that I will eventually share with others. I applied for the Fly Now Award with their help and encouragement and am now a Fly Now Award winner! This award has allowed me to accelerate my training. In less than one week I went from never having soloed out of the traffic pattern to having completed two solo cross country flights!

I am ready for my long solo cross country, my knowledge test and to start preparing for my practical test. I plan to move straight into instrument training, then commercial.

My goal is to become a corporate pilot and aircraft broker. With The 99s by my side, I have full confidence I will achieve these goals.

My position as Vice Chair of the NOLA Chapter is helping me develop leadership skills valuable to my career path. I am also interested in the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative program, offered exclusively through The 99s.

When I think of how grateful I am and that things

couldn't get any better, they do.

My Conference experience captures my enthusiasm...

I worked extra hard all summer so I could go to the 2017 Conference in San Antonio. I knew it would bring me inspiration, but it brought so much more. I absorbed insane amounts of inspiration and made even more lifelong friends. It gave me confidence and determination to keep moving forward.

I met women pilots of all ages from all over the world. They welcomed me with open arms. I got to high-five a 50-year-old aerobatic pilot who, in aerobatic competitions, regularly beats young military pilots who land on carriers.

I met a 99 who runs a flight school and gave me ground school in-between the events. She overheard me saying I was preparing for the written test and offered to help. I met several Mercury 13 women pilots. I met a 32-year-old airline captain who sticks her tongue out at the linemen from the left seat of a jet.

I met one of the generous pilots who helped my fellow

*“When I think of
how grateful I am
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better, they do.”*

NOLA 99 get back on her feet after she lost everything in a flood. I met an airline pilot who knows more about pilot health and medicine than most doctors. I met the Scholarship Trustees who chose me to be a Fly Now Award winner.

These women shared their hearts and their stories with me. By the end of the Conference everyone knew me as Baby Alice (my name given by the NOLA 99s), and I had invitations to visit members from California to the Florida Keys to New Zealand. This was the friendliest group of women I have ever met.

All of this happened because we are all 99s. I am proud to be a 99! Fly high and prosper.



Alice Fairbank-Furr.

President's Award: Roberta 'Bobbi' Roe

Roberta 'Bobbi' Gay Roe has enjoyed being a member of The 99s since 1988. Inspired by her own aviatrix mother, a pilot who soloed in the late '20s in Birmingham, Michigan, Bobbi followed her mother's path in adventure and aviation. Bobbi joined the Iowa Chapter of The 99s and has been a member of Finger Lakes, Houston and Greater Seattle Chapters.

Bobbi received her private pilot certificate in 1984 and instrument rating the following year. She enjoyed flying all over the country as her family moved several times following employment projects. This gave her the opportunity to belong to several Chapters and meet 99s around the world who have been an important addition to

her life and continue to be supportive friends.

In 2002, President Jody McCarrell called Bobbi and asked her to be the Editor of *99 News*. During that time, *99 News* expanded to 32 full-color pages. Bobbi was Editor-In-Chief/Publisher for 15 years.

In 2012, Bobbi was awarded the Amelia Earhart Research Scholarship to digitize 88 years of the membership publication, making the history of 99s members available online for researchers throughout the world. She thinks The 99s history is valuable research material and an important opportunity to recruit new members.

During her flights, Bobbi was inspired by the stories and adventures of other women

aviators and decided to publish those stories in a magazine, *Woman Pilot*. From 1993 through 2002, Bobbi shared those stories with thousands of readers. She continues that tradition on *WomanPilot.com* and with her new eBook series on historical women aviators.

Over her career, she has received lifetime achievement awards, including *Chicago Magazine: 100 Women Making a Difference*, induction into the International Forest of Friendship, Founding WAI Board Member Emeritus, the Amelia Earhart Research Scholarship, The Aviator Company Ambassador Award and the Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame Award. She is also a Life Member of The 99s. Her legacy continues with her daughter, Susan,



who is currently taking flight training.

Bobbi is extremely honored to be selected by 99s President Jan McKenzie as the recipient of the President's award. Bobbi's hope is the pilots joining The 99s will enjoy the wonderful camaraderie and friendships she enjoys. The 99s changed her life.

Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines:

Kate Macario



Kate Macario has been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1955.

Though active in many aviation organizations, the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, the Experimental Aircraft Association, Women in Aviation and the Air Race Classic, she has found time to hold a position in every office of her Ninety-Nines Chapter. Currently she is Membership Chairman of the

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter.

Kate has been the faithful editor of the Chapter's monthly *Flight Lines*. As editor, she endeavored to spread the distribution list further and wider than her Chapter. She has seen her Chapter grow to 100 members. She also tirelessly recruits for The Ninety-Nines at aviation events through her airport contacts and through every other opportunity that presents itself.

She also chairs the Pennies-A-Pound event that raises scholarship money by providing rides to members of the community that might not be exposed to the world of General Aviation.

She strives to share her passion with every woman she meets. Kate has generously helped and mentored women who needed assistance in their pursuits in aviation.

Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation: Dianna Stanger

Dianna Stanger demonstrates incredible commitment to General Aviation. She received her rotorcraft rating in 1994, followed by fixed-wing in 1995, commercial pilot-single engine land and sea, airplane multiengine land, commercial rotorcraft-helicopter, and instrument airplane and helicopter.

Her leadership contributions have come through many organizations: Angel Flight South Central, Air Race Classic, Whirly-Girls, AOPA Board of Visitors; and then there are

her memberships in other aviation organizations as well: The 99s, HAI, WAI, NBAA, EAA, and CJA. Her financial contributions have come both in scholarship donations and in-kind Angel Flights. Dianna's championship winnings in the Air Race Classic were donated toward several female pilots' scholarships.

As a mentor, she participates in the four-day EAA Women Soar You Soar Program at the EAA AirVenture targeted towards girls who have chosen an aviation path.

In 2015 Dianna flew 450 young girls in their first flight, followed by 574 in 2016. Yearly, Dianna introduces children to the wonders of flight through school programs, particularly as manager of the Calhoun County Airport since 2008.

Turning this airport around within six months of taking her position, it was voted Airport of the Year by the state of Texas Department of Transportation. An accomplished pilot, Dianna's positive attitude and passion for aviation are compelling.



Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts: Captain Sabina Shrestha



Captain Sabina Shrestha is bestowed the Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts. During her term as Governor of the Nepal Section she worked to improve conditions at the smaller airports, seeing to it that drinking water and sanitary facilities could be available.

Along with a few others (Kathy Fox, George Varughese, and the late Kitty Houghton) Sabina sought to improve air safety by advocating seminars for regulators, controllers, operators and pilots.

On the day that the first devastating earthquake hit Nepal, three planes and a helicopter were in the air over Kathmandu and communication with the tower was lost.

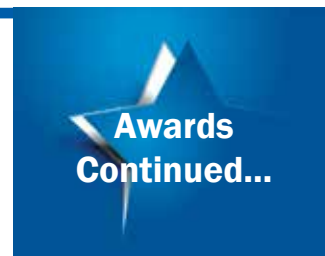
Sabina, aloft in her Jetstream full of passengers and dwindling fuel reserves, took control of the situation. She calmly established the aircraft locations and directed the helicopter to check the runway, then landed herself and vectored the other aircraft in without incident, thus saving many lives. George Varughese

witnessed this on his NAV-COM and mentioned it in his interviews with international media. Sabina's heroism was not publicized in Nepal or anywhere else.

Since the earthquake, Sabina and other 99s adopted a village and are helping rebuild homes and livelihoods destroyed by the earthquake. She also directs relief efforts for the Section in other villages and has helped to raise funds for reconstruction. Sabina is a quiet young lady but a powerhouse of giving and concern.

2017 International Awards Judges

- Mae Marquet, 2017 International Awards Chairman
- Alice Talnack, Governor of Southwest Section
- Ursula Hammer, Governor of German Section
- Alan Crawford, Texas, Sport Class Racer, ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI & Commercial SES Ratings
- Emmet Carson, Louisiana, Veteran USMC Pilot, Aerial Photographer



George Palmer-Putnam Award: **Art Phillips**

Art Phillips, always at our side, is the recipient of the George Palmer-Putnam Award. He has been a long-time admirer of The 99s, supporting the organization in all levels. He never tells us no and gives many hugs in spite of the labor requested.

He encouraged his wife Martha to join back in 1996, and since then Art jumped in to serve us well. He has supported the Ventura County Chapter for over 20 years.

When his wife became



Governor of the Southwest Section he attended all the Section meetings, setting up paraphernalia and presentations. He

hosted a 49½ breakfast that became a popular request thereafter. When the Section hosted the International Conference in Hawaii, Art was tasked with pickups, deliveries of VIPs, transporting equipment and persons in need.

When Martha became International Treasurer, he began to attend the International Conferences regularly, always helping where needed. At home, Art edited those necessary pages the President must write. He was a great help

in the kitchen to the extent he prepared meals for the IBOD in Oklahoma City.

He has been involved in the local Wings Over Camarillo Airshow, securing the prime space for The 99s information, raffle, silent auction, and pancake breakfast booth. He has displayed his culinary skills to many, being the chief chef at the summer Recruitment picnics, serving up tri-tip, chicken and chili for over 15 years.

Art's model support of The 99s merits this award.

Award of Inspiration: **Bee Haydu**

Bee Haydu was one of the first to fly military airplanes and flew all kinds. From 1942 to 1944, she was a Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP).

After graduating from training at Avenger Field, she was an engineering and test pilot at Pecos Army Airfield.

Bee continued flying after the WASP were disbanded. She was a flight instructor, had a ferrying business, a Cessna dealership and was part owner of a flight school.

In 1944, a bill was pre-

sented to Congress to take the WASP into the Army Air Forces and give them military benefits. Lobbying efforts on the part of male pilots prevented this from passing in Congress.

As President of the WASP organization from 1975-1978, Bee led the fight in Congress to recognize the WASP as veterans of WWII as promised. The Bill was signed by President Carter in 1977. Yet many benefits were not given. Bee continued to rally. She and the

others were given the Congressional Gold Medal as President Obama signed the bill on July 1, 2009. Even in her older age she continues to press for a presence in the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

Bee was inducted into the Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2012. In 2014 she was awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award by the FAA and an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Vaughn College of Aeronautics in Flushing, New York.



Award of Merit: **Sean Tucker**



Sean Tucker is an air show performer extraordinaire, a humble, engaging and passionate force in aviation. His positive attitude, one of incredible enthusiasm, rubs off on all around him. Though incredibly busy at the time of International, he graced us with his presence and practically stole the show. He is supportive of the Monterey Bay Chapter of The 99s from attending meetings to speaking on flying safety.

Sean partnered with Tutima Instrument Watches, developing the most in-depth study of aircraft control ever offered.

He is the current Young Eagles Chairman for EAA, which sparked his desire to launch a program called Every Kid Can Fly. The program focuses on at-risk teens, taking them on a journey through the science of aviation to discover the understanding required to fly an airplane. His enthusiasm

excites the kids to embrace the unknown and rise to the challenges of the unknown. The program received a Cessna 152 for the flight training. While soloing is the tangible goal for the program, the real adventure is of the mind that prepares the students for their future while cultivating self-discipline. Sean believes the experience of soloing provides the sense of achievement that can put kids on the right path.

Nominees Invited to Apply for 2018 International Awards

By Marilyn Shafer, International Awards Chairman

The International Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for three prestigious awards to be presented by The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at the 2018 International conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The deadline for submitting nominations is **January 15, 2018**.

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

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

How to nominate: Submit a one-page letter, signed by two officers or trustees (as appropriate). The nomination must include the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee, or the nominee's next-of-kin, if the nominee is deceased. Up to three additional pages of substantiating material may be attached to the letter. One high resolution photo of the nominee must be included and local P.R. contact information. Send your nomination to International Headquarters in Oklahoma City to the attention of the Awards Committee. Nominations should be received by the deadline of Thursday, January 15, 2018. Note: Previous nominees may be resubmitted.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Shafer, International Awards Chairman, ProBBMom@gmail.com
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Oshkosh 2017



Many 99s participated in WomenVenture 2017 activities at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.
Photo: EAA/Erin Brueggen

BY SUSAN LIEBELER, Ventura County Chapter

The 99s were very busy at Oshkosh. We had a large booth in Hangar B, where we shared our enthusiasm for The 99s and aviation with hundreds of visitors. Our hardworking booth volunteers signed up nearly 100 new, renewing and reinstating members and Friends of The 99s.

Members who visited the booth picked up their nifty 99s luggage tags and WomenVenture T-shirts that members wore to the traditional group photo shoot in Boeing Square. If you look closely at the photo above, you will see hundreds of your sister 99s. After the photo shoot members congregated at the WomenVenture Lunch at Theater in the Woods.

On Tuesday evening, The 99s hosted our first annual Aviation Appreciation Dinner at Oshkosh. The dinner was a huge success and helped extend our outreach and visibility in the aviation community.

We awarded the 2017 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship at the dinner to one of our newest members, Brenna Koeppen. The 99s are grateful to the Ventura County Chapter, King Schools and Barry Schiff for their support of the scholarship.

On Saturday, VC99s Judy Phelps and Rochelle Oslick presented a great seminar, "Keeping the Sunny Side Up," as part of the EAA seminar program.

We hope to see lots of our members at 2018 AirVenture in Oshkosh!



Above: Susan Liebler, left, and guest speaker Adrian Eichhorn congratulate Brenna Koeppen, who was awarded the 2017 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship.

Around-the-World Pilot Adrian Eichhorn Captivates Audience at 99s First Annual Appreciation Dinner

BY MARIA MORRISON, *Greater Seattle Chapter*

On the second day of EAA's AirVenture, The 99s hosted their first annual Aviation Appreciation Dinner. The event, open to all Oshkosh attendees, sold out. The dinner, which brought together over 160 women pilots and their supporters and friends in the aviation community, was a huge success. It was fully catered, and guests had a great time socializing with other pilots and friends at Oshkosh, from mechanics to commercial pilots to aviation enthusiasts.

International President Jan McKenzie was thrilled with the aviation community's response to the dinner, recalling that it was "great to intermingle with so many Ninety-Nines from all over as well as dozens of Oshkosh attendees." She accredited the attraction to guest speaker Adrian Eichhorn's dynamic presentation.

Brought in especially for the dinner, Adrian told the crowd how he flew his self-modified Bonanza solo around the world after four years of preparing both aircraft and pilot. Eichhorn, who now flies for JetBlue, started flying long-distance with a 2011 trip to Greenland. Soon after this trip he began planning his circumnavigation.

He fixed all possible issues with the airplane, stating that, "It needed to be perfect." This included re-skinning parts of the airplane and rebuilding the landing gear and magnetos. He also installed an HF radio and received a connection that was "absolutely 100% perfect all around the world." New equipment was supplied by Eichhorn's sponsors, including Jeppesen, Lynx, and Whelen.

Equipped with two 100-gallon tip tanks and another 80 gallons in the original fuel system, Eichhorn had a range of 23 hours. In the last two years of working on his airplane, he started planning his legs for the trip. His first factor when looking for airports was AvGas availability. On some occasions, fuel had to be shipped in at a high price.

The second airport determinate was which ones fell around



Around-the-world-in-a-Bonanza pilot Adrian Eichhorn.

the 1,500-mile radius that Adrian had set out as ideal, since he was heading eastward and didn't want to fly at night. With General Aviation Support Egypt's help in filing the paperwork for going into different countries, Adrian was ready to depart from his home in Manassas, Virginia, on April 10, 2016.

Although Adrian was flying solo, he did not make the journey alone. He relied on two friends on the ground who planned the trip with him. "They gave the go, no-go decision for each leg," Eichhorn explained. One of the men advised Eichhorn on the weather, since advisory systems overseas are limited. The other, a longtime friend, looked out for Adrian's health and mental state on each leg. This collective decision allowed Adrian to fly every part of his trip as planned without diverting.

After 21 days, Eichhorn landed in Nevada, having flown 23,000 miles. Although he had predicted fatigue would be his greatest enemy, Adrian found that the fear of flying long distances over vast oceans, as well as constantly making position reports or balancing fuel, helped him stay awake while flying. "When you have only one engine, you're constantly looking out for it."

After his presentation, Adrian helped award The 99s 2017 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to Brenna Koeppen from Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Brenna is 16 years old, joined The 99s at Oshkosh and recently completed her first solo flight. After an initial flight at the local airport sparked her interest in aviation, Brenna participated in the Young Eagles program and enrolled in Lakeland University's summer aviation course. She is taking her flight training in a Cirrus SR20 at Lakeland University's flight school.

The scholarship, which was accompanied by a King Schools course and a set of flying books autographed by aviation legend and author Barry Schiff, will help the young aviator continue her flight training to a private pilot certificate.

Editor's note: Maria is a former winner of a Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship.



Pat Prentiss introduces Adrian Eichhorn.

TOUCH & GO

99s Help Celebrate Amelia Earhart's 120th Birthday in Honolulu, Hawaii

BY SANDY HERRON

Aloha Chapter

O-Dark-Thirty and I'm driving around Pearl Harbor completely lost and late for my 4:30 a.m. interview on local Honolulu television to talk about the incredibly rewarding lifestyle of aviation as either a profession, or in my case, an obsession.

The occasion was a birthday celebration for Amelia Earhart put on by the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island, right next to the historic Arizona Memorial. It is also the very same airport where Amelia ground looped her Electra on her around-the-world flight. The U.S. government stepped in, so the story goes, and replaced the aircraft for her to continue.

Although we don't know Amelia's fate, we do know that her efforts and accomplishments have inspired thousands of others to reach for their own stars. My job that day was to reinforce that possibility to the young attendees, many dressed in homemade flight gear. They learned how they can find an entrance to aviation and a lifestyle that is only a dream for many.

The public responded enthusiastically to the invitation for free admittance if at least one person in the family dressed in costume. The attendees responded well to The 99s area, where they were treated with small giveaways. They also talked with the half dozen or so 99s, who shared their own personal stories, and enjoyed the



99 Sandy Herron, right, and Alyssa Crabb, Amelia Earhart reenactor, chatted and posed for photos with guests in honor of what would have been Amelia Earhart's 120th birthday.

birthday cake provided by the Pacific Air Museum.

Hawaiian Airlines captains and female military pilots represented their various professions, while the local FAA FDSO office provided safety magazines. Everyone had the priceless opportunity for photo ops and personal conversations and went home with a souvenir of this special day.

SpaceFest Honors Mercury 13 Gene Nora Jessen and Sarah Ratley



Above, from left, are Eileen Collins, the first woman commander of a U.S. spacecraft; Mercury 13 Gene Nora Jessen and Sarah Ratley; and Nicole Stott, an astronaut who spent 104 days in space in both the shuttle and space station. Al Hallonquist, organizer of the event, is center back.

BY GENE NORA JESSEN

Idaho Chapter

An exciting SpaceFest 2017 was held in Tucson, Arizona, in mid-June. The event is an annual reunion of NASA Apollo astronauts, famous space scientists, authors, astronomers, space artists and fans.

This year it included Mercury 13 Gene Nora Jessen and Sarah Ratley, both 99s, who were privileged to be guests of Al Hallonquist, the Mercury 13 webmaster and organizer of the event.

There were four days of programs, speakers and seminars, plus merchants selling art, books, photos, coins and signatures in the enormous hall.

We were privileged to enjoy conversation with Rhea Seddon, a physician and retired NASA astronaut. After being selected as part of the first group of astronauts to include women, she flew on three Space Shuttle flights: as mission specialist for STS-51-D and STS-40 and as payload commander for STS-58. We're now enjoying her terrific book, *Go For Orbit: One of America's First Women Astronauts Finds Her Space*.

It was an awesome experience, and Sarah and I were greatly privileged to wander among these extremely talented people.

From left, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Trustees Jeannine Wyatt, Frank Carpenelli and BJ Vanecek present Brian Lloyd with a 99s medallion from the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.



99s Celebrate Brian Lloyd's 80th Anniversary Flight Honoring Amelia Earhart

BY JEANNINE WYATT

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Trustee

Brian Lloyd, private pilot from Texas, finished an 80th Anniversary Memorial Flight of Amelia Earhart's flight around the world at the equator. He returned to his home airfield, Kestrel Airpark (1T7) in Texas, on August 4.

The evening of August 3, Lloyd landed Spirit, his Mooney M20K231, at Amelia Earhart Airport (K59) in Atchison, Kansas,

where he was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd and two television stations. He was treated to a champagne toast and awarded The 99s Medallion from the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.

Ninety-Nine BJ Vanecek made the presentation to Brian along with Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Trustees Frank Carpenelli and Jeannine Wyatt. The last time this flight was accomplished was 50 years ago by Ninety-Nine Ann Pellegrino.

Amelia – The Town and the People Who Loved Her

Author: J.A. Kiehl (Jeannine Wyatt)

Available at Blurb.com/Bookstore as a hardcover or eBook

Hardcover Imagewrap - \$88.99 eBook - \$28.99 (iPad format)

BY JACQUELINE BOYD, AEMSF Chair

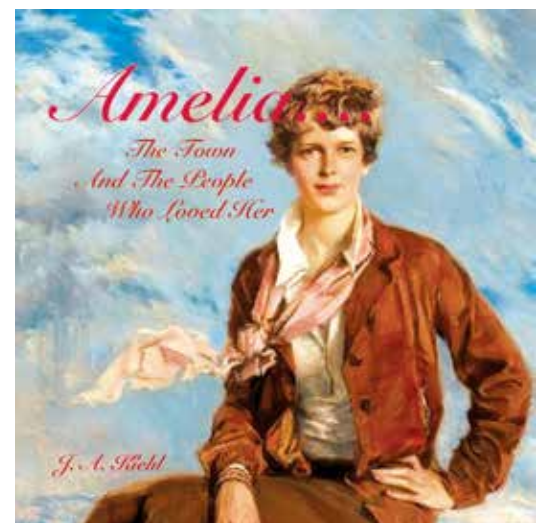
First, this is a fresh and unexpected book about Amelia Earhart. Next, this is really not a book about Amelia Earhart. It's much more a book about Atchison, Kansas, and their continuing relationship and love affair with one of their own. It's very much a book written by a native-daughter about a native-daughter.

It's an absolutely beautiful book. The author, J.A. Kiehl, grew up in Atchison, and much of the book is about her relationship with her town, the influence of her father (who met Earhart) and her dreams. While some of the narrative may be a little "sweet" for some readers, the majority of the text is extremely well written and gives a glimpse of Atchison and Earhart that few books have covered.

The cover is a beautiful Earhart "print," and the quality of the paper and the photographs make this an investment piece. The author describes this book as an "artful keepsake book," and she's correct. Honestly, buying the eBook format would be a waste. This is a book to covet.

J. A. Kiehl is actually the non-de-plume of Jeannine Wyatt, writing under her maiden name. She is a Board member of The 99s Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and a Friend of The Ninety-Nines.

BOOK REVIEW



GRASS ROOTS

AUSTRALIAN SECTION

On April 29, members of the Australian Section gathered for a photo opportunity prior to relocating to another venue in Bendigo for a light lunch followed by our Annual Meeting.

This year we were absolutely delighted to welcome Lisa Cotham, International Director, to both our meeting and to the Annual Conference held by the Australian Women Pilots' Association. Although the Section is small in numbers and the members are geographically dispersed all around this vast country, we generally manage to have a 40-50 percent attendance at the Annual Meeting.

The year has seen members progress towards their goals, including Amellia Formby, who was awarded a Fly Now Award in 2016 and has completed her first solo.

On the higher end of achievements, we congratulated Heather Ford on being offered a position with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to be based in Alice Springs in late July. For many Australian pilots, a position with the Royal Flying Doctor Service is very much the ultimate, and we wish Heather well and look forward to hearing about the life of a pilot with the RFDS.



Members of the Australian Section gather on the steps of the Capital Theatre, Bendigo, a regional city in the State of Victoria. Photo: Julie Oates

Lisa left for home via a stop in Sydney for some sightseeing, and 99 Cathy Hobson kindly arranged a small gathering for dinner, including Nivedita Bhasin, India Section, who just happened to be overnighiting in Sydney at the same time, so three different countries were represented at the one time!

— Jennifer Graham

APPALACHIAN AVIATRIXES CHAPTER

Two of our members were able attend the International Conference in San Antonio. Our youngest member, Emma Perdue, 17, and her mom, Jodi Fox-Perdue, accompanied Janice and Patrick Pelletti in their A36 from Tri-Cities Airport (KTRI), Tennessee. Emma attends school

year-round and had to miss three days of class to attend. Her private checkride was scheduled for August 11.

Emma shared her experience at the Conference: "Last week I had the privilege of going to San Antonio, Texas, and meeting some of the world's finest women

pilots. Each had a story about different feats and obstacles, but each had a similar quality, a similar strength. All had the perseverance to fight for their share of the skies.

"These special women did not hesitate to give both their time and advice that was so helpful to a new pilot like myself. I learned so much from these spirited women and am already looking forward to seeing them again at next year's Conference.

"Along with meeting some remarkable people, I saw how The 99s organization was run. I met almost all the Chairmen, who conducted the annual business meeting and even participated in the decisions of the entire organization. Seeing the inner workings of an international organization, with thousands of members, was an amazing opportunity. I cannot describe how inspiring and rewarding it was to be able to participate in this event. I am proud to be a 99!"

— Janice Pelletti



Fuel stop enroute to San Antonio. From left, Emma Perdue, Jodi Fox-Perdue and Janice Pelletti.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Springtime in Minnesota is always a busy time for the Minnesota 99s, and this year was no different. We are happy to report that on February 28, the Faribault City Council in Faribault, Minnesota, unanimously voted to rename Faribault's airport to Faribault Municipal Airport – Liz Wall Strohfus Field for the late Minnesota 99 and WASP Betty Liz Wall Strohfus.

We held our spring business meeting on March 18 at the Mora Municipal Airport (KJMR) in Mora, Minnesota. At the meeting, we were treated to a fabulous weather presentation by Minnesota 99 and broadcast meteorologist Natasha Stenbock.

Once again the Minnesota 99s had a booth at the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG) held at the Anoka County Airport (KANE) on April 29-30. While busy working the Minnesota 99s booth at GMAG, Cheryl Daml also presented "Pinch Hitter: A Safety Course for Non-flying Pilot Companions" on April 29.



Our summer meeting on July 8 at the Faribault Municipal Airport – Liz Wall Strohfus Field (KFBL). From left, Natasha Stenbock, Heather Shorten-Gruba, Cheryl Daml, Jessica Rowland, Marcy Drescher, Kate McDonald, Sheila Gruba, Jan Moll, Robyn Stoller, Christina Larson and Kjersti Sandusky. Taking the photo was Chapter member Patti Sandusky.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

West Virginia Ninety-Nines, from left, Marie Caltrider, Evy Bryant and Jean Pickering, present information about the International Women's Air & Space Museum in Cleveland, Ohio. The museum displays the history of women of aviation and aerospace. Information was distributed to members at a recent meeting.

— Evy Bryant



Minnesota 99s volunteer at the Air Race Classic's Bemidji Airport (KBJI) stop on June 20. From left, Robyn Stoller, Elaine Morrow, Robin Giguere, Cheryl Daml, Jan Moll, and Patti Sandusky. Not shown, Fred Stoller and Melissa Aho.

Our Chapter members volunteered at the Air Race Classic's Bemidji Airport (KBJI) stop over June 20-22. Many thanks go out to our volunteers: Patti Sandusky, Cheryl Daml, Robin Giguere, Elaine Morrow, Jan Moll, Melissa Aho, Robyn and Fred Stoller and also the wonderful staff and community volunteers at the Bemidji Airport.

We held our summer meeting on July 8 at the Faribault Municipal Airport – Liz Wall Strohfus Field (KFBL), and members took advantage of glider rides organized by Christina Larson. Chapter elections were held at this meeting. Cheryl Daml is the new Chapter Chair; Robyn Stoller, Vice Chair; Kate McDonald, Secretary; and Tracy Davenport will continue as our Treasurer.

Congratulations also go to Natasha Stenbock, who passed her commercial written exam, to Christina Larson for receiving the 2017-18 Flying Montagues scholarship from the Women Soaring Pilots Association and for receiving her commercial glider rating, and to Jan Moll on her first solo!

— Melissa Aho

GRASS ROOTS

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

The Orange County Chapter offered a scholarship for the first time this year, and three 99s were awarded funds to continue their aviation training. Jamie Tanabe of the Fullerton Chapter will work to complete her multi-engine rating. It will allow her to expand her business, A Journey With Wings, that scatters cremated remains from airplanes.

Kristina Hamm and Kiersten Ellis, both of the Orange County Chapter, will use their scholarships to complete their private pilot certificates. Both women do much to support others and seek to include flying as a means of doing so. The Chapter intends to continue offering the scholarship.

— Shirley McFall



Kiersten Ellis, Kristina Hamm and Jamie Tanabe won the first scholarships offered by the Orange County Chapter.



New York Capital Region Chapter and Connecticut Chapter members paint a compass rose at North Adams Airport (AQW).

NEW YORK CAPITAL REGION CHAPTER

On May 20, members of the New York Capital Region Chapter and Connecticut Chapter volunteered at the North Adams Airport (AQW) in Massachusetts to paint a compass rose and airport identifier. It was a perfectly gorgeous New England day with clear skies and calm wind, and the compass rose came out beautifully.

— Kaitlyn Koch

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

The Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally, sponsored by The Oklahoma Chapter Ninety-Nines, is the world's largest proficiency air rally. Since 1990, the Okie Derby has generated more than \$65,000 for funds for aviation scholarships. All proceeds benefit the "Wings of the Future" scholarship assisting women in realizing their dream to fly.

The Oklahoma Chapter of The Ninety-Nines relies on the support of this aviation event to help achieve the goal for driving funds for the Wings of the Future Scholarship. The yearly event for the scholarship program helps encourage interest in aviation, and helps Okie Derby participants polish their piloting skills for this wonderful event.

The event this year was held on August 19. For more information visit okiederby.com.

— Angela Drabek



Angela Drabek, Phyl Howard, Elaine Regier, Wyvema Startz, and Leona McGee participated in the 39th Annual Okie Derby in August.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Members of the Tennessee Chapter recently met at the Sky Ranch Airport (TN98) in Knoxville, Tennessee, for our monthly meeting, luncheon and installation of newly elected officers and chairman.

An exciting and informative program on banner towing was presented to the group by Frank Wilson, who is also president of the East Tennessee Pilots Association. Frank shared pictures and a video of his many accounts as owner/operator of his banner towing business.

Newly elected include Chair Martha Miller; Vice Chair Karen Hughes; Secretary Barb Lewinski; Treasurer and Airmarking Chair Judy Wayman; Scholarship Chair Nancy McGinnis; Newsletter Chair Linda Haynes; and Membership and News Reporter Chair Melisa Grissom.

The Tennessee Chapter 99s are busy planning upcoming educational opportunities with various groups, clubs and schools. A companion class for spouses and friends of our pilots who desire to learn more about flying is also in the works.

— Melisa Grissom



Scholarship Chair Nancy McGinnis with Fly Now Scholarship recipient Melisa Grissom and her mentor, Barbara Lewinski at the Tennessee Chapter monthly meeting and luncheon.

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER



Above, Myra Bugbee, left, former Southeast Section Governor, presents Bee Haydu with The 99s Award of Inspiration.

On August 11, the Treasure Coast 99s met for their first anniversary party in Stuart, Florida. We are happy to report that on our one-year anniversary, we have doubled our membership from 13 at the charter meeting to 26 on the first anniversary.

Chapter members were honored to have the Honor Guard from the North Palm Beach County Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron join us. The presentation of colors was in honor of our own Bee Haydu, an aviator and a Women Airforce Service Pilot.

Bee was selected to receive the Award of Inspiration at The 99s 2017 International Conference. Although Bee was unable to attend the event in San Antonio, Myra Bugbee, former Southeast Section Governor, presented the award to her at our meeting.

After the formalities of the evening, the party began with music, BBQ, door prizes and a silent auction. We are happy to report that the silent auction was a success, and we are building our scholarship fund.

— Marcy Lannon

The Honor Guard from the North Palm Beach County Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron presented colors in honor of WASP Bee Haydu.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Adams, Emily, (F) Oklahoma
 Alexander, Faith, (F) NOLA
 Anderson-Smith, Marian, Las Vegas Valley
 Avelar, Elizabeth, San Antonio
 Bakker, Karina, British Columbia Coast
 Bamber, Demi, (F) Monterey Bay
 Bania, Anne, (F) Greater Seattle
 Batista, Danilda, (F) Aloha
 Beaufeaux, Hannah, (F) Minnesota
 Bell, Michele, Old Dominion
 Benson, Melinda, (F) Sugarloaf
 Bentson, Lisa, (F) Rio Grande Norte
 Benua, Susan, Eastern New England
 Benz, Donna, (F) Lake Erie
 Berardino, Pamela, (F) Connecticut
 Bergqvist, Pia, Ventura County
 Beylerian, Rebecca, Alberta
 Bobseine, Liza-J, New York Capital Region
 Bodnar, Kristen, Washington DC
 Boesiger, Jamie, Idaho
 Boulas, Maria, (F) Phoenix
 Brandenberger, Jennifer, Intermountain
 Branscomb, Karley, (F) Minnesota
 Brdar, Brynn, (F) Columbia Cascade
 Brenner, Kathryn, (F) Chicago Area
 Brewer, Ann, Carolinas
 Brickl, Guistine, (F) Wisconsin
 Bryan, Darcy, (F) Fullerton
 Buccowich, Brooke, (F) Mid-Columbia
 Burnett, Mary, Florida Firstcoast
 Bury, Ashley, Mommy Pilots
 Bush, Caitlin, (F) Houston
 Cangemi, Martha, Lake Erie
 Cannavaro, Nicole, (F) Montana
 Carswell, Kathleen, (F) Kitty Hawk
 Chambers, Alicen, Phoenix
 Chang, Christine, (F) Idaho
 Chhabra, Smriti, India Section
 Chriswick, Adrienn, British Section
 Ciccone, Alexa, Phoenix
 Clark, Taylor, (F) Mid-Columbia
 Clement, Jacinta, Dallas
 Cook, Kristena, (F) Kentucky Bluegrass
 Corause, Francoise, French Section
 Creed, Brianna, (F) Sugarloaf
 Cribb, Catherine, (F) Western Washington
 Curtis, Laura, Katahdin Wings
 Davis, Carrie, (F) Kitty Hawk
 Davis, Elizabeth, Placer Gold
 Davis, Heather, Marin County
 Decker, Meredith, (F) All-Ohio
 Del Principe, Isabella, (F) Phoenix
 Derby, Ronnea, Colorado
 Dible, Kylie, (F) Scioto Valley
 Ditlevson, Laura, (F) El Paso
 Dougherty, Caroline, (F) Keystone
 Dubois, Renee, Wisconsin
 Ducharme, Ruth, (F) Connecticut
 Ebrahim Hazara, Saadah, (F) Ambassador
 Egge, Beth, (F) Michigan
 Entringer, Lauren, (F) Wisconsin
 Espinoza, Katrina, (F) Monterey Bay
 Falconer, Lillian, (F) Intermountain
 Farquharson, Amelia, (F) Connecticut
 Findley, Victoria, Alabama
 Foster, Marjorie, (F) San Fernando Valley
 Fournier, Maggie, (F) Mississippi
 Freeman, Margaret, Chicago Area
 Fullerton, Elizabeth, (F) Eastern New England
 Funk, Linda, Phoenix
 Gipple, Sarah, (F) San Luis Obispo County
 Goodall, Sharon, Chicago Area
 Goonen, Mary, Spaceport
 Gorman, Kathleen, (F) Greater St. Louis
 Gorrell, Nena, (F) Alabama
 Gregoire, Vivian, Manitoba
 Gressard, Sandrine, Montreal

Griffith, Cheyenne, (F) Mid-Columbia
 Guillian, Robin, Katahdin Wings
 Hamby, Eileen, (F) Alabama
 Haney, Melissa, Montreal
 Hanson, Annaliu, (F) Eastern New England
 Harrison, Atlanta, (F) Kentucky Bluegrass
 Hathaway, Anna, (F) Houston
 Hawkins, Natalie, Western Washington
 Haynes, Elizabeth, Washington DC
 Hertsch, Kaylyn, Rio Colorado
 Hillabrand, Erin, Arkansas
 Holmes, LaShanda, Florida Goldcoast
 Hoover, Elizabeth, Sugarloaf
 Hovanec, Nicki, (F) Emerald Angels
 Hoylman, Julia, Greater New York
 Hunsberger, Janice, (F) Alaska
 Hunt, Eden, Dallas
 Hvasta, Paula, Phoenix
 Isola, Eileen, Fort Worth
 Itani, Nadine, (F) Arabian Section
 Jensen, Fie, (F) First Canadian
 Jochl, Kimberley, Appalachian Aviatrices
 Johnson, Hope, (F) Indiana Dunes
 Johnson, Jayla, (F) Kentucky Bluegrass
 Johnson, Jill, (F) All-Ohio
 Johnson, Stephanie, Old Dominion
 Jones, Gladys, Tennessee
 Katzke, Lisa, Phoenix
 Kenney, Judi, (F) Fullerton
 Kerentseva, Ksenia, (F) Phoenix
 Ketcham, Sherry Ann, (F) Colorado
 King, Brandi, San Antonio
 Kistic, Emma, (F) Arkansas
 Kness, Eva, (F) Greater Seattle
 Koeppen, Brenna, (F) Wisconsin
 Koskela, Liisa, Finnish Section
 Koskinen, Marjo, Finnish Section
 Kratz, Carol, Wisconsin
 Krutsinger, McKenzie, Indiana
 Lanier, Kathryn, Eastern New England
 Lauria, Amanda, (F) Greater New York
 Lauria, Amy, (F) Minnesota
 Leary, Gayla, (F) Texas Dogwood
 Lewin, Brittany, (F) Wisconsin
 Lockerbie, Stephanie, Dallas
 Lopes, Ashleigh, Pikes Peak
 Lyman, Helen, (F) Washington DC
 Madello, Mikhael, Palomar
 Majid, Mariyam, Arabian Section
 Makin, Jessica, Rio Grande Norte
 Malcomb, Madison, (F) Indiana
 Manriquez-Wilbanks, Beatriz, (F) Long Beach
 Manthey, Lori, Lake Erie
 Marcus, Nichole, Florida Suncoast
 Markham, Melissa, (F) Florida Goldcoast
 Marshall, Janet, Appalachian Aviatrices
 Martin, Alison, Rio Grande Norte
 Martin, Clara, (F) French Section
 Martin, Natacha, Finger Lakes
 Martinez, Jennifer, (F) Aloha
 Mattei, Antoinette, Las Vegas Valley
 McClelland, Joan, (F) Mount Tahoma
 McGilvray, Andrea, San Antonio
 McHugh, Samantha, Colorado
 McManus, Lindsey, (F) Sarasota Ladybugs
 McMurtrie, Janette, Golden Triangle
 Metoyer, Karrie, (F) Shreveport
 Miller, Helen, All-Ohio
 Minnock, Debra, Spaceport
 Moats, Carrie, Old Dominion
 Moors, Camellia, (F) Florida Suncoast
 Morgan, Morgan Rose, (F) Northwoods
 Morisen, Krista, Indiana
 Mueller, Stephanie, Chicago Area
 Mukhamedova, Alena, Arabian Section
 Munson, Carla, (F) San Diego
 Naderi, Shideh, (F) Antelope Valley

Nakama, Kaori, (F) Florida Suncoast
 Napier, Katherine, (F) Georgia Flying Belles
 Nazimova, Kristina, (F) Sacramento Valley
 Neal, Susan, (F) New York Capital Region
 Norton, Nikita, Montana
 Olguin, Teresa, (F) Sacramento Valley
 Ortega, Teresa, Kansas
 Osisek, Leanna, (F) Long Island
 O'Toole, Ciara, Member At Large
 Pala, Audrey, Dallas
 Parris, Jennifer, (F) Florida Goldcoast
 Pearson, Deborah, (F) Minnesota
 Peltola, Maija, Finnish Section
 Peric, Rebecca Jean, (F) British Columbia Coast
 Perry, Madison, (F) NOLA
 Plasschaert, Catherine, Minnesota
 Plasschaert, Tabitha, (F) Minnesota
 Polyukh, Marianna, (F) Mid-Columbia
 Porras Gil, Maribel, Ambassador
 Reasoner, Shelly, (F) Columbia Cascade
 Reecy, Kirsten, Chicago Area
 Reich, Jennifer, (F) Mid-Columbia
 Reid Allin, Lola, First Canadian
 Reigan, Yolanda, (F) Carolinas
 Reilly, Shannon, (F) Coyote Country
 Rhines, Gayle, Dallas
 Rice, Nancy, (F) Texas Dogwood
 Richter, Huguette, (F) First Canadian
 Richter-Sand, Kathy, (F) Rio Grande Norte
 Robbins, Brittany, (F) Indiana
 Roberts, Corinne, (F) Minnesota
 Rosenkranz, Rachell, Greater Seattle
 Rosinsky, Lauren, (F) Wisconsin
 Ross, Lauren, Mommy Pilots
 Rossini, Rebecca, (F) Orange County
 Roude, Gabriella, (F) NOLA
 Rowland, Jessica, (F) Minnesota
 Salinas, Maribeth, Tennessee
 Schafer, Amy, (F) Old Dominion
 Schulz, Laura, (F) Colorado
 Secker-Walker, Julia, Eastern New England
 Semich, Sidnie, (F) Treasure Coast
 Shafi, Fatima, Arabian Section
 Smith, Lori, (F) Keystone
 Stafford, Kathleen, Texas Coast
 Steele, Cassidy, (F) Texas Dogwood
 Stoddard, Kelly, All-Ohio
 Stoltz, Anna, (F) Colorado
 StonelABoy, Jessica, (F) Western New York
 Strandberg, Sara, Sleeping Giant
 Strong, Julie, Aloha
 Sullivan, Barbara, Shreveport
 Sykes, Esther, Sutter Buttes
 Sztmanska, Sabina, (F) Arabian Section
 Taff, Kayla, Indiana
 Talbot, Valerie, (F) Florida Goldcoast
 Thierry, Eva, (F) Eastern Pennsylvania
 Thompson, Catherine, (F) Palomar
 Thompson, Patti, (F) Palomar
 Thornton, Lauren, (F) Kitty Hawk
 Trent, Amanda, (F) Columbia Cascade
 Underwood, Heather, (F) Colorado
 Vallarino, Stephanie, Houston
 Van Schoonhoven, Cortni, (F) Greater Seattle
 Van Wormer, Jennifer, Tennessee
 Velasquez, Carla, (F) Connecticut
 Verry, Mary, Cascade
 Weidenhaft, Betty, Oregon Pines
 Welby, Samantha, (F) Garden State
 Wessels, Quin, Daytona Beachin' Eagles
 Whelen, Kathleen, (F) El Paso
 Whitfield, Christena, (F) Oregon Pines
 Wiebe, Candice, Manitoba
 Williams, Misha, (F) Reno High Sierra
 Williams, Tonia, (F) Las Vegas Valley
 Wohn, Janette, (F) Sacramento Valley
 Wright, Samantha, (F) Florida Goldcoast
 Xu, Muzi, China Section
 Zettwock, Allison, (F) Florida Goldcoast

CORRECTIONS

BIG SKY CHAPTER OFFICERS

In the May/June 2017 issue, Grass Roots Section, page 27, the Big Sky Chapter officers were listed incorrectly. They are: Patty Mitchell, Chapter Chair; Trena Boyd, Vice Chair; Ossie Abrams, Secretary; Bobbi Powers, Treasurer.

— *Patty Viall*

VICKI CRUSE EMERGENCY MANEUVER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

In the July/August issue, under the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships, Fanny Leroy's award should have read "Fanny Leroy, Vicki Cruse Memorial Scholarship for Emergency Maneuver Training."

— *Judy McCarthy*

BONNIE SEYMOUR OBITUARY

In the July/August issue, the obituary for Bonnie Seymour, Lake Tahoe Chapter, was written by Bonnie's daughter Cindy Bashford and Lake Tahoe Chapter Chair Alanna McClellan. It was incorrectly attributed to Lynn Meadows.

— *Lynn Meadows*

Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Applications Now Being Accepted for 2018

Zonta International anticipates 35 Amelia Earhart Fellowships of 10,000 USD will be awarded in 2018.

This fellowship encourages and supports women to expand their horizons by pursuing degrees and careers in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering.

Women of any nationality are eligible. Zonta International established the Amelia Earhart Fellowship in 1938 in honor Earhart, who was a Zontian.



A copy of the Fellowship application can be downloaded from the Zonta International website at www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Education/Amelia-Earhart-Fellowship.

The 2018 Amelia Earhart Fellowship application, recommendations, official transcripts and verification of enrollment in a Ph.D. or doctoral program must be received or post-marked by November 15, 2017 to be considered.

NEW HORIZONS

This space is dedicated to our members and 49½s who have passed on to New Horizons. We miss you and thank you for all your contributions to our organization, The 99s. By capturing part of our members' lives, we keep them alive in our hearts forever.

Our members who recently flew to New Horizons were:

Adelle Bedrossian – May 4, 2017

Sylvia Garratt – May 3, 2017

Irene Leverton – July 23, 2017

Joan Lynum – April 26, 2017

Myra MacLure – June 2, 2017

Norah O'Neill – September 22, 2017

Dawn Seymour – July 18, 2017

Eleanor Todd – June 16, 2017

Dorothy Warren – May 3, 2017

Roger Baird – 49½ Sylvia Baird – July 14, 2017

The full obituaries and photos are now posted on The Ninety-Nines website. To read them, follow the link, www.ninety-nines.org/new-horizons.htm, or you can access the obituaries from the home page of the website. Click on the History tab, then on New Horizons in the drop-down list.

The decision was made to move the obituaries to The 99s website. This will ensure the tributes will be published in their entirety, along with photos, and also be preserved for future reference for both families and researchers.



Friends of The 99s

Matt Brignac, Columbus, Mississippi

Emily Brutko, Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Nikia Chartofylax, Winnipeg, MB Canada

Warren Clark, Revere, Massachusetts

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Jeff Gery, Moorpark, California

Blake Graham, Roanoke, Texas

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Amy Howard, Grapevine, Texas

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Rick Plasschaert, North Mankato, Minnesota

Zac Rogers, Durham, North Carolina

Scott Rossow, Saint Joseph, Missouri

Thomas Saniewski, Greer, South Carolina

Sara Stoutland, Brookline, Massachusetts

Katie Sweatt, Cochise, Arizona

Jacqueline Withers, Denver, Colorado

2017 San Antonio International Conference



*Far left:
Embarking on the River
Walk tour are Paula
Sandling, Jeanne Fenimore,
Joan Steinberger, Lilian
Holt, Bertie Duffy and
Lynne Orloff.*

*Right: Lois Gronau-Fietz,
center, welcomes Ginger
Adelston, left and Liz Poep-
elman and her daughter.*

*Near right: AEMSF Trustees,
from left, Dorothy Norkus,
Jacque Boyd, Shelley Ventura
and Dorothy Berthelet.*



*Far left:
From left, Mae Marquet,
Sean Tucker and Cindy
Pickett enjoying the
Saturday night banquet.*

*Left:
Also enjoying the evening
are, from left, Rae Willis,
Evelyn Kropp, Candie
Oldham and Carolyn
Balickie.*

Start Planning for 2018 in Historic Philadelphia



From left, Mary Wunder, Heather Hill, Barbara Little, Angela Leedy, Beth Signore, Linda Evans, Debi Dreyfuss, Juliet Lindrooth invite all 99s to the 2018 Conference in Philadelphia.