



# ***Ninety-Nines***

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*January/February 2018*

***Judy Phelps***

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their families and  
friends to the July  
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the Great Pyramid in  
the Egyptian desert.



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### On The Cover

Judy Phelps fell in love with the idea of flying on her first date with her husband-to-be Clay Phelps, owner of CP Aviation in Ventura County, California. Even though she eventually earned her private pilot certificate and was surrounded by aviation every day, she didn't do much flying. She just wasn't comfortable. However, an Emergency Maneuvers Training course with Rich Stowell dramatically changed her comfort level. Judy is now confident she could recover if she accidentally encountered an unusual attitude.

In the cover photo, Judy flies a Pitts S2-B over the foothills of Ventura, California.

Photo by Mike Salas with MSAVI Photography in collaboration with Evan Byrne at Focal Flight, Santa Paula, California. Evan was in the plane adjusting angles for the photos.







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*Santa Clara 99s Pat Gregory and Laura DeFavero fly over the Santa Clara Valley in a Cessna 182 during the annual Havasu 600 Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Air Race.*

*Photo by Mackenzie Mollohan*



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*Ninety-Nine Gladys Lacey Jones, one of the founding members of the Tennessee Chapter, recently celebrated her 106th birthday — and sent in her 99s renewal form! She is shown with her husband Hubbard Jones on their wedding day.*



## The 99s Mission Statement

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. 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

# 2018

## MARCH

- 1-3 99s International Board of Directors Spring Meeting,** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 22-24 Women In Aviation Conference,** Reno, Nevada. PPLI Reception on site, and be sure to visit The 99s booth #217. Visit [www.wai.org/2018-international-women-aviation-conference](http://www.wai.org/2018-international-women-aviation-conference).

## APRIL

- 1 Due date for submissions to *Ninety-Nines* magazine** for the May/June issue.
- 8 Antelope Valley Chapter Poker Run and Barbecue Fundraiser,** William J. Fox Airfield, Lancaster, California, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Lynne Hsia at [lkhsia@aol.com](mailto:lkhsia@aol.com).
- 10 New Zealand Section Spring Meeting,** Auckland, New Zealand. Contact Dee Bond at [dee@deebond.co.nz](mailto:dee@deebond.co.nz).
- 10-15 Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida,** [www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo](http://www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo).
- 11 WASP Luncheon at Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida,** honoring the WASP, 11:30 a.m. at the Buehler Restoration Center. Tickets are \$20 each and limited to 60 seats. Deadline for payment is April 1. Contact Chairman Barbara Yeninas, [JJYBMY@verizon.net](mailto:JJYBMY@verizon.net) or 813-654-3780.
- 14 Southeast Section Spring Meeting, Lakeland, Florida.** Hosted by the Paradise Coast Chapter. Registration and other information at <http://www.sesection99s.org/>



*Join in The 99s fun at Sun 'n Fun this April in Lakeland, Florida, April 10-15. The WASP luncheon will be held on April 11. See calendar below for reservation details.*

- 27-29 Southwest Section Spring Meeting,** Bakersfield, California. Register at <http://ninetynines.net/sws99sBakersfield/index.asp>.

## MAY

- 3-6 South Central Section Spring Meeting,** Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hosted by Pikes Peak Chapter. Register at <https://www.pikespeakspringconference.net/>.
- 4-6 North Central Section Spring Meeting,** Kalamazoo, Michigan. Hosted by Michigan Chapter. Accommodations at Four Points by Sheraton Kalamazoo. Contact Rebecca Duggan, [rebdpilot@me.com](mailto:rebdpilot@me.com).

## JUNE

- 1 Due date for submissions to *Ninety-Nines* magazine** for the July/August issue.
- 15-16 AOPA Fly-In,** Missoula International Airport (KMSO), Missoula, Montana.
- 19-22 Air Race Classic,** Start at Sweetwater, Texas, Terminus at Fryeburg, Maine. Visit [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org).

## JULY

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

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*Three generations of ARC Flyers: Caroline Baldwin, left, her granddaughter Cara and daughter Lydia at start of 2015 ARC.*

Photo: Hemlock Films



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**W**hat is the BEST part of being President? Having the opportunity to meet so many dynamic, smart, impressive members!

Whether I am at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, my local Chapter meeting or attending a Section meeting around the world, I always come home amazed at the women who are 99s.

I recently attended the Fall 2017 Arabian Section Meeting in Cairo, Egypt. Over 100 members attended from 20 countries! Governor Alia Al Tawal organized an incredible three-day adventure. We toured the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, rode camels, visited the fascinating Egyptian Museum, shopped at a Cairo bazaar and had dinner on the Nile River. We also had the chance to make donations to a local disabled children's charity. I really like that Alia finds a way for The 99s to donate to a local charity at each Section meeting.

Our third day was an educational aviation day touring the Cairo Airport Tower and Approach, flying EgyptAir simulators and touring their maintenance facility. We enjoyed meeting and talking with the women who have chosen aviation as their career in Egypt.

I met so many accomplished women from the many countries comprising the Arabian Section. And so many other 99s came from China, Europe, the U.S. and many other countries.



I am in awe of what many of our members have accomplished in life and how they choose to live their dreams.

And speaking of amazing women, I keep reading emails of our members opening their hearts and homes to other members who have been displaced by hurricanes and fires here in the U.S. One group is flying needed supplies to areas hit hardest by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I am so proud that 99s reach out to help one another.

One of the greatest benefits of being a 99 is our sisterhood that is always reaching out to each other, supporting each other's goals and dreams, and celebrating our latest achievements.



**Jan McKenzie**  
**International President**

**Choose to Soar!**  
**Choose to**  
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*Far left, Egypt's King Tut bust displayed at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.*

*Below, EgyptAir hosts 99s from around the world to fly simulators and tour their facilities.*



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## HOLDING SHORT

### *Reaching Out and Making Connections*

**I** was assigned a flight to Delhi, India, on the 777 with only three-hours notice. I was on the “short call” reserve list at my airline, United. I had flown to Delhi two or three times and Mumbai a few times, but I never reached out to our 99s community there. This time, I thought, why not reach out? And I am glad I did!

Since my flight was due to arrive in the middle of the night, I sent out emails ahead of time to any 99 in the New Delhi area. I invited them for coffee and pastry at my hotel before my flight left that evening. With such short notice, I was aware that I probably would not hear from anyone.

Surprise! I got a call to my hotel room from Nivedita Bhasin, India Section Membership Chairman, Vice Governor and 787 Captain for Air India. She was on her way to the airport to fly to Paris, and she was going to stop by my hotel before her flight.

Her hospitality, generous nature and the effort she made to connect with me were appreciated. We spoke about avia-



*Ronna and Captain Bhasin.*



*Ronna with Bobby Choudhury.*

tion, family and our appreciation of this great organization that connects women all over the world.

Captain Bhasin has a daughter and fellow 99, Niharika Bhasin, an Airbus pilot for Indigo. Captain Bhasin's son and husband are also professional pilots. It is a family affair!

Our time together was truly memorable. It was an amazing feeling to connect with a fellow 99 and a new friend.

In the afternoon, I met fellow 99 Bobby Choudhury, a glider pilot, at the cafe in the hotel.

She and I spoke about aviation, family and the world. Bobby shares her love of aviation with her entire family. Her son shares her passion and aspires to be a professional pilot. Bobby and I spoke for over two hours! She graciously shared her

time and also connected me to the hospitality of the India Section 99s. I am one lucky pilot to meet another friend in one day.

Both of these incredible women squeezed me into their busy lives at a moment's notice, and I will forever be grateful!

I have the best office in the world, and The 99s are the most amazing women of the world!

— Ronna Bush

## Meet a Governor...

**What is your name, where do you live, where do you fly out of and what Chapter do you belong to?** Alice Talnack, Aptos, CA, my plane is based at Watsonville Airport, 7 miles from my home, member of the Monterey Bay Chapter.

**What type of flying do you do?** Recreational, flying is one of my hobbies.

**What is your vision that will take your Section to the next level of success, or what kind of exciting future plans does your Section have?**

My vision when I decided to run for Governor was to visit as many of the Southwest Section Chapters as I could. So far, I have visited 20 of our 42 Chapters. My goal in doing this was to reach out to Chapter members and see what questions or suggestions they have.

What I learned from these visits, and shared with my Board, is that whether it is a large Chapter or a small Chapter, the members are definitely committed to the mission of The 99s.

Also, as our Chapter demographics change, we, the SWS, need to do training in our awards and scholarship programs and training for leadership roles within the organization.

**What is your favorite piece of aviation advice?** Stay flying.

**One thing you might be surprised to know about me is:** I do my own owner-assisted annual each year. Best way to know your plane.



*Alice working on her owner-assisted annual.*





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# *“See The Pyramids Along The Nile...”*

## Arabian Section Meeting Attracts 99s Worldwide

By Houda Kerkoub,  
Arabian Section

Once again, and for the fifth time, the Arabian Section gathered between October 27-29 for the Section's biannual meeting. This time the meeting took place in Cairo, Egypt, under the patronage of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

This meeting paid tribute to the Egyptian aviator Lotfia El Nadi (October 29, 1907 – December 23, 2003). She was among the 12 founding women who established the Arabian Section in Saudi Arabia.

The meeting's program included rich and exciting activities, including the pyramids, where members took a close-up look at the ancient tombs guarded by the Great Sphinx of Giza.

After a day exploring ancient artifacts, members enjoyed a meal at the Royal Inn directly overlooking the pyramids.

The next stops were at Al Mo'ez Street, where we peeked into the ancient making of papyrus. Next was the visit to the Khan el-Khalili shopping bazaars. The members ended an exciting first day with a meal in style at the Naguib Mahfouz restaurant.

The second day started with a visit to the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, known to house the world's largest collection of Pharaonic antiquities. After

lunch we headed to Al Kheyameya Street, with its handmade carpets, leather poufs, throws and bags. The second day closed with a Nile cruise and a folkloric dinner show.

The third day of the meeting was Learn How To Fly Training Day, conducted and hosted by EgyptAir Training Academy. The team was divided into three groups that were assigned to one of three areas: Egyptair Training Academy to attend flight simulator and flight attendant training sessions; Egyptair Maintenance and Engineering to view the high-end engine maintenance and repair equipment and procedures; or Air Traffic Control.

The end of the third day was marked by a closing ceremony that also celebrated the 110th birthday of Lotfia El Nadi.

As a tribute to Lotfia's memory, her friend Patsy Knox, also a founding figure and first Governor of the Section, offered a \$3,000 scholarship to support fellow Arabian Section 99s. An additional \$500 in donations increased the scholarship to \$3,500.

Sponsor-donated gifts for members that were used in charity raffles yielded \$10,000. This sum was used to free Egyptian women called *Gharimat*, or “indebted.” These women borrowed money to support their families but

were subsequently unable to compensate for their debts. As a result, they were detained and jailed for periods ranging from three to five years unless they paid back their debts. This year, the Section took it at heart to help as many *Gharimat* as possible and was able to free seven from their misfortunes.

Other beneficiaries of the charity were babies born with visual impairments needing urgent eye surgery. Three cornea operations were successfully performed on newborns who are now in convalescence.

The Section is proud to report the success of its 5th meeting. To date, it had the largest attendance: 100 members came alone or accompanied by their family and friends to Cairo. They were able to meet old friends or make new connections. Networking opportunities were made for future projects and partnerships, scholarship funds were kindly given and gladly received, and charity work was performed in hope for a better world.

Special thanks to our sponsors for their continuous support: Ministry of Egyptian Civil Aviation, DHL Aviation Middle East, Boeing Middle East, Airbus Middle East, Airways Aviation, EgyptAir, Zain Jordan and EgyptAir Training Center.



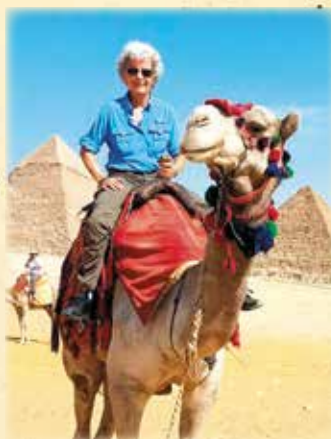
*99s and friends pause for a photo after touring the pyramids.  
Group photo by Lachlan Brauman*



*On Friday, we were on the move to the Great Pyramids and Sphinx. Some of us rode camels and crawled through the claustrophobic tunnel to the center cavern in one of the large pyramids, and what fun!*

*Look out, the next Arabian Section Meeting is already in the works for Istanbul in 2019 and the International Conference in Jordan in 2021. You can bet I will be attending.*

**Sue Ballew**  
**Santa Clara Valley Chapter**



*Sue Ballew and her new friend.*

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*Fannie Pajer with her baby, Houda Kerkoub and Jachyn Poon. Photo by Adrián Pajer*

THIS SIDE FOR THE ADDRESS

*Day two began with a visit to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, which contains the world's most extensive collection of pharaonic antiquities. Next was a tour of Coptic Cairo's "Hanging Church." This basilica is one of Egypt's oldest churches, dating back to the end of the 3rd century AD. After further tours of the ancient city, the evening ended with a Nile River dinner cruise.*

— Linda Mae Hivert  
 Reno Area Chapter

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*Practicing emergency procedures at EgyptAir.*

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY

*Sunday morning an official reception by EgyptAir took place. After a warm welcome and many photoshoots from different angles, we visited the ATC Tower at Cairo International Airport where a woman controller proudly described her pioneering career as an air traffic controller. We then visited the maintenance and training department of EgyptAir. Some others of our party participated in simulator training and practice in emergency procedures.*

*All was done in an extremely pleasant, open and friendly atmosphere with plenty of time and opportunity for chatting and getting to know each other.*

— Tineke Shaper  
 German Section



# FLYING UPSIDE DOWN

By Janice Pelletti  
*Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter*



Judy Phelps fell in love with aviation on a first date. Although her father and grandfather were both pilots, it was the first date with future husband Clay Phelps that sparked her desire to fly. “I didn’t like the feeling of sitting in the right seat of the airplane and knowing absolutely nothing about what was going on.”

Judy and Clay met at the Santa Paula Airport in Ventura County, California, in 1992. Judy was a single mom with a young daughter, working at the airport restaurant. Clay owned the airport FBO, CP Aviation.

After that memorable date, Judy began working in the parts department at CP Aviation, learning more and more about aviation. Judy and Clay married in 1994. Continuing to work both jobs, Judy earned her private certificate five years later.

The day after she took her private checkride, Judy joined the Ventura County Chapter. She has since served as Chapter Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair.

Life changed dramatically for Judy in 2001. She quit the waitress job and moved on to manage the CP Aviation

flight school. “After I completed my private pilot, I wasn’t flying much,” says Judy. “I think the big reason was because I wasn’t real comfortable.”

She decided to take the Emergency Maneuvers Training course with Rich Stowell. “I wanted to learn about the unknown, like spins and unusual attitudes. I learned that airplanes don’t just fall out of the sky. I faced my biggest fears and gained confidence.”

One of her biggest challenges was overcoming getting airsick. “Getting airsick is very common for most, but not all,” says Judy. “I am one of those people who had to build up my G tolerance and let my body adapt to the spinning and rolling motion.” In time it passed, but she remembers coming back from many flights not feeling well.

“You know you have been bitten by the flying bug when you want more, even when you feel sick afterwards.”

Judy says that Emergency Maneuver Training is a great confidence booster. By having exposure to spins and unusual attitudes, a person now knows what it feels like to spin and be turned upside down in an airplane.

“For me it was facing the fear of the unknown. Once I faced that fear, it wasn’t such a bad thing.” Judy now has the confidence she could recover if she accidentally encountered an unusual attitude.

“Most importantly, I now had an awareness of what it took to get into these situations, making them less likely to happen. I can honestly say today that I am comfortable recovering from any attitude.”

“One of my most memorable flights was the first time I took up the Super Decathlon by myself. My legs were shaking when I got back on the ground, and all I did was a spin, loop and roll. It was a huge confidence booster knowing I could not only do it but that I didn’t need my flight instructor.”



Within 18 months, Judy had her instrument rating and both commercial and flight instructor certificates. She now has over 9,000 hours, with half aerobatic.

“The difference between emergency maneuvers training and aerobatics training is that the pilot first learns what to do when things go wrong in many different situations. The course gives people some good tools that they can apply to their everyday flying.”

Judy also competed in aerobatics for five years. Unable to spend enough time for aerobatic practice, she stopped competing to devote time to teaching.

Judy continues to be active in the Ventura County Chapter, teaching pilot proficiency classes, donating Emergency Maneuver Training courses to The Ninety-Nines and donating to the Vicki Cruse Memorial Emergency Maneuver Training Scholarship through the International Aerobatic Club. She donates her instructors' time to the Figure 1 Foundation and

is a mentor for the Women Soar/You Soar program. Judy also donates Tailwheel Endorsement Scholarships to her Chapter.

In addition to numerous other awards, she also received the Federal Aviation Administration's Flight Instructor of the Year in 2011. “For me, this was the most rewarding accomplishment I've received so far. It came eight years after I became a CFI.”

She is also the first woman to be recognized with the Master CFI Aerobatic accreditation.

Today, due to Judy's reputation, women pilots in the area tend to flock to CP Aviation to fly with her and her female flight instructors. She is an active recruiter for The Ninety-Nines, sharing her passion for aviation with all the female pilots she encounters.

“I want to keep flying around the country. Each year I try to visit somewhere I've never been. I plan to continue to love what I do.”

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*“The difference between emergency maneuvers training and aerobatics training is that the pilot first learns what to do when things go wrong in many different situations.”*

*Photo opposite page: Judy snaps a photo of Terry Piper, Ventura County Chapter member, as she gives Terry instructions on how to fly upside down.*

*Photo below: Judy flies inverted during an AOPA photo shoot.*

*Photo by Chad Slattery, Aviation and Aerospace Photography*



# 99s International Conference

July 3-8, 2018 | Philadelphia, PA



What better place to celebrate the 4th of July than in Philadelphia – the cradle of liberty where not only did our founding fathers draft the Constitution but where the first balloon launched nearly two hundred years ago!

The Mid-Atlantic Section of The Ninety Nines invites all Ninety-Nines and their families to join us for the 2018 International Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 3-8 for fireworks, friends, fabulous seminars and flying.

Philadelphia, dubbed the “City of Brotherly Love” by William Penn, is Pennsylvania’s largest city. Independence Hall where the Constitution and Declaration of Independence were signed served as the meeting place of America’s founding fathers. You are invited to join us to tour it along with other historical sites such as the Constitution Center and Liberty Bell. After taking in the patriotic side of Philadelphia, join us for a tour of the Philadelphia Museum of Arts, one of many diverse museums. You won’t want to miss reenacting the immortalized, triumphant run up the steps by Sylvester Stallone in the film “Rocky.” Right next to the museum sits Boathouse Row, one of the City’s loveliest sites in the evening as the houses are outlined in light. Philadelphia has more outdoor sculptures and murals than any other American city, many of which are located in one of the largest urban parks in the country. In addition to cheese steaks and soft pretzels, Philadelphia has some of the finest restaurants of any city. Whether you’re looking for history, beautiful scenery, museums or food, Philadelphia is a destination not to be missed.

The Mid-Atlantic Section has planned a Conference that will be informative, inspiring and illuminating, in addition to some conference firsts, such as a Career Expo, flying the Hudson, riding in a biplane or glider and savoring the history of a vintage air and auto museum. Before and after the Conference, join fellow 99s on tours of Washington D.C. and New York City, including seeing the Broadway musical, *Come From Away*.

A few Conference highlights:

- Celebrate the Fourth of July on a dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia.
- The first ever Ninety-Nines Career Expo where those who are considering or wanting a career in aviation can explore career options, talk to recruiters and plan their path to success.
- Learn and be inspired by attending over a dozen educational seminars, including a breakfast professional development presentation by Dr. Karen Lawson, an internationally known executive coach.
- Fly the Hudson River on a grand aerial tour of NYC and the Statue of Liberty.
- Glide over the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside in an open cockpit biplane or glider.
- Fly into a private airfield to experience a world class air and auto museum. Watch many of the only remaining airframes fly.
- Thursday night’s Take off Reception features a Taste of Philly and casual attire – and maybe, just maybe, some surprise entertainment. Feel free to show off your independence pride by wearing your red, white and blue.
- The Hospitality Suite sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Section Chapters provides a valuable opportunity for taking a break, catching up with friends and reminiscing about our aviation adventures.
- Our Fly Market provides a showcase of items for sale that are of interest to pilots. You never know what treasures you will find at our Fly Market.
- Maximizing “L.I.F.T.” – Leading Into the Future Together – is a high-energy, interactive session in which you pick the topics that are of most interest to you in supporting the success of your Chapter or Section.
- Just like the 4th of July fireworks, we will be “Lighting the Sky with Our Stars” at our Saturday night banquet celebrating and honoring the winners of Amelia Earhart Scholarships and Ninety-Nines International Awards.



**To learn more about and to register for our spectacular Conference, visit the Conference website, [www.99sconference.org](http://www.99sconference.org), or follow the link on The Ninety-Nines homepage. If you cannot use the Internet and wish to receive a hard copy of the registration form, please contact Mary at +1 (484) 571-8145.**

Don’t miss out on the discounted attendance fee. Early registration deadline is March 31.

*Mary Wunder & Barbara E. Little*

Conference Co-chairwomen



# Conference Schedule

## Tuesday July 3, 2018

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
7:30 AM – 10:30 PM	Washington DC Tour	Off Site
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality	Minuet

## Wednesday July 4, 2018

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Registration / Tour sign up	Overture
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Diggerland Construction Park	Off Site
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality	Minuet
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Fly Market / Exhibits	Overture
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Hudson River Tour Seminar	Aria
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration / Tour sign up	Overture
5:45 PM – 10:30 PM	Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner Cruise	Off Site

## Thursday July 5, 2018

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Hudson River Tour	Off site
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration / Tour sign up	Overture
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Patriot Philadelphia Walking Tour	Off Site
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Philadelphia International Airport Tour	Off Site
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Van Sant Airport	Off Site
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Get on Board—Serving as a Nonprofit Board of Directors	Aria
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Identifying Threats and Errors and How to Mitigate Them in General Aviation	Concerto
9:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Fly Market / Exhibits	Overture
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	When Your Plane Flies On—Estate Planning for Airplane Owners	Aria
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality	Minuet
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Pre-conference BOD meeting	Symphony
12:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Philadelphia Museum of Arts	Off Site
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	The Softer Side of Safety	Aria
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	3 R's of Respecting Your Money	Aria
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	The Drone Evolution	Concerto
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Maximizing "L.I.F.T."—Leading Into the Future Together	Symphony
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	First Timer Meet & Greet	Union League
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Take-Off Welcome Reception	Roof top

## Friday July 6, 2018

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
7:00 AM	Eagles Mere Air Museum Briefing	Maestro
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast / Professional Branding	Symphony
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Eagles Mere Air Museum	Off Site
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Longwood Gardens, Brandywine Museum & Wyeth Museum	Off Site
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration / Credentials	Overture
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Fly Market / Exhibits	Overture
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Endowment Trust Meeting	Mary's Room
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	AEMS Meeting	Maestro A
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Museum Trust Meeting	Maestro B
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Majors Presentation (Career Expo)	Symphony
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Career Expo Exhibitors	Concerto/Aria/Hallway
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Final Flight, Final Fight	Maestro
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality	Minuet
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and Beyond	Maestro
12:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Resume Review Presentation (Career Expo)	Symphony
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Why Didn't My Awesome Application Win?	Maestro
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Professional Pilots Leadership Initiative (Career Expo)	Symphony
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Flying to the Bahamas—Getting Your "Feet Wet"	Maestro
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Pre ABM Communication Session	Maestro
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Governors' Reception	Roof top
TBD	Dine Around Town	

## Saturday July 7, 2018

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
6:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Registration / Credentials	Overture
6:30 AM – 8:15 AM	Breakfast	Symphony
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Annual Business Meeting	Symphony
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Philadelphia International Airport Tour	
12:45 PM – 1:45 PM	Self-Fly Safaris in Southern Africa	Concerto
12:45 PM – 1:45 PM	Legal Stuff Pilots Should Know & It's Not All FARs	Aria
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Fly Market / Exhibits	Overture
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Air Race Classic	Concerto
2:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Post-conference BOD meeting	Aria
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	No-host Cocktail Reception	Overture
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Amelia Earhart & Awards Banquet	Symphony

## Sunday July 8, 2018

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
7:30 AM – 10:00 PM	A New York City Experience	Off Site

# Optional Local and Regional Tours

## Don't Miss Out on These Once In A Lifetime Tour Opportunities!

### Tuesday July 3, 2018

#### Washington DC Tour

7:30 AM – 10:30 PM | Join us for a bus trip to explore our nation's Capital. We will start with a guided tour at Arlington National Cemetery where you will be transported by trolley, allowing you to hop on and off to explore the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JFK's grave, and more. Next, spend time exploring the famous National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institute. We'll conclude with a unique and relaxed tour of the major Washington DC sights. Lunch and dinner will be on your own.

Cost per attendee: \$250

Activity level: Moderate

Attendance: 20-40 people



### Wednesday July 4, 2018

#### Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner Cruise

5:45 PM – 10:30 PM | Dine, dance and take in the amazing 4th of July views of the Delaware River aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia. Enjoy views of the Philadelphia skyline with landmarks including the Naval Shipyard, Ben Franklin Bridge, Battleship New Jersey and more. Transportation between the hotel and the dinner cruise ship is included.

Cost per attendee: \$150

Activity level: Easy

Attendance: 40-80 people



### Sunday July 8, 2018

#### A New York City Experience

7:30 AM – 10:00 PM | Join us on a guided day trip to New York City to experience the beauty and splendor of the Big Apple! Upon our arrival by bus, we'll begin with a visit to the deeply moving 9/11 Memorial and Museum. After a lunch in the area, we will head off see the Broadway show *Come From Away*. This Tony-award-winning musical tells the true story of kindness across borders during the unfolding terror of 9/11 and features the leadership of Beverley Bass, the first female captain of American Airlines. After this powerful show, we'll conclude our time in the Big Apple with a unique "Sites and Bites Tour," a guided walking tour of Midtown that includes plenty of local food to cover your dinner needs. Lunch will be on your own near the 9/11 Memorial.

Cost per attendee: \$399.00 (Refund policy not applicable. This trip is nonrefundable.)

Activity level: Moderate

Attendance: 40 people maximum





# Enjoy the Many Options to See, Do...and FLY!

## Wednesday July 4, 2018

### Diggerland Construction Park

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Explore and interact with the only construction-themed adventure park in North America where families can drive, ride and operate ACTUAL machinery. Transportation between the hotel and the Park is included. Meals are not included. Food is available at the park.

Cost per attendee: \$65

Activity level: Moderate

Attendance: 10-14 people

## Thursday July 5, 2018

### Hudson River Tour

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Fly up the Hudson River under New York's Class B airspace. This is a unique opportunity to see New York City from the air. The Hudson River corridor gives pilots an exclusive perspective of such iconic landmarks as the Empire State Building; the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum; and the Statue of Liberty. The tour has regulatory requirements, including the completion of a New York Special Flight Rules Area seminar. This required seminar will take place at the hotel on Wednesday at 2:00 PM. We will depart for the ILG and PNE airports via volunteer ride-shares at approximately 8:00 AM Thursday morning. This tour does not include meals. *All registrants for this trip must have their own aircraft or have already coordinated with another registrant who has an airplane with a seat available for you. This trip is weather dependent and dependent on airspace being available.*

Cost per attendee: FREE

Activity level: Easy

Attendance: No minimum or maximum

### Patriotic Philadelphia Walking Tour

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Join this guided walking tour of Philadelphia where you will visit the Independence National Historical Park area by connecting over 20 historical buildings and places where the events of the American Revolution transpired. Upon completion of the walking tour, enjoy a guided tour through the National Constitution Center, a wonderful museum in Independence Mall. This is a must-see for history buffs. Transportation to and from the National Constitution Center is provided. This tour does not include meals.

Cost per attendee: \$75

Activity level: Moderate

Attendance: 14-28 people

### Philadelphia International Airport Tour

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Join us on a behind the scenes tour of Philadelphia International Airport. Highlights will be a trip to Philadelphia Approach Control and tower, a tour of the American Airlines Maintenance Facility (including sitting in the pilots' seats of an American Airlines jet), and a visit to the American Airlines ramp tower where you can observe all the moving parts of the American Airlines ramp facilities. Transportation to and from the airport is included. This tour does not include meals.

Cost per attendee: \$40.00

Activity level: Difficult

Attendance: 10-14 people

### Van Sant Airport

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Soar over Bucolic Bucks County farmland and the Delaware River in an open cockpit biplane or glider at historic Van Sant Airport. Various options are available once we arrive, including a 12-minute biplane ride in an N3N for \$100 per attendee; a 20-minute glider ride for \$110 per attendee and a 12-minute Cub ride for \$40 per attendee. *Please bring your own lunch. There are no options to purchase lunch during this trip. The price of this tour covers transportation to and from the Van Sant Airport only. Rides will be purchased separately upon arrival.*

Cost per attendee: \$70.00

Activity level: Easy

Attendance: 12-14 people

### Philadelphia Museum of Art

12:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Join us on a one-hour highlights tour of the Museum. After this tour, you will have time to explore on your own using recommendations gained during the tour. Transportation to and from the Museum is included. Meals are on your own.

Cost per attendee: \$75

Activity level: Easy

Attendance: 14-28 people



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## Friday July 6, 2018

### Longwood Gardens, Brandywine Museum & Wyeth Museum

8:30 AM – 5:30 PM | Explore and learn about the history of Longwood Gardens on this guided tour. Designed to tell the story of how one man's vision turned Longwood into the world's premier horticultural display garden, this guided tour includes the horticultural highlights of the season. Finish the afternoon touring the Brandywine and Wyeth Museums with galleries dedicated to the work of N.C. Wyeth and Jamie Wyeth, as well as the Heritage Collection that is a cross section of American art in the Brandywine Valley. Bring \$25 for lunch at the Longwood Gardens Café.

Cost per attendee: \$160

Activity level: Moderate

Attendance: 20-28 people

### Eagles Mere Air Museum

7:00 AM – 3:30 PM | Fly your own aircraft or ride along over hill and dale to Eagles Mere Air Museum in beautiful Sullivan County, PA. Once you are there, you will see approximately 30 beautiful vintage aircraft in a world class museum in addition to a large, fabulous collection of vintage cars. Be sure to bring your camera as every hangar has a tribute to early female aviators. This is a privately owned airport and collection. **A required seminar will be given at 7:00 AM** prior to departing for ILG and PNE airports via volunteer ride-shares. Lunch, a beverage and a donation to the museum is included. *All registrants for this trip must have their own aircraft or have already coordinated with another registrant who has an airplane with a seat available for you. This trip is weather dependent.*

Cost per attendee: \$25.00

Activity level: Easy

Attendance: Up to 40 people

## Saturday, July 7, 2018

### Philadelphia International Airport Tour

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Join us on a behind the scenes tour of Philadelphia International Airport. Highlights will be a trip to Philadelphia Approach Control and tower, a tour of the American Airlines Maintenance Facility (including sitting in the pilots' seats of an American Airlines jet), and a visit to the American Airlines ramp tower where you can observe all the moving parts of the American Airlines ramp facilities. Transportation to and from the airport is included. This tour does not include meals.

Cost per attendee: \$40.00

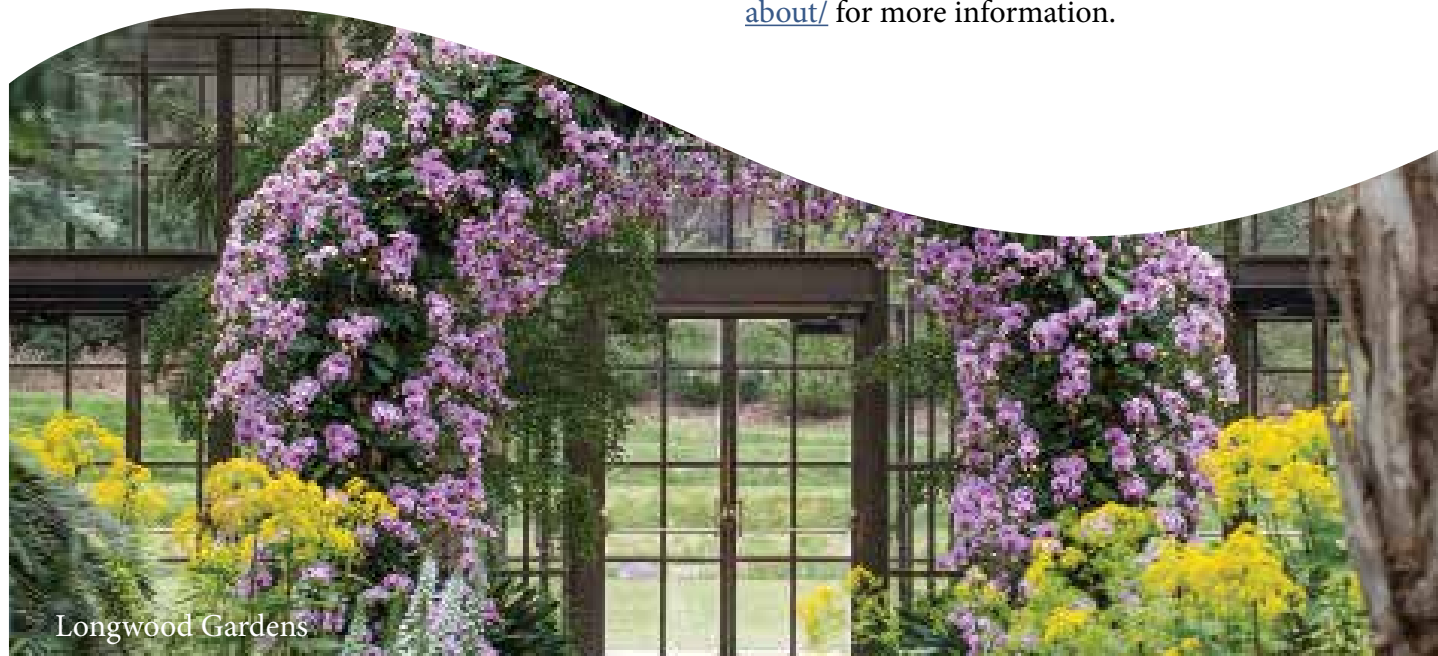
Activity level: Difficult

Attendance: 10-14 people

**Please Note:** Tours, other than the New York City Experience, may be cancelled with a full refund up to April 3, 2018. Tour cancellations April 4 - May 3, 2018 receive a 50% refund. Cancellations after May 3, 2018 are nonrefundable. Regardless of the date of cancellation, all tour cancellations are charged a \$25.00 fee for administrative processing. The New York City Experience is nonrefundable.

## Where better to spend Fourth of July than the Birthplace of America?

Philadelphia is a popular attraction for Independence Day, and there will be various additional free or low cost activities throughout the city. The 2018 details are not yet available but to get a sampling of events, visit last year's event page at <https://welcomeamerica.com/about/> for more information.



Longwood Gardens



# Educational Seminars

## PROFESSIONAL BRANDING BREAKFAST Enhancing Your Professional Presence

Dr. Karen Lawson | Friday, July 6th | 7:30 AM | \$20.00

Successful professionals know who they are and where they want to go in their careers, and they develop a plan on how to get there. They also present themselves with poise and confidence in business-related social situations. In this interactive session, Dr. Karen Lawson will share tips and techniques for increasing your personal and professional effectiveness.

In this session, you will learn how to:

- Define professional presence and its importance to career success
- Identify the components of professional presence
- Build and promote your personal brand
- Use techniques to build relationships inside and outside your organization
- Improve your networking effectiveness
- Increase your visibility and gain recognition

Whether you are just launching your career or are a seasoned professional, Dr. Lawson's seminar is sure to provide you with insight to take you to the next level of your career.

### Wednesday, July 4th

#### **FLYING THE NY SFRA "Special Flight Rules Area" - Doug Stewart**

**2:00 PM** | Flying the NY SFRA is an effective way to transition the New York Metropolitan area and is also an awe-filled scenic flight. However, the risks are numerous and the flight could become awful rather than awe-filled. This seminar presents all the rules, hazards and risks, and then shows how to fly the route safely. Learn all the important, as well as mandated, reporting points, the difference between "transient" and "local" altitudes, where and how the helicopters operate, the proper frequencies to use along with suggested proper phraseology. The knowledge gained from this seminar will allow you to fly the corridor safely and with reduced risk to all aircraft in the airspace. For more information, visit [https://www.faa.gov/gslac/ALC/course\\_content.aspx?cID=79&sID=389&preview=true](https://www.faa.gov/gslac/ALC/course_content.aspx?cID=79&sID=389&preview=true)

### Thursday, July 5th

#### **Identifying Threats and Errors and How to Mitigate Them in General Aviation - Juliet Lindrooth**

**9:30 AM** | Threats and errors exist in all areas of aviation. But the most dangerous place is in the cockpit of your airplane. This discussion will take a look at the most common threats and errors and how we can mitigate them using Crew Resource Management techniques taught at the major airlines adapted for General Aviation.

#### **Get on Board – Serving as a Nonprofit Board of Directors - Barbara E. Little**

**9:30 AM** | Enthusiasm and the desire to make a positive difference is fundamentally why many of us serve on nonprofit boards of directors. Such fundamental skills are just the starting point for actual board service. This seminar explores the roles, responsibilities, and legal obligations of nonprofit board members.

## Thursday, July 5th (cont'd)

### **When Your Plane Flies On – Estate Planning for Airplane Owners - *Barbara E. Little***

11:00 AM | Truth or Myth: Estate planning is just for the rich and famous or at least the old and wise. Myth! Through an interactive presentation, we will (a) explore why anyone 18 years or older needs an estate plan; (b) turn the legalese into terms we can comprehend; (c) identify the different ways to create a legacy (a.k.a. how to give our stuff away); and (d) apply and address the complicated issues that may arise if you die owning an airplane.

### **The Softer Side of Safety - *Penny Levin***

1:00 PM | As pilots, we crave the chance to meet as a group and discuss the aspects of safety that matter so much to our day-to-day flying, and this seminar is just that opportunity! Our focus will be on The Softer Side of Safety that rarely is mentioned but accounts for so many accidents, incidents and “close calls.” This workshop will integrate informational material with a lively discussion of those ideas in the context of actual accident and incident scenarios.

### **3 R's of Respecting Your Money - *Lydia Holiat***

2:30 PM | Navigating your monthly financial statements can be a challenge. Understanding what you're looking at and knowing the right questions to ask can help you better understand your overall financial status. This session will teach attendees about Reading monthly statements, Rebalancing a portfolio, and Reviewing questions to ask a trusted advisor, which will provide a simple plan for taking control of your finances.

### **Maximizing “L.I.F.T.” – Leading Into the Future Together - *99s Board of Directors***

2:30 PM | Members will have the opportunity to participate in conversations of most interest to them, with a focus on leadership, membership recruitment and retention, and best practices for Chapters and Sections. Each table conversation will be facilitated by a leader who will share her experience and knowledge, and solicit ideas from participants. This is a fast-paced, high-energy session!

### **The Drone Evolution – *Kathleen “Kat” Swain***

2:30 PM | Since evolving from military and hobbyist use, the commercial UAS industry (Drones) has seen rapid growth. From the early days of the Section 333 exemptions to the FAA's release of Part 107 in August of 2016, new uses of drone technology have been seen in almost every business vertical. From flying insurance inspections and humanitarian use of drones to agriculture and mining, it seems that this technology continues to evolve and change the way we see business and the airspace in which we fly.

## Friday, July 6th

### **Flying into Merritt Field (4PN7) – A Private Airport and Home of the Eagles Mere Air Museum - *Linda Evans***

7:00 AM | A mandatory briefing of the idiosyncrasies of flying into Merritt Field (4PN7).

## Friday, July 6th (cont'd)

### **Final Flight, Final Fight - *Erin Miller***

11:00 AM | Recounting the story of the fight to get my grandmother Elaine Harmon, one of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII, recognized as eligible for placement at Arlington.

### **NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and Beyond - *Carol Christian***

12:15 PM | The Hubble Space Telescope is arguably the most productive science instrument in human history. It has changed our perception of the solar system and the universe beyond. In orbit for 27 years, it has produced astonishing science and is paving the way for the James Webb Telescope to be launched in 2019.

### **Why Didn't My Awesome Application Win?**

1:30 PM | Join the Trustees to learn about tips and receive honest advice about making any application the best it can be. There will be specific information related to making your Fly Now or AEMSFS Scholarship application be AWESOME!

### **Flying to the Bahamas – Getting Your “Feet Wet” - *Terry Carbonell***

2:45 PM | An overview of the requirements and the nuts and bolts of making a trip to the Bahamas in your general aviation aircraft.

## Saturday, July 7th

### **Legal Stuff Pilots Should Know And It's Not All FARs - *Paul C. Heintz***

12:45 PM | The legal knowledge of a pilot should not begin and end with the FARs. This seminar will explore various legal topics Pilots need to be aware of, including but not limited to:

- Liability protection
- Buying and selling airplanes
- Co-ownership of airplanes
- Responding to the FAA

### **Self-Fly Safaris in Southern Africa - *Christina Hanks***

12:45 PM | Learn the possibilities and pleasures of flying your rental Cessna 182 to safari lodges to see southern Africa's incredible wilderness, animals, and cultural sights. It's safe; it's life changing; and it's a trip of a lifetime.

### **Air Race Classic - *Lara Gaerte and Joanne Alcorn***

2:15 PM | Join racers as they share their passion for air racing. Through this informative session, attendees will learn about air racing and how to get involved. Explore the details behind the race and the ample opportunities to volunteer or sponsor the event. It takes a fleet to put on a race and from the racers to the volunteers to the sponsors, each role is critical to its success.







## Pathways to Success Career Expo | Friday, July 6th

*“Success is not the key to happiness.  
Happiness is the key to success.  
If you love what you are doing,  
you will be successful.”*

- Albert Schweitzer

**Do you dream of being the Captain of a 777 and flying away to exotic places?**

**Do you hope to someday pilot the Gulfstream G650?**

**Do you want to fly Mach 2.5 in a F-15 or fly a UH-60 Black Hawk?**

This full day event will give you the information you need to create your pathway to success. We will be inviting the largest airlines, the NBAA and the military for a day of panels on how to get where you want go. This event also includes the opportunity to meet with career counselors who will be available to discuss how to put your best face forward on your applications, how to get that interview and do's and don'ts for when you get to the interview. We will end the day with a discussion from the 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Program on how The 99s can help you get there. This Career Expo will include:

- Regional and National Airlines on hand to give on site interviews and possible contingent job offers.
- Colleges on hand to talk about their aviation programs.
- Airline and other professional pilots available to answer questions about different airlines.
- and More inspiration and networking then you can imagine.

**Join us for this epic 99s event. Space is limited so sign up early.**

# 2018 Conference Hotel

The Ninety-Nines 2018 International Conference will be held at **the DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia Center City** in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**. Recognized by the signature, warm DoubleTree cookie upon arrival, this contemporary hotel is known for its welcoming ambience. Located in the heart of Philadelphia's theater district on the Avenue of the Arts, the DoubleTree is conveniently near famous attractions including the historic Liberty Bell and City Hall. Enjoy views of the Delaware River and downtown Philadelphia, and unwind in the hotel's fitness center and rooftop atrium pool.

## Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia Center City  
237 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Telephone: +1-215-893-1600  
Fax: +1-215-893-1663



## Rates

Single/Double: \$163  
Triple: \$183  
Quadruple: \$203

Self-parking is available for \$30 per day, and valet parking is available for \$44 per day. Alternatively, there are numerous other self-parking garages nearby in downtown Philadelphia.

## Book Your Room Today!

**Philadelphia is a very popular tourist attraction for the Fourth of July, so rooms are limited. Book early before we sell out!** Visit the conference website at [www.99sconference.org](http://www.99sconference.org) for details.

All room rates are subject to 15.5% tax. Discounted room rates are effective for arrivals on Sunday, July 1, 2018, to departure on Monday, July 9, 2018, based on availability. There is a two-night minimum to receive the conference rate. ***Please book your room before June 8, 2018 to receive the discounted conference rate. Rooms are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and may sell out.*** Rooms must be secured with a valid credit card. All cards used to prepay the room deposit will be charged immediately. Room, tax, and incidentals will be paid by individuals. Individual room cancellations must be cancelled by the guest no later than 6:00 PM—48 hours in advance of arrival. If cancelled within 48-hours of arrival, one night's room and tax will be charged. If cancelled at any time and the room cannot be rebooked by another conference attendee, you are responsible for any costs incurred by the conference for the loss of room. To avoid an early checkout fee of \$85 please advise the hotel before or at check-in of any change in planned length of stay. Maximum occupancy of 2 adults and 2 children (18 and under) or 4 adults per room. Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM. Guests arriving before 4:00 PM will be accommodated as rooms become available. Complimentary baggage check is available.

## Arrival Information

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is served by 14 U.S. and international airlines, with American Airlines being the largest, and is conveniently located nine miles south of the downtown area. Ground transportation is available from approved ride-sharing services (Uber, Lyft) and taxi.

For those of you flying your own aircraft, the recommended General Aviation airports are Northeast Philadelphia Field (KPNE) and Wilmington (KILG). Transportation will be provided to the hotel from the two general aviation airports.

***\*As with all things aviation one must be prepared for deviations to one's flight plan. Schedule, tours and educational seminars subject to change.***



# Amelia...

## The Town and The People Who Loved Her

by J.A. Kiehl

**A Book Like No Other.**

**It is not a mystery about her disappearance.**

**It is a story of how she lived as a child.**

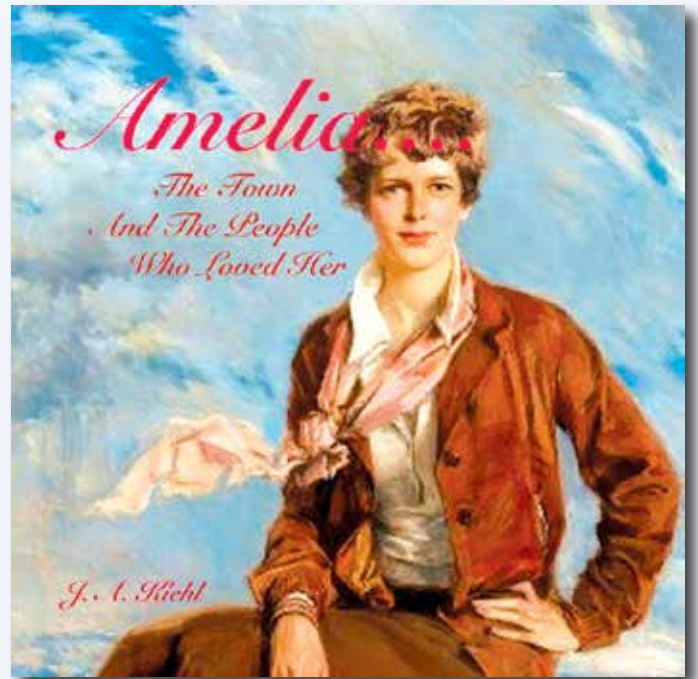
### What readers are saying about "Amelia"

*"This is a book that every Amelia fan should read. If you want to know where the soul of Amelia lies you'll want to start here. I am a big fan of books that tell little known stories and facets of Amelia's life and you certainly can't get any better than this. I highly recommend that you go out and pick up this wonderfully informative and beautifully written book."*

— Chris Williamson, Film Executive,  
"Chasing Amelia"

*"Of the many books written about Amelia Earhart, this one is totally unique. It is the lovingly told story of Amelia's early childhood days in the small town of Atchison. Written from the author's perspective, who was also born and raised in Atchison and grew up idolizing Amelia. She was fascinated with Amelia's early years and her eventual fame as a pioneer in women's aviation. A history of the town of Atchison and the many pictures enhances the town, and Amelia and her family enhance the story. Definitely worth a read!"*

— Pamela K. King, Retired Librarian,  
Phoenix, Arizona



*"I truly enjoyed the new book. The most interesting and fascinating part for me has always been Amelia Earhart herself – the real historical personality behind the famous public figure and her legend. Whatever we do and achieve in our lives, we all are shaped by our childhood – the people, the places and circumstances that surrounded and formed us. That's why this book is so good, precious and illustrative for an AE admirer and researcher, as it presents exactly these important things in Amelia's life: where, how and surrounded by whom she grew up, and how she became that Amelia Earhart who did what she did, inspiring so many people. This is a fascinating read that I would recommend for everybody."*

— Oleksandr "Alex" V. Mandel, PhD, Associate Professor of Biophysics, Odessa National Medical University, Odessa, Ukraine

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Jeannine Wyatt, who writes under the pen name of J.A. Kiehl, is a past trustee of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, shown in the background. Jeannine also grew up in Atchison, where she first became fascinated with Amelia.

## The Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Air Race

By Pam Rudolph, Rio Colorado Chapter

Sixteen race teams gathered in Mesquite, Nevada (67L) the second weekend in November for the second running of the Havasu 600, Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Air Race.

The Havasu 600 Air Race is loosely modeled on Claire Walters' Palms to Pine race that was established in 1970 and ran for 40 years. Each year our coed race will start in a different location with a course of approximately 600nm. It will terminate every year in Lake Havasu, Arizona, and be hosted by the Rio Colorado Chapter, of which Tookie was a charter member.

Pilots congregated in Mesquite on Thursday to have airplanes inspected by 49½s Jon Hankins and Shannon Stebbens and then were impounded until the Friday morning Start. First time and returning racers assembled at the Eureka Casino for a pilot briefing on the race route, airspace considerations, flyby details and safety concerns before retiring for the night at the Rising Star Resort.

Friday morning dawned clear and calm as Tom Stokley started each team and gave us the thumbs up to taxi to runway 01. Larry Lemieux, airport manager, and his team waved the green checkered flag, and we were off!

Racers hopped on their magenta line and flew out of Nevada and into Arizona for our first flyby and fuel stop in Sun Valley Airpark (A20). Airpark residents greeted racers with water, snacks, and discounted fuel — plus an awesome cheering section.

Next flyby was Wickenburg, Arizona (E25), for spotting



*Don and Tookie Hensley with their dog Ginger.*

only. Longtime Rio Colorado 99s supporter Troy Hittle was set up at the midfield windsock to check the progress of each team making the big turn to the west.

We crossed the Colorado River into California IFR (I Follow Roads, I-10 to be exact) to scope out another flyby along the freeway at Chiriaco Summit (L77).

Spotters Scott and Donna Harris were busy as racers streamed down the runway and began the last 40-mile leg.

Overflying the Salton Sea and lining up for runway 26 in Borrego Springs (L08) for the last flyby concluded the first day of racing. On hand in Borrego Springs were Coachella Valley 99 Vice Chair Bonnie Muensch, her husband Konrad, along with Palm Springs EAA Chapter President Nels Carlson and member Orman Gilbert, and Havasu's Shannon and Diana Stebbens. They served as spotters and timers, plus helped racers fuel and park for our overnight at the Borrego Springs Resort.

Saturday morning, airport manager Viki Cole had coffee and a light breakfast waiting for us at the airport as we boarded our airplanes and took off in RON order for the departure flyby. Scott and Donna Harris once again hopped over to Chiriaco Summit to spot us, exciting this time as we shared the airspace with vintage warbirds doing a Veteran's Day show at the General Patton museum on the field.

Always a challenge, Indian Hills Airpark (2AZ1) near Salome lies in a valley, and finding its runway amid the narrow streets and homes of the airpark is a test. Spotter



*1st Place team: Steve Sillin, Jim McMahon and Mary McMahon (Coyote Country Chapter).*





- Two days
- Three states
- Seven flybys
- 600 nautical miles!

### The Joy of Racing!

*San Fernando 99s Alisa Liley  
and Nora Feddal, Team 4.*

Gerry Breeyear called encouragement to racers as we zeroed in on the runway for the flyby.

Last turn to the north, and we were flying up the Colorado River and towards the finish at Lake Havasu (HII). Airport manager Steve Johnston and his crew documented our last flyby and waved the black and white checkered flag. Civil Air Patrol marshalled us for parking and whisked us inside Desert Skies FBO, where Judges Alison Warner-Colburn and Sandi Fischer, along with helper Joe Herczeg, collected our keys and impounded the aircraft.

While we enjoyed the afternoon in Lake Havasu, Head Scorer Ed Weber, along with Judges Alison, Sandi and Donna, computed the scores and readied the prizes for the evening's banquet.

The event, held in the Joe LaPlaca Airport Terminal, was an Italian feast enjoyed by racers, family members and volunteers. The top five winners were announced:

1st Place: Team 9, Mary McMahon (Coyote Country Chapter) Steve Sillin, James McMahon.

2nd Place: Team 27, Jon Hankins and Shannon Hicks Hankins (Rio Colorado Chapter).

3rd Place: Team 8, Arlene Wohlgemuth (Coachella Valley Chapter) and Michael Wohlgemuth.

4th Place: Team 5, Royce Clifford and Melissa Sliffe (Palomar Chapter).

5th Place: Team 17, Marge Thayer (Southwest Section) Helen Beulen (Phoenix Chapter), Setiva Devitt.

We know Don and Tookie were smiling down on us. Racing was their passion, and the Rio Colorado 99s have dedicated the Havasu 600 Air Race to their memory and are racing to honor them. Proceeds go to the Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Hensley family has asked the Chapter to manage this fund and use it towards offering flight instruction to a worthy individual.

One of Tookie's great joys was being a flight instructor. She used to say, "I still love being able to make someone's dream come true!" What better way to honor her than to continue to give the dream of flight in her and Don's names.

Plans are in the works already for the next race, tentatively scheduled for November 8-10, 2018. Save the Date! Hope to see you there.

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# 2018 Elections

by Ramona Banks  
Elections Procedures Committee Chairman

**W**e are pleased to report that we have a full slate of officers and directors for the 2018 election.

This year there are four positions open for Officers on the International Board of Directors, which includes President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; two positions open for Director on the International Board of Directors; five positions open for the Nominating Committee; two positions open for Trustees on the Museum of Women Pilots; one position open for Trustee for each of the following: Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship

Fund, Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund, and the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. In addition to the printed photos and position statements in this issue of *Ninety-Nines* magazine, you can view their resumes and Intent to Seek Election forms in the member area of our website, <https://www.ninety-nines.org/election-page.htm>.

The election will take place by either electronic ballot or mailed ballot and will be sent out by March 1st. The Nominating Committee encourages you to become familiar with these qualified candidates.

## President



**Jan McKenzie**  
Colorado Chapter

**I** am passionate about flying and about The 99s. As an advocate for women pilots and a 43-year member of The 99s, I have loved working with and supporting this organization through International, Section and Chapter offices. My three primary goals going forward are to: increase and retain members; improve communication with members and the aviation community by engaging with our members the way they want; and develop our museums, the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and Museum of Women Pilots, to a national and international level. How to accomplish these goals? By extending our marketing efforts; increasing our presence and name recognition in the aviation community through social media, emails, texts and our magazine; adding educational and career seminars for our members; and continuing to raise funds, including from outside sources, to ensure our future stability.

My aviation credentials include instrument ASEL and commercial helicopter ratings with over 2,600 hours. I am an electrical engineer and have managed large groups and run complex, multi-faceted projects with great success for over 30 years. My strengths include financial management of multi-million dollar budgets, personnel management and group leadership.

I will work with the Trusts, Section leaders and 99s Committees to "Promote, Provide, Preserve" the mission of our special and unique organization. To have served you these last two years as International President was an honor and a privilege. I would appreciate your vote to continue my service.

## Vice President



**Corbi Bullock**  
Kitty Hawk Chapter

**O**ur organization has changed much since 1929. Originally just one large organization, we now have local Chapters and Sections, allowing frequent interaction among our members. We have websites and Facebook, Twitter and Google+ accounts to keep us connected. We offer webinars on many aviation topics. Our PPLI helps members develop skills that propel them in their aviation careers. One thing that hasn't changed is our camaraderie and love of aviation.

As we protect our unique heritage and celebrate our traditions, we must continue to evolve. We must market ourselves in the aviation community and beyond, host dynamic Conferences full of educational and meaningful experiences, provide resources to help our members achieve their aviation dreams, offer assistance to our Chapters and Sections, support our international members and seek outside sources of funds.

I currently serve as your International Vice-President and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, working to develop strategies to ensure our long-term success. I was instrumental in the launch of our new Friends of The 99s program and the new Life Membership options. I've served as an International Director and as Chair of several International Committees, Section Governor and Vice-Governor, and Chapter Chair and Vice-Chair. I understand the scope and complexity of The Ninety-Nines.

I want to continue participating in the evolution of The Ninety-Nines. I offer my enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to listen to others and explore new ways to support the mission of The 99s.

I would be honored to continue serving as your International Vice-President.



## Secretary



**Cathy Prudhomme**  
Houston Chapter

I still recall my sense of awe when I first met the women of the Houston Chapter of The Ninety-Nines. Today, nearly 35 years later, I am still in awe of The Ninety-Nines! It is an honor to invest time and energy in the organization that has given so much to me. Despite the many changes we have encountered since our founding, I remain convinced we will continue to not only grow, but to flourish, if we strive to embrace the future but honor the past; seek ways to improve services and support for our members; celebrate and promote our sisterhood; and remain connected through multiple means of communication.

I have held many Chapter and Section positions, including a term as South Central Section Governor and my current Chapter position as Co-Chapter Chair. On the International level, serving as Co-Chair of the 2017 International Conference in San Antonio was a hugely rewarding experience, reinforcing my belief in the power of collegiality among women aviators. My service as a Director on the International Board has increased my appreciation for the scope of The Ninety-Nines as an international organization and our dual role as both preservers of history and champions of the future.

I hope to build upon these experiences by serving as Secretary on the International Board. I look forward to the continued opportunity to serve and support The Ninety-Nines at the Chapter, Section and International levels.

## Treasurer



**Leslie Prellwitz**  
Chicago Area Chapter

As I've continued to serve The 99s in various roles at various levels, the vantage point provided has helped me appreciate the depth and complexity of our organization. And as our organization moves forward, the depth and complexity only intensify.

My tenure as Director has given me ways to contribute my project management, communications, computer and analytic skills to further our goals and objectives. I see the position of Treasurer as one where I can increase the depth of my contributions in the financial arena. Exposure on the Finance Committee has helped to crystallize the importance of having a solid financial position and assurance that we are all good stewards of those resources now and for the future. I ask for the opportunity to serve The 99s in this role and to help ensure that strong future, while utilizing both my formal training and other skills.

## Directors - Vote for Two



**Roberta Roe**  
Greater Seattle Chapter

After receiving my instrument rating, I called the Chair of the Iowa Chapter for information. I experienced my first indication of the genuine camaraderie of The 99s. She said their Christmas Party was that Saturday night and invited me to be her weekend house guest in Des Moines. Her invitation was sincere. She even called me back to let me know a member from Moline would pick me up in her Twin. I had other plans I could not change, but I immediately knew I wanted to meet this amazing group of women.

Some of the best reasons to be a 99 are the remarkable camaraderie and the mentoring to encourage women pilots. The scholarships, PPLI and networks are perfect avenues for our members who are GA or professional pilots.

I would like to continue encouraging new members, maintain membership and be available to members to share their ideas for the organization. My 15 years as the *Ninety-Nines* magazine Editor has given me contact with many members. As a recipient of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship in 2012, I would like to continue supporting 99s who have made my friendships in aviation so important to me. My six years as a member of the founding Board of Women in Aviation was valuable working experience as a team member for an organization.

The 99s organization is always progressing in ways to support our members, and I would be honored to pay it forward as a Director of the International Board.

## Directors (continued) – Vote for Two



**Terry Carbonell**  
Paradise Coast Chapter

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. Soon I was serving my Chapter, community, then the Southeast Section as the Section Governor for three years.

As Section Governor, some of my goals were to increase organization awareness and membership, become financially stable and build strong, viable Chapters. Since we accomplished these goals as a team in the Southeast Section, I knew that this, and more, was possible at the International level.

Throughout my first term as International Director, I led the marketing team in creating a new image for The 99s, developing consistency in branding, building our social media and electronic media presence and redesigning our Annual Conference to appeal to our wide variety of members. We have seen a five percent increase in membership and become more visible in the community. The secret is out!

But our work is not done. We must continue our marketing efforts to recruit and retain members and pursue development of our corporate sponsorship program that is still in its infancy. I would be honored to continue my work spreading the news about our wonderful organization and serving our members as International Director.



**Alice Talnack**  
Monterey Bay Chapter

I joined The Ninety-Nines in 2000 and have been an active member from the very beginning. I currently hold the position of Governor for the Southwest Section. I previously served as International Awards Chair for the Munich, Germany and Ottawa, Canada International Conferences.

Within my Chapter I served as Chapter Chair 2004–2006 and again in 2010–2012.

Currently, I serve the Chapter as Treasurer, Aerospace Chair, Legislative Liaison and Scholarship Chair and doer of anything they need. Professionally, my career was in education as a teacher, principal, superintendent for 37 years. I earned my doctorate degree in organizational leadership and management.

I am a member of AOPA, EAA, WAI and have volunteered for the Air Race Classics, NIFA and The 99s booth at Oshkosh during my membership and proudly volunteered for 10 years on the Watsonville Fly-In & Airshow Board as Director of Pilot Registration.

I fly a 1963 Mooney based at Watsonville, California, and have done my owner-assisted annual for the past 25 years. As the sole owner of my plane, I can honestly say that if it were not for The 99s I would have stopped flying, sold my plane, years ago. The 99s keep me motivated and enthused about aviation and the organization's mission.

The Ninety-Nines is an organization with a clear vision, respected history and an exciting future. I would be honored to serve as your International Director and ask for your vote of confidence.



**Robin Hadfield**  
First Canadian Chapter

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my candidacy for a Board of Directors position with The Ninety-Nines. The Ninety-Nines support women pilots through education, scholarships and mutual support. I cannot imagine my own flying background being as full as it is without The 99s.

A private pilot since 1980, it was after becoming a 99 that I developed a network of other female pilots, mentors and good friends.

I have been heavily involved in The Ninety-Nines community, serving as Chair, Co-Chair, Vice Governor East Canada Section, Webmaster for Chapter and national websites, IBOD Strategic Committee member, Chapter Committee Chair of monthly events, leading a team establishing highly successful and innovative events, which created awareness of The 99s to female pilots, male pilots, local flight schools, airports, and to the broader non-aviation communities.

My experience in industry, non-profits and aviation has given me significant understanding of needs and challenges working in a collaborative environment, and I wish to bring my talents to an already talented Board, strengthening teamwork, and setting a vision, focus, goals and strategies that produce the best possible outcomes.

It's almost 20 years since there's been a Canadian as Director on the Board. Canada is the only other country that has Sections, and it has the largest membership enrolled outside of the U.S. It was in 1950 a contingency of Ninety-Nines flew to Ottawa to present its first non-U.S. charter.

The Ninety-Nines needs a Director with an international perspective, and I am able to fulfill that position.



## Directors (continued) – Vote for Two



**Minnetta Gardenier**  
Iowa Chapter

**I**t took me nearly 50 years to find my passion for aviation. I hold a private pilot certificate (2005) and an instrument rating (2007). I co-own a 1978 Cessna Cardinal and have logged 1,940 hours flying in 44 States and internationally in Canada. I have flown 10 Air Race Classic races, winning 3rd place in 2017!

I had been flying for over two years when I discovered The 99s in 2006. Since then, I have served as Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair for the Iowa Chapter. I have also served as Director, Vice Governor, and Governor for North Central Section. I love the rich history of The 99s and the camaraderie and spirit that we share with women in aviation. That is what seals my commitment to and feeds my enthusiasm for The 99s.

I have spent 25-plus years on university campuses as a professor with extensive teaching, research and administrative skills – all transferable and valuable to The 99s. While women in STEM fields are under-represented, women in Aviation are UNDER-represented and UNDER-valued. This reality compels me to work for change.

I set one simple, over-arching goal for myself (and The 99s): NO woman pilot should fly her first solo flight without knowing about The 99s. Every airport should have something tangible and visible that brings awareness to women pilots about The 99s and what we offer them – camaraderie, support and scholarship. I ask for your vote to support this effort with your International team.

## Nominating Committee – Vote for Five



**Dianne Cole**  
San Joaquin Valley  
Southwest Section

**T**he 99s have always held 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. I have been a member of The 99s since 2001 and have attended countless International Board Meetings and participated in Strategic Planning Sessions.

One of the best aspects of having been your International Director from 2012-2016 was visiting all the different Sections and Chapters around the country and learning of their joys, successes and concerns, and working to help others soar. I have served most offices at the Chapter level, and as Southwest Section Director and Vice-Governor, I am looking forward to using my experience to serve on the International Nominating Committee.

In 2006 I was the recipient of The 99s Achievement of the Year Award for preventing Buchanan Field in Concord, California, from closing. It was a great honor and afforded me the opportunity to meet many 99s from across the country.

The Ninety-Nines are positioned to greatly increase membership and expand benefits and services. This will require visionary candidates that can provide the drive, experience and knowledge to take us to new levels. I pledge to seek out candidates to meet these challenges.

The 99s have given me the opportunity to soar, and even saved my husband's life a few years ago in San Diego! I can only hope to pay it forward and look to continuing to serve this great organization. I ask for your support and your vote. Thank you.



**Erin Thompson**  
Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter  
North Central Section

**I** have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 2012. During that time I have enjoyed the camaraderie, support and opportunities that being a member has brought.

In an effort to participate more fully, I became Co-Chair of the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter in 2014 and the Chair in 2016. I'd like to step up my involvement and commitment by participating more fully by now pursuing a position at the International level.

I have met a number of other members at Section meetings and other aviation events, and I have enjoyed that immensely. I hope to bring my unique 'people' skills to help the Nominating Committee pick our future officers.

## Nominating Committee (Continued) – Vote for Five



**Karen Weldon**

NOLA Chapter  
Southeast Section

I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines for 24 years, first in the Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter and then in the NOLA Chapter in New Orleans, where I have been the Chair for the past four years. I have been successful in growing the Chapter, and I find the mentoring and camaraderie with fellow women pilots thoroughly enjoyable.

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 continuing service on the Nominating Committee. In 2009 I retired from my 41-year career in management focusing on computers in manufacturing where I sought to bring unique people skills to all my endeavors. This experience, along with an ability to spot talent directly, relates to my role on the Nominating Committee.



**Mary Build**

Katahdin Wings Chapter  
New England Section

I've just come home from a New England Section meeting and have decided to get involved at the International level. I've been working on the premise that I'm too busy, I don't have the time or I've done enough. As I looked around the room, I saw several women that I have a great deal of respect for, who are actively working on an International Committee or on the Board. They, too, are busy with their personal and professional lives but do more than I.

I've been a member of the Katahdin Wings Chapter of the NE Section and participated in many capacities including hosting the Annual New England Seaplane Safety Expo for 14 years and an annual Treasure Hunt fundraiser. I've been the Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair (several times) at the Chapter level and Treasurer and Vice Chair at the Section level.

I've met wonderful women pilots during my time of racing the Air Race Classic and then judging it for three years. I've been asked to write for the *Ninety-Nines* magazine several times and became friends with many during that period of time. My point here is that I've met many talented women pilots who more than likely think they are too busy with their personal and professional lives. I hope to convince some of them they have more to offer if I am elected to this position on the Nominating Committee.



**Susan Larson**

Rio Grande Norte Chapter  
South Central Section

It's been nearly 40 years since I joined The Ninety-Nines and found myself in deep awe of the women I met, first in my Chapter, then in my Southwest Section, then around the nation and eventually worldwide. I am still in awe of our members and find that many have reached a point in their careers where they are ready to give back to an organization that helped them achieve their dreams. Along with my sister Nominating Committee members, it will be my joy to find these women and encourage them to serve.

I am always ready to travel, whether it be to my own South Central Section meetings or to other Section meetings, or annually to our International Conference, where I have the pleasure of meeting and finding those who are ready to serve. 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 re-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.



## 99s Museum of Women Pilots – Vote for Two



**Randolph Graham**  
Fort Worth Chapter

**A**s a newly minted pilot, I have grown to have an incredible passion for flight and The Ninety-Nines. As a student pilot, I was elected Vice Chair, and two years later I became the Chapter Chair. Pursuit for growth of Chapters, support of all pilots in achieving their aviation goals and promoting The Ninety-Nines is very important to me. I recently participated as Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Engagement and Retention Committee (U.S.) and the 2017 Chair of the International Conference Hospitality Suite. The history of The Ninety-Nines and of all women pilots is of great importance not only in honor of the pilots but to provide this remarkable history to the upcoming generations of pilots, aviation enthusiasts and historians.

I plan to be as active in the organization as possible, and this will just be one way of doing it. I work well under pressure and as a team member. If given the privilege to serve as MWP Trustee, I will use my high energy, positive attitude and organizational skills to continue to grow collections and the Museum. I will commit to the use of my creative thinking, business and leadership skills. I will listen to each of your suggestions for the continued creation of new and exciting business procedures and opportunities leading to the continued expansion of the Museum, along with additional long-term funding sources.

I appreciate and thank you for your consideration to elect me as a Trustee for the Museum of Women Pilots.



**Lisa Cotham**  
NOLA Chapter

**A**s an original Trustee of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, I have always had a passion for the Museum and the desire to see it succeed. I'm asking for another opportunity to serve as a Trustee, to promote and support our Museum.

I have experience in museum management. I was Branch Director of the Louisiana State Museum's Wedell-Williams Memorial Aviation Museum, where I learned about governing documents, collections, accessions, archives, exhibit development, grant writing and research. I also served as Public Relations Officer for the International Petroleum Museum.

Our Museum is solely dependent on donations and admission fees. Attendance is too low to support its operation, so it is critical that we increase visitors, engage in large-scale fundraising or seek a stabilized funding source.

We must be able to hire at least one full-time employee to engage in public outreach, educational programs, collections care, research and more.

I am a 30-year member of The 99s. I am in the last year of my second two-year term as International Secretary; served four years as International Director; four years as 99s Museum Trustee, 18 months as Chair; two terms as Southeast Section Governor; Chair of South Louisiana and New Orleans Chapters; and committee chairs at the International, Section and Chapter levels.

I hold Commercial Pilot and Flight Instructor certificates with Single, Multiengine and Instrument ratings, and Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor ratings. I work for the Federal Aviation Administration, which gives me many venues to promote The 99s and our Museum.

## Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund



**Linda Mathias**  
Hampton Roads Chapter

**T**he foresight of the original founders of the AEMSf and the service of the many Trustees over the years have created a fund which makes The Ninety-Nines' scholarships the most generous in supporting women in a variety of aviation pursuits. I have been honored to serve as a Trustee for the past three years and hope to continue my service to this wonderful organization. My goal is to simplify the application process while still receiving the information necessary to evaluate the many deserving applicants.

My experience as a flight instructor and designated pilot examiner gives me an understanding of training requirements and allows me to assist the other Trustees in assessing the ability of the applicants to achieve their goals. I hope to serve another three years on the AEMSf Trust and would appreciate your vote.

## Endowment Fund



**Carol Andrews**  
Sutter Buttes Chapter

**A**s a member of any organization, I try to find one area that I am passionate about and want to give my time and donations to. The 99s has several such groups, but it was the Endowment Fund that I saw as the future of the organization. The Fund is designed to provide a foundation for the financial security of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., with an original goal set at one million dollars. Accumulated donations would be invested with a reputable and proven investment brokerage firm, and only the revenue earned (interest and dividends) would be available for use by the International Board of Directors.

What a thrill it was to see the Endowment Fund reach, and surpass, its goal of \$1,000,000 and inform the Board that we were now in a position to receive requests for funds. The projects that the Fund is asked to support benefit the entire organization and are not aimed at any one group or activity of The 99s. With the continued support of the membership—no matter the size of the gift—the Fund has reached over \$2,000,000, which means we can continue to give more and more toward the ongoing needs of our organization. I wanted to thank the members for their continued support.

I've enjoyed the last two years as a Trustee on the Endowment Fund board. As their Secretary, I haven't missed a meeting, whether at an International Conference, at OKC, or on a conference call. I look forward to my next term as a Trustee and hope you will see fit to cast your vote for me.

## Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum



**Ann Shaneyfelt**  
Northeast Kansas Chapter

**I**am seeking re-election to the Amelia Earhart Board of Trustees. I am currently serving my third term on the board. It has been a very worthwhile and interesting experience meeting people from all over the world. It is fun to learn from different people their connection to Amelia Earhart and how she has impacted their life.

Preserving the house where Amelia was born is critical to keeping her memory alive. Visitors are thrilled to see the bedroom where she was born and how it is restored to look as it was at that time. Using all the available documents, pictures and artifacts in the house educates visitors to her amazing accomplishments throughout her life.

I am a member of the Northeast Kansas 99s and live an hour away from Atchison, so I can get there in a short time to help with whatever is needed.

## Do You Know an Awesome Woman in Aviation or Aerospace?

Nominations are now open for the Northern Lights Aero Foundation's Elsie MacGill Aerospace Awards.

The annual award honours outstanding women in aviation and aerospace in Canada. This year will be the 10th annual awards gala. Award categories are Flight Operations, Business, Government, Education, Pioneer, Engineering and Rising Star

The Northern Lights Aero Foundation was formed in 2009 by a small group of 99s from the First Canadian Chapter to recognize and celebrate many women across the country, both 99s and others in aviation, too often ignored for their talents and leadership by aviation museums and halls of fame. The program expanded each year from one lifetime achievement award to currently seven categories.

Nominations for 10th anniversary candidates open in January 2018 and close on March 31. Visit the website at [www.northernlight-saerofoundation.com](http://www.northernlight-saerofoundation.com) for more information and to submit nominations.



*A group photo of Elsie MacGill Aerospace Award winners, including Ninety-Nines, front row kneeling, Deanna Brasseur (in red jacket) and Kathy Fox, far right.*





BY DONNA MILLER  
International Careers Committee

# How is Your Vision?

*"You can have what you want, do what you dream and brave what you fear, if you first see it done in your mind. Always works. Always." —The Universe (Mike Dooley)*

In this crazy world that seems to be spinning faster around us, it's important to take time to visualize our ideal lives. How can we possibly know what we want if we haven't taken the time to see it in our mind's eye? Before we know it, years have gone by, and we are plodding along in our comfort zone, waiting for what comes next.

But what would happen if we were more deliberate about our life's journey? What if we took more control of the direction we wanted to go? It's easy to avoid what we fear when there are so many distractions that allow us to put that which we fear on the back burner. However, by doing that, we are limiting our options for an amazing life because if we haven't dealt with our fear, we only pursue what we perceive is safe.

It is the new year, and on your list of resolutions, start with this one: take time every day to be still. Close your eyes and envision achieving your next big goal. A new rating? An upgrade? A new flying job? If any of these give you butterflies,

be thankful! There is a very fine line between fear and excitement. If it's fear, take the time to explore it. Face it head on and learn how to overcome the obstacles that are holding you back.

Take on a new challenge this year. If you have been staying in your comfort zone of flying only the plane you are comfortable with, for example, try something new. Complex aircraft? Multiengine? A new type rating that will create a new job opportunity?

Envision yourself in your new role. It's amazing how far your mind can take you if you just allow it to by being open to the possibilities. The opportunities in aviation are coming faster than they ever have. The pilot shortage that we have been hearing about for decades is finally upon us. If you haven't considered an aviation career before, now is a good time to envision yourself in one.

I can tell you, there is trepidation when leaving a cushy desk job at the age of 38 to pursue a career in aviation. The best words to me at the time were, "You can't steal second base with your foot on first."

Yes, it can be scary. But while you are in the stillness each day, remember to be grateful for how far you've come. Being a pilot is a huge accomplishment not to be taken lightly. You are one of a very select group of women. Whatever you decide to do from this point on, be proud of where you are.

At some point in your life, you envisioned yourself as a pilot and made that dream come true. What else can you do?

## MILESTONES

Catriona Adam – Private Pilot Rotorcraft, Greater Seattle

Malia Badis – Solo, Aloha

Veronika Bensova – Mokulele Airlines First Officer, Aloha

Callie Billingsley – CFI Instrument, Texas Dogwood

Lauren Bills – Private SEL, Phoenix

Nobi Buntin – Private SEL, Aloha

Alice Chan – Multi-IFR, British Columbia Coast

Alexa Ciccone – Private SEL, Phoenix

Bonnie Coffee – Drone Part 107, Phoenix

Dannielle Courchene, Solo, Katahdin Wings

Molly Culver – Private SEL, Ventura County

Jenna Forseth – Private SEL, British Columbia Coast

Stephanie Frazier – Private SEL, Phoenix

Alice Furr – Instrument, NOLA

Lisa Fusano – Instrument, San Fernando Valley

Mignon Gery – Commercial, Ventura County

Melisa Grissom – Solo, Fly Now Award, Tennessee

Samantha Hansen – Rotary Commercial Instrument, Rotary CFI, Aloha

Amanda Higley – Solo, Colorado

Kristina Huffman – Alaska Airlines 737 Captain, Greater Seattle

Magdalena Jarda – Instrument, Phoenix

Jenny Kauffman – Commercial MEL, Colorado

Darcie Kolomay – Private SEL, British Columbia Coast

Jeanne LaFountain – Instrument, Paradise Coast

Fanny Leroy – CPL, British Columbia Coast

Jordyn Matthews – Commercial MEL, Phoenix

Sara Mazzarella – Commercial SEL and MEL, Phoenix

Carrie Moats – Commercial MEL Add-on, Old Dominion

Joelle Petersen – Commercial, Florida Suncoast

Luz Schaible – Solo, Ventura County

Yuko Query – Commercial SEL, Aloha

Tanya Rames – Solo, Aloha

Celeste Ripley – Commercial SEL, Phoenix

Stella S. Ross – Private SEL, Connecticut

Cortni Van Schoonhoven – Solo, Greater Seattle

Elisa Warren – Instrument SEL, Aloha

# Gladys Jones – Still a 99 at 106!

by Linda Haynes and Martha Miller  
Tennessee Chapter

**I**f I had known it was a woman in that plane, I would have been scared to death!” exclaimed a farmer.

Gladys Lacey Jones, one of the founding members of the Tennessee Chapter, had been on an early morning practice flight in her Piper Cub when the fog rolled into the area near the Smoky Mountains. She was running low on fuel. Spotting a break in the fog, Gladys flew over the farmer’s barn and made an unexpected yet successful landing in his nearby empty field.

This was just one of the stories of the early days of flying recalled by Gladys during recent celebrations of her 106th birthday. In the early days of her flying career, Gladys, along with other founding members of the Tennessee Chapter, including Gene Slack, Mary Sue Lusk and Jane Dulaney Gump, all of Johnson City, often met to encourage each other and have fun flying. According to the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, in an article dated August 11, 1941, “Four Knoxville women flyers this week gained another distinction for their city in this rapidly moving world of aviation. The local aviatrixes and other Tennessee aviatrixes, with the aid of the national officer, organized the Tennessee Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, a national organization of women flyers.”

The article goes on to note that on July 1, 1940, The Ninety-Nines had a membership of 385 members of the more than 1,000 women pilots in the U.S.

Gladys first learned to fly in 1939, over 75 years ago, in a time when it was considered unusual for a woman to pilot an airplane. Today, she remains the last living charter member and most senior member of the Tennessee Chapter. In 2011, she came to Knoxville to celebrate the Tennessee Chapter’s 71st



At Bristol Airport, 1940, from left, 99 Gene Slack, Sally Jo Kilgore, 99 Mary Sue Lusk, Virginia Jones and 99 Gladys Lacey.



Tennessee Chapter members Linda Haynes, left, Martha Miller, right, with Gladys Jones.

anniversary. She also recently rejoined The 99s at 106!

Her adventures in flying started in the 1930s when the newly established Civil Aeronautics Authority sponsored a training program aimed at increasing the number of pilots in the United States. A ground school was offered near Elizabethton, in East Tennessee where Jones worked and graduated from high school. The prize for the top ten men and top two women who took the final written test was 50 hours of flight training.

“Then, of course, I became interested in aviation and, having 50 free hours of flying time, I couldn’t resist that. I was hooked on it.”

When WWII broke out, Gladys tried to join the WASP, but she did not meet the height standards. During the war, she served as a 2nd Lt. in the Civil Air Patrol in Tennessee, trained for search and rescue operations.

After a long-distance courtship, she and Hubbard M. ‘Cotton’ Jones, Jr. married in 1943. Hubbard was flight commander at Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, Florida.

From there, in addition to raising their daughter and son, she continued to fly their Taylorcraft, often competing in various aviation contests. Spot landing contests were a favorite as she always hit her target! Today, the flying tradition continues in her family with her grandson, Capt. Clark Noble, an aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps.

On a recent visit during her birthday celebration, Gladys’ parting words of advice to fellow Tennessee Chapter members Linda Haynes and Martha Miller were, “Okay, girls – now, show them how to fly!”



## EAST CANADA SECTION

Back in 2000, a couple of East Canada Section gals created the Gold Cup Rally as opposed to a race, with the objective of having fun and raising awareness of women pilots wherever we flew. This year, also Canada's 150th anniversary, we started at the Ottawa/Rockcliffe Airport (CYRO) on September 22 with an 80 nm round-robin route. Trying to interpret clue questions to determine waypoints and pictures to identify areas on the ground was a challenge.

The next day, each aircraft was given more challenging questions before we departed on our destination leg to CFB Bagotville (military) Airport in Quebec. That night we had our 'finale' dinner, and winners were announced.

First place and winners of the Gold Cup Trophy were Rani Tolton and Valerie Marshall; second place were Sharron Lutman and Maureen Egan; third place were Marilyn Dickson, Jean Franklin Hancher and Noriko Date. Rani also took home the spot landing trophy.

— Susan Begg



*East Canada members, back row from left: Laura Matheson, Susan Begg, Sophie Veilleux, Nicole Harris, Jocelyn Lecluse (her SR-22 behind), Sharron Lutman, Maureen Egan, Jean Franklin Hancher, Marilyn Dickson, Noriko Date. Front row from left: Rita Richter, Cathy Boyko, Jessica Buscher Mahon, Valerie Marshall, Rani Tolton.*

## PHOENIX CHAPTER

Eleven members in four airplanes descended upon Page Municipal Airport (KPGA) in Arizona on November 2 for an adventure-filled girls' weekend.

We took in the breathtaking sights at Horseshoe Bend and Upper Antelope Canyon. We spent the night in Page and then hopped in rental cars headed to Monument Valley for an overnight at Goulding's Red Rock Hill House. After an incredible drive through Monument Valley on Sunday, we returned to Page, gassed up the airplanes and headed home.

It was an amazing trip! Thank you to Tessie Quintana and Samantha Sizemore for planning this adventure.

— Jeanne Rieck



*Phoenix Chapter members on the Arizona adventure: Karen Hausteen, Phyllis Wells, Carole Cooke, Keely Costello, Courtney Smith, Lauren Bills, Sara Mazzarella, Tessie Quintana, Samantha Sizemore, Celeste Ripley, and Sydney Hedrick.*

## LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Several members of the Long Island Chapter met for dinner before our November meeting at the Republic Airport main terminal. The next meeting was our Christmas party in December.

Mae Smith attended this month's safety seminar at Mid Island Air Services at Long Island MacArthur Airport. The topic at the seminar was Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations and Safety – Drones.

Naraline Coqk helped at the Bradley International Airport (KBDL) near Hartford, Connecticut, in September as 100 girls attended Girls International Day. Naraline, also a member of the CAP Squadron based at New Hartford, Connecticut (KHFD), recently had the opportunity to participate in her first CAP mission, a joint mission with the United States Coast Guard.

As Observer in a C-182 G1000, Naraline scanned the waters of the Long Island Sound between Connecticut and the Long Island shore, searching for any watercraft needing assistance. She would then communicate her findings to the U.S. Coast Guard. The U.S. Coast Guard also uses pilots to patrol the waters in conjunction with its own watercraft.

– Patricia J. Rockwell

*Naraline Coqk recently participated in her first CAP mission.*



# GRASS ROOTS



*Minnesota 99s at the Tree of Hope, December 2, 2017, Maple Lake Airport (KMGG). From left, Deb Thompson, Patti Sandusky, Jan Moll, Thuy Pieper, Carol Bergquist, Tracy Davenport, Elaine Morrow. Volunteers not pictured, Kjersti Kittelson and Karen Workman.*

## MINNESOTA CHAPTER

On November 4, Chapter Chair Cheryl Daml held a seminar at the Anoka County Airport (KANE) for the Minnesota 99s and the local EAA Chapter 237 on “How to Work with ATC and the FSS as a VFR Pilot.”

After the seminar, for which FAA Wings credit could be earned, the Chapter held a silent auction, with the proceeds going to the Minnesota 99s Women Pilots Scholarship Fund.

On December 2, the Minnesota 99s, along with the local aviation community, tagged, sorted and bagged toys for the Tree of Hope at the Maple Lake Airport (KMGG). This year around 4,800 toys were donated for children in 39 hospitals in Minnesota, one hospital in Wisconsin and five Minnesota Ronald McDonald Houses.

The Tree of Hope accepts donations all year. Information can be found at <http://www.holidaytreeofhope.org/>. We would like to welcome new member Dawn Cook.

— Melissa Aho

## ALOHA CHAPTER

The Aloha Chapter was proud to represent The Ninety-Nines at the annual Hawaii Girl Scout's STEM event held in Waimea, Hawaii, on the Big Island on November 18. Shannon Christensen, Samantha Hansen and Pu'e Ekeroma represented different facets of the aviation industry and had a great time speaking with more than 100 Girl Scouts.

Shannon, a commercial fixed wing pilot for Mokulele Airlines, stressed the importance of working together with other women in the industry and supporting one another. She also brought her table-top flight simulator.

Samantha, a helicopter CFI at Mauna Loa Helicopters, took some time with the young women to talk about the importance

of safety. The girls got hands-on experience donning Nomex flight suits, inflating PFDs and learning how EPLBs work. Samantha also brought a mini-drone, which the girls took turns flying.

Pu'e Gore, an air traffic controller, showed girls a VFR sectional, explained about different airspaces and talked about the importance of keeping a calm head when things get really busy!



*Shannon Christensen, left, Kristin Clark, center, and Elizabeth L'Heureux.*



*Aloha Chapter members at their Maui Aviation Day Celebration fundraiser at The Queen Kaahumanu Center in Kahului, Hawaii.*

The event was fun for everyone involved, and The Ninety-Nines look forward to participating in the 2018 STEM event.

On October 7, 2017, our Aloha Chapter held our 3rd Maui Aviation Day Celebration fundraiser at The Queen Kaahumanu Center in Kahului, Hawaii, with our largest turn out of 99s in attendance. We had educational booths on Bernoulli's Principle, magnetic compasses, paper airplane making with a spot landing competition, aviation activity and coloring books and plenty of informational material.

Maui Aviation Day would not have been complete without Mokulele Airlines, Maui Civil Air Patrol and Maui Aviators Flight School sharing their passion for flight through educational flight simulators, a Garmin flight panel and years of experience. We even had live music played by The Eazy. It was a wonderful day of community aviation awareness, education, quality time spent with fellow 99s and, of course, fun!

— Samantha Hansen and Elizabeth L'Heureux



## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter was recently asked to participate in a career fair for Girl Scouts in grades 1 to 3 in northeast Philadelphia.

However, airline and corporate pilots have challenging schedules that make it hard to commit to an advance date. We reached out to International's Google group and received a reply from Megan Volpe of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. Megan lives in Los Angeles but was back in the Philadelphia area visiting family. She generously gave part of her Saturday to talk to the girls and was a great role model.

Megan flies a Gulfstream 4 for a charter company and has been all over the world. She had cool photos of the aircraft and cockpit and of some of the exotic places she's visited, including Tahiti and Moscow. She explained her training from private pilot to advanced ratings and told the girls they could learn to



*Megan Volpe, San Fernando Valley Chapter member, speaks to Girls Scouts during a career fair.*

fly at nearby Northeast Philadelphia Airport (KPNE). The girls were captivated by the presentation and asked great questions.

— Sally Moritz

## TENNESSEE CHAPTER



*Tennessee Chapter members and friends painted a compass rose at Johnson County Airport.*

Chapter members were joined by family and friends to paint a compass rose at Johnson County Airport (6A4) in Mountain City, Tennessee. Lunch was provided by the airport while our monthly meeting was conducted.

In October, members met at the Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma, Tennessee. Our tour was very educational regarding the history of the Beechcraft, and we were all in awe of the trophies, including the Bendix trophy from the 1936 Transcontinental Race, pictures and many personal belongings of Louise Thaden, who was very instrumental in establishing the Beechcraft Museum.

November took us to the Middle Tennessee State University Aeronautics Department for an educational tour of their state of the art program

Members Karen Hughes and Elizabeth Keller held a STEM/Aviation Day in their hometowns and worked very hard providing an educational, memorable and inspiring day for many young girls.

Our annual Holiday party was graciously hosted by member Linda Haynes.

— Melisa Grissom

## GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

In November, several members of the Greater Seattle Chapter attended Norah O'Neill's Celebration of Life at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Norah had been a member of the Greater Seattle Chapter of The Ninety-Nines and also the Washington Chapter of Women in Aviation.

Rebecca Burghy, representing both organizations, spoke about Norah's ground-breaking accomplishments and contributions to women in the world of aviation. To learn more about Norah, see Janice Pelletti's tribute on the International website: [www.ninety-nines.org/NH-Norah\\_ONeill\\_44.htm](http://www.ninety-nines.org/NH-Norah_ONeill_44.htm)

Kristina Huffman, airline pilot and mentor, recently had the phenomenal opportunity to take Anne Bania to spend time in a 737 simulator at Alaska Airlines. Anne absolutely loved the experience and is hooked now. Kristina looks forward to mentoring Anne throughout her flight training.

— Theresa White



*Helen Parke, Liz Lundin, Beverly Fogle, Gin Hildebrant, Emily Wilson, Rebecca Burghy, Andrea Chay and Courtney Riecan at Norah O'Neill's Celebration of Life.*

# GRASS ROOTS

## SOUTHEAST SECTION

Just after I took office as Governor, I received a request to paint a Compass Rose at Williston Municipal Airport (X60) in Florida. It is located a good distance from any regular Chapter, not to mention I live in Louisiana, a good four states west.

Nevertheless, after a few emails to the great gals a bit closer to the airport, a date was decided. Unfortunately, it was the weekend of the International Board of Directors meeting, so I was unable to participate.

I came home from the meeting to learn what a marvelous experience five Southeast Section Chapters and two other Chapters had completing great work at Williston. I was so proud of the beautiful compass rose and the mentoring experience that went forth among the members.

Everything went fine. The survey had been performed, and the four cardinal points were marked. They started laying the rose at 8:15 a.m., painting started at 9:30 a.m. The white was done by 11:45.

The FBO treated them to lunch at the airport restaurant, then back to work. The blue and black were painted in the afternoon and finished at 3:30.

A total of seven planes flew in with 12 volunteers, while



*Five Southeast Section Chapters painted a compass rose at Williston Municipal Airport (X60) in Florida.*

the other four volunteers drove. They had people from all over Florida coming to help. It was a very good day with perfect weather despite the wind picking up slightly in the afternoon.

In all it took a little over six hours to complete the rose, which was 50 feet in diameter.

As governor, I cannot express how happy I am to know such a project could be accomplished so efficiently in one day!

— Mae Marquet



*Florida Suncoast Chapter members work The 99s booth at the AOPA Regional Fly-In in Tampa, Florida. From left, Barbara Strachan, Nicole Marcus, Janice McWilliams, Barbara Brotherton, guest. Front row: Sophia M. Payton.*

## FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

A wrap-up of the year — we've had some interesting meetings!

In September, Alyssa Dorsey shared her Africa trip. The trip brought back memories for a few of us, recalling our bungee jumping days.

On October 27-28, The 99s booth was hosted by our Chapter at the AOPA Regional Fly-In, Tampa, Florida, Peter O. Knight Airport (KTPF). Thanks to Chair Janice McWilliams, Alyssa Dorsey, Barbara Brotherton, Barbara Strachan, Nicole Marcus, Sophia Payton, Christine Stanaback, Barbara Yeninas and Myra Bugbee, our immediate past Governor, for making the event a success.

In November, Lora Lewis gave an interesting talk about her life leading up to winning the Florida Section New Horizons scholarship. She passed her MEI check ride on November 15. Congratulations, Lora!

Congratulations to Florida Suncoast scholarship winner Joelle Petersen on completing her commercial check ride.

Check out our Jesse Wood Scholarship for girls in grades 6-12 in Florida. Deadline is March 17. See <http://www.fpcg.net/sc99/>

— Sophia M. Payton



## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

A recent Chicago Area Chapter meeting at Schaumburg Airport northwest of Chicago garnered a great turnout for the guest speaker Sgt. David Hindman. Sgt. Hindman has been with the Chicago Police Department for 19 years, flying a PD Bell 206 for the past seven years.

He spoke about his duties and experiences with-in the department. He described his very interesting career path and explained how helicopters are used in various law enforcement situations. In his “spare” time, he is also a Hawker pilot for DuPage Aerospace.

In support of Chicago Chapter Chairman Jill Feldman’s directive to “Get involved,” Madeleine Monaco arranged for our participation in a charitable outreach event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). Founded in 1987, FMSC is a non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children.

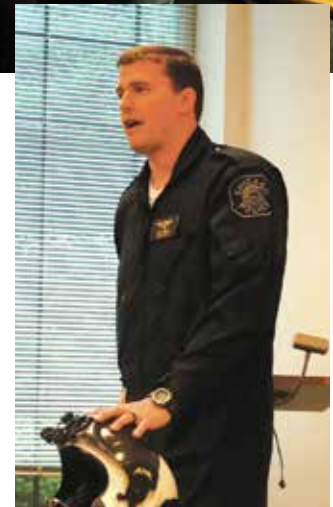
The approach is simple: Donations fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack these meals. Meals are then shipped to FMSC food partners in over 70 countries around the world where kids are fed and lives are saved.

Recently a team of Chicago 99s joined other volunteers at a local FMSC packing and distribution facility. In a frenzy of fun and excitement, we scooped, measured, poured, weighed and sealed dozens and dozens of life-saving meal packs. At the end of our shift, our group of volunteers had packed 110 boxes of 36 meal packs per box. We are definitely going back.

— Diane Cozzi



*Above: Chicago Area Chapter members and friends gather to hear guest speaker Sgt. David Hindman, right, of the Chicago Police Department and pilot of a Bell 206.*



*Enjoying the British Columbia Coast Chapter’s annual Christmas potluck party are, from left, back row, Fanny Leroy, Katie Cowley, Margaret Coombes, Alice Chan, Sharon Janson, Clare Brooks and Elma Kozak. Front row: Wendy Boyes, Angie Tanton, Teena Della, Marcia Strang and Jenna Forseth.*

## BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST CHAPTER

The British Columbia Coast Chapter’s annual Christmas party was held December 3 at Marcia’s house in Tsawwassen, near Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ninety-Nines, along with friends and family, enjoyed socializing while savoring tasty appetizers. The buffet dinner was a wonderful collection of homemade salads, vegetable dishes, mini meatballs and crockpot chicken stew. Dessert completed the feast with homemade pies, brownies and shortbread cookies.

We spent the remainder of the evening chatting on the outdoor patio equipped with a cozy fireplace.

— Alice Chan

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Abela**, Diane, Florida Suncoast  
**Adams**, Jacki, Wisconsin  
**Aguirre**, Rachele, (F) Colorado  
**Beans**, Jessica, (F) Alaska  
**Bennett**, Kerry, British Section  
**Blankenship**, Lee, Florida Suncoast  
**Bottom**, Sarah, (F) Bay Cities  
**Boydston**, Renae, Wisconsin  
**Branum**, Katana, (F) Houston  
**Bromage**, Mary, (F) Santa Barbara  
**Brown**, Lauren, Daytona Beachin Eagles  
**Bryant**, Audrey, Northeast Kansas  
**Bryant**, Emily, (F) Alabama  
**Bryant**, Molly, (F) Northeast Kansas  
**Budde**, Krystal, Bay Cities  
**Burnette**, Alisa, (F) Appalachian Aviatrices  
**Campbell**, Christa, Florida Goldcoast  
**Campbell**, Holle, (F) Arkansas  
**Cantrell**, Jordan, Tennessee  
**Cappelletti**, Sarah, Connecticut  
**Chao**, Tiffany, Santa Clara Valley  
**Choudhary**, Ruhi, India Section  
**Choudhury**, Bobby, India Section  
**Christensen**, Joy, Utah  
**Collins**, Karen, (F) Eastern New England  
**Corby**, Brenda, (F) Ventura County  
**Cory**, Emily, (F) Tucson  
**Daniel**, Stacy, Western Washington  
**Denton**, Adeene, Eastern New England  
**Diaz**, Debbie, Phoenix  
**Didisse**, Karin, (F) Idaho  
**Donnelly**, Nora, Texas Dogwood  
**Doyle**, Shannon, (F) San Fernando Valley  
**Drew**, Janna, Fresno  
**Edwards**, Deborah, (F) Waterloo on the Grand  
**Edwards**, Texie, (F) Dallas  
**Eftekhari**, Soraya, (F) Orange County  
**Eichel**, Amy, (F) Utah  
**Fry**, Lindsey, San Diego  
**Gab**, Shari, (F) Central New York  
**Gaitan**, Katalin, (F) Old Dominion  
**Garlinger**, Sierra, (F) Ventura County  
**Gearhardt**, Lauren, (F) Alabama  
**Gibson**, Vanessa, (F) Los Angeles Palms  
**Graver**, Katelyn, (F) Indiana  
**Gruchacz**, Katarzyna, Manitoba  
**Gurley**, Mary, (F) Fort Worth  
**Gutierrez**, Shauna, (F) Oregon Pines  
**Hadden Fleming**, Cindy, (F) San Antonio

*\* (F) indicates a Student Pilot (formerly referred to as Future Women Pilots).*



*Adeene Denton, Eastern New England Chapter.*

**Harris**, Brianna, (F) Palomar  
**Hensel**, Lauren, San Antonio  
**Huseland**, Alice, (F) Texas Dogwood  
**Jabour**, Virginia, Daytona Beachin Eagles  
**Johnston**, Erin, Alameda County  
**Karpiloff**, Elizabeth, (F) Greater New York  
**Keuvelaar**, Jennifer, (F) Spaceport  
**Kirkpatrick**, Erin, (F) Virginia  
**Kirschstein**, Catherine, At Large  
**Korte**, Jeannine, (F) Old Dominion  
**Latcham**, Holly, Minnesota  
**Lawson**, Danielle, Tip of Texas  
**Limcumpao**, Kristina, (F) First Canadian  
**Lincoln**, Amanda, (F) New Jersey  
**Lisnevskaya**, Anastasia, British Columbia Coast  
**Lowe, Heidi**, (F) Eastern New England  
**Madoerin**, Raegan, (F) Fort Worth  
**Mailhot**, Emily, (F) New Jersey  
**Marron**, Julie, (F) Eastern New England  
**McCord**, Cheryl, Idaho  
**Mencia**, M., Washington DC  
**Mills**, Grace, (F) San Fernando Valley  
**Moore**, Kimberly, (F) Paradise Coast  
**Moragea Khalil**, Fatma, Arabian Section  
**Morcous**, Basant, (F) Waterloo on the Grand  
**Morris**, Martha, Phoenix  
**Moser**, Tamara, Kansas  
**Nelson**, Laura, (F) Carolinas  
**Nemati**, Zahra, (F) Orange County  
**Norberg**, Frida, Virginia  
**Nottestad Neu**, Bridgett, (F) Wisconsin  
**Okleasik**, Ivory, (F) Alaska  
**Ongena**, Kathleen, (F) Tennessee

**Pearson**, Amanda, Connecticut  
**Perez**, McKenzie, Orange County  
**Piskareva**, Nina, Kitty Hawk  
**Pitman**, Katelyn, Phoenix  
**Piuze**, Michele, (F) Montreal  
**Potje**, Christine, Mt. Shasta  
**Prendergast**, Calli, (F) Eastern New England  
**Preston**, Stephanie, (F) Sarasota Ladybugs  
**Provencher**, Mary, Florida Goldcoast  
**Prudhomme**, Frances, (F) Austin Hill Country  
**Pryor**, Marlys, Reno Area  
**Pulver**, Brianna, (F) Houston  
**Quixtner**, Eva, Austrian Section  
**Raines**, Tammy, (F) Colorado  
**Ramadhan**, Marinie, (F) Austrian Section  
**Ramm**, Rebecca, (F) Lake Erie  
**Rindal**, Casandra, (F) Kitty Hawk  
**Root**, Diane, Marin County  
**Rose**, Leanza, (F) Redwood Coast Flyers  
**Ryan**, Megan, (F) Kansas  
**Schroeder**, Cynthia, (F) Wisconsin  
**Schulz**, Shelby, (F) Greater St. Louis  
**Scott**, Emily, Colorado  
**Seymour**, Melanie, (F) Fullerton  
**Shouse**, Catherine, (F) Tucson  
**Siddiqui**, Sara, Wisconsin  
**Skafte**, Marie-Louise, Florida Goldcoast  
**Spiegel**, Lindsey, (F) Chicago Area  
**Steenhagen**, Polly, Delaware  
**Stone**, Rowena, (F) Alabama  
**Stoor**, Rachel, Phoenix  
**Suffern**, Dawn, Kentucky Bluegrass  
**Swain**, Kathleen, Sugarloaf  
**Tanzer**, Allyson, Sarasota Ladybugs  
**Tatro**, Cassandra, (F) Eastern New England  
**Terry**, Arianna, (F) Intermountain  
**Thompson**, Madison, (F) Rio Grande Norte  
**Tucci**, Suzanne, Eastern New England  
**Unter Ecker**, Benedikta, San Fernando Valley  
**Verma**, Aakanksha, India Section  
**Voth**, Katherine, Washington DC  
**Waage**, Megan, (F) Wisconsin  
**Ward**, Riley, (F) Treasure Coast  
**Whelan**, Carol, Connecticut  
**Wilke**, Bethany, (F) San Fernando Valley  
**Winter**, Sylvia, Eastern New England  
**Woods**, Megan, Florida Heartland  
**Yehling**, Kimberly, Orange County  
**Yoo**, Jihyung, (F) Far East Section  
**Young**, Sophie, (F) Carolinas  
**Zschach**, Heidi, Idaho  
**Zwicke**, Brooke, (F) Greater Kansas City



## Microsoft Sponsors Free Aviation Events for Girls in U.S. and Canada

by Marjy Leggett, International Director

Here's an opportunity to share your love of aviation and connect with young girls in a special project sponsored by Microsoft.

For International Women's Month in March of 2018, Microsoft will launch a series of free career-based coding classes for young girls to expose them to a variety of careers. One of the careers featured is a career in aviation.

Girls throughout the U.S. and Canada can come into the Microsoft stores for a free class where they will engage in a coding flight simulator, include planning a flight and observing aeronautical charts. Instructors will be present to assist the girls. In conjunction with the computer coding, Microsoft has reached out to The Ninety-Nines with a request for women who have made aviation their career to speak to the girls about their career, why they chose it and what is amazing about it.

This is an ideal opportunity to expose more girls in your community to the field of aviation.

- The events will happen across the U.S. and Canada in 75-plus Microsoft Locations.
- All events are completely free.
- Microsoft will provide the devices, software, teacher and curriculum.
- All classes will take place in the month of March for International Women's Month.
- Microsoft will handle advertising of the event.
- Dates of participation will be selected individually by each Microsoft Store.

I will be coordinating with Chapters across the United States and Canada. Please reach out to me and volunteer to participate in this exciting opportunity in your local area. Contact me at [directorleggett@ninety-nines.org](mailto:directorleggett@ninety-nines.org).

## NEW HORIZONS

This space is dedicated to our members and 49½s who have passed on to New Horizons. We will miss them, and thank these 99s for all their contributions to our organization.

Our members who recently flew to New Horizons were:

**John Davey**, 49½ of Billie Downing, Eastern New England Chapter.

**Jorge Delano**, 49½ of Kathy Wadsworth, Connecticut Chapter.

**Helen Linn Evans**, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Barbara Kay Ewing**, January 30, 2017, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Nancy Patricia Fairbanks**, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Ruth Shafer Fleisher**, Nov. 30, 2016, Life Member, Gold Coast Chapter.

**Pam Ihrig Fonseca**, May 18, 2015, and her 49½ George, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Dorothy Garliepp**, January 18, 2017, Aloha Chapter.

**Mona Matthews Gordon**, July 25, 2017, Wisconsin Chapter.

**Marjorie Gorman**, June 4, 2015, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Ernest Hazlett**, 49½ of Margaret Hazlett, December 19, 2016, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Del Johnson**, 49½ of Kay Johnson, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Janice Kuechenmeister**, November 6, 2016, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Bernita Nickell**, March 21, 2014, All-Ohio Chapter.

**Sylvia Sears**, May 17, 2017, All-Ohio Chapter.

*Please Note: For obituaries listed on this page, please submit only the name, date of death, and Chapter. Notices of 49½s will be listed similarly.*

*The full obituaries and photos are now posted on The Ninety-Nines website. To submit an extended obituary, please submit a personal write-up and not a copy or a link to an online obituary. These will not be published. To read the full obituaries, go to [www.ninety-nines.org/new-horizons.htm](http://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.*

## Corrections

In the November/December issue of *Ninety-Nines* magazine, it was incorrectly stated that on the cover photo Julie Wang is posing with a Cirrus SR-22. The aircraft is a Piper Arrow.

## Photo Tips

Have you ever submitted a photo to the *Ninety-Nines* magazine and wondered why it didn't look as sharp in the magazine as it did on your Smartphone? Simply, a printing press requires a much higher resolution photo.

To take the best quality photos with your phone, look for megapixels. The more the better. Factory settings are usually set low, but for the best quality, the setting needs to be changed manually to the highest megapixels possible (it may appear as "M pixel" under picture size). Also set "Picture Quality" to "Super Fine" or the highest setting for your smartphone.

Don't be surprised if this results in a larger file. It means you'll be getting a sharper picture in the magazine!



## Our Most Recently Enlisted Friends of The 99s

**Jennifer Allen**, Anaheim, California

**Jackie Bera**, Norco, California

**Danielle Dieckhaus**, Moscow Mills, Missouri

**Joseph Finnell**, Fountain Valley, California

**Wayne Glover**, Vernon, BC, Canada

**Thomas Inglima**, Pembroke Pines, Florida

**Michelle Jordan**, Port Arthur, Texas

**Barbara Murray**, San Diego, California

**Richard Orenstein**, Sarasota, Florida

**Sandra Shelton**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



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