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The Ninety Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots

### **Ninety Nines to be in Providence, RI this July**

The 2012 Ninety Nines International Conference is to be held in the Ocean State's capital city of Providence from July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It is being hosted by the New England Section, Connecticut, Eastern New England & Katahdin Wings Chapters. The five day gathering of women pilots will showcase memorable and inspiring speakers, present seminars, offer banquets recognizing our members' achievements, arrange area tours, all providing an atmosphere for much camaraderie among the membership and our guests. The Marriott Downtown Hotel in the heart of the city will be the site for all events and conference scheduled tour departures. Organizers are planning a well packed agenda which will also include the annual Board and committee meetings so vital to the yearly operation of The Ninety Nines, Inc.

Providence, another city of seven hills, is among the oldest in New England. It was founded in 1636 by Roger Williams as a refuge for religious dissidents. The settlement, known as Providence Plantation, offered freedom to practice all religions without prejudice unlike other more strident colonies of the region. It is currently the second largest city in New England and is located at the northern reaches of the inlet fringed Narragansett Bay, a mere 50 miles from Boston, Massachusetts. It is served by TF Green International Airport (PVD) in Warwick, RI, only 8.5 miles from downtown. Boston Logan (BOS) is just over an hour away. There are several regional and municipal airports in the general area within a half hour of the city.

The area is steeped in amazing colonial history with Newport, situated on Aquidneck Island in the middle of Narragansett Bay, 30 miles south of the capital city. This quintessential New England seaport is most famous for the array of 16 "summer cottages" built by the enormously wealthy families of the Gilded Age. But, this major 18<sup>th</sup> century port boasts the highest number of surviving colonial buildings in any U.S. city. The town of Plymouth, Massachusetts, settled in 1620 as the first Pilgrim colony, is off to the northeast on the shores of Cape Cod Bay. Rhode Island's capital city is home to seven institutions of higher learning, including the Ivy League Brown University and the world renowned Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). Being a college town, Providence also has its share of terrific museums and exciting attractions. A wealth of ethnic neighborhoods, from Italian & Irish to Portuguese & Latin American and more, provides for a wide variety of local cuisine and the eateries to match, all ready to be discovered and enjoyed.

The New England Section has chosen a wonderful venue 'by the Bay' for the 2012 International Conference, one with which it is very familiar. Providence's ease of access, fantastic array of vacation and tourist opportunities within very short distances are advantages not to be beat. The New England Section looks forward to sharing this experience with as many 99s as possible... and invites attendees to arrive early or stick around afterwards to enjoy the bounties of the rich, early New England history ; the sun, sand and seashores; and the innumerable, iconoclastic colonial towns and villages that

dot the hilly, wooded landscapes from Connecticut to Maine. See you in July in Providence, R I !

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