

# AIR NEWS

Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines®, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots.

JUNE 2017



**JUNE 11**

## **Chapter Meeting at Kenosha Airport**

**Come at 11:30 for Coffee, And.....**

Provided by our Hostess Sharon Ann Schorsch and her team

Marie Spear, Jill Feldman and Elizabeth Motley

**Join us to hear about Warren Bruhl's quest to continue his mother's legacy of outreach to the people of Kenya and to add to his opportunities in that country by becoming a pilot.**



His work as an engineer of social change with Dreamweaver will spark your interest in flying in Africa.

**Following Warren's presentation we will hold our monthly chapter meeting and**

**SWEAR IN OUR 7 NEW OFFICERS FOR 2017-2019**

Coffee 11:30, Speaker 12:00, meeting to follow.

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**DID YOU PAY YOUR DUES YET?**

## WHO'S WHO

### CHAIR

Ellen O'Hara

### VICE CHAIR

Leslie Prellwitz

### SECRETARY

Jill Feldman

### TREASURER

Madeleine Monaco



## KEEP 'EM FLYING

ELLEN O'HARA, CHAIRMAN

Announcing Madeleine Monaco as the 2017 North Central Section Governor's Service Award winner! Congratulations, Madeleine! Your award will be presented to you at the fall section meeting since you were out of the country for the spring meeting. This award is given for service only to The Ninety-Nines regardless of other aviation achievements. Competition included two other long-term Ninety-Nines and your service history to The 99s has served you well in receiving this award!

Marie Spear represented our chapter in the Spinning Prop Award which was won by Deb McGee of Iowa Chapter. Marie, you will get a certificate of participation at our next meeting and I encourage you to try again next year! That also goes for others flying any amount of time without compensation. Every year the competition is close within the chapter as well as at the section level (and the hours are not revealed!), so keep flying!

This year's 2017 annual Aviation Day was held for the first time at Lansing Airport in Lansing on May 13 in order to cover the southern section of the large Greater Chicago Area and Northwest Indiana Council of Girl Scouts which has not been served previously. Most of the 45 registered scouts and 20 adults were present and four of our presenters were airline pilots, thank you! We had a good Goldilocks Day--not too hot, not too cold--in the historic Ford Hanger built in 1927 by Henry Ford. Co-chairing with me was Deb Meznarsic, and other participants were Natalie Berman, Vickie Szewczyk, Carol Skiber, Sue Nealey, Donna Klein, Jill Feldman, Brittini Latos, Leslie Prellwitz, Cynthia Madsen, and Jessica Pontinen of Indiana Dunes Chapter. Thanks go to John DeLaurentis, Airport Manager, and Bonnie Cuthbert, Airport Assistant, who was presented with a certificate of thanks. An interesting situation came up in debriefing over lunch that four of the attending adults became interested in taking flying lessons when learning more about flying and of their proximity to the airport! The 2018 event will take place at Chicago Executive Airport.

We now begin our future planning when North Central Section will hostess the July 16-21, 2019 International Conference at Dayton, Ohio. At our April NCS meeting, chapters selected a part of its organization for which they will be responsible. Our chapter will do the Publicity section and I am pleased that Susan Kelsey, our new member in the last year, will chair that committee. At our June meeting you will have a chance to sign up for the section of that committee that most interests you and where you can bring your own expertise to the table. We have been given a list of guidelines to use as a starting point, so before our meeting take a look at the conference information sent to you directly by email. Many hands make the work easier!

Keep'em flying!

*Ellen*

### Deadline for submission the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S MEETING MINUTES

May 13th, 2017

Lansing Airport, GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY

Submitted by Jill Feldman, Secretary

**See pictures on CAC 99s Facebook page of the Girl Scout Aviation Day 2017.**

**Thank-you to co-chairs Ellen O'Hara and Deb Meznarsic.** Other 99 participants: Natalie Berman, Vickie Szewczyk, Carol Skiber, Sue Nealey, Donna Klein, Jill Feldman, Brittni Latos, Leslie Prellwitz, Cynthia Madsen and Jessica Pontiner (Indiana Dunes chapter). Special Thanks to John DeLaurentiis, Lansing Airport Manager and Bonnie Cuthbert, Lansing Airport Assistant.

**Call to Order** 1 pm by Chairman Ellen O'Hara. Present were Ellen O'Hara, Deb Meznarsic, Natalie Berman, Vickie Szewczyk, Carol Skiber, Donna Klein, Jill Feldman, Brittni Latos, Leslie Prellwitz, Cynthia Madsen and Jessica Pontiner (Indiana Dunes chapter).

**Welcome / Introductions** – Thank you for Indiana Dunes member Jessica who helped our chapter, and to everyone who put the time in to make the event successful. There were 29 girls who participated, although 45 registered. A debrief will be held at the June meeting, but one recommendation was to move the starting time to 10 am for next year's event.

**Secretary's Report-** Meeting minutes from March 2017 meeting (last formal meeting) were accepted as published in the April Air News.

**Treasurer's Report** – The April and May treasurer's reports were provided prior to the meeting but will be reviewed along with the May report at the June meeting.

### **Committee Business/Reports**

Nominating Committee – Donna Klein presented that the slate was unanimously accepted by the 13 ballots returned to the nominating committee. Members at meeting voted that the ballots may be destroyed. New officers will be installed at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Kenosha airport.

### **Unfinished Business**

CAC By Law wording change discussed and unanimously passed by members present to allow officers to serve "more than one consecutive term." Cynthia Madsen and Ellen O'Hara attended the NCS Meeting in Indianapolis April 21-23.

The following CAC members (who were present at this May meeting) who are planning on attending the International Conference in San Antonio are: Leslie Prellwitz, Ellen O'Hara, and Brittni Latos. Leslie Prellwitz is up for re-election as one of the International Directors – please put in your vote if you are attending!

### **New Business**

Amendments proposed during last International Conference will go out to the CAC members via email for review. These include 2 Bylaw changes, 1 Standing Rule change, and the introduction electronic balloting.

Air Race Classic has a stop in Indianapolis on June 20-23. Volunteers needed. Please contact Ellen O'Hara if interested.

2018 International Meeting will be in Dayton, OH and as part of the NCS conference, CAC has volunteered to assist with the event Publicity and related communications. Please let the new chapter officers know if you have expertise or interest in this area.

### **Pilot Talk**

Congratulations to the following CAC members:

Cynthia Madsen, Steve and Tina Thomas – 2017 Inductees into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

Madeleine Monaco – Governor's Service Award

CAC member Marie Spears nominated for Spinning Prop award, but won by NCS Secretary Deb McGee. ☐

Santori Scholarship awarded by Cynthia Madsen to 4 winners: Jessica Richardson, Melissa Hanthorn, Colleen Weber-Rutherford and Ginger Davidson.

**Announcements** - see Calendar

**Adjournment** 2:30 pm

## 99s International Conference, July 12-16 Conference Registration Still Open!

Still time to register at Conference website: [www.travelplannerstexas.com/99s2017](http://www.travelplannerstexas.com/99s2017)

### Hotel Information

Conference events will be held at the Westin Riverwalk. The reduced rate is no longer available, but there are still rooms left at the Westin, as well as at several hotels within easy walking distance. Call Travel Planners at **800-531-7201** for hotel rates and reservations.

### Already Registered?

If you did not sign up for any optional tours, call **800-531-7201** or use the Contact Us button on the Conference website to add them on.

### Conference Fly Market – “El Mercado”

Space is still available! For Chapters or Sections who are selling merchandise as a fund-raiser, the fee is just \$50. Individuals and businesses may reserve space for \$100. The reservation form is on the conference website under Printable Forms, or contact Conference Co-Chair Cathy Prudhomme at [cwappler99@hotmail.com](mailto:cwappler99@hotmail.com)

### Who Wants to be an Airline Pilot?

On Friday and Saturday (July 14, 15), GoJet Airlines will have representatives at the Conference to share hiring information and conduct interviews for those with applications on file.

Apply online at <http://www.gojetairlines.com/careers/Pages/Pilots.aspx>

Call any one of the contacts below to schedule an interview at the 99s Conference:

HR – Tamela Hoevel, 314-378-2073

Wingman Coordinator – Jessica Vysoky – 618-791-7977

Training Coordinator – Sydney Ditzler – 314-551-7931

### Saturday Seminars – Lots to Learn!

1:00 – Presentation by a NASA Astronaut who is also a 99!

2:00 – Psychological Factors and Pilot Safety

3:00 – The WASP Experience – a dramatic interpretation

4:00 – Flying with Children – Tips and Tools

4:00 – Professional Pilot Opportunities – panel discussion for those seeking a professional pilot career

Our stars will be bright deep in the heart of Texas – see you in San Antonio!

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## Calendar of Events

June 3.....Dogs and Brats Cook Out 11-1, Poplar Grove C77

June 3-4.....Cavalcade of Planes, Bolingbrook Clow Airport 10-4 each day

June 10.....Pancake Breakfast 9-11 Chicago Executive KPWK

June 11.....Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles 7-12 noon Poplar Grove C77

**June 11.....Chapter Meeting, Kenosha Airport 11:30 COFFEE 12 NOON SPEAKER**

June 16-17 .....Forest of Friendship Induction Ceremony, Atchison, KS

June 20-23.....Air Race Classic–NCS Stops–Coshocton, OH, Indianapolis, IN, Bemidji, MN and Spencer, IA

**July 11-16 .... 99s International Conference, San Antonio, Texas go to [WWW.Ninety-nines.org](http://WWW.Ninety-nines.org) to register**

August 20.....Pancake Breakfast, Poplar Grove Airport

September 9.....Waukegan Air Show

**Sept 22-24 .....North Central Section Meeting, Wilderness Resort Wisconsin Dells**

October 22.....Chapter Meeting, Schaumburg Airport, Noon

November .....Community Service Activity TBD

December/January...Holiday Party, TBD

**July 4-8, 2018 ..... 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**July 16-21, 2019 ... 99s International Conference, Dayton, Ohio–North Central Section is host**



## AVIATION DAY AT LANSING AIRPORT

On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, our Chicago Area Chapter hosted a Scout Aviation Day at Lansing Airport. This event is one of the best outreach activities that we do. Since Aviation Education is one of the 99s goals, we try to incorporate this event into our yearly schedule and rotate the event around the city to different airports. If we can interest these youngsters in aviation, and get them to believe they can fly, we will have accomplished a great deal.

There were 29 girl scouts who attending this year's event . We set up the day to educate based on the STEM needs – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. And, of course, we want to be sure that the girls see WOMEN engaged in the activity.



There were 6 presentation groups:  
 Careers – presented by Carol Skiber, who is an Airline Pilot  
 History – taught by Donna Klein and Sue Nealey  
 Forces of Flight – by CFII Cynthia Madsen  
 Preflight - Deb Meznaric & Jessica Pontiner (Indiana Dunes 99)  
 Communication -by SWA Captain Natalie Berman and Brittni Latos  
 And Navigation – presented by Leslie Prellwitz  
 Registration Desk - Ellen O'Hara and Vicki Szewczyk  
 Photos by Jill Feldman

Deb Meznarsic & Ellen O'Hara. CoChairs

Special Thanks to John deLaurentiis, Lansing Airport Manager and Bonnie Cuthbert who provided the plane for Preflight and is the Lansing Airport Assistant.

We want to continue to reach out to our local scouts, both boys and girls, to excite them about Aviation. Plans are being made to schedule this event again on the 2nd Saturday in May.

JOIN IN

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT IS ITS OWN REWARD.



## GET IN SHAPE

If you do not have a chapter name badge in the shape of your state, now is the time to order one. Send a check in the amount of \$16 made payable to the Chicago Area Chapter 99s and mail to Rita Adams, 484 or contact Rita by email at:



Badge above is in the shape of Illinois. Please indicate your state and whether you want a pin or magnet backing.

**NOW ALSO AVAILABLE WITH MAGNETIC BACKING!** Allow three weeks for delivery.

## Our Chapter Members on the move!!!

Any news you want to share? Training, travel, or family updates? Just email your editor and I will print as space permits. 99mjm@sbcglobal.net

Rosemarie Surette has earned her Commercial Certificate Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Mary Lou Erikson is back to work on her tailwheel endorsement and Cub check out Use your feet Lou!

Joan Kerwin presented the introduction for Cynthia Madsen's induction into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. Joan Kerwin, Madeleine Monaco and Mary Lou Erikson attended.

Jill Feldman has been working on her flight training. She has to use her feet as well, Her plane Belle is also a taildragger. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK Jill.

Karen Ballard is receiving your dues payments this year Can't wait to see all your checks coming in

## HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

## MADELEINE MONACO

In July, 1977, I took my first flying lesson at PWK. Here I am 40 years later, still flying at PWK, but now I have to call it Chicago Executive. I earned my PPL in 1978, my Instrument Rating in 1980, Commercial 1981, Multi Engine 1982. Since then I have completed CFI, CFII, Multi Instructor, and Sea Plane. I have a few hours in gliders, and a bit of balloon time but the most fun entries in my logbook are my 3 flights in the Goodyear Blimp—about 2 hours all together. Absolutely astounding !

I joined the Chicago Area 99s in December of 1978, and almost immediately took over the Membership Chair position because I was so thrilled that there was such an organization as the Ninety-Nines, Inc. and I wanted to see it flourish. I have continued to raise my hand and serve in many positions for the Chapter, some for the Section, and some jobs at International level. The most rewarding position in all of my 40 years as a 99 was my time as a Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Currently I am your Chapter Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, a member of the Santori Scholarship Committee and I am on the International Nominating Committee.

Along the way I was elected Alderman from Ward 5 in Prospect Heights, and appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Airport Commission.

I have owned a 172 (while getting my IFR and after) with a partner; a Mooney 201 with 3 partners, and another Mooney 201 with one partner. But the best is not the biggest. The best is right now, because I own a Cessna 150 all by myself. Freedom, in more ways than one.

I have more than 3500 hours, lots of instruction given, many long trips and local air races. But the best flights are the intro flights with the opportunity to spark the interest of another human to the beauty and joy of flight.

I'm a proud Ninety-Nine and a very proud pilot.





## TWO OF OUR CHICAGO 99S WERE HONORED IN MAY !!!!

### ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Each year, at the Illinois Aviation Conference, the aviation community comes together to honor the best of the best in our state. The special event that closes this three day conference is the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. Our Chapter is represented as a delegate organization to the Hall of Fame. We are honored to participate in what many call "the most important honor for a member of the aviation community in Illinois". It is the highest honor that can be attained by individuals whose principal aviation activity and experience is Illinois based.

This year we were fortunate to have two of our Chicago Area Chapter members honored by being named to this honor roll.



Cynthia Madsen was honored for her outstanding contributions to the many organizations who have been blessed with her efforts. Active in the 99s since 1986, she has held many offices, up to and including Chapter Chair, before going on to Section and International positions. She has flown more than 100 Young Eagles and has given first-time rides to adults; taught Flying Companions; taught on Girl Scout Aviation Days; held a proficiency air race clinic; organized and ran two air meets; and flew in near three dozen races. Her air racing trophies are many. She taught an online Aviation 101 class at South Suburban College and served on the Board of Project HigherEd there.

Cynthia is a Charter Board Member and Secretary to The Historic Ford Hangar Foundation, formed to oversee the restoration of the landmark hangar at Lansing Illinois Municipal Airport. Cynthia was saluted for her tireless activity on behalf of the pilots of Illinois and the organizations which she supports. Congratulations Cynthia. We are so very proud of you.

Tina Thomas and her husband Steve were honored for developing Poplar Grove Airport and keeping vintage aviation whole and hearty in the Rockford Area. But really, Tina is best known to us as a long time Chapter member who always shares her time and her space at Poplar Grove (C77). They restore old airplanes, host a multitude of General Aviation Organization events at their airport, encourage and support the local EAA Chapter 1414, support and encourage Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum at C77, offer scholarships and aviation education programs.

The maintenance facility that they run with son Blake, Poplar Grove Airmotive, has an outstanding reputation, and their well developed residential airpark has become a well formed aviation community of people who love and live to fly. Tina and Steve were saluted for their support of aviation in Illinois. Well done Tina and Steve. You have indeed made a difference.



Our Chapter has participated in this venture from its beginnings in 1970 and we have been honored in the past with the Spirit of Flight Award given to all Ninety Nine Chapters in our state. In addition, the following Chapter members have been inducted in past years:

Sally Stempel – 1988      Esther Noffke – 1997      Joan Kerwin – 2002      Beverlee Greenhill – 2015

Please applaud this year's honorees, as well as all of those honored in the past.

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Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots

Some great gathering and networking events coming up.  
International Conference in San Antonio, Texas,  
Fall Section Meeting in Wisconsin Dells, and, of course,  
our Chapter meetings and activities.

Come to Kenosha Sunday, June 11th, to witness  
our version of Changing of the Guard.

Coffee 11:30, Speaker at Noon,  
followed by business meeting and installation of officers.

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