

# AIR NEWS

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

JUNE 2019

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## JUNE 23 PARTY AT POPLAR GROVE

Officers will be installed.

BRING STUFF----- SWAP MEET -----TAKE STUFF

Clean out your closet, your cabinets, your jewelry box, your library and under your bed!! Bring your items (someone will want them). Then take what someone else brought. No cash changes hands. Leftover things will be donated to Rockford Rescue Mission.

**Questions ? Mary Lou 847-340-2725**

June 23, 2019 at NOON at Erikson Hangar,  
LUNCH will be served (bring a dish to pass - or not)

Poplar Grove Airport (C77)

Flying:

Elevation: 858'

CTAF: 122.8

Runways: 12/30 hard surface, 17/35 grass, 9/27 grass

Walk around back to hangar.

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## ELECTION RESULTS

Officers for 2019-2021 Chicago Area Chapter have been unanimously elected:

Chairman Eva Kozlowski Vice Chairman Mona Knock

Secretary Cynthia Madsen Treasurer Colleen Murphy

Nominating Committee Chair Jill Feldman.

Two additional members of the Nominating Committee will be appointed. 12% of the membership voted. Congratulations to the electees, who will be installed at the June meeting, and thank you to those who voted.

*Ellen O'Hara*, Nominating Committee Chairman

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## WHO'S WHO

### CHAIR

Jill Feldman

### VICE CHAIR

Natalie Berman

### SECRETARY

Mary Lou Erikson

### TREASURER

Madeleine Monaco

Deadline for submission  
the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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## FLYING and FRIENDS

JILL FELDMAN, CHAIRMAN

To all my fellow Aviatrix!

It was a busy month of May for me with the planning for the Girl Scout Aviation Day, getting ads together for the 2019 International Conference, my day job and its related travel, and oh – when I have time – getting in a few flying lessons.

There have been some significant events from some of my fellow student pilots this month – Eva did her first solo cross country, Colleen flew a dual cross country, and Katie soloed at Poplar Grove. I hope they were able to contribute some Pilot Talk on their achievements.

There are plenty of aviation events over the next few months. If you know of one at your home airport, send the info to Madeleine to put on the calendar, join our 99s backpage Facebook page and post the event there, or send the event to Cynthia Madsen to put on the website (or do all 3!)

We hope to see all of you at the Poplar Grove meeting and induction of new officers. It's a great location for aviation enthusiasts and Mary Lou puts on great parties. Hope to see you there.

Blue skies and gentle breezes!

See you soon!

*Jill*



### INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS REVISIONS PROPOSED

All delegates to the International Conference Annual Business Meeting will be asked to vote on 2 proposed changes to our guiding documents.

### HOW CAN I EDUCATE MYSELF??

Open the home page of the Chicago Area Chapter website by choosing [www.chicagoarea99s.org](http://www.chicagoarea99s.org). On the Home Page there is a note to go to "Links" at the left. At the Links page, click on either the Bylaws/SRs proposed changes and/or the appendices.

The Chapter votes to advise our delegates which way they would like them to cast our vote. This vote will take place at June 23 gathering.

### WEB ADDRESS

[WWW.CHICAGOAREA99S.ORG](http://WWW.CHICAGOAREA99S.ORG)

# RUTH and ROBERT FRANTZ

INDUCTED INTO THE ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME

MAY 7, 2019 Peoria, IL

Some of our newer members may not know all of the ways that our Chicago Area Chapter interacts with other parts of the aviation community. One of the most prestigious groups that we are involved in is the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame.

For all the Hall of Fame's existence, more than 45 years, our chapter has been an active participant. Many past inductees have been 99s, notably Cynthia Madsen, Tina (and Steve) Thomas, Bev Greenhill, Esther Noffke, Joan Kerwin, and the Chapter itself has received the Spirit of Flight Award in the past. For a full list of winners and inductees, see the Hall of Fame website at [www.ilavhalloffame.org](http://www.ilavhalloffame.org). Currently, Joan Kerwin, who was one of the original founding members of the Hall of Fame, serves as our representative to the group, with Cynthia Madsen as her alternate. Other 99s serve on the Hall of Fame as representatives for their groups. Madeleine Monaco is the rep for Chicago Executive Pilots Association, Susan Hillman is the rep for Stick and Rudder Flying Club at Waukegan, other 99s have served as reps from the various participating organizations. Joining the inductees this year are Ruth and Bob Frantz.



Here are the words their daughter Peggy Elmer used to describe her parents aviation involvement. "Robert W Frantz first soloed on June 30, 1943 at 16 years of age. He had started flight instruction on a waiver. The required age to obtain a private pilot license was 18 at the time, so upon turning 18, Robert took the flight test for the private license on August 12, 1944. He earned a commercial certificate November 23, 1945, multi-engine rating January 25, 1946, and a seaplane rating November 14, 1946. Robert gave up his plane in the mid-1950s, but took up flying again, earned an instrument rating in 1970 and an Airline Transport Pilot certificate in 1975.



Frantz's daughter Peggy Elmer and her husband Chuck



Mary Lou Erikson, Madeleine Monaco, Natalie Berman, Amanda Wagner and Joan Kerwin

USPA honored Bob Frantz for many years of outstanding service, electing him as Director Emeritus May 19, 2012. IPA honored Bob and Ruth Frantz May 6, 2006 for their dedication since the beginning of IPA. Robert Frantz also was employed as a contract employee for the FAA from 1988 to 1992. Ruth Frantz first earned her private pilot license in 1972, and joined the 99s.

Though Robert and Ruth prized the recognition they received, their great contribution to aviation in Illinois consisted of their stalwart ongoing participation in the organizations for general aviation: the US Pilots Association, the Illinois Pilots Association, the Northeast Pilots Association (NEPA), the North West Kane Airport Authority, and the 99s. From Robert Frantz being noted as attending FAA hearings on Schaumburg Airport in 1977 to the final dissolution of NEPA December 11, 2015, Robert and Ruth Frantz were often the engine running the organizations concerned with general aviation in Illinois. The home office is piled high with documents, records and newsletters from the 99s, AOPA, USPA, IPA, NKA, and NEPA. Bob and Ruth in retirement made second careers organizing and/or attending the meetings, conventions and fly-ins of these organizations. Their enthusiastic support of the organizations furthered the interests of aviation in Illinois."

# Girl Scout Aviation Day, Exelon Hangar, DuPage Airport

May 11, 2019

What a great venue and a great group of volunteers, parents, leaders and scouts! We had 67 girls in attendance, 37 leaders/parents, 17 volunteers from the 99s, and 4 volunteers from the NeoFlites Flying Club – who also provided their Cessna 172.

The girl scouts were well behaved and said they learned a lot. For more than a few, we saw that spark that says "I'm going to be a pilot some day!". And we brought more than \$1000 in to the chapter!

A huge thank-you to Kristin Romano from Exelon for organizing the event, getting Exelon volunteers, and providing all of the lunches and snacks. And I couldn't have done it without the great group of 99s that gave up their day (and prep time before the event) to make the day memorable!

## 99 Volunteers

| Name                          | Assignment              | Name              | Assignment                             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Karen Ballard                 | Registration            | Carol Skiber      | Careers – lead                         |
| Shona Williams                | Registration            | Katie Christensen | Careers                                |
| Kari Buckvold (future member) | Snack Table, floater    | Sue Nealey        | History of Flight – lead               |
| Ellen O'Hara                  | Forces of Flight – lead | Sharon Schorsch   | History of Flight                      |
| Kseniya Polinsky              | Forces of Flight        | Jill Feldman      | Preflight of Airplane                  |
| Deena Schwartz                | Navigation - lead       | Mona Knock        | Preflight of airplane and photographer |
| Stephanie McClennan           | Navigation              | Brittni Latos     | Preflight of Airplane - lead           |
| Mariko Duskow                 | Communication - lead    | Colleen Murphy    | Communications                         |
| Callie Boydston               | Communication           |                   |  |





## May 11, 2019 DuPage Airport Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day Exelon Corporate Hangar



## GIRL PILOTS TEACHING GIRL SCOUTS



## HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

## ELSIE BASCOMB

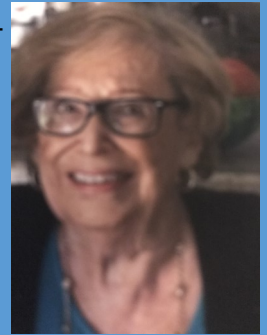
In Elsie's words: "I've just reached being a Chicago Area Chapter member for 64 years—probably the oldest member in years and age, helping to make for an interesting life. Some of my very close best friends come from those years. I'm most proud of being a 99 and it has made me what I am.

I soloed in an Ercoupe, on to several Tri-Pacers, Cherokees, Cessna 150, etc., and five different V-Tail Beechcraft Bonanza's, my all time favorites. I have flown to about everywhere a single engine aircraft could land, but flying competitively in air meets, proficiency races and the AWTAR (aka Powder Puff Derby) was what I enjoyed most.

All my flying time had been in planes with nose wheel type landing gear, which always nagged at me and made me feel I was not a complete pilot on account of not having any tail dragger experience. Soloing a J-3 Cub finally, was one of the hardest things I've accomplished.

My piloting days are over but I still look up every time I hear a plane fly overhead."

Elsie and Julia Konger, her co-pilot for an air race



## NEWS FLASH - FSDO Name Change

Notice Number: NOTC8472

**Help us spread the word!**

On May 26th, 2019, the Flight Standards District Office formerly known as the DuPage FSDO, will be renamed the **Greater Chicago Flight Standards District Office - CHI FSDO**.

Our contact information is:

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The official contact person for this project is: Lee Stenson at 847-294-8700

## CALENDAR

|                      |                                |   |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| June 1               | Cavalcade of Planes            | Clow Airport (Bolingbrook)                            |
| June 23              | <b>NOT 16</b> Fly-in / Meeting | <b>NOT 16</b> <b>NOT 16</b> Poplar Grove Hangar Party |
| July 16-21           | 99s International Conference   | Mary Lou Erikson<br>Dayton, OH                        |
| Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> | Fetching Market / Meeting      | Lansing, IL (Cynthia Madsen)                          |
| Sept 12-14           | Fall NCS Meeting               | Indianapolis - Hosted by Indiana Dunes Chapter        |
| Spring 2020          | North Central Meeting          | hosted by Chicago Area Chapter                        |
| July 2020            | 99s International Conference   | Long Beach, CA on the Queen Mary!!!                   |
| Fall 2020            | North Central Meeting          | Location tbd hosted by Lake Erie 99s                  |

## MEMBER NEWS—STUDENT PROGRESS NEWS

### **Katie Christensen:**

Katie flew solo to the practice area today and did slow flight, stalls and ground reference maneuvers (with a pretty stiff wind). She is really moving along. She reports "I'm so incredibly grateful for everyone's support in nominating me for the Fly Now Award. I had just finished pre-flighting when I received the email notifying me I was selected for the scholarship, and as you can imagine I had a great lesson following that kind of news! Since my solo, I've gotten to take-off on a grass runway, do a touch-and-go at a TRSA (KRFD), and a few full-stops at a Class D airport. Up next is cross-country planning!"

### **Colleen Murphy:**

Completed a dual XC on 5/14/19. Morris to Illinois Valley (35 mi). Everything went perfect, he could not even offer constructive comments. Just said "top-notch". We then departed to Marshall County (24 mi). Found the airport but I struggled with landing - unusual sight picture. We practiced a few laps, then decided to switch to another runway which has a right turn pattern. A first for me. We then returned to Morris County (48mi). A successful return trip. My longest flight 2.5 hours.

Except for landing at Marshall County everything went well. We will return to Marshall County to practice since it presents an unusual sight picture for me. It's a confidence builder to see all the skills and tasks start to come together.

On a side note, for Marshall Cty I planned to use Rwy 18. It's short, narrow and has a ditch with trees at the end. Before we got there I asked if it was too much, could I switch to Rwy 13. My instructor thought I was being a bit of a drama queen. He changed his mind when he saw the rwy. I can't remember the last time I was called a drama queen. I much prefer bad-ass.

Yesterday I took on a new challenge. Flying a right traffic pattern at C75. I found it very different and challenging. It was hard to find visual reference points as my view was obstructed by my instructor and the low wing of the airplane. I'm also used to runways that are 18/36 or 09/27. A right pattern on Rwy 31 with a slight right XW required a change in my normal thought process. Good experience and more practice needed.

### **Jill Feldman:**

2.8 hours over two lessons. Usually high work and landings at Kenosha, but added take offs and landings at Racine to my repertoire! Would love to see more weekends or evenings with mild temperatures, gentle breezes so I can get to my solo!

### **Eva Kozlowski**

Eva completed her long cross country solo flight. All requirements completed, prepping for check ride. Our new Chair will be a Private Pilot soon!!!

### **Kseniya Polinsky**

Kseniya was interviewed on Simple Flight Radio for their podcast. She spoke about her process and accomplishments on the way from student to private pilot. You can hear her on line Simpleflight.net April 28, 2019 podcast "Navigating the Process" Simple Flight was an exhibitor at our Aviation Expo but if you didn't meet them and subscribe there, you can do it now. Go to Simpleflight.net and subscribe.

**Natalie Berman** and **Amanda Wagner** were angels of mercy for two of their 99s sisters this past month. They offered **Madeleine Monaco** and **Joan Kerwin** a ride to the IL Aviation Hall of Fame ceremony where they were to attend the Board meeting and present the honors to Ruth and Bob Frantz. Joan was recovering from illness and Madeleine had to baby a new knee. The "road trip" was a hoot, with snacks, blankets, conversation, coffee stops, and home delivery. Taking ourselves next time won't be the same. Thanks Nat and Amanda. You are the best!!!! And thanks Mary Lou Erikson and Tina Thomas for joining us. We wish more pilots would see this honor given.

So what else is going on? DROP ME A NOTE—WHAT'S UP, WHAT'S HAPPENING? Share!

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**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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# 99s International Conference & Career Expo

July 16-20, 2019 | Dayton, OH

*Join us for an exciting day in Dayton, OH during the 2019 International 99s Conference & Career Expo*



### Women in Leadership Panel

What does it take to be a leader? Col. Kathryn Hughes will moderate this panel discussion, featuring exceptional women who will share with you what it takes to be a leader and the path they took to get there.

### Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

PPLI aims to accelerate the advancement of women in all pilot professions, facilitate dynamic mentoring, and enhance our leadership role in the aviation community. The program provides highly motivated 99s with the tools to develop their careers and their leadership abilities. Through guided activities and formal mentoring partnerships, it strengthens and expands the network of women pilots.

### Not yet ready for your airline job?

We will have universities, flight training schools and other local employers to meet so you can gather information to start your flying career.

### Pathways to Success Career Expo

**Tuesday, July 16 | 10 am – 5 pm**

-  Exhibit Hall (10 am – 4 pm)
-  Women in Leadership Forum (10 am – noon)
-  Networking Lunch (noon – 2 pm)
-  Airline Hiring Briefings (TBA)
-  99s PPLI (4:00 – 4:45pm)

For more information, visit our web site: [www.ninety-nines.org/career-expo.htm](http://www.ninety-nines.org/career-expo.htm)  
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