

# AIR NEWS

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



MARCH 2018

## LOOKING FORWARD TO END OF WINTER



### MARCH 14

We are hosting a pop up event at KPWK Tap House Grille in the Ramada Plaza Hotel on Milwaukee Ave. 5:30 to 7:30 pm Dutch treat drinks and/or dinner. Invite other women who are interested in aviation and come enjoy the good company. CONTACT Susan Kelsey for more info.

### APRIL 15

Come for a tour of the Aurora SciTech Museum. Time tbd The Scitech Hands on Museum is an inter-active science museum located in the historic post office building in downtown Aurora. Come to SciTech to learn about aspects of science around us like weather, magnets, astronomy, in a fun indoor and outdoor park along the Fox river. CONTACT Ellen O'Hara for info



### MAY 4, 5 & 6

Spring North Central Section Meeting in Kalamazoo Michigan Join with 99s from around the Midwest to celebrate women who fly and the 99s. Highlight of the weekend (after the business meeting of course) will be a tour of the KALAMAZOO AIR ZOO. SEE REGISTRATION FORM AND SCHEDULE ON PAGES 4 AND 5 OF THIS AIR NEWS

### MAY 12

Scout Aviation Day Help the Scouts learn and earn an Aviation Badge. This event to be held at Atlantic Aviation, 1011 S Wolf Road, Wheeling, IL. Up to 100 scouts and adult chaperones will be our guests. Education stations including preflight, forces of flight, navigation and careers will be covered.



### JUNE 16

FLY IN LUNCH AT POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT. Noon arrival at Erikson's hangar on Taxiway Foxtrot. CONTACT Mary Lou

## 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

Dear Chicago Area Chapter 99s,

As I was pondering what to write about this month, my original thought was on team work. We had a chapter meeting on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, and its amazing to me the effort our members spend to help our chapter stay strong and grow. There are 4 women that I would like to thank this month, but there are so many more that contribute behind the scenes, so please don't feel slighted if I didn't single you out.

Ellen O'Hara – as past Chapter Chair and current co-chair for the Girl Scout Aviation event in May, she is always on the ball on what needs to be done and when! I don't know where she finds her energy and enthusiasm – but she's someone I am trying to emulate.

Natalie Berman – as the Chapter Vice Chairman, she has had to assist at critical times to run meetings when my work keeps me away. And a great job she has done! She still finds time to contribute to a successful Safety Seminar, work full time as a pilot, and start her own comp - any! Ask her sometime about her goals – the sky is the limit for this one!

Madeleine Monaco – as Treasurer and Air News editor, she is engaged in all our activities. But then she finds to the time to chair the Itasca Safety Seminar and really put on a worthwhile event. On top of that, she knows when I need help as the chairman – whether offering a conference room at KPWK, giving me a ride to the Spring NCS meeting, or just reminding me of all the things I'm supposed to be doing! Thanks Madeleine!

Karen Ballard – as the Membership Chair, a lot of what she does goes unnoticed – but if you've looked at our membership, we are up to 96 CAC members! More importantly, we are seeing our newer members getting involved. Thank-you Karen for calling and writing to our new members and making them feel welcome.

There are two more critical items to discuss this month

PLEASE READ THE JAN/FEB NINETY-NINES MAGAZINE!!

There is a 9-page spread for the 2018 Philadelphia International Conference in July.

One year from now – it is up to OUR CHAPTER to publicize the 2019 International Conference in Dayton! Talk to Susan Kelsey, Publicity Chair to get involved.

International Elections are in March. Ballots go out March 1<sup>st</sup> via email (if you signed up for electronic ballots) or by mail. Our own Leslie Prellwitz is running unopposed for Treasurer. Bobbi Roe (CAC member Susan Kelsey's mom) is one of many talented women running for Director. The choices will be difficult – there are many dedicated women with great ideas running for office. Make sure your voice is heard!

Check out the Air News for information on fun get-togethers, NCS Spring Conference, Girl Scout Day and the 2019 International Conference Publicity Committee "To Do" list.

Flying High in Chicago,

*Jill*

## MINUTES – Chicago Area Chapter 99s Meeting – February 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jill Feldman, at 3:10 pm at Atlantic Aviation/ Chicago Executive Airport.

Present were: Feldman, Monaco, Erikson, O’Hara, Kelsey, LaPook, Kerwin.

On conference call were: Berman, Dorskow, Ballard, Kozlowski

Minutes from January 27, 2018 meeting in Itasca were accepted as published in last Air News.

Treasurer’s Report was distributed and will be filed as presented. Treasurer noted that the annual \$3,000.00 check from Gina Santori has been received and deposited in Santori Scholarship fund.

Also, 2 more checks will be coming from seminar table vendors.

Feldman announced she has some name badges that have not been distributed. Monaco will deliver one of them and others will be mailed directly to the member.

Upcoming:

March 14 – Susan Kelsey has arranged for drinks and dinner at Tap House on Milwaukee Ave – 5:30 to 7:30 pm

April 15 – Tour of Aurora Science Tech Museum – Ellen O’Hara will set time.

May 4 – 6 - North Central Section Meeting in Kalamazoo

May 12 – Girl Scout Aviation Day at Atlantic/Chicago Executive. O’Hara to give more info for Air News to Monaco for Air News by 2/20/18

Kelsey reported on recent planning meeting in Dayton for the 2019 Int. Convention. She described the work plan and addressed items of responsibility for our chapter: We need to provide 300 items for “goody bags”. We need to provide an item for the 2018 Conference to be used in a raffle for fund raising for 2019. She raised the question of whether chapter wants a fly market table. Suggestions are encouraged. Another area discussed was the duty to find sponsorships. Several ideas were floated. Kelsey to give Monaco information for next Air News by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

O’Hara handed out flyers with Aviation Day information. Tour of facility to follow meeting adjournment.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Erikson, Secretary

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Another report from Dayton Mid Winter Section meeting—Planning trip for International Conference in 2019.

I attended our North Central Section planning meeting in Dayton OHIO for our 2019 International Conference.

Those who attended had the opportunity to visit various attractions available and especially enjoyed seeing the huge Air Force Museum where we will have “Dinner Under the Wings”.

We also saw the hangar which will be used for the first 99s Conference Girl Scout Aviation Day and we’ll be looking for 99s presenters to help. It was a good meeting until the weather interfered with my Sunday flight and pushed it to Monday, and then caused cancellation of Monday flight as well. So I rented a car and drove 5 hours back to Chicago toward an approaching snowstorm (pausing to think about that one), but it all ended well.

Thank you. Ellen O’Hara

Editors note: My granddaughter was stuck in Dayton that same Sunday. She took Uber to Cincinnati and flew direct back to St Louis for college. 4 flights to Chicago cancelled—Susan Kelsey’s got out. Go figure. :-)



**COME TO YOUR FIRST SECTION MEETING OR YOUR 41ST. MEET THE OTHER WOMEN WHO MAKE THE 99S UNIQUE AND WONDERFUL. IT'S A GIRLS WEEKEND WITH AIRPLANES!!! WHAT COULD BE BETTER!**

**North Central Section 99s  
2018 Spring Conference  
May 4-6, 2018  
REGISTRATION**

hosted by  
**Michigan  
Chapter**



**FOUR POINTS**  
BY SHERATON

Kalamazoo,  
Michigan

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Past Office(s) Held: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SUBTOTAL</u>
<b>FULL Registration (deadline March 20, 2018 @ \$99/pp)</b>	x _____	= _____

**\*\*\* LATE Registration after March 20, 2018 @ \$119/pp \*\*\***

FULL/LATE Registration includes breakfast (Sat & Sun), Lunch (Sat), Banquet (Sat), hospitality room, access to Fly Market and transportation to/from KAZO and nearby activities.

**Sat Lunch Selection(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Club \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef & Cheddar \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad Wrap

**Sat Dinner Selection(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Pork Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon

Note any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**A la carte**

Friday – Airways Fun Center (optional): variety of fun activities – costs paid by individuals at facility

Friday – Dinner at Brewster's Restaurant – to be paid by individuals at restaurant

Saturday – AirZoo Musuem Tour @ \$12.50/pp or \$10.00/senior age 60+ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Fly Market Table – Chapter / 99s Member @ \$15 ea x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Fly Market Table – Non-99 Vendor @ \$25 ea x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Michigan Chapter 99s"

Mail to: Rosemary Sieracki, 41490 Hanford Rd, Canton, MI 48187

**NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 10, 2018**

**HOTEL:** FourPoints by Sheraton Room Rate – \$109/night – mention "Michigan 99s NCS Conference"  
 3600 East Cork Street Court, Kalamazoo, MI, 49001 Phone (269) 385-3922 - **Block rate expires April 03, 2018**

**FLY** into Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport (KAZO) – both Commercial and GA

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ETA: \_\_\_\_\_ N# \_\_\_\_\_ or FLIGHT# \_\_\_\_\_ AIRLINE: \_\_\_\_\_

Four Points shuttle and rental cars available.

General Aviation FBO: Duncan Aviation

For more info: Rebecca Duggan, 586-839-7252, rebdpilot@aol.com



**North Central Section 99s  
2018 Spring Conference  
May 4-6, 2018  
SCHEDULE**

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Chapter**



**Friday, May 4th**

12:00pm – 5:00pm	Registration (Main Lobby)
12:00pm – 5:00pm	Fly Market (Ramona Room)
12:00pm – 5:00pm	Hospitality Room (Milham Room)
3:00pm – 5:00pm	NCS Board Meeting (Bronson Boardroom)
3:00pm – 7:00pm	Airways Fun Center (escape room, go-carts, bumper cars, laser tag, bowling, & more)
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Dinner at Brewster's Restaurant
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Hospitality Room (Milham Room)

**Saturday, May 5th**

7:00am – 8:45am	Registration (Main Lobby)
7:00am – 8:45am	Breakfast (Academy 2)
7:30am – 8:30am	Chapter Chairs/Vice Chairs & Treasurers Networking Breakfast (Academy 2)
9:00am – 12:00am	All Members NCS Business Meeting (Fairmount Room)
12:00pm – 4:00pm	Fly Market (Ramona Room)
12:00pm – 5:00pm	Hospitality Room (Milham Room)
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Pick-up Box Lunch (Main Lobby Area)
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Shuttle to the AirZoo (Front Main Lobby)
12:30pm – 4:30pm	AirZoo Museum Tour
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Shuttle back to FourPoints Hotel
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Cash Bar (Academy 2)
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Awards Banquet
9:00pm – 11:00pm	Hospitality Room

**Sunday, May 6th**

6:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast with voucher (Potter's Restaurant)
8:00am – 10:00am	Workshop – 2019 International 99s Conference (TBD)
7:00am – 12:00pm	Shuttle to Airport
8:00am – 11:00am	Hospitality Room

**QUESTIONS: Contact Rebecca Duggan (rebdpilot@aol.com or 586-839-7252)**

**NOTE: Scheduled events and times are subject to change.**

## 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, or contact Rita by email at:



[rvadams99@gmail.com](mailto:rvadams99@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:99mjm@sbcglobal.net)

Any items for sale, or events to promote? Let me know that too.

Know a new pilot, or a long time pilot you want to receive one of our newsletters? I will send one, or you can forward the one I send you.

Do you have a favorite maintenance shop, avionics shop, paint or upholstery shop? Lets help them to be more successful—share the name and contact info.

Have a suggestion for an event to fly to?

Have a restaurant you want to try for a fly in meal?

Know of a new flight school? Airplane for rent? Ground school? Hangar space?

Tell us! Share! We are all in this together!

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## HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

When I first set foot in an airplane at age three, I knew instantly that I needed to fly. I spent my childhood growing my airplane collection and playing pilot. While my friend's answers to "What do you want to be when you grow up?" changed daily, mine never wavered. However, an unexpected diagnosis of Type 1 (autoimmune) diabetes sent my dreams into a spin.

My eleventh birthday was spent in the ER being told how I could still do anything I had wanted to before as long as I planned carefully. She asked me what I wanted to be, and I answered as I had for eight years already: "I'm going to be a pilot!" I will never forget the look on her face as she began to backtrack and explain that I could fly privately, but at that point I couldn't get a first class medical.

After several years of career exploration, I came to understand that maintenance would be a much better fit for me than my original plan. I got involved with 88Charlies—an organization that restores vintage aircraft while encouraging mentorship.

Not long after joining Charlies, I applied for an AbleFlight scholarship which I received. The scholarship allowed me to spend seven weeks of the summer at Purdue University earning my LSA license. After getting home, I got my tail wheel endorsement in Miss Amy, one of the Charlies planes that I've helped restore.

I joined the 99s and the Chicago Area Chapter just before I got my license. I attended the Poplar Grove Fly in Pancake Breakfast on my birthday and was serenaded by the other 99s singing Happy Birthday to me there. The opportunity to get connected with people with similar interests who can mentor me as a female in aviation has been of value.

My flying journey has truly come full circle and I'm excited to see the path it takes in the future!

## KATHRYN BRENNER



**Your Air News Editor would like to highlight other members. Please send a few paragraphs and a photo for future use.**

# Report on planning meeting in Dayton Ohio February 2-4, for International Conference 2019

**Logistics:** We toured the meeting facilities and reception sites. I think you will all enjoy the hotel, sleeping rooms, meeting sites, communal spaces and food. It is a nice place for a meeting. Here is a link to all Dayton aviation tourist sites: [www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org)

Transportation options include fly-in to Wright Airport, commercial to Dayton or driving. Uber was \$23 from the airport.

## **Conference Committee responsibilities:**

Our chapter is responsible for the publicity/PR for the conference. Here are our volunteers so far:  
Chair, Susan Kelsey, Second Chair, Ellen O'Hara, Jill Feldman, Jill Hudson, Amanda Wagner, Bobbi Roe

## **Priorities in the next 90-120 days:**

- 1) our chapter can donate to conference bag or silent auction. Ellen has some ideas. We can talk about it at a meeting.
- 2) they would like our chapter to take the lead and begin soliciting corporate sponsorships. We have the ability to create a package with ads, link on website, banner, etc. Work w/local chapters in specific companies. Need to set price for sponsorship and package. There is a process for me to request contacts/companies and phone numbers from the other section members. I will do this in the next few months.
- 3) Fundraising—Chapters encouraged to help with fundraising and underwriting of clients conference expenses. Ellen has some ideas on a raffle. Maybe flight on Wright Flyer as a raffle. This would be done in Philadelphia.
- 4) Each chapter is encouraged sponsor an event. We could sponsor educational session, fly market, event or speaker. Price is \$25-\$1,000 to raise. I have some ideas and will bring forward to the chapter.
- 5) Susan to work with Melissa on creation of ad page for program and directory
- 6) There are a number of communication items Susan needs to coordinate with HQ and 2019 committee. I'll bring excel work plan to next meeting.
- 7) Our chapter is responsible for conducting pr and press coverage/interviews for the meeting. Anyone good at working with reporters? We could use some expertise in this area.
- 8) Our chapter is responsible for securing welcome letters from the governor, mayor and others for the program
- 9) Our chapter can have a table at the fly market if anyone has fundraising ideas

That's it for now. I'll bring an updated 2019 work plan to our next meeting with specific tasks and deadlines. I will need help from women with the following talents:

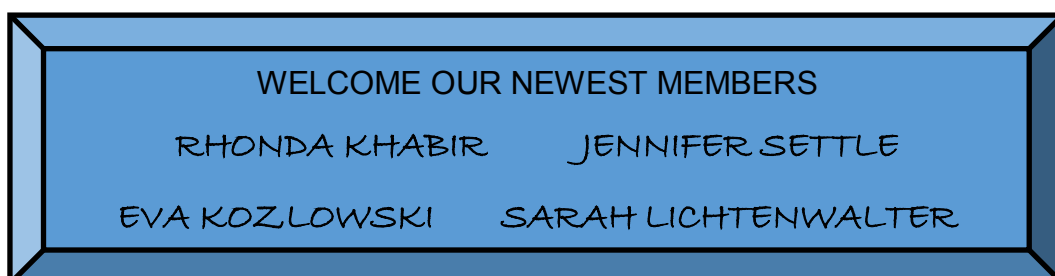
- writing press releases
- making phones calls
- researching meeting/conference mobile apps
- working with news media, reporters
- organizing interviews for officials
- contact people/companies for sponsorships
- publishing on social media

Let me know if you have any of these talents.

If you have any questions in the meantime, let me know. I will coordinate our 2019 task force meeting around a Chapter meeting to be efficient.

See you all in March at the Tap House!

Susan Kelsey





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## Some great gathering and networking events coming up.

- .....Mar 14 Drinks +/-or Dinner, Networking Tap House Grill, Wheeling, 530-730pm Susan Kelsey
- .....Apr 15 Tour the Aurora Sci/Tech Museum Ellen O'Hara
- .....May 4-6 NCS 2018 Spring Conference Kalamazoo, MI visit to AirZoo
- .....May 12 GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY, Chgo Executive Airport, Atlantic Aviation Ellen O'Hara
- .....June 16 Fly to Poplar Grove Lunch at Mary Lou Erikson's Hangar NOON
- .....July 4-8 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ..... Aug 19 Chapter Event/Mtg Kenosha Airport Sharon Schorsch
- ..... Sept 16 Chapter Event/Meeting Dacy Airport Larisa Kano
- .....Sept 21-23 NCS Fall Conference Mansfield, OH
- .....Oct 21 Chapter Event/Meeting Clow Airport Leslie Prellwitz
- .....Nov 8th Feed My Starving Children 7:45 Schaumburg (maybe feed the 99s before?)
- .....Dec 9th Chapter Holiday Party Noon-4 p DPA Flight Center Conference Room

All 99s and their guests are welcome at all meetings and events.  
For more rewards of membership, join in and celebrate women who fly!