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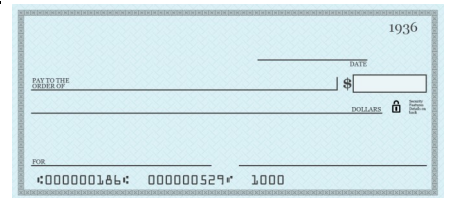
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## The Fall North Central Section Meeting in TOMAHAWK WI

September 23-26, 2021

Should be fun after so long without our friendly weekend gathering.

Save the date, reserve a plane, invite a friend, fellow pilot, other Chapter member, or even, your spouse!

This event will be held at the Treehaven Education and Conference Center.

The Northwoods Chapter is hosting.

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## CHAPTER ELECTION REPORT

As Chair of the nominating committee, I am proud to announce the proposed slate of officers has been accepted by the ballots provided by those who cast ballots.

The following will be inducted at the June 13th meeting. Please check the June AirNews for further location and time information.

CHAIRMAN	Madeleine Monaco
VICE CHAIRMAN	Mona Knock
TREASURER	Deena Schwartz
SECRETARY	Shelley Ventura
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
	Eva Kozlowski
	Larisa Kano
	Vickie Szewczyk

Thank you to the members who voted for the officers for 2021-2023. We wish them success in leading our chapter in the next two years!

*Jill Feldman*, Nominating Committee Chair

## WHO'S WHO

### CHAIR

Eva Kozlowski

### VICE CHAIR

Mona Knock

### SECRETARY

Cynthia Madsen

### INTERIM TREASURER

Donna Klein

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20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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## EVA KOZLOWSKI

## CHAPTER CHAIRMAN



Greetings Fellow 99s and Friends –

When I think of May, I think of flowers, warmer weather, the kick off of summer and vacation season, and Memorial Day.

Flowers always remind me of the beauty of nature and the beautiful skies I see when I am flying. The colors that nature provides in the atmosphere mirror the colors that spring up from the ground this time of year in the form of flowers and other plants. Nature has an infinite palette at its disposal to mix the colors we see as we fly. From the left seat, we have a front row to some of nature's best paintings.

May is the final full month of Spring, with Memorial Day weekend the kickoff to Summer. People take vacations, take road trips, spend time with friends and family, and officially come out of hibernation. The flying season also gets in full swing, and we pilots have hopefully more opportunities to get back to polishing our flying skills, and logging countless hours in the air.

Warmer weather allows better access to the outdoors to get some fresh air and take in the beauty of nature. Flying at this time of year enables you to fully enjoy piloting and the great outdoors. The "sky's the limit" is more than a popular phrase – it should encourage everyone to get in the air and enjoy the splendor and peace that comes with flying. I would like to also take a moment to congratulate the winners of the Ruth Frantz Memorial Scholarship, Yanina Belaziorava Necker, Leire Kennedy, and Jill Mann. I wish you all much success in your aviation goals.

Lastly, Memorial Day is in May where we honor those that died serving in the military. Those that have sacrificed their lives to give us the freedom we enjoy today. Regarding flying, we should take time out to remember those that blazed the trail for all of us. We should always pay homage to those that were early aviation pioneers, breaking multiple barriers and in part, allowing us the freedoms we enjoy today concerning flying and our lives in general. We should not take for granted all that we have and I hope that we all appreciate the sacrifices of those that came before us.

Get outside, get some fresh air, look for and find the wonderful colors that are right in front of and as always, be safe, do your homework, follow best practices, and remember that safety should always be at the top of our checklists.

Happy and safe flying –

*Eva*



## The 2021 Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship

The Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship was created by Chicago Area Chapter member Gina Santori in 2011 and offers two annual scholarships to members of the North Central Section. One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 is to assist a 99 in the completion of an additional pilot certificate or rating; the second offers \$1,000 to a Student Pilot Member toward completion of an initial pilot certificate in any aircraft. This year it was possible to award an additional \$1,000 to one of the applicants.

The scholarship is administered by a committee of three: two members of the Chicago Area Chapter and the current Vice-Governor of the North Central Section:

Cynthia Madsen    Madeleine Monaco    Deb McGee

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### THE 2021 WINNERS

#### **KATHRYN CRIHFIELD \$2,000 FOR CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR**

Katy was born and raised in Evanston, Illinois where she moved back to when she got out of the Navy in 2004. After high school she attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where she majored in English and General Engineering. Her 1st class (senior) year, she was selected to be a Naval Aviator and moved to Pensacola, Florida to begin flight school in the spring of 2000. After earning her wings from Advanced Helicopter Training, she operationally flew CH-46D Sea Knight helicopters based out of North Island Naval Station in San Diego, California. She was deployed for nine months during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 where she flew logistics and search-and-rescue missions based on the USS Sacramento. Following deployment, she got out of the Navy in the spring of 2004 when she decided to pursue a career in education as a high school science teacher. She received her Masters in Teaching from National Louis University and a Masters in Physics from the University of Virginia. She has been teaching Physics and occasionally Geology or Environmental Science at Warren Township High School in Gurnee, Illinois since 2008. She began flying again after 16 years last November and cannot wait to be a Certified Flight Instructor. In her free time, she has cultivated a large collection of houseplants and loves getting out to the dog park with her dog, Joy.



#### **BRENDA FRYE \$1,000 TOWARD AN INITIAL PILOT CERTIFICATE**



From a young age, Brenda had a passion for weather and watching clouds. Pair that with a career in project management and time studies, and you have yourself a pilot! Brenda has lived most of her life in Iowa, and as an Industrial Engineer, inspires girls to reach for the skies in nontraditional fields. She has two children that love helping her learn about airplane systems as their bedtime stories. She looks forward to having family picnics on the ramp and exploring points of interest throughout the Midwest once she earns her PPL.

#### **ASTRID MELMS \$1,000 FOR INSTRUMENT RATING**

Astrid Melms grew up in rural Wisconsin with an aviation mechanic as a father. This meant she grew up in a hangar whenever daycare wasn't available! Her aviation journey first started about 10 years ago with several lessons at the Morey Airport (C29) in Middleton, WI. However, her interests in the STEM fields led her to a degree and a career as an engineer, currently working as a Manufacturing Engineer. After establishing her career, Astrid was finally able to explore other interests in aviation. It wasn't until early 2021 that she earned her Private Pilot's License. Her renewed interest developed into a passion that she hopes will give her the opportunity to work as an engineer by day, while flight instructing by night. With this scholarship she is incredibly grateful and eager to advance her training with an instrumenting rating!



**WE CONGRATULATE THE WINNERS**

# CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Notification from the Scholarship Committee to the Chicago Area Chapter 99s

Because of a generous donation from the family of long time member Ruth Frantz, after her passing, we had the opportunity to vote as a Chapter to offer scholarships to our members. The Chapter voted to appoint Cynthia Madsen, Debbie Karas and Sharon Schorsch to the special scholarship committee, and after deliberation, the committee presented their proposal to send out applications for 2 scholarships of \$2500.00 each. With a further donation in memory of Norma Freier, and an anonymous additional amount, there was an additional award voted to be given to another member from the Chapter funds. This committee was formed based on donations received prior to our ByLaws change, and has been administered based on the decisions made by the Chapter members under the language of the previous ByLaws.

There are three wonderful winners of the scholarships. They have been notified via telephone and a letter has been mailed to each. Please offer them each your congratulations and your support.

**1. Yanina Belazorava Necker - \$2500** Having just completed her Commercial Certificate, this award is to be used to continue her quest of the time and the ratings for an airline career.

**2, Leire Kennedy - \$2500** this close to her Private Pilot Certificate and already having completed Ground School for her Instrument, Leire will be using her funds to assist in achieving her Instrument Rating. She is an American Airlines Flight Attendant who will be moving to the flight deck in the future.

**3. Jill Mann—\$500** working hard as a CFI for Westosha Flying Club (now based at ENW), Jill is also flying SIC in the corporate world and will be working on her type ratings to continue that career.

Thank you to the Committee and best wishes to the winners!!!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HISTORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

**Dear Chicago Area 99s and Friends,**

An invitation is extended to all who want to help record our chapter history!

Right now we are using our cell phones and Adobe Pro to take photos of each scrapbook. We'd also like to find a scanner or scanner wand to do the work, so if you have one, please let us know. Student Pilot member Sarah Lichtenwalter has joined our committee and is looking forward to seeing the highlights of our history as she helps to record it. It will then be given to our headquarters museum for others to see. If you would like to have some fun looking at these while helping, please contact me for more info!



Thanks, Ellen O'Hara, CAC and NCS History Committee [ohara99@me.com](mailto:ohara99@me.com)

## OTHER CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We would like to have a 99 to communicate occasionally with some of our long time and inactive members. 99s support each other and checking in with those who can't be with us in person would be a caring gesture. This volunteer would report to the Newsletter Editor (99mjm@sbcglobal.net) so that we can share the info.

We would like to have 2 membership assistants to help our Membership Chair, Karen Ballard. We would like to have one of our airline pilot/members volunteer to keep in touch with our members who are on that career track. If they are new 99s, help them to understand the benefits (PPLI, Advance Rating Scholarships, etc.) And for our new non airline bound 99s, we'd like to have a member who can give advice to beginning GA pilots (student or otherwise) and report progress to the editor to share in AirNews.



## Member News

**Yanina Belazorava Necker** earned her Multi engine rating on March 4th in a Piper Apache  
Congratulations Yanina.



**Hannah Wilson**, who was with us at Bult Field last summer, is joining the Navy and will be leaving this month. She has been working toward her Private Pilot Certificate at Chicago Executive Flight School. We wish her the best and hope to hear from her and see her whenever Navy life allows her to return to the Chicago Area.

**Katy Crihfield** was chosen to star in the commercial about a woman pilot that International Director Robin Hadfield told us about. I was there during part of the shoot, and Katy looked ready for prime time!!! Can't wait to see the finished product. In addition to gaining film credentials, Katy is continuing to work on her CFI at Chicago Executive Flight School.



**Deena Schwartz** reports that she is "Doing just fine". But hasn't been flying this year. "Busy finishing my post masters program, building my practice, and still working full-time in my normal anesthesia work. My hope is to get back studying for my instrument rating and continue working on that this year." She also is serving as our Treasurer for the next term.

**Sarah Lichtenwalter** has joined our History Chairman, Ellen O'Hara to record digitally the contents of our many, many old scrapbooks. A very worthy effort. Thanks, Sarah.  
Anyone else want to help?



**Tina Thomas** just helped her son, Blake, celebrate a big birthday by guess what ?  
Taking him flying. :-) That Piper Cub is older than Blake, but so much fun to fly!  
You can plan to take a few lessons at Poplar Grove and get checked out in it!

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## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Maureen Hallacy**, is one of our new members, but well known to those of us who also belong to Leading Edge Chapter of WAI. Welcome, Maureen. We appreciate your support and commitment to women who fly.

**Lauren Cain** joined the 99s and our Chicago Area Chapter recently. We hope to meet her at a live and in person event soon.

**Gabrielle Pall** also joined us recently. She is a new Ninety-Nine and a new Chapter member. Come and introduce yourself, Gabrielle.

**PLEASE email your Air News editor and tell us a bit about yourself and your flying!**

**Where do you fly?**

**What are you working on or planning?**

**AND ARE YOU READY TO GET BACK TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS????**

Thanks to our friends in corporate aviation  
**CHICAGO AREA BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION (CABAA)**  
we have several more scholarship opportunities to share with you.



## CABAA Scholarships - DUE JUNE 1st, 2021

CABAA offers scholarships to promote professional development and business aviation careers. The CABAA Scholarship was established to encourage others to reach the highest level of achievement in their aviation studies. It is bestowed upon those who demonstrate a commitment and devotion to aviation, especially business aviation, in the tradition of the CABAA Scholarship. Current students are encouraged to apply for a free student membership: [www.cabaa.com/join-cabaa](http://www.cabaa.com/join-cabaa).

### Ken Johnson Memorial Scholarship Application

One (1) \$8000 award will be presented as the Ken Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The Ken Johnson Memorial Scholarship is open to a 2021 graduating high school student seeking a degree in aviation.

### CABAA/Maintenance Committee Financial Scholarship Application

One (1) scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$8000 to a student seeking a degree in Aviation Maintenance. This scholarship is open to both high school seniors graduating in 2021 and college level students.

### CABAA Financial Scholarship Application

One (1) scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$8000.00. This scholarship is open to both high school seniors graduating in 2021 and college level students.

### FlightSafety and CAE Maintenance Professional Training Award Application

One (1) recipient will be awarded a **Maintenance Initial course** from FlightSafety (Citation or similar) or CAE (King Air 200 or similar). The recipient of the award must be a college student who graduated with a degree in Aircraft Maintenance and holds a current A&P license.

### FlightSafety Principles of Troubleshooting Training Award Application

One (1) recipient will be awarded the Principles of Troubleshooting course. This approved course addresses the unique needs of individuals serving, or planning to serve as aircraft maintenance technicians.

### FlightSafety and CAE SIC Professional Pilot Training Award Application

One (1) recipient will be awarded the **FlightSafety Citation SIC Course**. One (1) recipient will be awarded the **CAE Citation SIC Course**. The awards will only be available for students who will have graduated the spring / summer 2021 or within the last five years (determined case by case) with a degree in Aviation and holds or will hold a current Commercial Multi-Engine Pilot Certificate with Instrument Rating (not limited to VFR only and/or Centerline Thrust) with minimum 250 hours total time.

**Completed applications are to be submitted electronically at:**

[www.cabaa.com/applications](http://www.cabaa.com/applications)  
**DUE JUNE 1st NO EXCEPTIONS**

Winners will be notified Summer 2021 and are asked to attend award presentations in August.

**Questions Can Be Directed to:**

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Applied for Previously?:  Yes  No  
Year Applied (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Degree Seeking or Attained: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS**

*(Please check all being applied for. If applying for multiple scholarships, please be sure your application packet contains all required items for each scholarship, as prerequisites vary between scholarships.)*

- Ken Johnson Memorial Scholarship *(Graduating High School Seniors Only)*
- CABAA General Financial Scholarship
- CABAA Maintenance Committee Financial Scholarship
- FlightSafety/CAE Professional Pilot Training Award
- FlightSafety/CAE Professional Maintenance Training Award
- FlightSafety Principles of Troubleshooting Training Award

**Go to the CABAA website, get all of the information you need,  
and DON'T WAIT for the deadline date to submit your app.**

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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**MAY 20, 2021**  
**CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING**  
**THURSDAY**  
**7:00 pm**

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**5-20-2021 7:00 pm**  
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