

# AIR NEWS



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

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## NOVEMBER DECEMBER EVENTS

### November 3 6:30pm

### Chicago Area Chapter meeting

Atlantic Aviation FBO, 1011 S Wolf Rd, Wheeling, IL ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, Hostess Dinah Spadoni

When you arrive, we will count heads and order pizza and salad.(please pitch in \$)  
There are vending machines for drinks, as well as free coffee and water.

Then, we will hold a short meeting, and then hear about one of our members' aviation history.

### December 12, 2:00pm

### Holiday Party



**Lucky Monk, 105 Hollywood Blvd. South Barrington, IL**  
Hostess, Mona Knock

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH YOUR SISTERS OF THE SKY

Raffle with 3 great prizes Tickets for sale at the event \$1.00/ticket 6 for \$5.00

Cash Bar—meal choices—holiday dessert

Reservations required—\$35.00 per person—pay with dues/donation button on our website or mail in form with your check

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**WHO'S WHO**  
in the  
Chicago Area Chapter

**CHAIR**

**Madeleine Monaco**

**VICE CHAIR**

**Mona Knock**

**SECRETARY**

**Autumn Alderdice**

**TREASURER**

**Shelley Ventura**

Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

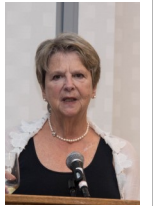
Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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**CHAPTER BRIEFING**

*Pre and Post Flight*

*Madeleine Monaco*



**Ladies of the skies,**

I am a very grateful recipient of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship from 1987. I started flight training in 1977 as a single mom of two kids, working for an insurance agency and trying to make ends meet. I worked overtime, saved what I could, and found ways to minimize expenses like so many others.

My CFI was a 99. Marjorie Sundmacher took me to a 99s meeting, and that encouraged me to keep at it. On the day I soloed, I was convinced that what I wanted was to become a CFI so that I could do for others what my CFI had done for me. I earned my Private Certificate in November of 1978 and joined the 99s the next month.

The quest after that was difficult, not just for the study and training, but for the cost. I worked straight through each rating and certificate – Instrument with Marjorie, Commercial in a friends Cardinal RG with a CFI friend, CFI with a CFI whose style I really liked and wanted to emulate. My Chapter (this Chapter) helped me with a scholarship for that rating that helped a great deal. Let me tell you, that first flight that someone else paid for – and paid me for—was a wonder.

So, I am employed in an office. I have kids to support. I am a very part time CFI. What next? CFII? I applied for an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship but did not win. So, I got it on my own. ME rating? Found a friend with a Beech Travel Air who let me fly it for fuel cost only. And then I applied for an AE Scholarship for my Multi Engine Instructor and won.

I am so, so grateful – said it before and will keep saying it. The support and confirmation from my peers, the honor of being chosen, and of course, the money, made it possible. You, my sister 99s, made it possible. I am still instructing these many years later. And my happiest flights are those taking people of all ages for their first flight. Last month a flight with me was the birthday gift for a ten year old. Nothing better.

Would you like to meet my most recent first flight person! Some of you already have! Its Maria Linstrom, who joined our Chapter and came to our Campbell meeting in October



**Say yes to the 99s.  
Don't just belong,  
participate!**

*Madeleine*



## Chicago Area Chapter Business Meeting October 3, 2021

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Campbell Airport Grays Lake Illinois

Meeting called to order 12:32 pm Members present: Gail Lapook, Diane Hromek Sawyer, Debra Meznarsic, Anneliese Topinka, Natalie Topinka, Clair Carr, Dinah Spadoni, Shelley Ventura, Larisa Kano, Maria Linstrom, Madeleine Monaco, Jill Feldman, MaryLou Erikson

**Treasurer's Report:** Shelley Ventura ending balance 9/30/21 \$13, 593.18

**Secretary's Report:** Welcome Autumn Alderdice as new Secretary replacing Shelley Ventura who is replacing Deena Schwartz who needed to step down. Minutes were posted in Air News. Erikson- Motion to accept; LaPook seconded.

**Governor's Service Award** – We have three potential candidates for the Governors Service Award: Donna Klein, Jill Feldman and Cynthia Madsen. Cynthia is a prior winner of the GSA and declined prior to the meeting. Jill asked us to submit Donna Klein for the Award due to her outstanding support of the Treasurer including an overdue audit and support during multiple changes of Treasurer.

**49 ½ Award** – nominated during the meeting Deb Meznarsic's husband, Bill

**Spinning Prop Award** – Need to have chapter members submit their hours to see who wins the award for the most unpaid flying hours between March 1 2021 – February 28, 2022. The pilot can be a student of certificated pilot. Request for unpaid hours flown will be published in March Air News

**Dues** – Approximately half our members have paid the voluntary donation of \$20 for 2021. Dues were due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Suggestion from D Sawyer is to send out secondary email to all chapter members instead of only including in AirNews. Treasurer Shelley Ventura will handle this

**Holiday Party** – Reservations now being accepted. Raffle for fun prizes. Buy a few (hundred) tickets ☐

**Hostess Needs:** Gap yet to fill include April Business Meetings. November 2021 will be held at Atlantic Aviation @ PWK Chicago Executive and Dinah Spadoni offered to host.

April 2022 - Jill Feldman will host at Kenosha airport as prep meeting for Girls Scout Aviation Day May 7<sup>th</sup>.

May 2022 – Girl Scout Aviation Day – Lewis U confirmed location. Jill Feldman, Chair. Will be asking for volunteers starting in December.

August 2022 – D Sawyer and Dinah Spadoni will host the August 2022 meet at the Clow Airport Museum.

**Aviation Expo** will be held 1-29-22 at Hilton Garden Inn near DPA (*Hilton declined after meeting*) The event also needs several coordinators. Eva Kozlowski and Autumn Alderdice volunteered for registration. Still needed: Lunch Ticket Sales Flying Companion Assistants Photographer Raffle Ticket Sales

Announcements:

Aviation Hall of Fame will be held on October 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn in St Charles.

Yanina has offered to 'pay it forward' and mentor a chapter student

Deadline for AE Scholarship is Jan 1 Up to \$20K for licensed pilot. First Wings scholarship for new pilots has passed (October), but be ready for spring scholarship

Santori Scholarship: \$1000 student pilots; \$2000 licensed pilots

**Membership Retention** - discussion of retention ideas

- 1) ADD "WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO FOR THE CHAPTER to the intro letter Karen"
- 2) Print framed posters and hang these at airport ladies rooms. Volunteers: C Carr – Midway and Joliet Airports; S Ventura – Campbell; L Kano - Dacy
- 3) Go to colleges that have aviation programs to put out information. LIST COLLEGES – GET VOLUNTEERS
- 4) On their website is a map with dots at airports that have members. GOT TO DO THIS
- 5) In the welcome letter, include Roster and info on how to get it plus FB page names
- 6) One person per meeting – preset 15 minutes / meeting to highlight them . Have them discuss their flying experiences, or any pilot interesting topic.

**New Business:** S Ventura – At last Section Meeting, it was brought up that the NCS bench in the Forest of Friendship is dilapidated and requires replacement. The proposal is to replace current bench with a metal bench. Cost to NSC is \$1100. If each chapter in NCS donates \$100, then bench is paid for. Proposal to donate \$100 from by S. Ventura. Seconded by D Sawyer. Accepted by all members present.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

# CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO FILL A VACANT POSITION IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**



<u>021</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hostess</u>
November	3	6:30 PM	<b>Chapter - Business Meeting ALL MEMBERS WELCOME</b> Atlantic Aviation 1011 S Wolf Rd, Wheeling, IL	DINAH SPADONI
December	12	2:00 PM	<b>Chapter – Holiday Party</b> LUCKY MONK 105 HOLLYWOOD BLVD SO BARRINGTON, IL Just north of I90 on the west side of Barrington Road	MONA KNOCK
<u>2022</u>				
January	29	All day	<b>Safety Seminar - Aviation Expo –</b> Location still to be determined <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	MADELEINE 99S TEAM
February	20	11:30  Noon	<b>Chapter - Business Meeting ALL MEMBERS WELCOME</b> <b>Followed by Chapter – All Member Event</b> Bocce @ Pinstripes South Barrington Arboretum	EVA KOZLOWSKI
March	27	1:00pm	<b>Chapter – All Member Flying Event</b> Lunch at Lansing Airport KIGQ Lynnie Ques	MONA
April	6	6:30 PM	<b>Chapter – Business Meeting ALL MEMBERS WELCOME</b> Kenosha Airport Prep for Girl Scout Aviation Day	JILL FELDMAN
	22-24		North Central Section Meeting, St. Louis, MO	MADELEINE
May	7	8-4	<b>Chapter— Girl Scout Aviation Badge Day</b> <b>Lewis University VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	JILL



No flying for the Flour Bombing competition, but we did have fun Thanks to Shelley for a great lunch, table top Bocce Ball, Air-plane shaped Baggos, and a tour of her magnificent Archer!

If you haven't visited C81 Campbell for a while, the newly remodeled space is great and we had a good short meeting and a good friendly group

NEXT MEETING NOV 3 6:30 PM  
ATLANTIC AVIATION  
1011 S WOLF RD,  
WHEELING, IL





## NINETY-NINES STRUCTURE

Some of our newer members may not know that we are part of a world wide organization of women who fly. From airline pilots in Nepal, to the newest group of GA women in China, from New Zealand to South Africa and everywhere around the globe, we take flight and support each other.

The Chicago Area Chapter is part of the North Central Section. Here is a communication from our Governor, Janice Welsh delivered at the recent NCS meeting in Wisconsin.

### Fall 2021 Section Business Meeting Report

Janice Welsh, Governor

Hello Everyone! Thank you all for your attendance today, whether in-person or virtually. Once again, A huge thank you to Dee Dreger and her Northwoods team for the planning and preparation at Treehaven. Special Thank you, Vice Governor, Deb McGee for chairing this meeting today.

Since our Spring meeting, our section continues to grow in numbers and activity. Through the course of the summer, we've had more student members earn their pilot's license, pilots add a rating or certificate, chapters paint compass roses, and attend various chapter fly ins and attend airport days. We had at least 16 teams compete in the first-ever Air Race Classic "Derby".

Special "shout out" to Greater Kansas City chapter for painting the compass rose at the Amelia Earhart Airport in Atchison, Kansas. It's a beauty.

Many of us were ecstatic to be able to, once again, return to EAA Airventure since it is literally in North Central Section's "backyard". You also "womanned" the Air Race Classic and 99s booths. Thank you for this dedication.

North Central Section chapters are our lifeline. Thank you to Sue Glisson, Section secretary, and Kentucky Bluegrass member for her invaluable work in revitalizing the Indiana chapter. They now have 4 active officers flying and attending airport events, planning and making their history together. They are young as 99s, but they are making an impact in Indianapolis and surrounding area.

The board and I have been in discussions to start dissolution of the Intercollegiate chapter which currently is not active, has had only two members for quite some time, no chapter leadership or treasury. I will be contacting the International Board to begin the process.

I can't thank all of our chapter chairs enough, for their dedication in attending the monthly "Chapter Chair Share meetings" We have learned a lot this past year that can be passed on to our membership. Hopefully, most importantly, you have learned that you are "not alone"; you have the support of your section leadership and each other. We are always here for you.

It is an honor and privilege for me to serve this GREAT North Central Section. Thank you.

*You get information from our International Headquarters in our 99s Magazine. You also are sent via email, the North Central Section newsletter, "Waypoint" quarterly. If you don't have time when they arrive—save them—they are full of interesting people, events and reports.*

### 99S IFR/VFR SAFETY SEMINAR AND AVIATION EXPO TO TAKE PLACE JANUARY 29, 2022

This educational event, hosted and managed by our Chapter and supported by the Illinois Division of Aeronautics, was missed last year. just another Covid Cancellation that has affected us But we intend to bring it back this winter. It is a big undertaking, using the talents, skills and connections of many Chapter members and we would like you to help. If you do help, I can almost guarantee that you will be proud to have been a part of the success. We have hosted this event for approximately 40 years. Many of our members have served in the role of event manager. Many of our members have been instrumental in the success of the event. There have been as many as 500 pilots in attendance in the past, most of them come back year after year. We have a large space full of aviation vendors who value the opportunity to speak to our guests. We are well respected as an organization for this work that we do. Save January 29, be a part of it.

Contact me to volunteer— INFO IN ONLINE ROSTER *Madeleine*

# *Holiday Party*

*hosted by the Chicago Area Chapter 99s*

*Sunday, December 12, 2021*

*2:00 pm Early Happy Hour Appetizers and Cash Bar*

*3:00 to 5:00 pm Your choice of entrée from select menu*

## *Lucky Monk - the Abbey Room*

*105 Hollywood Blvd. South Barrington, IL 60010*

*We will be collecting gift cards for Frankfort Township Food Pantry.  
(Jewel, Meijer's or Mariano's) or your personal check.*

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*Tear off and return with your check by December 1st:*

*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_*

*# of meals \_\_\_\_ @ \$ 35.00 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_*

*Make check payable to **Chicago Area 99s***

*& mail to:*

**SHELLEY VENTURA, TREASURER**

202 West Trail

Grays Lake, IL 60030

**OR PAY ON OUR WEBSITE**

[www.chicagoarea99s.org](http://www.chicagoarea99s.org)

**WITH PAYPAL**

**Questions? Contact our Hostess Mona Knock [mona@znuk.org](mailto:mona@znuk.org) 925-922-0800**

## DuPage Tower Updates

### *50 Years of Aviation*

August marked a major milestone for someone many of us at DPA, as well as the local flying community, are familiar with. Gail Lapook received her private pilot license 50 years ago, and has never looked back. For the past 31 years, she has been a DPE, and has signed off on thousands of certificates, my own included. She has been a mentor and a friend to many of us around Chicago, always setting a high standard to ensure safety for everyone.



On behalf of all of us here at DuPage Tower, as well as the countless pilots who you've guided on their journey, Congratulations and here's to many more years and checkrides!

*Gail, your 99 friends are so proud of you and echo the praise of the DPA Tower*

### **AND OTHER MEMBER NEWS**

New student pilot Claire Carr has almost 4 hours logged—Keep going C C its worth it!

New student pilot Maria Linstrom has her first hour in the logbook—I think she liked it



Chapter member, Hannah Wilson is in Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. The help she received from her CFI, Dave Klopfleisch, a retired Naval Aviator has been invaluable to her pursuit of a career in the Navy. Her goal is to follow in his footsteps. We all wish her well!

### **WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS this month**

**Sarah Sutton is NEW to Chicago!** We are so glad you joined us. Hope to meet you soon!

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? What was your aviation history? How, where, when did you get your first certificate? Learn about your new Chapter, its activities, scholarships, history, and future.

WELCOME!!!

### **MEMBERS WORKING ON NEW LICENSES OR RATINGS—PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

On a recent Zoom Conference, 11 of our Section Chapters reported NO APPLICANTS have been identified as applying for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. Last year's winners did not include anyone from our Chapter. This is a wonderful program funded solely by the 99s, and with a top dollar limit of \$20,000. If you need help paying for your next license or rating, this is available to you. Please go to our International Website, find Amelia Earhart Scholarships and read about the process. Your Chapter stands with you in your quest for a career and the means to achieve it.

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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**NOVEMBER 3, 2021 6:30 PM**  
SHORT MEETING FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER  
CHIP IN FOR PIZZA AND/OR SALAD  
  
ATLANTIC AVIATION FBO  
CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT  
1011 S WOLF ROAD WHEELING IL

**DECEMBER 12, 2021 2:00 PM—5:00 PM**  
CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S HOLIDAY PARTY  
LUCKY MONK 105 HOLLYWOOD BLVD SOUTH BARRINGTON,IL CASH BAR 2-3PM  
ENTRÉE SELECTION SERVED AT 3PM  
RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD 1 ticket for \$1 6 tickets for \$5 —  
DONATIONS TO THE FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY REQUESTED  
PLEASE BRING GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS OR CASH

