

# AIR NEWS

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

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New Chicago Area Chapter Officers as of June 2025

**Vickie S, Larisa K, Susan R-M, Lisa M**

**Congratulations to the new leadership team!!!!**

June 28 Chapter Meeting at Casa de Aero

**AWARDS WERE PRESENTED**

**Pilot of the Year—Gail L, DPE**

for her years of dedication to the 99s and her example of excellence in aviation.

**Student Pilot of the Year—Jill F**

for her perseverance and commitment to being the best pilot she can be

**Special Dedication Award—Mary Lou E**

For surpassing every goal in support of the vendor program for Aviation Expo

**Social Media Excellence- Corie W**

For photos, videos, artwork and more

**And the Chairman's Service Award—Megan M and Shelley V**

just sayin' I couldn't have done it without you

Stearman Flights

Awards

Hangar lunch

Pool Party

New Officers



**See more pictures on page 5**



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

**CHAIR**

**Victoria S**

**VICE CHAIR**

**Larisa K**

**SECRETARY**

**Lisa M**

**TREASURER**

**Susan R M**

Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

Madeleine M, Editor

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*Skywriting*

*Chair, Vickie S*

Dear Chicago 99s,

Hi! I am so proud and excited to be your new Chair.

First, I want to thank Madeleine for the fantastic job she did as the Chair for four years. Madeleine, you are amazing. Also, congratulations to Madeleine on being elected to the International Board of Directors! She might be moving up, but we will have her around as she will be coordinating the Safety Expo and showing me the ropes.

Second, I'd like to introduce myself to those who don't know me. Here is a brief overview, I am married to Steve. We have 2 adult children who each reside on a different coast. I have a BS in chemistry and a minor in French. I work at an automotive paint manufacturer in the complaint department. I started flying over 20 years ago and flew consistently for many years. I stopped flying for several years, but three years ago, I got back in the left seat. I'm still learning and am working on sharpening my skills to earn my Instrument rating. I am very lucky to co-own a Piper Warrior which is based at Lansing Airport. I have been the Chapter Secretary for the past 3 years.

This is a great chapter and with your help, I plan to keep the Chapter moving forward. The new Board consists of myself, Larisa K is returning as Vice-Chair, Lisa M is the new Secretary and Susan R M is the new Treasurer. There are so many activities and opportunities coming up including, the International 99's Convention in Vermont, Airventure, local pancake breakfasts, our meeting at Sky Soaring to learn about gliders, the Fall section meeting at OSH, and more. Please help us, to help you, by being active in the Chapter and giving me or any of the officers your ideas and input.

Here's to smooth skies and a nice tailwind!

*Vickie*

**I am going to the 99s Annual Conference.  
Are you?**

**If any members reach a new level, accomplish a goal, overcome an obstacle, or just discover a new joy in flight—please email Joy Rickel, and tell her a bit about it. We ALL want to hear how you are doing. After all everyone of us started with ZERO time, just like you!**

**Susan (R M)**

Working on emergency procedures and private pilot license. Became new Treasurer for Chicago Chapter. Achieved Remote Pilot Certification. Working on a documentary film about my grandmother that flew a Curtiss Jenny in 1923. Flying every week and having fun!

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**AND UPDATES FROM OTHER MEMBERS!**

Info gathered by Kadijah H

**Jessica R**

Not aviation related, but I just started a longarm quilting business, "That Crafty Pilot."

**Pamela R**

I'm a participant in the United Aviate program and I got as far as flying as a First Officer for CommuteAir which is part of the program to transition to United Airlines. Unfortunately my hearing has deteriorated and I was diagnosed the need for hearing aids in September of 2024. The long duty hours and minimal rest triggered hearing fatigue which I considered to be a safety hazard and I resigned in March 2025. I'm back at my previous job as a Flight Dispatcher Instructor at United Airlines

Glad to be back, I took some time off from membership to dedicate to Flight Instruction and achieve my ATP certification

Earned my ATP on my birthday 07/21/2024

I returned to United Flight Dispatch department on April 15, 2025

New role within the 99s, chapter-wise or beyond? I'm still grieving with this change but I look forward to helping the chapter

I'm looking for a flying part time job, hopefully charter or small jet instruction

If you have any information on charter businesses or small jet instructor jobs in the Chicago area, please let me know

**Mariko D**

I recently completed initial training with United.

I'm now one of their newest ORD-based A320 first officers.



***Take a picture of yourself and send it to me with a note about you. Your new ratings and licenses will be shared with the 99s Magazine editor and your photo will be seen around the world!***

**You can register to attend the International 99s Annual Business Meeting and vote! The meeting will be held both in person and via zoom on July 12, 2025. Contact 99s HQ to register in advance and get the credentialing done.**

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## 99s 2025 Proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule Amendments

To Members of The 99s,

The 99s 2025 annual meeting will be held on Saturday July 12. To promote the widest possible attendance, the meeting will use a hybrid format (both in-person and online). Members will consider and vote on three (3) proposed amendments to the international bylaws and standing rules.

Per the bylaws, proposed amendments must be sent to governors, chapter chairmen, and members-at-large at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting. However, The 99s International Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee would like all members of The 99s to be informed of these proposed amendments. This will help you to actively participate in discussions at the section or chapter level and at the annual meeting, and be more prepared for voting.

The explanatory cover letter and proposed amendments are in one combined document which is posted on The 99s website and available through the following link:

[Document of 2025 proposed amendments](#)

Please log into The 99s website, access this document, and review the proposed amendments.

If you have questions, please contact Juliet Lindrooth, Chairman of the International Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee, at [governingdocs@ninety-nines.org](mailto:governingdocs@ninety-nines.org).

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## Future Travel and Meeting Plans

All US 99s can deduct expenses when attending in person, based on our 501 c 3 standing. Consult your tax professional to get more details. And advise the Chapter that you are planning to attend, so that we can document the fact for you.

If you cannot attend this year, but are tempted to do so in the future, consider this.....

Conference 2026 will be held in San Diego California

Conference 2027 will be held in Sydney Australia

And if you are interested in a regional weekend getaway meeting-

North Central Section Fall '25 meeting will be held in Oshkosh Wisconsin Oct 3-5 2025

North Central Section Spring '26 meeting will be at/near Sporty's in Ohio Mar 27-29 2026

North Central Section Fall '26 meeting will be held in Michigan tbd

North Central Section Spring '27 meeting will be held in Indiana tbd

North Central Section Fall '27 meeting will be hosted by **US** Chicago Area Chapter



Lisa M Secretary  
Susan R M Treasurer  
Larisa K Vice Chair  
Victoria S Chair

### 2025-2026 OFFICERS

Being sworn in as our new officers by outgoing Chair Madeleine M

June 28 Casa deAero Airport



My Thank you gift from the Chapter I LOVE IT



Hangar, Runway, Pool 99s Heaven!!!!



Chairman's Service Award winners Megan and Shelley



Special Dedication Award Mary Lou



Student Pilot of the Year Jill

Pilot of the Year  
Gail L  
&  
Social Media  
Excellence  
Corie  
Not pictured



Our hosts Krista and Chris and a 195!!!!



Thanks to Bailey who arranged them, and David who flew them Stearman Rides were enjoyed by Vickie (shown here) and

Penny, Sazzy, Susan, Juan (Susan's CFI), Jamie, and more....

Thank you Bailey and David for the great opportunity. And Chris and Krista for the Hangar and Pool lunch



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### CHICAGO AREA 99S 2025 CALENDAR

|            |   |                                 |
|------------|---|---------------------------------|
| JULY 10-13 | 99S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BURLINGTON, VT | 99S International               |
| JULY 21-27 | EAA AIR VENTURE OSHKOSH WI                  | 2 99S BOOTHS—VOLUNTEERS WANTED  |
| AUG 17     | CHAPTER MEETING SUNDAY <b>11:00 am</b>      | SHARON ENW FAASTeam Program     |
| SEPT 14    | CHAPTER MEETING SAILPLANE MTG               | VICKIE SKY SOARING              |
| OCT 3-5    | NORTH CENTRAL SECTION WEEKEND MTG           | WISCONSIN 99S OSHKOSH OCT 3-5   |
| OCT 18     | CHAPTER MEETING SATURDAY 11:30 am           | CYNTHIA & RACHEL LANSING IGQ    |
| NOV 13     | THURSDAY NIGHT                              | JILL FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN  |
| DEC 14     | HOLIDAY PARTY POT LUCK SUNDAY 12-4          | LISA LAKE BARRINGTON SHORES     |
|            |   | FIREPLACE ROOM IN THE CLUBHOUSE |