

# AIR NEWS



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

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## NEXT MONTH—AVIATION DAY!

Saturday, May 20, 2023 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Lewis University**

Costs \$18/girl & \$10/adult

Includes patch and light snack for girls

**Register for Girl Scout Program #5513  
online for Aviation Day!!!!**

The Ninety-Nines (99s) the international organization of licensed women pilots will again host an Aviation Day for Girl Scout Juniors to Ambassadors.

The 99s will lead workshops that cover the STEAM subjects of aviation and aerodynamics as the girls learn about the math, technology, communication, and history of aviation.

Scouts will hear from professional pilots and explore potential career paths in aviation or connected to it!

Scouts will learn how to preflight an airplane and will even sit in an airplane and operate the controls.

### Workshop Topics will Include

- Intro to Aviation via Forces of Flight
- Women Flying thru History
- Aviation Careers
- Communication and Navigation
- Checking out an airplane and more!

**Some Girls Aviation Day volunteers still needed:**

(no special skills required)

**Floaters—backup—helpers Show up, please**

# MAY 20

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

**CHAIR**

**Madeleine Monaco**

**VICE CHAIR**

**Mona Knock**

**SECRETARY**

**Vickie Szewczyk**

**TREASURER**

**Shelley Ventura**

Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

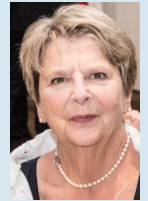
Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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**CHAPTER BRIEFING**

*Pre and Post Flight*

*Madeleine Monaco*



**Dear Chicago 99s,**

There is still time to join in a weekend full of activities with many other 99s in Kentuckiana—our North Central Section meeting is on pages 3 & 4. Zoom attendance is available for the Saturday morning business meeting, but the rest should be enjoyed in person. Please join us in a weekend with 99s from all over the Midwest. At the Spring Meeting each year we are asked to make a report on our Chapter activities, membership, and functions. We have been asked to return to a tradition from the past of doing so as a group. So anyone who attends will be part of the presentation (don't worry, nothing fancy)

As a Chapter, we were asked to nominate someone for each of three awards to be given at the Section Meeting. While we had no nominees for Governor's Service Award, or 49 1/2, we did have a **Spinning Prop** nominee - Emily Mueller—who flew more than 240 hours in the time period.

Our Nominating Committee was elected with the last group of officers and they have been working on a slate for you to vote on next month. The following positions will be on the slate presented to you for a vote in April:

Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary Treasurer  
3 Nominating Committee Members.

Watch for your ballot and vote, please.

Vote also for the 99s International Officers. The International Board has asked that we all please sign up to vote via email. It will save our organization a great deal of money.

I've been asked to schedule another charity event for us. For the new members, we bring out little used items from our closets and drawers; bring them to the meeting, let everyone there pick anything they want, and donate the leftovers to WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) So the November meeting will be a "clean out your closet, clear off your shelves" event. I know we all have entirely suitable items that we just aren't using. Here's a great way to share and give! November 12, Lower Level Conference Room at Schaumburg Airport, we can go up to Pilot Pete's after for a meal.

We have 2 of our student pilot members who have been sent in to the Amelia Earhart First Wings judging. Wish them luck, Cheer them on.

See you all at Lewis May 20!

**Don't just belong, participate!**

*Madeleine*

# The Call to the Post in Kentuckiana



North Central Section Spring Meeting

April 28-30, 2023 Clarksville, Indiana

**REGISTRATION** The full conference registration includes Hospitality Room snacks, three meals on Saturday, full breakfast buffet, full Lunch buffet and evening Banquet meal. The Kentucky Bluegrass 99s will do their very best to provide transportation to/from the two airports. You **MUST** indicate your arrival information on your registration form and keep the transportation coordinator updated on your arrival time.

**CONFERENCE HOTEL** The meeting hotel is the Radisson Hotel Louisville North. 505 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129. Phone 812-283-4411. The room rate is \$129/night. (Our room rate includes one day early, Thursday, April 27 though departure on Sunday, April 30.) Room options are 2 full beds or one king. Our block of rooms will be held until Thursday, April 13, 2023.

**AIRPORT GENERAL AVIATION** Clark County Regional Airport (**JVY**), Jeffersonville, IN. FBO is Aircraft Specialists, 6005 Propeller Lane, Sellersburg, IN 47172. 800-356-3723. Tie down fees are being waived. Indicate arrival time on the registration form if you need a ride to the hotel and transportation will be provided by local 99s members. Transportation provided to depart on 4/30 by sign up upon arrival.

**COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS** Louisville International Airport (**KSDF**), serviced by Southwest, Delta, American, United, and others. The airport is ten miles from the Radisson Hotel Louisville North. Indicate on registration form if you need a ride to the hotel or are renting a car. Uber/Lyft options are available. Transportation from the hotel back to the SDF terminal on 4/30 by prior sign-up.

**BOOK AIR AND HOTEL EARLY, AS IT IS OPENING WEEKEND AT CHURCHILL DOWNS.**

**FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL** Join us at Derby Dinner Playhouse, 525 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129, for a performance of Escape to Margaritaville. A dinner buffet, drinks, and Jimmy Buffett classics. This is the party we've been waiting for with old and new 99s friends. The price is \$45 and must be paid by Monday, April 3. A block of 75 tickets is on hold. If you decide to attend after that date, you must contact Derby Dinner Playhouse to book your own ticket in a different part of the theater, if there are seats available. If you do not wish to attend the dinner theater, you may relax at the Radisson and enjoy the hospitality room or indoor swimming pool.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE TRIPS TO DISTILLERY OR LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM** After lunch on Saturday NCS conference attendees can choose from relaxing at the Radisson, or joining a preselected tour on Main Street of the Stitzel-Weller Distillery (\$25 per person) or the Louisville Slugger Museum (\$16 per person).

**SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET** Our evening banquet speaker will be 99s member Myra Bugbee from the Florida Goldcoast chapter presenting the "First Flight Program". It's an initiative in which 99s members share their passion of flying by taking women of flying age on their first flight. The program helps passengers explore their dreams and ideas for their futures that they may have never thought of or that no role model ever helped them explore. We will learn the tips and tricks of conducting a successful "Let's Fly Now" event.

**HAT COMPETITION** We will have a Kentucky Derby flair to the evening with a Derby hat contest. All 99s members and guests are encouraged to create their own aviation themed head (master)piece to be judged by our International 99s board member. Go big with a full size hat, or small with a fascinator, but don't forget to add an airplane and some contrails to your entry.

**NORTH CENTRAL SECTION AUCTION** Each chapter is encouraged to bring one item to be included in an auction fund raiser for the North Central Section. The auction will be held at the Saturday evening banquet. Individuals may also contribute anything that will help benefit the NCS treasury. Here's a great place to donate aviation related treasures that you would like to share. If chapters/individuals would prefer to make a cash donation to the North Central Section in lieu of transporting an auction item, the NCS Treasurer will happily accept.

**You have two options for registration**

**ONLINE:** You may register online and Zelle, Venmo or mail a check, see below. To register online, go to the secure site

**NCS Spring Meeting ON LINE REGISTRATION**

<https://form.jotform.com/223348322683154>

**ON PAPER BY MAIL:** You may print out this registration form (NEXT PAGE) and send paper copy and check to this address:

Terri Donner

contact info available in 99s Directory

**REGISTRATION Deadline APRIL 3, 2023.**

**After that date, as available.**



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99s name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Friend of the 99s/Guest/49 1/2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Book hotel room on your own, Radisson Louisville North 812-283-4411 (99 North Central Pilots) Room rate \$129

Check all that apply:

- AE Scholarship Awardee
- Governor
- Intl Rep
- New 99 (less than 1 year)
- President
- Past Governor
- Past President
- NCS Officer\*
- First Wings Awardee
- NCS Comm Chr\*
- Intl Comm Chr
- Student Pil
- First Section Meeting
- Chapter Officer\*
- \* Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration includes Hospitality Room, Breakfast, Lunch & Banquet on Saturday paid by 4/3/23 for each

99, Friend, Guest and/or 49 1/2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$129 each

LATE Registration (after 4/3/23) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$149 each

A LA CARTE by 4/3/23 (or after book Margaritaville on your own)

Friday evening Derby Dinner Margaritaville \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Distillery Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25

Louisville Slugger Museum \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16

Saturday Full Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20

Saturday Lunch Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25

Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45

Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20

Sales Table \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment  check  Zelle  Venmo

Zelle is a free, secure app you can use if your bank has access. For online registration and payment questions contact Terri Donner. [Redacted]

**REGISTRATION** Deadline: April 3, 2023. Write check to Kentucky Bluegrass 99s Mail check and Registration form to: Terri Donner For questions contact: [Redacted]

### ARRIVALS

I plan to drive. Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Riding with \_\_\_\_\_

GA Arrival at KJYV Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Riding with \_\_\_\_\_

**Requesting transportation** to the Radisson \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial KSDf Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Flight number \_\_\_\_\_

**Requesting transportation** to the Radisson \_\_\_\_\_ I will bring an auction item \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION 2:** You can register online and Zelle or mail a check, see below. To register online, go to the secure site

### NCS Spring Meeting ON LINE REGISTRATION

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**BANQUET MEAL CHOICE**

Beef

Chicken

Salmon (gluten free)

Vegetarian

Dietary Restriction:

Gluten free

Vegetarian

Allergies (specify)

## Chicago Area Chapter 99's Meeting Minutes 2-19-23 Pilot Pete's Restaurant Schaumburg Airport

**Attendees:** 99's: Madeleine Monaco, Vickie Szewczyk, Megan McArthur, Jill Feldman, Linda Millon, Dinah Spadoni, Shelley Ventura, Erica Okwuazi, Ellen O'hara, Deb Meznarsic, Eva Kozlowski, Donna Klein, Mona Knock, Kayla Greco 49 ½: Wayne Klein Guests: Anthony Greco, Dina Romanova

**Meeting was called to order** at 12:54.

Introduction of members and guests.

**Minutes** of the last official meeting on October 19, 2022 was moved to be approved by Donna, seconded by Jill.

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer's report was passed out and reviewed by Shelley Ventura. Of special note was that the Chapter lost \$123.27 on the Aviation Expo. We had the same number of vendors (21), but also had some increased costs. Please get possible new contacts to Eva for 2023. We also could maybe charge businesses more next year, The State of Illinois Aviation Department offered \$1500 for next year.

**Chairman's Report** Girl Scout Aviation Day is being chaired by Jill Feldman & Megan McArthur. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, at Lewis University. A few changes are being made this year. We are adding a simulator and a jet tour. The Career section will now be a panel discussion. Also, each team will have a volunteer to lead the group around to each station. One issue is that the Chicago Council is not being helpful and is not promoting this event, The Northern Illinois Council is working with us. Please help spread the word by distributing flyers to Girl Scouts or leaders that you know. Madeleine will be e-mailing the flyers to all members.

The Nominating Committee needs to work on getting a slate of candidates. The elections are in April and the results will be announced in May. The new officers will be installed in June.

A by-law committee is needed to review our by-laws and make sure that we are in compliance with the Section and International's by-laws.

The Section meeting is the weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending. The Chapter needs nominees for the Governor's Service Award and the Spinning Prop Award.

Scholarships are now open for application. The Santori Scholarship and First Wings Awards award are both available. Please consider applying.

Madeleine reminded all that the 99s have an online directory of all members. Think about using it when you travel!

A poll was taken to see if anyone would be interested in doing a one day ground trip to EAA's Airventure. Jill, Linda, Erica and Dinah were interested. Madeleine asked them to look into renting a van or car for the trip.

We now have a QR code! Madeleine contacted International and they (Robin Hatfield) created one.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00. The motion to adjourn was made by Dinah and seconded by Jill.

Our next meeting is at Skill Aviation at the Waukegan Airport on Sunday March 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

After the meeting we played Bunco!

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Szewczyk, Secretary

### NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SOME OF OUR MEMBERS

IF YOU TRAIN AT CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT, OR YOU ARE A FULL TIME COLLEGE STUDENT IN AVIATION YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CEPA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW—DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS MAY 1, 2023 YOU MUST BE A FULL TIME RESIDENT OF ILLINOIS, AND FOR THE FLIGHT TRAINING AWARD MUST BE TRAINING AT ONE OF THE CHICAGO EXECUTIVE FLIGHT SCHOOLS.

GO TO [WWW.PWKPILOTS.ORG](http://WWW.PWKPILOTS.ORG)—CHOOSE SCHOLARSHIP BUTTON—READ, PREPARE AND APPLY ON LINE.

Read the application thoroughly.

Read the instructions thoroughly.

Be sure your letter of recommendation is signed and dated. Stress financial need in your essay.

Winner will be notified in early June

## Chicago Chapter Student Pilot Reports

from Ana Adona

### Nadia Lizbeth Solano-Rodriguez

New member Nadia has applied for the First Wings Scholarship. We met her at the October meeting at Pilot Pete's.

### Elizabeth Sazdanoff

My First Wings Application is in! The waiting begins, wish me luck!

### Isabella Doles

I am currently supposed to solo this week if the weather cooperates. Currently flying out of Lake in the Hills airport for Blue Skies.

### Ana Adona

I am officially in check ride prep! I've been working on tightening up my maneuvers and reviewing study materials for the oral exam. Lisa and I are planning another study group soon!

## More Chicago Chapter Member News



Yanina worked the PPLI Booth for the 99s at WAI Convention last month. She serves as the Treasurer for Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter of WAI, and is our Waypoint Reporter, the creator and presenter of our Expo Flying Companion Course, a CFI at Skill Aviation at KUGN and just hosted our March 99s Chapter meeting.

Ensign Hannah Wilson is in Pensacola FL flight training with the US Navy!



She's earning her wings and will be visiting her home Chicago Chapter when she can. Hannah has made contact with the 99s in her area of Florida, and one of her Instructors is a 99.

**ANOTHER 49 1/2 HAS FLOWN TO NEW HORIZONS:** We got this message from former Chapter Chair Ruth Rockcastle- Sorry to have to tell you that I lost my wonderful "Rock" died March 7 after a fall. He broke two bones in his body and they would not do surgery because of his age, 92, and he had to wear a collar constantly. He went down mentally and they said he would never be the Rock we knew. After 8 days they moved him from the U of F hospital in Gainesville to Cornerstone Palliative care in the Villages near us. He became unresponsive the second day there and died two days later. I will miss him tremendously. I will forward the FAA notice that went out. Love Ruth

### From the FAA in Florida.....

*It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the death of John Urban "Rock" Rockcastle of Oxford, FL, on Tuesday 7 Mar 2023. He was 92. He had served in both the Navy and Marine Corps during the Korean War era. Rock was a long-time Volunteer with the FAAS team, long before it became the FAASTeam. He served as a FAASTeam Lead Rep in the Leesburg area for many years, and taught at SimCom in Orlando until just recently. He was an impassioned public speaker on many topics of aviation safety, and maintained his flight review right up until the end. Rock was the winner of numerous professional awards over his lifetime, including National CFI of the Year and National FAASTeam Rep of the Year. He was the world-record holder of WINGS Phases, including 353 Phases of Basic WINGS, 307 Phases of Advanced WINGS, and 256 Phases of Master WINGS. No one else will ever beat that record!*

*Rock held an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) certificate, CFI certificate with Gold Seal, Ground Instructor certificate, and Remote Pilot certificate. In 2012, he received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, the highest award for pilots conferred by the FAA. He is survived by his wife of over 52 years, Ruth. Rock was a colorful man and will be sorely missed.*

## May 20 Lewis University VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Girls Aviation Badge Day

TEXT Megan with your choice of position

Name	Assignment	
KATY CRIHFIELD	Forces of Flight	Classroom 1
	Forces of Flight	
ELLEN O'HARA JILL FELDMAN	History of Flight – a hallway exhibit	Exhibit by registration table
	Career Panel 5-6 aviation jobs	all girls at once snack time. Midday
ANNALIESE EURE	Flight Paramedic/Skydive Pilot	
SHONA WILLIAMS	Flight Attendant	
TINA WILLMAN-HAMMAR (Tent.)	Airline Pilot/Charter Pilot	
	CFI ??	
RENEE RIANI	Airport Manager	
EVA KOZLOWSK	Communication	Classroom 2
ERICA OKWUAZI	Communication	
by Lewis Univ personnel	Navigation - Flight Simulator	Classroom 3 in Simulator room
SESSION CANCELLED	BALLOON/DRONE	
SESSION CANCELLED		
by Lewis Univ personnel	Jet Tour	Hangar #5
Elizabeth Sazdanoff/Ellen OHara	Preflight of Airplane	Hangar #6
Gracie Barbour	Preflight of airplane	
JODIE GAWTHORP	Airplane maintenance A+P	Hangar or classroom #7
	Airplane maintenance A+P	
1 Shelley Ventura 2 Ana Adona 3 Nadia Solano-Rodriguez 4 Kayla Greco	99 group lead for each of 7 groups  5 Karen Ballard 6 Mona Knock 7	Escort, host, leader for each group of girls through the various stations
MEGAN MCARTHUR	Liaise with GS Councils	Prior to event
MAGGIE SAMPSON	Registration/hand outs	
LINDA MILLON	Registration/hand outs	
JILL FELDMAN	Materials for GS Packets	Get from Shelley's hangar
LISA MITCHELL	Photographer	
MADELEINE MONACO	Girls snacks during careers panel	Buy them, bring them, serve them
ANA ADONA	Lunch for 99s end of day	Buy it, bring it, serve it after event

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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**CHAPTER CALENDAR**

2023	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	HOSTESS
APR	28-30th	WEEKEND	KENTUCKY 99S HOST NORTH CENTRAL SECTION	TERRI DONNER & KY 99s
MAY	20th	7:30-1:30	GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY LEWIS UNIVERSITY	JILL F & MEGAN M
JUN	25th	1:00 pm	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS CHAPTER AWARDS	MADELEINE MONACO
JUL	TBD	DAY TRIP	EAA AIR VENTURE BY GROUND TRANSPORT	LINDA M & ERICA O
AUG	20	1:00 pm	DACY AIRPORT—A FLIGHT BACK IN TIME	LARISA K & KAREN B
SEPT	9-29, 30, 10-1	WEEKEND	SECTION MEETING—COLUMBUS OHIO	PAULA R & SCIOTO VLY
OCT	TBD		ARR OR LEWIS—AVIATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM	
NOV	12	1:00 pm	SCHAUMBURG AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM	MADELEINE MONACO
DEC	10		HOLIDAY PARTY	VICKIE SZEWCZYK

If you can't find something  
**FUN REWARDING** or **EDUCATIONAL**  
 in the Ninety-Nines you aren't looking hard enough.