

# AIR NEWS



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

APRIL 2024

chicagoarea99s.org



## CHAPTER CALENDAR

**APRIL 26-28** NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING  
KANSAS CITY MO (BIZ MTG SAT 27)  
SEE WEBSITE TO REGISTER ZOOM ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE

**MAY 11** LANSING IL AIRPORT AIRMARKING  
HOSTESS VICKIE S  
See info on page 6 of this issue

**MAY 18 8:00am** LEWIS UNIVERSITY AVIATION BUILDING/  
AIRPORT AVIATION DAY MEGAN M + TEAM  
See info on right

**JUNE 15 3:00pm** WAUKEGAN A/P SKILL AVIATION  
ANNUAL MTG/AWARDS HOSTESS HANNAH B

**JUNE 18-21** AIR RACE CLASSIC STOP AT BULT FIELD MONEE  
CYNTHIA M + TEAM  
See info on page 3 of this issue

### MARCH MEETING

Lake in the Hills Airport (3CK) at Blue Skies  
standing in front of their photo honors wall!



Sue Zurcher, Piper Colantone, Mary Lou Erikson, Gail Lapook, Mona Knock,  
Cynthia Madsen, Vickie Szewczyk, Shelley Ventura, Linda Millon, Karen Ballard,  
Larisa Kano, Madeleine Monaco, Megan McArthur, Ellen O'Hara

### OUR NEXT PROJECT - MAY 11

Painting  
this



At IGQ  
Lansing  
Muni  
Airport

We have a great manager for this project—  
Vickie Szewczyk

We have a great collaboration with -  
Eagle Scout applicant Alex Steadman

Start at 10:00 am airport office parking lot

It's a Saturday morning! Rain date has been cancelled.  
Lets get this done! Contact Vickie NOW  
szewczyk09@att.net

### THE NEXT EVENT - MAY 18

## AVIATION FOR GIRLS DAY



This event is an excellent way to show the girls  
what women can do in aviation.

All girls 10-18 welcome. Our 99s Chapter website  
www.chicagoarea99s.org has a signup and pay section.

A commitment to fill a role at the event is requested.

- ~~Registration Reception 2 persons~~—FILLED
- Career Panel Members (women working in aviation) time approx. 90 minutes mid day WE NEED 2-3 MORE
- Group Leaders to walk the groups through the stations WE NEED 3-4 MORE
- Food Service team—buy, bring, set up, hand out lunch
- Station Instructors 2 each: Approximately 6 learning stations to be determined WE NEED 2 MORE

**PLEASE CONTACT MEGAN TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE!**

**PHYREPLY81@GMAIL.COM**

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

**CHAIR**

Madeleine Monaco

**VICE CHAIR**

Larisa Kano

**SECRETARY**

Vickie Szewczyk

**TREASURER**

Shelley Ventura

Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

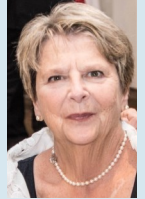
Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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**CHAPTER BRIEFING**

*Pre and Post Flight*

*Madeleine Monaco*



Dear Chicago 99s,

We had a great meeting March 10th, at Lake in the Hills Airport. Megan and Eva provided soup and bread and beverages for our lunch and members provided appetizers and desserts.

Some were able to fly in for this meeting. That's two meetings in a row when the weather gods smiled! Our Business meeting was conducted after lunch, and we accomplished a great deal. No business meeting in April, but we will be stuffing goody bags for Aviation for Girls Day to be ready for May 18.

We are trying to encourage an increase in our Chapter representation at the North Central Section meeting(s) held twice a year in Spring and Fall. We did not have enough materials to prepare the goody bags for our Aviation Day for Girls event, but will schedule a volunteers session to do that some time before the end of April. Still **NEED** paper charts current or not, so bring as many as you can round up.

We are painting a 80' 99s Compass Rose on the tarmac at Lansing IL Airport. But don't panic, we will have the help of some Boy Scouts and an applicant for his Eagle Scout designation, and can share the work. May 11 is the date (rain date cancelled because its Memorial Day Weekend). **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CONTACT VICKIE!**

We are soliciting volunteers to help run the Air Race Classic stop # 4 at Bult in Monee in June. **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CONTACT CO-CHAIRS CYNTHIA OR MEGAN!**

And we have an International Conference in Vancouver in July. Still time to sign up for that. See Ninety-Nines.org for all details and registration materials. Think about it, read about it, make a plan. You will need a passport that is valid for 6 months after the trip.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Several Chapter members are going and would like to share a hotel room. If you are interested in sharing, please contact Ellen O.*

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



*Madeleine*

## HELP NEEDED

### our Air Race Classic Stop Event

The Air Race Classic is an annual all-women's race across the country.

This June, the race will stop at an airport near the Chicago area – Bult Field in Monee, Illinois.



Cynthia and Megan are working together as Head Stop Co-Chairs for Bult Field and more volunteers are needed. Madeleine has signed on as Head Timer and needs many timers.

You can help as much or as little as you are able, but we need to know ahead of time when you might want to help, and what you want to do.

This year's race begins June 18, 2024 in Carbondale, Illinois and Bult Field is the fourth stop after Cadillac, Michigan; LaPorte, Indiana; and Newark, Ohio. The race ends June 21 in Loveland, Colorado.

Many Ninety-Nines participate in this race and we are happy to be able to help the racers.

If you are thinking of helping, go to the ARC website:

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-volunteer.htm>

and follow the instructions on volunteering for the Bult Field stop.

The website also has complete information on the race and its history.

Please let Cynthia or Megan know if you are interested in helping.



## Chicago Area 99s—

### Aviation Day for Girls

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 8:30-1:30pm

Location: Lewis University,  
Romeoville IL

For young ladies ages 10-18

I want to fly

Register Here:  
<https://chicagoarea99s.org/>

You can!



A full page version of this flyer is available for you to share EVERYWHERE.

Neighborhood, church, school, bulletin boards, libraries, stores, YMCA, health clubs, condo lobbies, and of course your social media outlets.

If you want the percentage of woman pilots to grow beyond our 7%, THIS is the kind of activity that will do it.

Our members range in age from 18-80+

The girls will have young role models to look in the eye, and history from the past to learn about from women pilots from the 70's to today!

**MAY 18, 2024 LEWIS UNIVERSITY**

Save the date and volunteer.

## STUDENT PILOT UPDATE REPORTS

compiled by LAURIE MULE

March Student Pilot Updates.

Denise D had a delightful flight at Lake in the Hills Airport alongside DPE Gerry Ventrella. Additionally, she's currently attending ground school at Chicago Executive Airport.

After Isabella D passed her checkride, she took a brief break from flying before treating her mom to a flight to Watertown and Sheboygan for her birthday. They have plans to fly together again at the end of March.

Anna R successfully passed her Private Pilot checkride! She's been making the most of her new privileges by taking her mom and friend flying. She's eagerly anticipating her first attendance at the Women in Aviation Conference as a pilot. Come fall, she'll be enrolling at Southern Illinois University to pursue studies in Aviation Management, flight, and join AFROTC.

In February, Marilyn H soloed and is currently working on completing her solo requirements in preparation for her checkride.

Andriana W has been gaining significant experience in a short span of time. Last October, she encountered a real engine failure, putting her emergency procedures to the test. After executing a safe landing on a road, she learned the unpredictability of aviation. Recently, she passed the ground portion for her solo cross-country and is now prepared to embark on her cross country flight.

Piper C successfully completed her long solo cross-country from KLOT to KCMJ and KBMI. She takes great pride in her radio communication skills during the trip. Currently, she's in the process of applying for scholarships and intends to enroll at the College of DuPage in the summer.

Abby B has earned her private pilot certificate and is now diving into her instrument training. She expresses immense satisfaction in achieving what once seemed impossible.

### THE CHAPTER ADDS:

Piper and Madeleine met with the co-presidents of the new College of DuPage Aviation Club and their liaison. These enthusiastic college students want to become more involved with the aviation community. Anyone who lives near the main campus, consider volunteering to visit and contribute. Contact info available upon request.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

To Abby B, Bella D and Anna R on earning their Private Certificates. OUTSTANDING achievement

### ALSO PRAISE:

To Denise, who won the scholarship from our Chapter that was funded by Chicago Executive Airport; and to Marilyn and Andriana for soloing! FANTASTIC milestone in their journey. You will remember that flight always

### AND A SIDE NOTE:

Please help us to celebrate our successes. You are all (every one of you) sent an email requesting an update every month. These seven members were the only ones who responded to the request. There are so many more. Please just answer saying no report when you receive the email from Laurie Mule, if you have no report.

What you share means a lot to your sisters in the sky.

Thank you

*Madeleine* and *Laurie*





# Eagle Scout Fundraiser



Hello, my name is Alex Steadman.

I am a Boy Scout with Troop 75 in Bolingbrook, IL

In Partnership with the Chicago Area Chapter of the 99's, my Eagle Scout Project is to paint an "Airmarking" (similar to the symbol below) at the Lansing IL Municipal Airport (KIGQ) Spring 2024.



I'm asking for your support as I work towards this culmination of my Scouting Experience.

You can donate to [Alex75@xs-ive.com](mailto:Alex75@xs-ive.com) via Zelle or Venmo or use the QR codes below.

Any excess money raised will be donated to the 99's scholarship fund.

You can follow the project at:  
<http://alex75.xs-ive.com>

KIGQ



**zelle**



**May 11th**

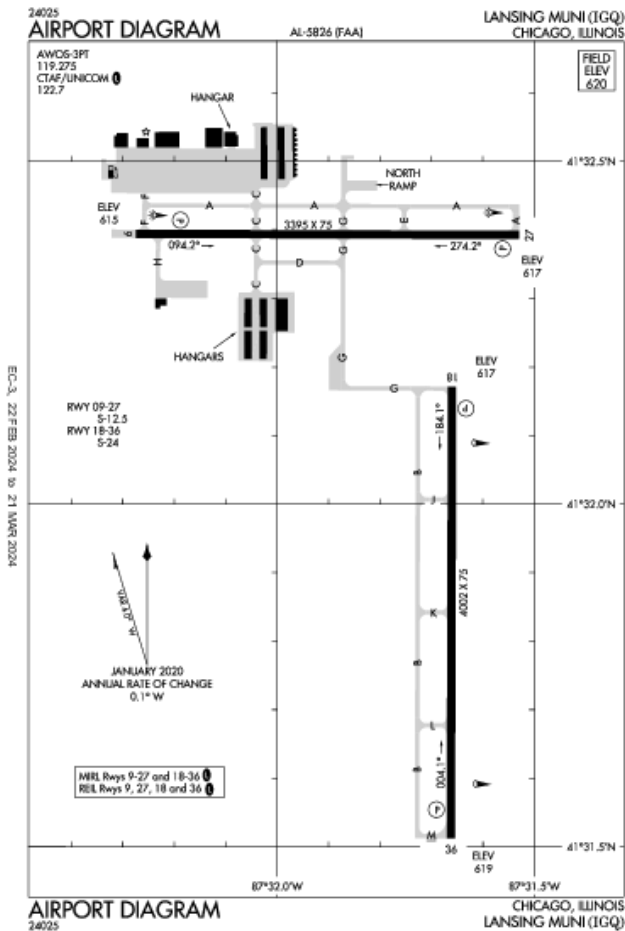
**Volunteers Welcome**

**Rain Day: June 8th**



**venmo**

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## AIR MARKING TO TAKE PLACE MAY 11

( Rain Date cancelled)

Lansing Muni (IGQ) Chicago, IL

The Ninety-Nines have been instrumental in marking airports for pilots benefit for many decades. Since this activity is a definite safety enhancement, it fits our 99s Mission Statement well.

We have not provided this valuable service in our busy metropolitan area for quite a few years, but one of the best examples could have been found at this airport. It was our Chapter that painted the 80 foot Compass Rose with the 99s logo in the center. That rose was used by pilots to swing their compass for accuracy.

The ramp that our work of art and science was on has been resurfaced recently and the airport management has asked us to redo it. As Chair of this operation, our Secretary, Vickie S. who is based there, found a motivated Scout who wishes to use this as his Eagle Scout Project. And so a collaboration has been formed and the project will now be accomplished this May.

The compass points will be laid out by airport engineers so we have authoritative positioning to use. We still need some intrepid outdoor 99 volunteers for the day.

We can promise the pay off will be a substantial sense of accomplishment and bragging rights!

Contact Vickie S to volunteer [szewczyk09@att.net](mailto:szewczyk09@att.net)  
NOW PLEASE

SHE HAS ONLY TWO CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS



This sounds like fun—mark your calendar with maybe?

## FALL FOR MN!

Save the date

The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots  
North Central Section Meeting Fall 2024

September 13-15



Sunset Dinner Cruises  
Padelford Riverboats  
Friday Night



49 ½ Activity  
Northwest Airline  
History Center  
Saturday Morning



Behind the Scenes Tour  
Minneapolis (MSP) Airport  
“Best Airport in North America 2023”  
by Airports Council International  
Saturday Afternoon

## Chicago Area Chapter 99's Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2024  
Lake in the Hills Airport

### Attendees:

99's: Larisa K, Vickie S, Ellen O, Linda M, Cynthia M, Karen B, Madeleine M, Shelley V, Susan Z, Gail L, Mona K, Piper C, Mary Lou E, Megan M

49 ½: Ralph M, Gene B, Yosh K

Guest: Deneane C

Meeting was called to order at 1:57 after a lunch of soup and rolls from the hostess with appetizers and deserts provided by the rest of the members.

Introduction of members and guests.

**Chairman Report** Madeleine did not have a formal report, but added information as needed.

**Secretary's Report** The minutes from the February meeting and were published in the newsletter, but needed amendments to add Megan M as co-chair for the ARC , Aviation Day for Girls is 8:30-1:30 and the ARC runs June 18-21, 2024. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Cynthia M and seconded by Ellen O. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer's Report was distributed. Shelley paid for and submitted our ad in the International Convention's booklet.

### **Old Business**

**2024 Hostesses** – All meetings for the year now have a hostess. December will be a brunch Woodfield (12/4).

**Scholarships** –Santori Scholarship: The deadline was March 1, 2024. There were 12 applicants, 5 for private and 7 for advanced ratings. Decisions will be released by 3/31/24.

AE First Wings Scholarship: There were 2 applicants from our Chapter.

Spinning Prop Award: There were 3 responses to Madeleine's e-mail. Madeleine will forward nomination to the section.

NCS Section: Ballots are now out for NCS Officers and Board. International elections are coming soon. Please vote.

### **New Business**

**Award to be given** A Lightspeed headset donated by Alan Schrader and an anonymous donor in Florida for a worthy student pilot member who needs a boost. We need to decide how to do this, Award the headset at the June Awards meeting, **Forest of Friendship** – The nominations are open. The Chapter decided to nominate Gail L. Motion made by Mona, seconded by Mary Lou. Motion passed.

**New Scholarship** – The Washington DC chapter is funding an award named after former International 99's President Beverly Sharp, to be presented to CAC member Tammy Duckworth. The award is to encourage and promote participation in aviation by minority women. Cynthia and possibly Madeleine will attend the the ceremony.

**Air Race Classic** – Bult Field (C56) will be stop #4 on the 2024 ARC. The dates are June 18-21, 2024. Cynthia M and Megan M are the stop chairmen. More volunteers are needed. To volunteer, enter your information in the ARC website and volunteer for the Bult stop. If you cannot come on the days of the race, there should be some prep activities ahead of time. 40+ planes are currently signed up for the race.

**Aviation Day for Girls (formerly GS Badge Day)** –Lewis University on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The planning committee toured the site. You can still volunteer to help. Please feel free to distribute handouts to help publicize the event.

**Lansing Airmarking** – Vickie reported the the date for airmarking is May 11th. The CAC 99's are working with Alex Stearman, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project. The prior compass rose was paved over last Fall. Vickie was asked to check to see if insurance will be needed for the day. Please contact Vickie is you can help out.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Thank you to our hostesses and Blue Skies Flying Services!

### **Upcoming Events:**

April 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> North Central Section Meeting in Kansas City MO. Consider attending in person or via Zoom.

May 11 Airmarking at Lansing (IGQ)

May 18 Aviation Day for Girls at Lewis University (LOT)

June 1&2 is Cavalcade of Planes @ Clow (1C5) – If you are going, think about volunteering for a couple of hours.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is our annual meeting and awards at KUGN (Waukegan) Hannah B is hosting.

The Fall section meeting will be in Minnesota.

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine M

**Address Service Requested**



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**2024 CALENDAR JULY-DECEMBER**

**JULY 3-7** INTERNATIONAL 99S CONFERENCE VANCOUVER BC CANADA

REGISTER ON LINE [NINETY-NINES.ORG/](http://NINETY-NINES.ORG/) [Join 99s | Conference \(The Ninety-Nines, Inc.\)](#)

**JUL 22-28** THE 99S HAVE 2 BOOTHS—VOLUNTEER TO SPEND SOME TIME AT EITHER EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH, WI

**AUG 10 10:30am** DACY AIRPORT HARVARD, IL LARISA K + KAREN B

**SEPT 13-15** NORTH CENTRAL SECTION FALL MTG. BLOOMINGTON MN (BIZ MTG SAT 14) MALL OF AMERICA

FRIDAY NIGHT RIVER CRUISE AVAILABLE

**SEPT 20-21** INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION WEEKEND ATCHISON, KS

HONOR OUR MEMBER GAIL LAPOOK AS WE SEE HER INDUCTED INTO THE FOREST

**OCT 6 2:00pm** KENOSHA AIRPORT FALL COLORS FLY-IN MEETING JILL F HOSTESS

**NOV ? TBD** DROP IN DINNER WEEK NIGHT MEET UP VICKIE S HOSTESS

**DEC 14 SATURDAY 11:00am** HOLIDAY BRUNCH PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MADELEINE M + DIANE C HOSTESSES

If you can't find something

**FUN REWARDING or EDUCATIONAL**

in the Ninety-Nines you aren't looking hard enough.