

# AIR NEWS

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 12—WASP Luncheon Event at DuPage Airport Excelon Hangar**

**April 21-23—North Central Section 99s Meeting Indianapolis, IN  
Honoring our Santori Scholars, our Spinning Prop winners,  
our Governors Service Award Winners and our 49 1/2 Award Winners**

**May 1—deadline for mailing enclosed Ballot**

**May 13—Scout Aviation Day Lansing Airport**

**May 25—ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION AND BANQUET**

**June 11—Chapter Meeting at Kenosha Airport**

**June—16-17 Forest of Friendship Induction Ceremony Atchison, KS**

**June 20-23—Air Race Classic stops in our Section  
Coshocton, OH, Indianapolis, IN, Prairie du Chein, WI, Bemidji, MN, Spencer, IA**

Included in this newsletter is the ballot for the election  
of CAC Officers for the 2017-2019 term.  
Please participate and vote, returning your ballot as instructed,  
postmarked by May 1, 2017.

Thank you - Your Nominating Committee

## WHO'S WHO

### CHAIR

Ellen O'Hara

### VICE CHAIR

Leslie Prellwitz

### SECRETARY

Jill Feldman

### TREASURER

Madeleine Monaco

Deadline for submission  
the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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## KEEP 'EM FLYING

ELLEN O'HARA, CHAIRMAN

### Fly It Your Way!

That's what I promote and gave as my example last month about The Great Skydiving Day at [skydivecity.com](http://skydivecity.com). It's all about our individual exposure to the ideas, things and people of aviation. It's like following sports even though we don't play them or learning a new language even though we might not travel to speak it. We do things aviation where we can put something into it and get something out of it--or also by helping someone else. After all, all 99s have a basic aviation knowledge.



Our meeting on Sunday exemplified that aspect again with our preparation for our upcoming Aviation Day for scouts on May 13. We put together packets for the attendees and reinforced signups for our presenters at the six sessions and other positions. Every person participating in any way toward the day is giving to the next generation--it doesn't get any better than that! I've had two more 99s sign up in the few days since Sunday and we are even spreading our word to Indiana!

Even so, we still need to fill in: a second person on History with lead Donna Klein; two Registrars (and then change those tables to scout snacks); another person for Adult Snacks; and we need lots of Eagle Eyes! These are 99s and significant others who are greeters, gofers, sign putterupperers, door watchers, and information and direction givers who have smiling faces and who are very needed because they see something to do and then do it!



Using the pdf you have received to forward or print, please know that you may also invite your local boy scout troops (they should contact me directly to sign up). Our sessions satisfy basically four of their five general required areas for their Aviation Merit Badge (great minds...!) and presenters adjust for ages in each group. See url in the minutes in this issue.



April brings an aviation event rather than a meeting, and there was a lot of enthusiasm shown Sunday for this one on April 12 to honor the WASP with a luncheon presentation by WAI Chicago's Leading Edge at DuPage Airport. Hope to see you there!

<https://riseabovewasp.org/caf-rise-above-wasp-lunch-with-wai-chicago/>

And this is how we Keep'em flying!

*Ellen*

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## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2017 Chicago Executive Airport, Atlantic Aviation

Submitted by Jill Feldman, Secretary

**Call to Order** 12:05 pm by Chairman Ellen O'Hara. Present were Ellen O'Hara, Rita Adams, Madeleine Monaco, Donna Klein, Joan Kerwin, Cynthia Madsen, Jill Feldman, Diane Cozzi, Leslie Prellwitz, Gail LaPook, Mary Lou Erikson, Deb Meznarsic, Natalie Berman, Susan Kelsey. Also attending were 49-1/2 members Roger Kelly, Gregg Erikson, Wayne Klein, Ralph Madsen and Daniel Feldman.

**Welcome / Introductions** – Welcomed members to Chicago Executive, and a special welcome to 99 member from Seattle, Bobbi Roe. Bobbi is Susan Kelsey's mom, and has been in multiple 99 chapters around the country for many years and is the editor of the 99 News. And Bobbi's mom was also a pilot!

A big thank-you to Madeleine Monaco and Rita Adams for co-hosting the meeting, setting up the clothing swap meet and for the donation of the remaining clothes to WINGS.

**Secretary's Report**- Meeting minutes from November 2016 (last formal meeting) were accepted as published in the Air News.

**Treasurer's Report** – February 2017 report and combined January - February Banking Summary presented by M. Monaco. January Treasurer's report provided by email to board in February. Safety Seminar made approx. \$1000 profit this year. New member 99s pins with propeller were purchased, but not invoiced until March, so will show up in next month's Banking summary. No formal comments on Treasurer's report. Accepted as presented and will be filed with minutes.

### Committee Business/Reports

**Nominating Committee** – The committee of Donna Klein, Mary Lou Erikson and Sharon Schorsch (absent) stated that a full slate of candidates has been determined and the ballot will be included in the April newsletter. Ballot must be returned by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

A vote on the proposed amendment to the Standing Rules as submitted in a previous newsletter were voted on and accepted by all members present, with one verbiage correction. The reworded amendment is: "THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERS AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING." Underlined words added for clarification at the meeting and accepted.

**Girl Scout Day** – Co-chairs of this year's event on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> are Ellen O'Hara and Deb Meznarsic. As usual, there are six tables for the scouts to rotate through. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room. Key to the event is the use of a plane for the pre-flight station. Both Deb and Jill volunteered their planes, but since both are dependent on weather conditions, Ellen O'Hara will ask at the Lansing airport to see if there is a local plane that can be used as a backup. (Late breaking news – Ellen has lined up a Cessna 210 to use for the pre-flight station!) Six lead presenters are already assigned but we still need a second person for the History table with Donna Klein and the Navigation table with Leslie Prellwitz. Two 99s are needed for the registration table, which will then be set up as the Scout snacks table. Two 99s are needed for the Adult Snacks, which includes making coffee and providing coffee cakes and cookies. Any other 99s or significant others are always welcome as greeters and door watchers. Please contact Ellen and Deb if interested in helping the day of the event. Prices will be \$12/girl and \$5 per adult. Event is limited to the first 100 registrations. The event will be open to the boy scouts. To see how well our event aligns to the requirements of the Boy Scout Aviation badge, go to: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/aviation-merit-badge.asp>. Ellen will be providing all 99s with a pdf for the event so we can all help with recruiting. There also may be a Young Eagle event on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the airport. More information to come!

**Unfinished Business** **Forest of Friendship** deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Inspiration Award** – Tammy Duckworth, newly-elected Illinois Senator, was previously nominated for a possible 99s Inspiration Award, but upon review of requirements it was decided to monitor her record of commitment to women in aviation.

### New Business

**Facebook Setup** – Susan Kelsey had us all pull out our smart phones and we all learned how to access the new CAC Facebook page, and were provided instructions on how to post new information. Members are encouraged to post local aviation events, places you are flying to and other topics that may be of interest to the other members. Search for "Chicago 99s" on Facebook to Like us and follow us!

**STEMapalooza** – Ellen O'Hara pitched to the attendees the benefit of having a presence at the Girl Scout STEMapalooza event on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Country Club Hills IL. It is from 10 am – 2 pm and targets all school age girl scouts. For more information, go to [www.gcnwiprograms.org](http://www.gcnwiprograms.org). If interested in participating, call Ellen right away!

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WASP Rise Above fundraiser – Natalie Berman, who is also a member of Chicago’s Leading Edge, which is the local chapter of Chicago’s Women in Aviation, presented information on an upcoming event on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Exelon Corp Hangar at the DuPage airport. There are two speakers: Erin Miller, the granddaughter of a WASP, and Heather Penney a 9/11 fighter pilot. Both women will be sharing their stories of how the WASP inspired them and explaining how they plan on preserving the WASP legacy in order to inspire new generations. Sounds very interesting and is expected to sell out. Tickets are \$25 in advance and must be purchased by donating to Chicago’s Leading Edge. See the CAC 99 Facebook page for more information and to register.

Upcoming fundraising event at the Drake Hotel, downtown Chicago on May 11th. Presentation by Donna Beering, CAC 99s chapter member and United Airline pilot. Sponsored by Chicago’s Leading Edge / Women in Aviation. Ellen O’Hara will send CAC members more information via email.

**Announcements** - see Calendar

### **Pilot Talk**

Congratulations to Cynthia Madsen! She will be inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Also inducted will be Tina Thomas and her husband Steve.

Madeleine Monaco has been nominated for the Governor’s Service Award from our chapter.

Marie Spears – is being presented as the chapter representative for the Spinning Prop award

**Adjournment** 12:20 pm

After the meeting, members finished up the review of clothing and accessories brought to the swap meeting, and helped Deb Meznarsic and Ellen O’Hara with the putting together of the packets and name badges for Girl Scout Aviation Day.

## **Calendar of Events**

**April 21-23.....North Central 99s Meeting, Indianapolis**  
May 13..... Scout Aviation Day, Lansing Airport Chapter Meeting to follow ByLaw vote  
June 11.....Chapter Meeting, Kenosha Airport  
June 16-17 .....Forest of Friendship Induction Ceremony, Atchison, KS  
June 20-23, 2017....Air Race Classic–NCS Stops–Coshocton, OH, Indianapolis, IN, Prairie du Chein, WI, Bemidji, MN  
..... and Spencer, IA  
**July 11-16.....99s International Conference, San Antonio, Texas**  
August 20.....Pancake Breakfast, Poplar Grove Airport  
September.....Waukegan Air Show  
**Sept 29-Oct 1 .....North Central Section Meeting, Wisconsin Dells**  
October 22.....Chapter Meeting, Schaumburg Airport, Noon  
November .....Community Service Activity TBD  
December/January...Holiday Party, TBD  
**July 4-8, 2018..... 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**July 16-21, 2019 ... 99s International Conference, Dayton, Ohio–North Central Section is host**  
**2020 Fall..... North Central Meeting hosted by Chicago Area Chapter**

# CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER NINETY-NINES

## Official 2017-2019 Ballot for Officers and Nominating Committee

Returns must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2017

### CHAIRMAN (Vote for One)

- Jill Feldman
- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in candidate)

### VICE CHAIRMAN (Vote for One)

- Natalie Berman
- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in candidate)

### TREASURER (Vote for One)

- Madeleine Monaco
- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in candidate)

### SECRETARY (Vote for One)

- Mary Lou Erikson
- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in candidate)

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Vote for Three)

- Cynthia Madsen
- Ellen O'Hara
- Elaine Tao
- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in candidate)

Initials of the 99 completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed ballot (postmarked by May 1, 2107) to:

Donna Klein

Thank You!

## GET IN SHAPE

If you do not have a chapter name badge in the shape of your state, now is the time to order one. Send a check in the amount of \$16 made payable to the Chicago Area Chapter 99s and mail to Rita Adams,



Badge above is in the shape of Illinois. Please indicate your state and whether you want a pin or magnet backing.

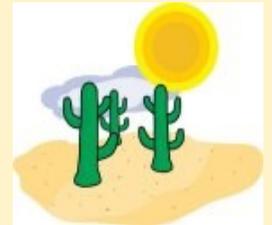
**NOW ALSO AVAILABLE WITH MAGNETIC BACKING!** Allow three weeks for delivery.

## Our Chapter Members on the move!!!



Joan Kerwin, Cynthia Madsen and Madeleine Monaco attended the Ninety Nines International Board Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK March 23-26. Long range planning, and a full business agenda with the Board and many Section Governors and Committee Chairs in attendance made for a lively two days.

Cynthia and Madeleine both visited with former Chapter Member Ellen Herring and her husband Chuck in Green Valley, Arizona, but at different times. Cynthia and Ralph were there first. Then Madeleine picked up Sharon Ann Schorsch at her winter home in Surprise, AZ and brought her along for a visit. Sharon and Madeleine joined Ellen at the Tucson Chapter meeting on the way back to Phoenix. Snowbirds rule !!



Any news you want to share? Training, travel, or family updates? Just email your editor and I will print as space permits. [99mjm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:99mjm@sbcglobal.net)

## HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

## JILL FELDMAN

I had never really thought about being a pilot growing up – our family was involved in sailboat racing on the Great Lakes when I growing up in Rochester, NY. I never realized how much it was in my blood!

My first GA flight was in 1982, while at college at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. A guy I met at a party was a student and flight instructor at the university and asked if I wanted to go flying over the weekend. “Sure,” I said – and after teaching me how to preflight the airplane and taking off, he said “Your airplane”. “My airplane?” – but for the next hour I flew over campus – what a rush!

Fast forward another few decades and my husband Daniel and I are looking for an activity to replace the sailboat racing due to his back issues. Dan had originally wanted to be an Air Force pilot, but as that fell through after college, it didn’t stop him from wanting to fly. My philosophy is if you really want to do something, then don’t wait until someday – do it while you’re young enough to enjoy it. So, in 2010 Dan started flying, and in 2013 when I told Dan I wanted to start flying also, we bought Belle, our 1947 Cessna 120.

I joined the Chicago Area 99s in September 2013, and although I fly frequently with my husband on the weekends and have a few hours of left seat lessons, I am still struggling to find time for lessons. I work in Compliance for a small start-up pharmaceutical company in downtown Chicago, and live in Libertyville, near the Wisconsin state line, so I commute 3 hours/day. But we still make time for the aviation activities we love –the fly-in breakfasts and “\$100 hamburgers”, the 99s (Jill) and Civil Air Patrol (Dan). Together with our children we volunteer with EAA Young Eagles flights and take annual trips to AirVenture.

The 99s is a great organization to keep women flying with like-minded trailblazers, but also to encourage those of us who need that extra push to keep up with the lessons, to gain additional certifications, or to get up in the air anyway we can.

For those who love to fly and those with an extra seat in their planes, **LET’S GO FLYING!**



# TWO OF OUR CHICAGO 99S TO BE HONORED IN MAY !!!!



## ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME BANQUET & INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Thursday May 25, 2017 at 6PM

Hilton Garden Inn \* 1501 S. Neil Street \* Champaign, IL 61820

### 2017 Inductees

Marshall Knox  
Cynthia Madsen  
Thomas Milton  
Lloyd Thomas  
Steve & Tina Thomas

### 2017 Spirit of Flight Awards

AeroStar Consulting Corporation  
Challenger Learning Center of Normal

Reservations for the banquet and induction ceremonies: \$60.00 (includes tax & gratuity)  
Please forward your check made out to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame to:

Mr. Tom Cleveland  
Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame  
1117 Foxpointe Drive  
Sycamore, IL 60178

Questions: 815-748-8102 (Office) or 815-895-2102 (Home) or email: groverdkb1@comcast.net  
Tickets will be held at the registration desk to be picked up on the evening of the banquet.  
Banquet tickets will not be mailed.

### Hotel Information

Hotel arrangements for this event are arranged jointly with the Illinois Aviation Conference. Please reference the Room Code shown for the Hilton Garden Inn and register by telephone directly, or use this link: <http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/illinoisaviationconference> to obtain the conference hotel rate. Other nearby hotels are the Homewood Suites next door and the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham just a few blocks south.

Hilton Garden Inn Room Code: ILAVC	1501 S. Neil St 121.00 plus tax	Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 352-9970
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Homewood Suites	1417 S. Neil St,	Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 352-9960
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Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham	101 Trade Center Dr.	Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 398-3400
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**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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