

# AIR NEWS

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

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## SPRING IS SCHOLARSHIP SEASON

The **Santori Scholarship** applications have been received and evaluated and the winners are on page 3

The **Ruth Frantz Scholarship** applications are due April 1st. The committee will evaluate and judge them and the winners will be notified. The May issue of Air News will have the winners names.

The **Chicago Area Chapter Scholarship** applications are also due April 1st. See our May issue of Air News for that announcement.

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fly Now Awards have been renamed **First Wings Scholarship**. The winners of this award are paid as each reach their goals along the way to their Private Pilot Certificate Those apps were due to our AE Scholarship Chair on April 1st. You will see the winners in the next issue following the announcement.



## OTHER SPRING EVENTS TO CONSIDER

The **North Central Section Meeting** will be presented “virtually” on May 1st. Right now—**RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE!**- the North Central Section Governor is asking for a few good members (old or new) to present a very short session on that afternoon. There will be 3 fifteen-minute fun, educational and interactive sessions. Please volunteer to be a host of one. Contact [governor@ncs99s.org](mailto:governor@ncs99s.org) (THINK OF HOW GOOD THAT WILL LOOK ON YOUR NEXT SCHOLARSHIP APP OR RESUME) See planned schedule on page 3.

Our **Chicago Area Chapter Election of Officers** will take place in April, results announced in May, with the swearing in ceremonies on June 13th hopefully, at an outdoor airport location to be determined. Ballots will be sent soon. See the slate on page 4

## AND THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT FALL—

**The Fall First Wings Scholarships.** If you are a student pilot member of the Ninety Nines, you can apply for help completing your training and taking your checkride, with this scholarship. Watch our newsletter, and Facebook pages, and prepare early to submit your application. Remember, a deadline for application is not the day you should aim for. Aim instead for an earlier date so that you have some wiggle room.

**The Fall North Central Section Meeting in TOMAHAWK WI** September 23-26, 2021 Should be fun after so long without our friendly weekend gathering. Save the date, reserve a plane, invite a friend, fellow pilot, other Chapter member, or even, your spouse! Event will be held at the Treehaven Education and Conference Center. Look it up on line. The Northwoods Chapter is hosting.

## WHO'S WHO

### CHAIR

Eva Kozlowski

### VICE CHAIR

Mona Knock

### SECRETARY

Cynthia Madsen

### TREASURER

Colleen Murphy

Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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## EVA KOZLOWSKI

## CHAPTER CHAIRMAN



Greetings Fellow 99s and Friends –

When we think of April, we usually think of the phrase, April showers bring May flowers, April Fool's Day and spring.

It definitely rains more in April, but that should not dampen our efforts to get out and fly. After a rain, the air smells nice due to "petrichor," which is the term used to describe the unique earthy smell. After a flight, we might smell the burning of fuel and a little exhaust, which to some pilots, is like a fragrance we never get enough of.

On April Fool's Day, people play tricks on us and try to fool us. Don't be a fool yourself when it comes to properly operating your aircraft. Follow all the pre-flight procedures and the aviation protocols – the procedures are in place for a reason – keeping you, your passengers, and your aircraft safe.

April also is the month when spring starts to kick in high gear; the weather warms up and we see nature come alive. The same holds true for pilots. We start to get in gear, warm up and do more flying than we did in the colder months that we just experienced. We start to come alive in terms of following our passion of flying.

As the phrase goes about bringing, May flowers, as pilots, in the spring we also bloom as we fine-tune our skills, gain more experience and become more proficient at flying. I encourage everyone to take this time of year to 'blossom' in terms of your flying related abilities.

Here are a few milestones that occurred in the month of April related to women and aviation:

April 16, 1912 Harriet Quimby is the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

April 8, 1922 Thereza Di Narzo is the first Brazilian woman to earn to earn a pilot's license.

April 8, 1931 – Amelia Earhart climbs to a record altitude of 18,415 feet in a Pitcairn PCA-2 Autogiro at Willow Grove near Philadelphia.

Some miscellaneous reminders:

The nomination committee has convened to discuss new board nominations. It is important for everyone to be involved in some capacity to enable our organization to grow and prosper.

Earth Day is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and is an annual event celebrated around the world to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Let us all remember to do what we can as individuals to protect our planet. Some ways we can protect our planet, recycle, ride your bike or walk (if possible) versus taking your car for short trips, plant a tree and use less energy overall (heating and air conditioning).

Finally, as we emerge from the pandemic, there will be changes since no one knows what the new normal will eventually end up being. No matter what the future turns out to be, we should strive to remain flexible, patient and be ambassadors of kindness – it can make the world a better place.

Happy and safe flying –

*Eva*

# WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF THE 99S?

## WHAT IS A SECTION MEETING?

The Ninety-Nines are unique. We date back to 1929. We are THE international organization for women who fly. We have a structure that grows out of grass roots membership groups that are geographically oriented. In the US and Canada that includes Chapters—like ours. Next step up in hierarchy are Sections (our Chapter is part of the North Central Section) and the many foreign countries have their own Section, without Chapters. Over all of the Sections is our International Board, made up of elected Officers and Directors. Scroll through our International website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org) and see how big and wide we reach. Be proud of what you are part of.

Our North Central Section meets twice a year in spring and in fall. Members from 15 Chapters in our 9 state (IL, IA, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI) region attend to conduct the business of the NC Section and enjoy each others company for a weekend. Our International Board holds it's Annual Conference and Business Meeting in summer. All have been virtual lately including for our Spring meeting May 1. Here is the posting and invitation to attend May 1, 2021 10 am to 4 pm.

## SPRING 2021 NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

Attend the business meeting, stay for the education and interaction

**10:00--- 11:30 AM CDT** Business Meeting

**Noon – 12:45** Awards Celebration 49 ½,

Spinning Prop

Governors Service Award

Richard J. Santori Scholarship

**1:00 – 2:30 PM CDT** Lake Erie Chapter Virtual Tours (Good Year Blimp, NASA Glenn Research)

**2:45 – 3:45 PM** “Hangar Crawl” 3 15 minute fun, educational and interactive sessions

Hangar #1

Hangar #2

Hangar #3

Volunteer to [governor@ncs99s.org](mailto:governor@ncs99s.org) Present any topic of interest to pilots i.e.

which is the best Foreflight Garmin or other?

where can you fly for the best breakfast?

how to plan a group fly out

how to attract new members

how we can contribute a little (or a lot) of our time

how do you put on Girl Scout Aviation Day

or any other topic you wish

You will be receiving a registration/invitation any day now. Please consider joining in this event

We are part of a great organization and you can help it grow and prosper

**YOU ARE A NINETY NINE**

**WOMAN PILOT**

## CHAPTER ELECTION 2021

Your Chicago Area Chapter Nominating Committee Jill Feldman, Ellen O'Hara, Sue Nealey has successfully completed its work and presents the slate to you here  
They will send you a ballot to execute and return.

CHAIRMAN	Madeleine Monaco
VICE CHAIRMAN	Mona Knock
SECRETARY	Shelley Ventura
TREASURER	Deena Schwartz
PAST CHAIRMAN	Eva Kozlowski
NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2023	Vickie Szewczyk
	Larisa Kano
	Eva Kowlowski



Our officers will be sworn in at our June 13th gathering at an area airport.  
Please save that date to celebrate our outgoing officers and welcome the incoming Board.

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## SANTORI SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Santori Scholarship applications have been received, evaluated and judged. The winners will be presented their Certificates at the May 1 Spring North Central Section Meeting. All of the applicants were excellent and we have encouraged all of those who did not achieve success this time, to apply again next year.

The Committee includes Chair, Cynthia Madsen, and members, Madeleine Monaco and Deb McGee (our North Central Section Vice Governor).

\$2,000 to **Kathryn Crihfield** for her CFI

Katy is a member of the Chicago Area Chapter who was a Naval Aviator, retired, and now teaching high school and working to earn her CFI.

\$1,000 to **Brenda Frye** for her initial certificate

Brenda is a member of the Iowa Chapter who is training for her Private Pilot Certificate.

\$1,000 to **Astrid Melms** toward her instrument rating

Astrid belongs to the Wisconsin Chapter

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



We thank our generous donor, Gina Santori, for continuing to fund this award.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HISTORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

**Dear Chicago Area 99s and Friends,**

An invitation is extended to all who want to help record our chapter history!

Right now we are using our cell phones and Adobe Pro to take photos of each scrapbook. We'd also like to find a scanner or scanner wand to do the work, so if you have one, please let us know. Student Pilot member Sarah Lichtenwalter has joined our committee and is looking forward to seeing the highlights of our history as she helps to record it. It will then be given to our headquarters museum for others to see. If you would like to have some fun looking at these while helping, please contact me for more info!



Thanks, Ellen O'Hara, CAC and NCS History Committee

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### Member News

Wish good luck to our member **Hannah Wilson**. (She came to Bult last summer) She is joining the Navy and reports: " My ship out date is May 16" We have asked her to keep in touch.

AE Scholarship Chair for the Chapter Sharon Schorsch asked our members to approve the application of **Daija Murray** for the First Wings Scholarship (formerly the Fly Now Award). Daija has been a member of our chapter since December. She attended the last virtual meeting on March 18th. Because of the pandemic, we have not had the opportunity to meet with her in person. You responded in support of her app and she is in the running for the Spring Awards. Good Luck Daija!

Remember that email you all received from Director Robin Hadfield? Well, **Katy Crihfield** was chosen to shoot the commercial and has filmed at PWK, and in Ohio for the piece. We hope that we get some video to put on Facebook, but will advise further when we know more.

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### NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

I was flying VFR above a broken/scattered layer with tops at about 9,500 feet after having climbed above the layer. Though I get flight following on 95 percent of my flights, traffic was so light, due to the pandemic, that I chose not to speak with ATC this day. I knew I had to fly well south of my destination before I could descend in relatively clear conditions. As I was descending and turning to the northwest, I was suddenly staring directly at a commercial jet crossing my path from right to left [approximately] 3 miles directly ahead and below less than one thousand feet.

I initiated a hard turn to the right and a shallow climb, and I noticed the jet banking to its right. I was surprised to see a jet in this location at this altitude.... I fly this route often for training, but rarely above 6,000 feet, so later after landing, I studied the [local] STARs and saw that this jet was right where it was supposed to be on the STAR. I had collected the weather soon after the traffic encounter, and it was reporting 5,500 [feet] broken, which equates to an MSL ceiling of 7,000 [feet] and is about where the jet was. I realize, now, that the jet was descending through the cloud layer that I flew around, and the jet speed was such that it must have emerged from the cloud layer during my momentary heads down to get the frequencies at my destination. The encounter was rattling, and I can imagine the pilots of the jet making a colorful comment or two about general aviators.

There are many obvious lessons here. Talk to ATC, maintain a traffic scan, and pay closer attention to any traffic information available on the Multi-Function Display (MFD). Nevertheless, I realize, now, that I do not have a full understanding of the STARs in my area, since they are generally used by turbojet aircraft capable of 250 knots and arriving from the flight levels. In particular, I note that there are 25 STARs published for the airports under the [local] Class B Airspace. I believe it would be helpful for all general aviation pilots in this crowded airspace if there was a chart, showing all the routes, that was color coded for altitude. A chart with high glance value would be worth checking when traversing the region VFR. Better yet would be a layer on ForeFlight or other Electronic Flight Bags (EFBs) showing all STAR routes with a selectable altitude, say, between 6,000 and 7,000 feet, or between 7,000 and 9,000 feet, etc.

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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**NO BUSINESS MEETING**  
**IN APRIL**  
**WATCH FOR MAY**  
**EVENT/MEETING**

**HAPPY  
SPRING**

