

# AIR NEWS



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

December 2023

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## SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 1st FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY

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[99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com)



Register NOW!

Holiday Party



**Your hostesses for the Holiday Party have chosen to benefit WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) during this holiday season. Your voluntary donation of cash, check or gift card will be used as they see fit for the families they are caring for right now!**



Sunday, December 10, 2023

The Village Greens of Woodridge  
1575 W 75<sup>th</sup> Street Woodridge, IL

From Noon to 3 o'clock

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of meals \_\_\_\_ @ \$ 36.00 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Options:

- 1) Send via Zelle to [99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com)
- 2) Use Dues/Donate button at <https://chicagoarea99s.org/>
- 3) Mail check payable to Chicago Area 99s to

SHELLEY VENTURA, TREASURER

**IF PAYING ONLINE PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO [99CHICAGOTREASURER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:99CHICAGOTREASURER@GMAIL.COM)  
with your name, phone number and number attending**

Questions event/meals? Contact Vickie

Questions payments? Contact Shelley

**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 successful event—our Swap Meet at Schaumburg netted a van load of donations and a few special items that changed hands. Erica looked GOOD in that leather jacket! :-)) It doesn't take a lot to host a meeting. A good idea, a location, a plan, and off you go. We still need a few members to step up for something next November and to host 2024 Holiday Party. See below.

November—Business Meeting Social event Weeknight or weekend—**OPEN**

December—HOLIDAY PARTY weeknight, weekend brunch lunch or dinner.

This can be what, when and where you make it happen—Its **OPEN!**

**Upcoming Events:**

December 10	Holiday Party - Village Greens Golf Course in Woodridge, IL
January 26, 2024	Pre-Expo Dinner—fun, food and friends night before EXPO
January 27	Aviation Expo—Renaissance Suites Glenview

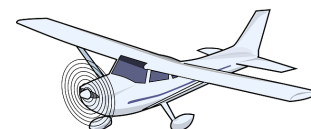
\*\*\*\*\* THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY PARTY looks like a great event. \*\*\*\*\*

Our hostess with the mostest, Vicki S, has partnered with Donna K and they have arranged for a grand buffet, with cake and a cash bar! What more could you ask for! **RSVP** Bring guests Join in the celebration of the season! Family, friends, any kind of guest you think will enjoy! Bring them all.

***It's a very rare event when a decent flying day happens on Aviation Expo Day. Our visibility outside is usually poor with cold temps and wind. Inside are all warm, with great attendance, sight lines, and superb learning experiences. THIS is the event that tells the world of aviation that 99s make a substantial contribution to the Midwest pilot community. The fact that the State of Illinois, Division of Aeronautics supports us, and the FAA Team notifies the large Midwest area pilot population and grants WINGS credits, should let you know that we have earned their respect. You have an opportunity to make a difference. You have an opportunity to network for career opportunities. You can make our light shine brighter—NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. Sign up to help out. Lots of good options for both introverts and extroverts. Just ask!!! TEXT ME TO SAY YES—I'LL HELP. 847-431-1847***

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

*Madeleine*



**Chicago Area Chapter 99's Meeting Minutes**  
November 12, 2023 Schaumburg Airport

Attendees: 99's: Larisa Kano, Vickie Szewczyk, Jill Feldman, Deb Meznarsic, Ellen O'Hara, Corie Wild, Sharon Ann Schorsch, Megan McArthur, Kathryn Morrisey, Piper Colantone, Mary Lou Erikson, Eva Kozlowski, Erica Okwuazi, Susan Zurcher, Laurie Mule, Linda Millon, Amy Larson, Cindy Schaefer 49 ½: Victor Zurcher Guest: Deneane Colantone (Piper's Mom), Anderson Miller Friend of the 99s: Tony Greco

Meeting was called to order at 1:10. Introduction of members and guests.

**Chairman Report** Madeleine is unable to attend due to a hip issue. She had a great time in Jordan at the International Convention. Larisa Kano, the chapter vice-chairman is chairing today's meeting.

**Secretary's Report** The last minutes are from the October meeting and were published in the November newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published by Linda Millon and seconded by Mary Lou Erikson. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** Shelley is away today. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed.

**Old Business**

2024 Hostesses - Ellen O'Hara needed dates for February, March and November. Corie Wild & Deb Meznarsic volunteered for February 18. Megan McArthur and Eva Kozlowski will host for March 10. She still need a hostess for November and December

Holiday Party- The Holiday Lunch is on December 10, 2023 at Village Greens Country Club in Woodridge, IL at noon. Please get your reservation in soon. Using the chapter website is encouraged. We hope to see everyone there!

Scholarships – Ana Adona 1<sup>st</sup> Wing Award. and Nadia Solano Rodriguez 1st Wings Award were announced at the Jordan International Conference. Programs were brought back for each of them Congratulations!

Sharon Schorsch reminded everyone that the deadline for the Amelia Earhardt Scholarship is January 1, 2024. Please read the guidelines meticulously. Also, a new Chapter scholarship of \$1000 will be available soon. The scholarship is due to a donation from Chicago Executive Airport. Details will be announced in the December newsletter. The deadline for applications will be February 1, 2024.

Aviation Expo – The program is almost set. Madeleine is working on the finishing touches. Eva Kozlowski overseeing the vendor area. Please send Eva any vendor leads that you might have. We will need volunteers for the event. The Expo is January 27, 2024. There is a dinner for 99's, presenters and possibly WIA members the night before (1/26). Details to come.

**New Business**

Air Race Classic – Bult Field (C56) will be a stop on the 2024 ARC. The dates are June 19-21, 2024. Cynthia Madsen has volunteered to be the stop chairman. More volunteers will be needed.

Girls Aviation Day (GS Badge Day) – Megan McArthur informed the Chapter the event will be at Lewis University. The date will be in May. The University is working on their calendar and will let us know the date shortly. Maegan asked for a few volunteers to form a planning committee. Deb Meznarsic, Cindy Schaefer and Corie Wild volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45. Vickie Szewczyk, Secretary

After the meeting we had a Swap meet to share unwanted items. Many treasures found new homes. The leftover items were donated to WINGS. WINGS is a non-profit organization that works to end domestic violence by providing housing, integrated services, education and advocacy. Shelly Welch of WINGS gave a very informative talk about Wings and domestic violence.

**Chicago Chapter Student Pilot Report**

**Marilyn Handschiegel Black** "I'm still plugging away and very close to soloing now that my landings have improved. I started working with CFI Alex Denig of Fly America at KDKB. Alex is about to leave for the airlines so has had time to work with me more consistently! What a difference consistency makes! I'm pretty much down to the solo work and checkride prep."



## AE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADVANCED RATING/CERTIFICATE

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN DECEMBER!

Don't hesitate to contact me (Sharon Schorsch) if you are thinking of applying: rudderschorsch@yahoo.com or 262-358-1420.

This scholarship is very competitive. You **MUST** read the application carefully, meet all of the qualifications, been an active member of the Chicago Area Chapter and show financial need. Members will be voting their approval. The earlier I receive it the better for all.

Some things to address:

1. It is never too early to get started.
2. Read the application thoroughly.
3. Read the instructions thoroughly.
4. Be sure your letter of recommendation is signed and dated.
5. Stress financial need in your essay.

*Sharon Ann Schorsch, Chapter Scholarship Chair*



### If you have an aviation goal and financial need - you should apply.

The AE Scholarship applications are available on the **MEMBERS ONLY** section of the Ninety Nines website.

Information regarding this year's applications: **AE Scholarship Application Deadline is January 1, 2024**

Please read the instructions carefully and note that there are some changes in the application forms. Applicants may apply for a certificate or rating provided training for all prerequisite certificates or ratings required for the certificate they are seeking will be completed before March 5. **All Applicants and AE Scholarship Chairmen MUST read the General Requirements and Instructions before downloading the appropriate application form.**

There are five separate Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship applications in order to accommodate the most common types of requests. The applicant should use the application form most appropriate to her circumstances and goal.

Application forms: The files **MUST** be downloaded, then opened with Adobe Reader on a computer, not on a tablet or smartphone. The fillable fields will not appear on a tablet or smartphone. The forms may be downloaded or printed.

The file can be saved to your personal computer.

ALL Applicants Submission Deadline:	Received by January 1st annually
Chapter to Section Submission Deadline (when applicable):	Received by January 15th annually
Section to Trustees Submission Deadline:	Received by February 5th annually
Applicant MANDATORY Update to Trustees (if applicable):	Received by March 5, 2024
Judging of apps completed (Trustees & Outside Judges):	By April 8th 2024
Notification of Results:	By April 15, 2024
AE Scholarship Awards Banquet (Optional Attendance):	99s International Conference, July 2024
Winners' Training Must Be Complete:	By June 30, 2025

**Reminder-there is a webinar in the [resources](#) section of the website called AEMSF Scholarships - Tips for Strengthening Your Application.**



## Chicago Area Chapter 99s Scholarship Application for 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information : Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What do you wish to pursue with this award? \_\_\_\_\_

How much will this cost? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the requirements necessary? \_\_\_\_\_

(appropriate medical, adequate number of flight time, etc.)

Attach a letter showing your goals and financial need. What have you done already to accomplish your goal?

Submit a copy of current page from your logbook.

Note: This award is for members of the Chicago Area Chapter.  
We have received a donation of \$1000 from Chicago Executive Airport  
to be distributed as we determine.

The **Deadline for submission is February 1, 2024.**

Applications must be sent in one PDF file to:

Sharon Schorsch  
[rudderschorsch@yahoo.com](mailto:rudderschorsch@yahoo.com)

Winner(s) will be notified by March 15, 2024 and must be willing to provide  
monthly updates on the use of the funds in person, or via email.

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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**CHAPTER CALENDAR**

<b>2023</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>HOSTESS</b>
DEC	10	12 NOON	HOLIDAY PARTY VILLAGE GREENS WOODRIDGE	VICKIE S/DONNA K
<b>2024</b>				
JAN	26	6PM	PRE-EXPO MEET AND GREET DINNER	EXPO TEAM
JAN	27	ALL DAY	EXPO IFR/VFR RENAISSANCE GLENVIEW HOTEL	EXPO TEAM
FEB	18	12:30	DEKALB AIRPORT	CORIE W
MAR	10	TBD	LAKE IN THE HILLS AIRPORT	MEGAN M
APRIL	26-28	WEEKEND	GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER NCSECTION MTG	NCS BOD

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