

AIR NEWS

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

FEBRUARY 2018



Front of house crew—L to R Natalie, Madeleine, Susan, Karen and Bobbi.



Cynthia and Deb teaching the Flying Companions



Ellen selling 50/50 raffle tickets to a fox :-)

AVIATION EXPO 2018 IS IN THE RECORD BOOK

(at least in our record book)

More than 20 vendor tables

More than 300 in attendance

More than 30 volunteers working

Old friends and new faces everywhere

WE CALL IT A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of our team

Natalie Berman	Susan Kelsey
Karen Ballard	Cynthia Madsen
Deb Meznarsic	Ellen O'Hara
Mary Lou Erikson	Mariko Dосkow
Julie Richey	Larisa Kano
Diane Cozzi	Gail LaPook
Debbie Karas	Leslie Prellwitz
Susan Hillman	Rhonda Khabir
Carol Para	Karen Ness
Alissa Kano	Elizabeth Greenwood
Ralph Madsen	Grant Prellwitz
Gregg Erikson	Blake Thomas

All of the members of our 99s family: workers, vendors, speakers, and attendees are generous with their time and valued for that generosity. Thanks to all!

We had a very nice write up on Flying Magazine enews post

<https://www.flyingmag.com/chicago-area-99s-expo-attracts-large-crowd-despite-weather?Mb8u4XFQvXwywW6z.03> In case you don't yet subscribe, you might want to click on this link. [Subscribe to Flying's eNews](#)

Also sign up for www.simpleflight.net They gave us great advance publicity!

WHO'S WHO

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Deadline for submission the 20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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FLYING and FRIENDS

JILL FELDMAN, CHAIRMAN

Dear Chicago Area Chapter 99s,

In lieu of my normal Chairman's letter, I read this letter in the International 99s archives and thought it was interesting and would enlighten us on the feelings of some of the 99s in the early days. I hope you will enjoy this as much as I did! *Jill*

December 31, 1929

Cecilia M. Kenny, Buffalo, New York

My Dear Mrs. Kenny:

The impression seems to have gone out that we girl pilots have some sort of conflict with the men pilots. This is exactly the opposite to the facts. We want no militant girl pilots. We are not fighting for anything. We are not striving for any more consideration than we have already received. As a matter of fact, we are trying to bring about a different attitude toward the girl in aviation, whereby, she is accepted as an equal rather than spoiled as something rare and very precious.

So far the girl fliers have received much more gratitude than we deserve in proportion to our achievements. Our slightest accomplishment is hailed as a great feat. For many years men have been doing marvelous things in the air. The aviators in the war accomplished feats and made records that surely no woman can ever hope to attain. We believe that our girls can and will learn to fly as well as the average man, better than many, but it does not seem likely that we will ever equal the remarkable skill of countless men fliers both in our own country and abroad.

In this organization of ours it is hoped that we can encourage girls to enter flying schools with the determination not to accept any special consideration because of her sex. She must make up her mind to learn to do her own work; to accept no quarter from the men, and thereby, learn to be useful. Women have a future in aviation only so long as we prove to be of value. This does not mean publicity value. At present our strong point seems to be that because there are so few of us doing this work, we receive more attention from the public and the press than men who do the same work, and better work. For this reason many girls receive high salaries and fine positions because it is thought they are more valuable from a publicity angle than a man would be in the same position. This will not always be true, for the world will gradually expect women to fly. It will no longer be news of first page interest when a woman takes to the air. When this time comes, girls will have to demonstrate their real ability on a large scale, if they expect to hold their own. This we have not yet done. Some outstanding women have accomplished notable things, but no woman has accomplished anything to compare with the many marvelous things done by the great men pilots. We have no quarrel with the men. They have given us our training. We feel only the deepest gratitude to them for their wonderful patience and their inspiring example.

By trying to eliminate the sex idea in flying, we are not seeking advantages, but are trying to learn more by working shoulder to shoulder with our men, and by becoming self-reliant, for when we fly solo they are not with us to help in case of emergencies. We have only our judgment to rely upon and if we have not learned to do our own thinking serious difficulties will come about. For our own protection we must all learn to think for ourselves, to rely on ourselves, and to do as much work as possible on our planes.

It must be remembered that this club is for all licensed girl pilots. The new girls have just as much right as those who flew in the Derby. We want your ideas. Won't you take an active interest in this and send us your suggestions? An envelope is enclosed for your reply.

It is earnestly hoped that this girl pilots' club can line up decidedly for national defense. In any emergency, either in peace time or war time, an efficient corps of girl fliers could be of real service to their country. In a devastated flood area or a section destroyed by fire, or any other difficulty that might arise in

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CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S – MINUTES – January 27, 2018

The chapter meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm on January 27, 2018, by Vice Chairman, Natalie Berman, during the lunch break at the Aviation Expo at the Itasca Holiday Inn.

Minutes from last meeting were approved as published.
Treasurer's Report was sent via email and will be filed.

Membership Chair, Karen Ballard, reported 92 members in the Chicago Area Chapter. Let's push for 99 members this year!

All those present signed in and introduced themselves – new people present were Larisa Kano (Dacy Airport), Elizabeth Greenwood (Midway), Rhonda Khabir (PWK)

Reminders given for: Girl Scout Day – May 12 – at Chicago Executive/Atlantic Aviation.
Jill Feldman and Ellen O'Hara, Co-chairs. Contact them if you can help.

Also, Susan Kelsey, PR Chair for 2019 International Convention in Dayton said there is a planning meeting next week in Dayton. She will have more details on what help she needs after that meeting.

Cynthia Madsen had a question about the mid-winter meeting – no answer forthcoming.

Madeleine Monaco announced that Rita Adams is with her daughter in Madison and doing rehab after heart attack.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE:

The 2018 AEMSF FLY NOW Applications are now available

There is money available if you have financial need and serious aviation goals. Please read the material and, if you have questions, contact our Chapter's Amelia Earhart Scholarship Chair, Sharon Schorsch, at sfschorsch@yahoo.com. These are funds for Student Pilot Members to continue and finish their initial pilot license. Follow the link below for this type of funding.

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/AEMSF/FlyNowApplication.pdf>

The 2018 Santori Scholarship Applications are now available

This award is open to members of the North Central Section (which includes our Chapter). These funds are awarded annually for additional ratings/licenses at \$2000 each. A student pilot 99 can apply for help in completing her initial license at \$1000. The Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship offers two annual scholarships to members of the North Central Section ("NCS") under the auspices of The Chicago Area Chapter of The Ninety-Nines ("CAC").

PLEASE APPLY THERE IS FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR GOALS!

2018
Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship Application
\$2,000 to a Ninety-Nine for Advanced Certificate or Rating

Name _____ email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Chapter: _____

Application for which certificate or rating? _____

Please enter below the name of the person who will provide a reference and indicate their relationship to you. Supply their email address if possible.

Please attach an essay (essay may not exceed one page, one side only) and include at least the following elements:

- Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation, and participation in The Ninety-Nines. Be specific.
- Describe your goals in aviation or aerospace, and opportunities. Tell us what you have already accomplished in pursuit of these goals, pertinent to specific certificate/rating sought. Why are you seeking this specific training? How will it help you qualify for or advance in an aviation-related profession or charitable cause?
- Tell us how you have financed your training and education so far. Make a statement of financial need for completion of this training.
- How will awarding you this scholarship benefit The Ninety-Nines and the aviation community?
- If applicable, clearly explain any training request that might be considered unusual.

The completed application must include:

- This form and attached essay.
- Proof of certificates, ratings, knowledge test taken (with score) and medical held.
- A copy of the last page(s) of your logbook showing current hours flown.
- A letter of reference from someone not a family member and outside of the aviation community.
- A letter of recommendation from your chapter chair.
- The signed and dated Signature Form.

SIGNATURE FORM

Print full name: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Return three (3) copies of the Application and attachments to:

Chicago Area Chapter of The Ninety-Nines

Cynthia Madsen

Completed Application and Attachments Must Be Postmarked by **March 1, 2018**

2018
Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship Application
\$1,000 to a Student Pilot Member Ninety-Nines, Inc.
For Initial Pilot License

Name _____ email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Chapter: _____

Please enter below the name of the person who will provide a reference and indicate their relationship to you. Supply their email address if possible.

Please attach an essay (essay may not exceed one page, one side only) and include at least the following elements:

Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation, and participation in The Ninety-Nines. Be specific.

Tell us how you have financed your training and education so far. Make a statement of financial need for completion of this training.

How will awarding you this scholarship benefit The Ninety-Nines and the aviation community?

If applicable, clearly explain any training request that might be considered unusual.

The completed application must include:

This form and attached essay.

Proof of student medical certificate held, knowledge test taken (with score), and solo.

A copy of the last page(s) of your logbook showing current hours flown.

A letter of reference from someone not a family member and outside of the aviation community.

A letter of recommendation from your chapter chair.

The signed and dated Signature Form.

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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, or contact Rita by email at:



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!!!

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

Any items for sale, or events to promote? Let me know that too.

Know a new pilot, or a long time pilot you want to receive one of our newsletters? I will send one, or you can forward the one I send you.

Do you have a favorite maintenance shop, avionics shop, paint or upholstery shop? Lets help them to be more successful—share the name and contact info.

Have a suggestion for an event to fly to?

Have a restaurant you want to try for a fly in meal?

Know of a new flight school? Airplane for rent? Ground school? Hangar space?

Tell us! Share! We are all in this together!

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HIGHLIGHTING OUR MEMBER

I started flying in 1970. I was enjoying skydiving and after my brother and I realized that our jump pilot was old and if something happened to him on climb out we would all die because none of us knew how to fly the plane. I got my Private in 1971 at Campbell airport in Grayslake.

I then moved down to Midway airport where I got the rest of my ratings with my brother as my instructor. He had received his flight training through the GI bill and got his ratings quickly. I got my CFI in 1979 and instructed out of Midway. I was appointed as a Designated Pilot Examiner in 1990.

I joined the 99's in 1972. I have served as vice chairman and also on the Illi-Nines race board. I have attended many section and international meetings throughout the years.

It has been my pleasure to be a pilot examiner all these years because of the sheer joy of seeing a great big smile on applicants when I tell them they have passed their test and will receive their certificate or rating that they have worked so hard to get. I have flown with people of all ages but the one thing they have in common is the feeling of accomplishing their goals. Unless you have experienced this, it would be hard to describe it. Just take my word for it.

Your Air News Editor would like to highlight other members. Please send a few paragraphs and a photo for future use.

GAIL LAPOOK



3 generations of Priester family and Gail on the day grandson Alex earned his Commercial Pilot Certificate: Grandpa Charlie Priester, Gail, Grandson Alex and Dad G.J. Priester.

any other difficulty that might arise in peace time, women could carry supplies to devastated areas, they could act as dispatch fliers, and be really useful. They could release men for work requiring greater skill than they already possess. In war time girls could fly hospital ships, ferry airplanes, do dispatch flying of various sorts, carry passengers in some cases, and the best of the girls might possibly fly well enough to carry the Government mails. Many of these things, however require the utmost skill and long years of experience. Our men have demonstrated all these fine qualities. They are flying every day thousands of miles in all kinds of weather and without the slightest attention from either the public or the press. If we would approach them in usefulness and skill, we must learn to fly in this same self- sacrificing way, without hope of big rewards. This is a high goal to strive toward, but it gives us a star to shoot at. It should be an inspiration to all American girls to learn to fly, to develop skill, and fit ourselves for the splendid work ahead in aviation.

Yours for a most successful New Year and happy landings.

Sincerely,

Opal Kunz, Acting President

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

from Ellen O'Hara

I attended GS Cookie Rally Day on January 6, 2018, at All State Arena in Rose mont and handed out 200 Aviation Day fliers to leaders and teens. I was also asked to be a judge for the Girl Scouts' Guinness Book of Records challenge and was given a set of seats in the arena. The record of people who Dunked the Most Cookies (and they were all Girl Scout cookies!) was achieved and recorded at 3,236, surpassing 1,800 previously recorded in India. What fun!



May 12 GS Aviation Day at PWK Wheeling!

We will continue to hand out the half-sheet fliers at our meetings and you are encouraged to give them to your neighbors and friends for their daughters and granddaughters and other young gals they know at church and meetings. We accept grades 4-12 for our day and a patch and snacks are given to the scouts. Adults may also attend. All the info is shown including Program 321478 at their address: GCNWIprograms.org

While handing out fliers in January at the GS Cookie Rally at All State Arena, four separate leaders said they had previously attended our Aviation Day and were definitely going to be there again this year! Sometimes people just need to know the date and info.



Remember that EVERYTHING in aviation covers the educational STEAM subjects:

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.



WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER
CHLOE GRAVER

AIR NEWS

Madeleine Monaco



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Some great gathering and networking events coming up.

-Feb 25 Fly In Lunch at Lansing Airport Linnie Q's 1pm weather permitting
-Mar 14 Drinks +/-or Dinner, Networking Tap House Grill, Wheeling, 530-730pm Susan Kelsey
-Apr 15 Tour the Aurora Sci/Tech Museum Ellen O'Hara
-May 4-6 NCS 2018 Spring Conference Kalamazoo, MI visit to AirZoo
-May 12 GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY, Chgo Executive Airport, Atlantic Aviation Ellen O'Hara
-June 16 Fly to Poplar Grove Brats Lunch with the crowd. Dessert at Mary Lou Erikson's Hgr
-July 4-8 99s International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Aug 19 Chapter Event/Mtg Kenosha Airport Sharon Schorsch
- Sept 16 Chapter Event/Meeting Dacy Airport Larisa Kano
-Sept 21-23 NCS Fall Conference Mansfield, OH
-Oct 21 Chapter Event/Meeting Clow Airport Leslie Prellwitz
-Nov 8th Feed My Starving Children 7:45 Schaumburg (maybe feed the 99s before?)
-Dec 9th Chapter Holiday Party Noon-4 p DPA Flight Center Conference Room

All 99s and their guests are welcome at all meetings.