

# AIR NEWS



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

FEBRUARY 2023

chicagoarea99s.org

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th, 2023 12:30 pm**  
CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER MEETING

**99s VALENTINE'S DAY & GALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Fly in or drive in

Pilot Pete's Balloon Room Schaumburg Airport  
905 West Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193

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## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS—NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT YOUR APPLICATION TOGETHER—FIND A MENTOR

The complete application is on our chapter website. [Chicagoarea99s.org](http://Chicagoarea99s.org)

### Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship

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").

One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 is to be used to assist a 99 in the completion of an additional pilot certificate or rating. Applicants must be a current pilot with the appropriate medical certificate and must be approaching the flight time requirement for the desired rating or certificate.

The other scholarship offers \$1,000 to assist a Student Pilot Member toward completion of an initial pilot certificate in any aircraft. Applicants must have soloed, and, if required for the pilot certificate sought, must have a current medical certificate and must have passed the written exam.

Applicants must be a current member of The 99s, the NCS and their chapter in good standing. Applicants must submit three (3) copies of each: the completed and signed application including the form; attached essay; letter of recommendation from their chapter chair; proof of certificates and ratings held; medical certificate; proof of date and score of knowledge tests taken; copy of last page(s) of logbook showing current hours flown; and a letter of reference from someone outside of the aviation community who is not a relative.

These documents must be mailed to the address on the application form to be postmarked no later than March 1, 2023.

Funds will be paid from receipts which document the training. Receipts must be signed by both the student and instructor and include copies of the logbook if applicable. Funds are to be used within two years of the award date.

Prior applicants and recipients may re-apply in future years. The winning candidate and all candidates who did not qualify will be notified within one month after the receipt deadline.

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

**CHAIR**

**Madeleine Monaco**

**VICE CHAIR**

**Mona Knock**

**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,**

When I begin to put this newsletter together for you, which is often right after the last ones goes out to you, I find myself in the interesting position of deciding which of the many opportunities with the 99s to tell you about. I don't know any member who can participate in everything that's available. There just are not enough hours in the day or days or weeks or months. So when you see something that interests you, but need to know more, shoot me an email or a text and I'll tell you who amongst us knows more about it and can answer your questions from personal experience. Okay?

This issue has info on 2 scholarships—Santori and Amelia Earhart. It has a request for volunteers to support NIFA Collegiate Flying Competitions. It has an offer for you to participate in a successful professional mentoring program designed by and for 99s—PPLI. It has an invitation to join in a weekend full of activities with other 99s in Louisville, Kentucky—our North Central Section meeting.

To help with the sisterhood part, we have published again the information on how to find your "sisters in the sky" online. So many of you don't know, but you can and should look up other 99s when you travel; when you move to a new location; when you need info on the location of your new job opportunity; and when you just simply need a friend away from here!

And of course, we let you know about our next meeting and the calendar of upcoming events.

We are already beginning to work on our Girls Aviation Day, Will you help out?

Can we talk about a plan to go to EAA Air Venture, maybe as a group in a van?

I think we still need a hostess for November meeting—who wants to host?

And one of the most important part of our annual business—keeping our Chapter going. Our Nominating Committee was elected with the last group of officers and we need to start working now on a slate for you to vote on this spring. If you have an idea, a suggestion or an interest, please contact Eva Kozlowski, Vickie Szewczyk, or Larisa Kano. Volunteer to do what my tag line say here



**Say yes to the 99s. Don't just belong, participate!** *Madeleine*

**RECAP/PICTURES FROM 2023 AVIATION EXPO NEXT MONTH IN MARCH AIR NEWS**

# The Call to the Post in Kentuckiana



North Central Section Spring Meeting

April 28-30, 2023 Clarksville, Indiana

**REGISTRATION** The full conference registration includes Hospitality Room snacks, three meals on Saturday, full breakfast buffet, full Lunch buffet and evening Banquet meal. The Kentucky Bluegrass 99s will do their very best to provide transportation to/from the two airports. You **MUST** indicate your arrival information on your registration form and keep the transportation coordinator updated on your arrival time.

**CONFERENCE HOTEL** The meeting hotel is the Radisson Hotel Louisville North. 505 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129. Phone 812-283-4411. The room rate is \$129/night. (Our room rate includes one day early, Thursday, April 27 though departure on Sunday, April 30.) Room options are 2 full beds or one king. Our block of rooms will be held until Thursday, April 13, 2023.

**AIRPORT GENERAL AVIATION** Clark County Regional Airport (**JVY**), Jeffersonville, IN. FBO is Aircraft Specialists, 6005 Propeller Lane, Sellersburg, IN 47172. 800-356-3723. Tie down fees are being waived. Indicate arrival time on the registration form if you need a ride to the hotel and transportation will be provided by local 99s members. Transportation provided to depart on 4/30 by sign up upon arrival.

**COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS** Louisville International Airport (**KSDF**), serviced by Southwest, Delta, American, United, and others. The airport is ten miles from the Radisson Hotel Louisville North. Indicate on registration form if you need a ride to the hotel or are renting a car. Uber/Lyft options are available. Transportation from the hotel back to the SDF terminal on 4/30 by prior sign-up.

**BOOK AIR AND HOTEL EARLY, AS IT IS OPENING WEEKEND AT CHURCHILL DOWNS.**

**FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL** Join us at Derby Dinner Playhouse, 525 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129, for a performance of Escape to Margaritaville. A dinner buffet, drinks, and Jimmy Buffett classics. This is the party we've been waiting for with old and new 99s friends. The price is \$45 and must be paid by Monday, April 3. A block of 75 tickets is on hold. If you decide to attend after that date, you must contact Derby Dinner Playhouse to book your own ticket in a different part of the theater, if there are seats available. If you do not wish to attend the dinner theater, you may relax at the Radisson and enjoy the hospitality room or indoor swimming pool.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIDE TRIPS TO DISTILLERY OR LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM** After lunch on Saturday NCS conference attendees can choose from relaxing at the Radisson, or joining a preselected tour on Main Street of the Stitzel-Weller Distillery (\$25 per person) or the Louisville Slugger Museum (\$16 per person).

**SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET** Our evening banquet speaker will be 99s member Myra Bugbee from the Florida Goldcoast chapter presenting the "First Flight Program". It's an initiative in which 99s members share their passion of flying by taking women of flying age on their first flight. The program helps passengers explore their dreams and ideas for their futures that they may have never thought of or that no role model ever helped them explore. We will learn the tips and tricks of conducting a successful "Let's Fly Now" event.

**HAT COMPETITION** We will have a Kentucky Derby flair to the evening with a Derby hat contest. All 99s members and guests are encouraged to create their own aviation themed head (master)piece to be judged by our International 99s board member. Go big with a full size hat, or small with a fascinator, but don't forget to add an airplane and some contrails to your entry.

**NORTH CENTRAL SECTION AUCTION** Each chapter is encouraged to bring one item to be included in an auction fund raiser for the North Central Section. The auction will be held at the Saturday evening banquet. Individuals may also contribute anything that will help benefit the NCS treasury. Here's a great place to donate aviation related treasures that you would like to share. If chapters/individuals would prefer to make a cash donation to the North Central Section in lieu of transporting an auction item, the NCS Treasurer will happily accept.

**You have two options for registration**

**ONLINE:** You may register online and Zelle, Venmo or mail a check, see below. To register online, go to the secure site

**NCS Spring Meeting ON LINE REGISTRATION**

<https://form.jotform.com/223348322683154>

**ON PAPER BY MAIL:** You may print out this registration form (NEXT PAGE) and send paper copy and check to this address:

Terri Donner  
in 99s Roster

For questions contact:

Terri

**REGISTRATION Deadline APRIL 3, 2023.**  
After that date, as available.



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99s name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Friend of the 99s/Guest/49 1/2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Book hotel room on your own, Radisson Louisville North 812-283-4411 (99 North Central Pilots) Room rate \$129

Check all that apply:

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|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AE Scholarship Awardee | <input type="checkbox"/> Governor         | <input type="checkbox"/> Intl Rep       | <input type="checkbox"/> New 99 (less than 1 year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> President              | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Governor    | <input type="checkbox"/> Past President | <input type="checkbox"/> NCS Officer*              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Wings Awardee    | <input type="checkbox"/> NCS Comm Chr*    | <input type="checkbox"/> Intl Comm Chr  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Pil               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Section Meeting  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer* | * Specify _____                         |  |

Full Registration includes Hospitality Room, Breakfast, Lunch & Banquet on Saturday paid by 4/3/23 for each

99, Friend, Guest and/or 49 1/2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$129 each

LATE Registration (after 4/3/23) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$149 each

A LA CARTE by 4/3/23 (or after book Margaritaville on your own)

Friday evening Derby Dinner Margaritaville \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each

Distillery Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25

Louisville Slugger Museum \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16

Saturday Full Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20

Saturday Lunch Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25

Saturday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45

Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20

Sales Table \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ Zelle \_\_\_\_\_ Venmo

**BANQUET MEAL CHOICE**

Beef

Chicken

Salmon (gluten free)

Vegetarian

Dietary Restriction:

Gluten free

Vegetarian

Allergies (specify)

**REGISTRATION** Deadline: April 3, 2023. Write check to Kentucky Bluegrass 99s Mail check and Registration form to: Terri Donner For questions contact:

### ARRIVALS

I plan to drive. Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Riding with \_\_\_\_\_

GA Arrival at KJVY Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Riding with \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting transportation to the Radisson \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial KSDf Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Flight number \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting transportation to the Radisson \_\_\_\_\_ I will bring an auction item \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION 2: You can register online and Zelle or mail a check, see below. To register online, go to the secure site**

### NCS Spring Meeting ON LINE REGISTRATION

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## OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY 99



I am surprised that more of our highly intelligent, tech savvy members don't take advantage of this valuable resource. So here is a repeat "lesson" for all.

Tutorial: How to get the Chicago Area Chapter member email list (because it changes too often to save the data)

Click on the ninety-nines.org website      Click on the member login box (upper right hand corner)

If you don't already have a password, the instructions are there. Access comes quickly Use your email as member id.

After getting your password you can choose Members Only. Once in the members only area, click on Directory in list on top right and a search form will open

Enter Chicago Area Chapter in the Chapter box and click on Search - a list of all of our members will come up

If you need contact information on only one member, or want to see your own, insert the name in the search form

If you need to save this list (it DOES change often) at the top (and bottom) of this list is a place to choose Save as excel or Save as pdf Chose excel The list will show up as a file (on my computer lower left corner of screen) open that file If you want to see only student pilots search on that. Only members in IL search on state. Only members since 1-1-2022— use that.

If you want to see a member from anywhere else in the world, delete the chapter name and insert her name in last name field

Very useful when you want to find a 99 who lives near you- use a state, city or zip code search

When you want to know if there is a 99 in a foreign country you are going to be in, search on that country.

Officers are listed on the top of each Chapter page—note the name and then search on or scroll down to it.

There is an 99s app for your phone . Try it out.

**REMEMBER THIS INFORMATION IS RESTRICTED**  
**Not to be used for commercial or political purposes.**

## AE SCHOLARSHIP FOR INITIAL PILOT CERTIFICATE

It's that time of year- time to think about applying for the FIRST WINGS AE Scholarship!

Don't hesitate to contact me (Sharon Schorsch) if you are thinking of applying

This scholarship is very competitive. Your active membership in the chapter is critical. 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*



## Chicago Chapter Student Pilot Reports

from Ana Adona

**Congratulations to the editor of this column, Ana Adona. She has completed one more part of her First Wings Scholarship milestones by passing her Private Pilot Knowledge Test with a high score!**

**Elizabeth Sazdanoff** reports: I'm doing everything I can to kind of power-fly to keep my hours up so that I can apply for the Spring First Wings! I'm a little nervous, but I got a good mentor and a great CFI who are both a wonderful support to me. Thank you!!!!

**Marilyn Handschiegel Black** tells us: I have earned my certificate and ready to schedule my written too! How many practice tests have you done? I'm trying to figure out if I wait until I get a 100% to schedule the actual exam, I've gotten as high as 91%+. I was just on the PSI site tonight looking at scheduling maybe the end of this week. I have transitioned from 172's to a Cirrus SR20 and working with a CSIP in Naples where I've focused my flight training. I'm hoping to get it done this spring.

## More Chicago Chapter Member News (and some former members)

**New horizons** As we mourned with Cynthia Madsen the loss of her mother last month, we heard also of the loss of former member Marilyn Mertz—long time friend of Diane Hromek-Sawyer. Here is part of Diane's eulogy for her friend:

Good-bye, my Friend, Marilyn!

Marilyn was a lonely soul. I first met her at her airplane at Clow Airport in Bolingbrook, IL. She was a pretty lady with blond hair and beautiful light blue eyes. I can still see her standing by her single-engine airplane; I think it was a Piper Cherokee. She was waiting for a student to show up for their flight lesson.

I was impressed to meet another lady pilot. Her loneliness drew her to me. After our meeting, I asked her if she was interested in joining the 99's, the International Association of Women Pilots. She agreed to join me at the next meeting. She did become a member for a short while, but then dropped. She was on to big things, like flying! And off she flew. From the Beech Queen Air. She began her career as an instructor and all the way up to one of the top pilots to fly for Sears out of Chicago, Midway Airport.

I remember the time she invited me to come to the hangar to see the aircraft she was flying. WOW! Gulfstream and the Falcon 50. Top of the line. And, flying for the top brass of Sears.

Marilyn could accomplish just about anything. When she bought her home in Bolingbrook, she did the work many ladies would never take on. She was working on the roof herself. She was putting up gutters. She was putting tile in in the house. She loved working on the house. Flowers and gardening she loved too. All around the house were all sorts of flower beds and trees and bushes and especially bird houses. She loved her house.

One time, Marilyn was having a hard time with the male pilots at Sears, generally with male dominance issues in the cockpit. They knew better than she, they thought. But I can tell you, Marilyn was a good pilot. I remember all the studying she had to do to know the aircraft and all the schooling she took to accomplish proficiency.

I'm gonna miss my friend, bigtime. She was my rock. Marilyn was the most pure person I know. She was kind, gentle, happy and loving. Memorial Day, I was told, she had a stroke in her home in Bolingbrook, Illinois. A big box fell on her head. I was told by a source I will not disclose, that she lay there for five days before she was found. She was hospitalized in DuPage County and then put into a care facility until she passed away. She had had a stroke, the entire right side of her body was affected and she could not use it nor could she talk or swallow or eat. She had a feeding tube, etc.

So good-bye Marilyn! Go with God. I know He's got a beautiful place for you up in heaven, flying around with the angels and with our Lord, Jesus! Fly High, Marilyn! Love, Di.

**Get well wishes to long time member —Gail Wenk** Our Chapter's version of Pearl Mesta "The Hostess with the Mostess" Gail is struggling with health issues but we remember her great style and greater leadership in putting together a team not once, not twice, but three times to host a North Central Section weekend meeting. She called them WING DING's. She made each section meeting a 3 day party for 99s from across the midwest.

Hope you get back up and party with us again soon, Gail. There wouldn't have been any "good guys" without you.

Any other news or reports from our members or friends—send it on to your editor

## DO YOU KNOW PPLI?

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Kritika Vincent and I recently started my job as the new PPLI Public Relations Coordinator. I initially started the program in 2014 as a participant, graduated a year and a half later and served as a Mentoring Coordinator for years before becoming the PR Coordinator for the PPLI. Despite graduating from the program, my incredible mentors still continue to unconditionally support my goals and dreams. Not only has this program helped me career wise, but has been a powerful confidence booster.

*What is the PPLI (Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative)?*

The PPLI is a three phase, structured leadership mentoring program that aims to accelerate the advancement of women in all pilot professions, facilitate mentoring, and enhance our leadership role in the aviation community.

Participating in the PPLI could be taking the next step towards your piloting career, or advancing your piloting career.

We would like to inform you that our next application deadline will be at the end of July. If you are interested in joining the program, and you meet the minimum criteria, we encourage you to apply. For your convenience, we hereby add the link to our [PPLI Application Form](#).

Please see our Brochure and Fact Sheet on our website (<http://bit.ly/99ppliWeb>) to give you more information about the PPLI. Also, please don't hesitate to contact us at [mentoring@ninety-nines.org](mailto:mentoring@ninety-nines.org) if you have any questions.

Happy New Year!!

Kindly,  
Kritika

## DO YOU KNOW NIFA?

On behalf of the North Central Section Board, I have offered to help solicit to fill the Chairman position for the North Central Section NIFA Committee from amongst our 14 chapters, all of which fall into 1 of 3 NIFA Regions.

Below you will find a map depicting the regions(states) in which our section chapters fall.

There is an SOP that Marilyn Shafer, Int'l NIFA chair, was kind enough to share. More info can be obtained upon request that very clearly spells out what NIFA does, the regions, the judging.

Marilyn Shafer, a very dynamic 99, is excited to work with whomever forms this committee.

**Our hope is to have a dynamic NCS NIFA committee, reporting to our chapters information from Marilyn.**

Region III ----OH, MI, PA, WV

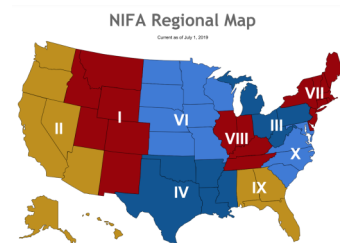
Region VI ---IA, KS, MN, MO, WI, ND, SD, NE

**Region VIII ---IL, IN, KY, TN (our region)**

Please contact me with your interest asap, so we can start this partnership. It would be great to have a 3-person committee with 1 member from each region. Maybe you know someone in your chapter that is just waiting for this opportunity

Thank you!!

Janice Welsh, NCS Past Governor, Indiana Dunes Chapter



## NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE FLYING ASSOCIATION (NIFA)

Purpose To encourage participation in regional and national NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association) events and recognize the top three 99s Women's Achievement Award recipients annually.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- NIFA's objectives are to promote skill, safety, sport and education in college flying. The 99s donate generously with time as judges and officers and monetary considerations. The NIFA Committee Chair should communicate with the International Board of Directors, Sections, Chapters and members regarding NIFA's activities on a regular basis.
- Ensure that National and Regional Events are listed in the Perpetual Calendar of the 99s News Magazine, including dates, locations and identifying the NIFA website [nifa.aero](http://nifa.aero) for further details.
- Ensure that information and procedures on how to volunteer are disseminated to members via The 99s website and official publications (Headquarters Dispatch and The 99s News Magazine) and that National SAFECON results are publicized, including recipients of the 99s Women's Achievement Award sponsored by The 99s.
- At least annually alert members that any donations to NIFA should be made payable to and sent to 99s Headquarters, with the notation "99s Women's Achievement Award" on the check or donate online at [ninety-nines.org/donation.htm](http://ninety-nines.org/donation.htm)
- The 99s sponsor the 99s Women's Achievement Award at NIFA, which is a competition for women who have outstanding records for the preceding year in aeronautics, community service, and scholastic standing. Cash awards and Amelia Earhart medals are given to the winners of this award.
- Respond to questions from Chapters and Sections that are received by Headquarters.
- Provide periodic reports on activities to the International Board at the Spring and Fall Meetings, as requested.
- Submit an annual report to the International Secretary for the Conference Packet.

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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

2023	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	HOSTESS
FEBRUARY	19th	12:30pm	PILOT PETE'S LUNCH, MEETING, & BUNCO AFTER	EVA KOZLOWSKI
MARCH	26th	1:00pm	SKILL AVIATION KUGN, CHAPTER MEETING	YANINA BELAZIORAVA
APRIL	28-30th	WEEKEND	KENTUCKY 99S HOST NORTH CENTRAL SECTION WEEKEND RETREAT (see registration this issue )	TERRI DONNER & KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS 99S
MAY	5-20-23	9-3	GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY LEWIS UNIVERSITY	JILL FELDMAN & MEGAN MCARTHUR
JUNE	6-11-23	1:00pm	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION CHAPTER CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS PRESENTATION	MADELEINE MONACO
JULY	26? 28?	DAY TRIP	EAA AIR VENTURE BY GROUND TRANSPORT	IF ANY ARE INTERESTED
AUGUST	TBD	AFTER-NOON	DACY AIRPORT—A FLIGHT BACK IN TIME	LARISA KANO & KAREN BALLARD

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