

# AIR NEWS

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

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## THIS MONTH IS INTERNATIONAL



### Women in Leadership Panel

What does it take to be a leader? Col. Kathryn Hughes will moderate this panel discussion, featuring exceptional women who will share with you what it takes to be a leader and the path they took to get there.

### Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

PPLI aims to accelerate the advancement of women in all pilot professions, facilitate dynamic mentoring, and enhance our leadership role in the aviation community. The program provides highly motivated 99s with the tools to develop their careers and their leadership abilities. Through guided activities and formal mentoring partnerships, it strengthens and expands the network of women pilots.

### Not yet ready for your airline job?

We will have universities, flight training schools and other local employers to meet so you can gather information to start your flying career.

## 99s International Conference & Career Expo

July 16-20, 2019 | Dayton, OH

Join us for an exciting day in Dayton, OH during the 2019 International 99s Conference & Career Expo



### Pathways to Success Career Expo

Tuesday, July 16 | 10 am – 5 pm

- ✈ Exhibit Hall (10 am – 4 pm)
- ✈ Women in Leadership Forum (10 am – noon)
- ✈ Networking Lunch (noon – 2 pm)
- ✈ Airline Hiring Briefings (TBA)
- ✈ 99s PPLI (4:00 – 4:45pm)

For more information, visit our web site:  
[www.ninety-nines.org/career-expo.htm](http://www.ninety-nines.org/career-expo.htm)  
To register, go to [www.99sconference.org](http://www.99sconference.org)



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## WHO'S WHO

### CHAIR

Eva Kozlowski

### VICE CHAIR

Mona Knock

### Co- SECRETARY

Cynthia Madsen

### Co-SECRETARY

To be appointed

### TREASURER

Colleen Murphy

Deadline for submission the  
20th of the month :

Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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*FLYING and FRIENDS*

JILL FELDMAN  
OUTGOING CHAIRMAN



NEW BEGINNINGS NEW TITLE

EVA KOZLOWSKI  
INCOMING CHAIRMAN

## SAY THANK YOU AND JOB WELL DONE TO OUR OUTGOING CHAIR

Final Chairman's letter (at least for this time around!)

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end" (lyric from Closing Time by Semisonic).

The two years I've spent as the Chairman of the Chicago Area Chapter was both a beginning for me and for the chapter as I learned to use the years of knowledge of the members who held the position before me, and to lead the chapter in a direction that might have been uncomfortable for me and the seasoned members. But the chapter has changed in the last two years, and hopefully the change is sustainable. We have many new pilots and student pilots in the organization, the past leadership is passing the reins onto members with only a few years in the organization, and our meetings are more casual (I still don't know how to use Roberts Rules of Order correctly!).

But this is also a new beginning. Eva, Mona, Colleen and Cynthia will be charting their own course. I will be focusing on my pilot's license so that I can start flying to the meetings instead of driving (when the weather cooperates, of course)! Please make this chapter into what you need it to be by participating in events, being vocal in the chapter decisions, and bringing new ideas. See you in the Sky! *Jill*

## SAY WELCOME AND BEST WISHES TO OUR INCOMING CHAIR

Ninety years of The Ninety-Nines, and counting! This year, as we celebrate ninety years of our women pilots' organization, we have much to look forward to. Much has changed in our world, and in aviation, over these ninety years. Women as pilots is becoming a more recognized career path, though we still have many hurdles to overcome.

The founding members of The Ninety-Nines were trailblazers that paved the way for women pilots. We need to continue to pave the way for current and future women pilots. Our mission statement is as follows:

*"The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight."*

The "advancement of women in aviation through education, scholarship and mutual support," is what we are about, mixed in with a bit of fun and socializing along the way. I am incredibly honored to be chosen to serve as Chapter Chair, and will do my best to serve our organization. I would like to thank Jill and the rest of the out-going Board, for their time, energy and leadership. As we continue to inspire, mentor and support current, and future aviatrixes, with our combined efforts and common passion for aviation, I look forward to working with our new Board, and our growing membership, as a whole.

~Blue Skies and Tail Winds

*Eva*

## MINUTES – CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99s – JUNE 23, 2019

On June 23, 2019 at noon, 28 Ninety-Nines and guests gathered in Mary Lou Erikson's hangar at Poplar Grove Airport for lunch and socializing. After an enjoyable time of visiting and eating, a Find It in the Hangar game, and a Swap Meet, Chairman Jill Feldman called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed for long time member, Joan Kerwin who passed away recently.

Donna Klein reported on an issue with the management of the museum at Clow Airport. They are unhappy with our chapter for failing to show up for several years to man a reserved table at the Cavalcade of Planes. (Donna did sit at the table this year (2019), and it was agreed the chapter should do so in future years. In an effort to further appease, it was voted that the chapter should purchase a membership to the museum at Clow and also the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum at Poplar Grove.

Katie Christiansen spoke about receiving the Fly Now Award and thanked the 99s. She is almost ready for her checkride having completed her training at Poplar Grove in approx. 6 months. Three other student pilots, Kayla Hesano, Anna Hornick and Kristina Leng attended their first meeting. All fly at C77.

Future dates of interest to members were mentioned:

6-30-19 Pancake Breakfast at Lake in the Hills

7/1/19 Run The Runway at Chicago Executive

7-16 to 7-21-19 International Convention – Dayton, Ohio

(Madeleine Monaco will receive Achievement in Aviation Award at the convention)

Madeleine conducted an Installation of Officers ceremony. The gavel was passed from outgoing Chairman Jill Feldman to New Chair Eva Kozlowski. The position of Vice Chair was passed from Natalie Berman to new Vice Chair, Mona Knock. Outgoing Secretary Mary Lou Erikson passed the airplane pen to Cynthia Madsen, Incoming Secretary, and Madeleine Monaco passed the ledger and endorsement stamp to new Treasurer, Colleen Murphy. Thanks to all of the outgoing officers and to the new officers.

New Chairman, Eva Kozlowski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Lou Erikson*, Secretary





Hosted by MaryLou Erikson and her helpful hard working 49 1/2 Gregg our June celebration of new Officers and the arrival of summer (finally) in Northern Illinois took place on Sunday, June 23. The large party room— aka as hangar—was the site for a great lunch, a search the hangar game with prizes, a super swap meet, and oh yeah, a meeting.

We had a 50 year member and lots of 40, 30, 20 and 10 year members. We had 5 or 10 new or very recent members and a bunch of students reporting on their progress in flight training. We had high time pilots and CFIs, an FBO manager and chief pilot, a Designated Examiner. 99s all.

The Swap Meet involved bringing what you no longer want in your home, to give to someone who might want it in theirs. Lots of clothes, household goods, games, jewelry, and just “stuff” was out for the taking. All items left over were delivered to a local charity for distribution to those who need/want the items.

Our hostess cooked sloppy joes, made salads, had drinks, ice cream and cookies. Some guests brought salads, and desserts to share. The weather was threatening, so the only airplanes there were the ones displaced by the party. But that made it easier to bring the swap meet stuff, so it was almost okay.

The big banner that our Chapter owns lives most of the time at Poplar Grove Airport C77, where this gathering took place, but it was spectacularly displayed up high on the hangar door. Fabulous photo op—great backdrop—talented photographer.

We sure like meeting at airports. And with food and games and fun—what’s not to like?

THANKS ERIKSONS !!! YOU'RE THE BEST.



## STUDENT PILOTS TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE

### "Aircraft OPS at Towered and Non-Towered Airports"

Topic: The regulations and common practices encountered by GA Pilots for Ground and Air OPS at Towered and Non-Towered Airports.

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 19:00 Central Daylight Time

#### Location:

Clow International Airport, Illinois Aviation Museum,  
Hangar # 1  
130 S. Clow International Parkway  
IAM Museum - Hangar # 1  
Bolingbrook, IL 60490

Select Number: GL0393179

#### Description:

This presentation will be lecture / discussion format with video media focused on all phases of Flight within both Towered and Non-Towered Airport environments.

*IF ANY CHAPTER MEMBERS ATTEND THIS EVENT, PLEASE SIGN IN AS A 99, SO THE SPONSORS WILL KNOW OF OUR SUPPORT! THANK YOU.*



#### April through October: 11AM-1PM

All airports Eastern Time except for KPPO  
There is no fee – but donations are appreciated to help offset the cost and ensure that Lunch on the Fly continues.

#### 1st Friday of each month

Goshen Municipal Airport (**KGSH**)

#### 2nd Friday of each month

Sweet Aviation, Smith Field Airport (**KSMD**), Fort Wayne

#### 3rd Friday of each month (beginning in May)

Fulton County Airport (**KRCR**)

#### 4th Friday of each month - CENTRAL TIME

LaPorte Municipal Airport (**KPPO**)

#### 5th Friday of each month

Indiana Flight Center, Elkhart Municipal Airport (**KEKM**)

## CALENDAR

July 16-21	99s International Conference	Dayton, OH
	Career Fair July 16	Girl Scout Aviation Badge Event July 21
July 22-28	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI
August	Chapter Event TBD	Watch this space for news
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fetching Market / Meeting	Lansing, IL (Cynthia Madsen)
Sept 13-15	Fall NCS Meeting	Greenwood IN - Hosted by Indiana Chapter
October	Chapter Event TBD	Watch this space for news
November	Chapter Charity Event TBD	Watch this space for news
December	Holiday Party TBD	Watch this space for news
Spring 2020	North Central Meeting	hosted by Chicago Area Chapter
July 2020	99s International Conference	Long Beach, CA on the Queen Mary!!!
Fall 2020	North Central Meeting	Location tbd hosted by Lake Erie 99s

# SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR DEAR MEMBER

## JOAN KERWIN

MARCH 12, 1932 to JUNE 15, 2019

Joan Angela Kerwin, age 87, of Wheaton Illinois, passed away quietly at home on June 15, 2019.

Joan was born and raised in Joliet, IL, the youngest of 5 children of Michael and Angela Settina. She graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1950. Joan's first experience in an airplane was a trip to Mexico, where she discovered her passion for aviation and travel. This inspired Joan to become a Flight Attendant for United Airlines where she met her husband, Walter, an airline pilot.

Joan and Walter raised 3 children at their home in suburban Wheaton. When her oldest child was twelve, Joan pursued flight training with the encouragement of her husband. Obtaining her Private Pilot's License in 1969, Joan joined The Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Women Pilots where she was a member for nearly 50 years. She embraced these women and their mission of education and advancement of women in aviation. Joan held leadership roles in the organization, serving on the International Board of Directors. In this capacity she represented the 99s domestically and in travels to Australia, New Zealand, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Ireland and Germany. She participated in two Powder Puff Derbies—a transcontinental air derby supervised and piloted by women aviators. Amidst these activities, she received her Baccalaureate degree in Political Science from Northern Illinois University in 1987 and completed one year of law school.

Joan was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in 2002 for her substantial contributions to education and flying safety. She was a founding member of the board of directors of the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame, a role she held for over 40 years.

Joan had a passion for her family, travel and aviation. She was most proud of her children and grandchildren by whom she was very much loved and adored.

Joan believed that belonging to an organization came with a responsibility to serve. She tirelessly and selflessly contributed to The 99s starting almost as soon as she joined in 1970. Those who knew Joan appreciated her subtle sense of humor, her quick wit, her aviation knowledge and expertise and her allegiance to The Ninety-Nines. Joan worked quietly in the background, never seeking praise or accolades. She rolled up her sleeves and got busy taking care of business, contributing her time and energy to all levels of our organization. Most importantly, she was a constant ambassador for The 99s, making a point of travelling the world to promote the organization at her own expense. In addition to attending Section meetings across the U.S., she traveled to New Zealand, Australia, China, Northern Ireland, Russia and Kazakhstan (and those are just the ones we know about), all with the intent of spreading the word about The 99s and bringing the continents together. Joan used her flight certificates in a variety of community events from fundraising to convincing the Chicago Board of Education that through orientation flights there was value in placing the study of aviation in public schools. The list of Joan's contributions to The 99s goes on. Most people run for cover whenever someone asks for volunteers; not Joan! She eagerly stepped forward and offered to help. Joan gave much of herself – time, money, laughs, sweat – to The 99s. In 2015 at the International Conference in Munich, Germany, Joan was given The 99s Award of Achievement for contributions to The 99s.

Joan was an active participating member of the Chicago Area Chapter and in her last month on this earth she travelled with Natalie Berman, Amanda Wagner and Madeleine Monaco to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Annual Board meeting and induction of new members. That was May 7th. She was with us to the end.

***We miss you and thank you for all you have done for our organization, The 99s.  
We promise to keep you alive in our hearts forever.***



## MEMBER NEWS—STUDENT PROGRESS NEWS

**Katie Christensen:** Katie Christensen did her first solo cross country today (6/11/19) - Poplar Grove to Mineral Point, WI - 71 nm. She completed long solo cross country from C77 to Freeport (FEP) and Kenosha (ENW). Katie passed her written last month too. Gee Katie, could you get any busier? Picture shown—Katie Christensen (Chicago Area 99) being awarded the Thomas Family Scholarship at Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum on June 9, 2019 That's our Chapter member Tina Thomas presenting!



**Colleen Murphy:** Colleen has done her long cross country solo, and is also studying for the knowledge test. She flies a LSA out of Morris.

**Jill Feldman:** Jill has turned over the gavel for our Chapter and hopes to solo soon. She flies a tail dragger with her CFI husband Dan out of Kenosha.

**Eva Kozlowski:** studying for knowledge test—all requirements done. Two new baby kittens to distract her. She flies a 172 in the NeoFlites Club at DuPage. AND she is our new Chapter Chairman!!!

**Mary Linstromberg** From May ..... In the last month I've logged 2.7 hours for IFR, finding fixes, intercepts, tracking VORs, practicing holds and 3 instrument approaches. Also, I logged 1.8 hours for my first Young Eagles event. 3 flights, 1 child each. Great month! And from June: IFR Flying this month—4.7 hours total. Practiced intercepting. Tracking, VOR Nav, Airways, Approaches and holds. Really had a breakthrough with progress in the last couple of weeks. (see the tracks Mary is flying in the photo on the right.)



**Linda Uznys**—the state shape badge project has been very successful Sales since Linda took over have netted (including comped badges) a profit of \$157.19. Linda's customers have been from near and far, with some new orders from Florida recently.

**20 Chapter members and guests** are going to see Come From Away on August 14th. WAI Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter 20 members will be joining us for dinner and the show. We are hoping for a tour or a visit backstage. Capt. Beverley Bass (subject of the story) may be able to join us

**Madeleine Monaco** pushed the wheelchair for Friend of the 99s **Cindy Florsheim** in the PWK Run the Runway 1 mile walk on June 30. We didn't win place or show, but we sure did show up. Pictures and a story from Cindy next month.

**Kelly Jeffries:** Welcome back! Kelly has renewed her 99s membership. Kelly lives at Poplar Grove and flies for American Airlines. She and her husband own LD Airshows.

Anyone with news to share—we want to share it.

**AND A SUBJECT OF NOTE!!!! THERE ARE TEN COUNT EM TEN NEW MEMBERS SINCE 5-1-19**

**WELCOME TO** Mickael Ashworth-Bloomington, Sara Jane Cahill-Chicago, Julia Harrington-Hoffman Estates, Kelly Ann Jeffries Poplar Grove, Kristina Leng Poplar Grove, Stephanie Dale McClellan Graylake, Yanina Necker Chicago, Megan Joy Shaffer Mattoon, Ceci Strom River Forest and Rosemarie Surette Chicago. We are happy to have each and every one of you. Please come to an event, or meeting and introduce yourself.

So what else is going on? DROP ME A NOTE—WHAT'S UP, WHAT'S HAPPENING? Share!  
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**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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