

AIR NEWS

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



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Fly Out to Lansing Illinois Airport KIGQ Saturday, July 15, 2023, Noon CDT

RSVP by Thursday 7/13 to Tricia DeBlock

Join the Indiana Dunes 99s for a fun lunch at our joint border!



Lynnies Ques is on the 2nd floor overlooking the main ramp at Lansing.

It's a casual restaurant and bar with great service and good food.

FLY OR DRIVE BRING A FRIEND

ENJOY THE DAY

If you fly in, remember to review the new airspace around MDW. This airport is SW of Gary, near the VOR Chicago Heights. The address for those who drive is 3249 Glenwood Lansing Rd., Lansing, IL 60438 708-474-7837

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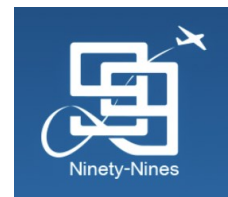
FILL US—WITH KNOWLEDGE

SHARE YOUR WISDOM AND SKILLS
WITH YOUR SISTER WOMEN PILOTS

FUEL US— WITH ENTHUSIASM

WHAT MOVES YOU,
WHAT EXCITES YOU,
WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY

FLY WITH US



WHO'S WHO
in the
Chicago Area Chapter

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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,

I have just been informed that Chicago Executive Airport has designated our Chapter as the recipient of a share of the profits from the airport Run the Runway event held June 24th. We don't know the amount, but the CEA Board has specified "to use for scholarships"

The new Officers and Nominating Committee Members have been sworn in and take the yoke for June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2025. Our commitment to the Chapter includes honoring the Mission Statement of the 99s, International Organization of Women Pilots, "to promote the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight." It includes continuing our very successful Girls Aviation Day event—this year held at Lewis University and educating over 200 girls, parent, leaders, and friends. We host the very well received, IFR/VFR Safety Seminar and Aviation Expo which educates hundreds of pilots and flying companions every January. We are so grateful for all of our members who volunteer to do this work. They are all stars!

**PLEASE HELP US TO FUND ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES
CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHAPTER
\$20 EACH**

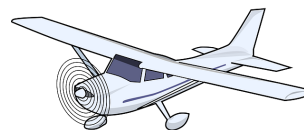
We have accepted the invitation from Indiana Dunes Chapter to a fly-in lunch at **Lynnie Ques on July 15**. at noon CDT. This should be a fun gathering. Rent a plane; students, schedule with your CFI. Owners offer an empty seat in your plane to another woman pilot (member or not)

We have also arranged for a visit to **Gambit Aviation at Aurora Airport on October 14th at 1:00 pm. Lisa Mitchell and Ana Adona will host. Our December Hostess Vickie has booked a restaurant for our Holiday Party. More on that later.** You new members should know that any of you can host a meeting or event. We meet at airports as much as possible. We meet on Saturday or Sunday, but can also meet on a week night. It's almost always possible to get the room for free. You can have food brought in, or not. We can have an educational program or not. We have had flying contests (spot landings, flour bombing, etc.) We have had used goods (garage sale type items) swaps with all leftovers going to charity. We have played buncgo, bocce ball, and bowling (alliteration is only coincidental—we could play pickle ball, or tennis, or mini-golf) We have had a line dancing class, toured an airplane factory, packed food for charity, and more. Once we have a new Hostess Chair, please think about taking one of our ten dates a year and being a hostess. We set the dates and places in advance.

So 99s, what do you feel like doing!
Lots to choose from, right?

Don't just belong, participate!

Madeleine





At our meeting June 25 we honored some of our Chapters best and brightest, and many members who just quietly pitch in all the time and are there whenever they are needed.

Names in red were present to be honored

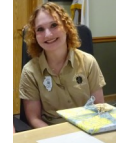
50+ year members: **Ellen O'Hara, Diane Cozzi**, Mary Story, Barbara Silagi, and Carole Hickman

Members who hosted meetings or events **Diane Hromek-Sawyer**, Shona Williams, Maria Linstrom, Eva Kozlowski, **Yanina Belazorava, Jill Feldman**, Megan McArthur and **Madeleine Monaco**

Officers **Mona Knock, Shelley Ventura, Vickie Szewczyk**, Karen Ballard, Cynthia Madsen, Sharon Schorsch, **Diane Cozzi, Yanina Belazorava**, & Megan McArthur Nominating: **Jill Feldman** Megan McArthur **Ana Adona**



Student Pilot of the Year Elizabeth Sazdanoff
Member of the Year Eva Kozlowski
49 1/2 of the Year Tony Greco



Good bye for now to outgoing Vice Chair **Mona Knock.**

Thanks to Laurie Probst, NCS AE Chair, for travelling from Sheboygan WI to install our officers

Never forget the difference you make!!!

Chicago Area Chapter 99's Meeting Minutes June 25, 2023 Chicago Executive Airport

Meeting was called to order at 1:12.

Chairman Report New officers for 2023-2025 are: Madeleine Monaco, Larissa Kano, Shelley Ventura, Vickie Szewczyk, (The Chair neglected to announce the presence of the Nominating Committee: Jill Feldman, Megan McArthur and Ana Adona) An aviation inspired installation was done by Laurie Probst, the NSC scholarship chairman and Wisconsin chapter member. Thank you, Laurie! Also, thank you to Mona Knock for all her service as out-going Vice-chairman and many other duties!

A motion to approve the bylaws was made Diane Cozzi and seconded by Jill Feldman. Motion passed. A motion to approve the standing rules was made by Donna Klein and seconded by Mona Knock. The motion passed.

Four members attended the Kentucky Chapter hosted Spring section meeting. Attendees took care of business, had a derby flying hat contest, went whiskey tasting, met Rosie the Riveter's daughter and enjoyed getting together. The next one is in Dublin, OH 9-29 to 10-1

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the March meeting were published in the April newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published by Jill Feldman and seconded by Donna Klein. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's Report was presented by Shelley Ventura. Girl Scout event day netted ██████████ Chapter donations (formerly dues) paid by 34 of 119 members. We can now take payment by Zelle using 99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com. Checks can also be sent to Shelley. Donations of \$100 each were made to four 99's organizations, the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, AEMSF scholarship fund, the Museum of Women Pilots and the Endowment Fund. Copies of the 2022-2023 budget vs actual were distributed. The chapter has ██████████ in available funds with ██████████ in reserves for a total of ██████████ Motion to approve Mona second Diane. Passed.

Old Business Girl Scout Badge Day – Jill, Ellen & Megan – What a great turn out and fabulous day at Lewis University! 115 girls registered and 108 attended, along with 55 parents and Scout leaders. 5 Lewis University students assisted by presenting 2 of the 6 sessions offered. 3 airplanes were used to teach pre-flight inspection to all 108 girls.

Airmarking – The Chapter will be working with Alex Steadman, who is doing the airmarking as his Eagle Scout Project. Alex has created fundraising flyers to distribute, to buy supplies. Any leftover funds will be given to the 99s scholarship fund. Donations are being collected by Zelle or Venmo using Alex75@xs-ive.com. The project site is: <http://alex75.xs-ive.com>. Vickie Szewczyk is liaison with Alex and Lansing airport. She has been in contact with Ellen Nobles-Harris Int Airmarking Chairman and Cecile Hatfield 99s General Counsel. Both recommend the Chapter get a letter of indemnification from Boy Scouts and Lansing Airport and copy to International. Ellen also offered the updated Airmarking Guide in the 99's on-line library. The asphalt needs at least 90 days to cure, and has not yet been repaved, so the Airmarking will not happen until next Spring.

Holiday Party- Village Greens Golf Course in Woodridge has been booked for Dec 10 from 12-3pm. Please mark your calendars!

New Business Rob Mark invited all to attend a seminar on Runway Incursions & Excursions, Wed, June 28 7:00 at Harper College.

PR – Vice-chair Larisa will now oversee PR. Some quick ideas: business cards made up, airport flyers, hand outs etc

Oshkosh Plans – Some members have been using a WhatsApp. It was suggested that one could help members meet at EAA.

Awards Presentation – See article at top of page Awards will be delivered to those not present

Upcoming Events: July 15 with Indiana Dunes at Lynn Q's at Lansing for lunch, Aug 20 Dacy, Larissa & Karen
Sept 9/29-10-1 NCS Meeting in Ohio Oct 1 ARR, Gambit Aviation – Lisa Mitchell & Ana Adona
Nov 12 Schaumburg Swap Meet, Madeleine Dec 10 Holiday Party Village Greens Golf Course Woodridge

Meeting adjourned at 2:10. Motion by Mona seconded by Jill.

Meeting ended with singing Happy Birthday to Shelley and eating cupcakes!

EACH YEAR WE ASK FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS TO HELP FUND OUR PROJECTS WITH \$20

Albertson	DeReu	McArthur	Sazdanoff
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Chance	Karas	Rolon	Villano
Connelly	Kozlowski	Romanowski	Walker
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Curatti	Linstrom	Ruiz	Williams
Cyrul	Madsen	Sampson	Xavier
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Dalton	Marin	Santori	

Is your name on this list?
Please consider donating.

Chapter contributions of \$20 are collected each fiscal year. Our fiscal year starts June 1

We are set up to use Zelle now with no fee. Paypal costs us \$1.07 for a \$20 payment, so we would rather use checks or Zelle and have the chapter keep the whole \$20.

For Zelle, use email 99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com

For checks, make payable to Chicago Area 99s, and mail to:

[Shelley Ventura](#)
[Chicago Area 99s Treasurer](#)

EAA 153 HANGAR PARTY & MEETING June 9 Schaumburg Airport



Our Chapter was invited to EAA 153 June meeting. It was a perfect weather night, we were fed well, the desserts we brought were awarded prizes. And it may have been a first. I don't remember an invitation from another pilots group—we should reciprocate!

Our newest member Piper Colantone came with her mom, Daneen. Piper is a Ray Scholarship winner from the EAA Chapter at LOT.

Diane Cozzi came and enjoyed her evening out. Madeleine Monaco does the newsletter for this group and has not attended and met everyone before. Megan McArthur and her friend Tony Greco flew in. Really nice night for a flight.

We were entertained by a member who purchased an Arrow before he finished his Private training, and flies all over the Midwest to visit family. Everyone introduced themselves and told us what they have been doing in aviation. We ran into Lee Hogan as we were leaving—

superb photographer who did a presentation for us a few years back. You should see the inside of his hangar—walls covered with photos!

Thanks, Bob Brandt for the invitation.

The Chicago Area 99s appreciate you and your EAA 153 members.

(Schaumburg Airport recently opened a time capsule and celebrated their 25th anniversary. One of the items of note included was a newspaper article with photo of Mary Lou's 49 1/2 Gregg Erikson receiving an award!)



Chicago Chapter Student Pilot Reports

Jill Feldman: I'm back flying regularly. Transitioning from training in the Aeronca Champ to training in an AutoGyro Caledeus. Both Light Sport with similar stall and flight speeds, but with a higher wing loading and more cross wind capability I can fly more days.

Ana Adona: I officially have my checkride scheduled on July 10th! I've been doing mock orals and rides to prepare for it. Wish me luck!

Jamie Swanson: I'm in checkride prep for ppl. I've been studying and flying consistently. All of this prep is really hard work! But there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and I'm excited to get finished up soon!

Piper Colantone joined in June: A student pilot at Lewis Airport (she didn't know about our Girls Aviation Day—doesn't attend Lewis U) she is a high school student and was winner of the RAY Scholarship sponsored by her EAA Chapter at LOT.

Lisa Mitchell: Still in mock check prep...taking longer than expected but staying positive and keep pushing through it!

Maria Linstrom: Now that my school contract is up I will be getting myself on the schedule soon after I return from a trip. I work Wednesdays and Thursdays. Which leave me open for training. :) A big secret my best friends had hiding from me was them owning 6 glider airplanes. They offered to train me in KC. That is so exciting!

Nicole Ruiz: I'm doing my flight training in Florida. It was a rough start because of the rain but now I'm flying 3 times a week. Just completed my solo a couple of flights ago!

Lydia Walker: Have not been able to fly much, but I started at the Aviation Institute of Maintenance in Chicago to obtain my Airframe and Powerplant certifications (I'm currently one of the top students in my class) and I just accepted an aircraft maintenance apprenticeship position for Spirit Airlines at ORD, I start next month. I am very excited to work on their Airbus fleet! :)



Jill in the Caledeus

And other member news

Former Chapter Chair Ruth Rockcastle: Nice reading about Gail Wenk. I had a first last Friday. In the last 30 years I never flew with anyone without Rock in the co-pilot seat. Well, this time I was in the Co-Pilot seat and our friend Jeff and his wife and daughter flew to Hilton Head for lunch. Rock helped Jeff with buying a plane, training for Private and Instrument, and flying for fun. I miss Rock but know he would not be able to do the things we used to do as he was getting weaker in mind and body. Much love to all my 99 friends, Ruth.

Katy Crihfield: Is now on the schedule at Chicago Executive Flight School as a CFI! Call her for a Flight Review, or send her a referral. She's ready for new students.

Megan McArthur: Reported having won a scholarship from I Hart Flying. She is using it to augment her own funds for an Instrument Rating. Congrats!

We are looking for a few new volunteers.

Hostess Chair—sets the calendar, secures hosts for each of the 10 months we have meetings/events, helps the first time hosts to get started and makes sure all of the info gets into the newsletter and on the website.

Forest of Friendship Chair—keeps all members informed of the annual ceremony at Atchison and encourages nominee suggestions for being honored at the Forest.

THESE ARE SHORT TIME JOBS. Hostess a few hours work in winter, Forest a few hours work in Spring and Fall

Newsletter mailing—some of our members prefer a paper copy, currently only 5. Editor sends the file to you each month and you get it printed and mailed out.

AND IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF A WAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO PITCH IN—SUGGEST IT. EVERYONE MIGHT LOVE IT!

GIRLS AVIATION DAY 2023

- Ana
- Christine
- Karen
- Grace
- Diane
- Kathryn
- Denise
- Annalise
- Jill
- Mikayla
- Mona
- Eva
- Megan
- Linda
- Lisa
- Ellen
- Erica
- Margaret
- Nadia
- Shelley
- Shona
- Kristina
- Adona
- Albertson
- Ballard
- Barbour
- Cozzi
- Crihfield
- Daichendt
- Eure
- Feldman
- Greco
- Knock
- Kozlowski
- McArthur
- Millon
- Mitchell
- O'Hara
- Okwuazi
- Sampson
- Solano Rodriguez
- Ventura
- Williams
- Willman-Hammar



These are the 99s who educated girls and women about aviation—operations, training, maintenance and careers.



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NORTHERN IL Council Girl Scouts Chicago NW Indiana Council



Thank You
Jill Feldman

Thank You
Ellen O'Hara



Thank You
Megan
McArthur



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Madeleine Monaco



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CHAPTER CALENDAR

2023	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	HOSTESS
JUL	15	LUNCH	LINNIE Q'S LANSING AIRPORT WITH INDIANA DUNES	JANICE W
AUG	27	1:00 PM	DACY AIRPORT—A FLIGHT BACK IN TIME	LARISA K & KAREN B
SEPT	9-29 to 10-1	WEEKEND	SECTION MEETING—DUBLIN OHIO	PAULA R & SCIOTO VLY
OCT	14	1:00 PM	GAMBIT AVIATION AT AURORA AIRPORT	LISA M & ANA A
NOV	12	1:00 PM	SCHAUMBURG AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM	MADELEINE M
DEC	10	12 NOON	HOLIDAY PARTY VILLAGE GREEN WILLOWBROOK	VICKIE S

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FUN REWARDING or EDUCATIONAL
in the Ninety-Nines you aren't looking hard enough.