

# AIR NEWS

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

March 2024

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## CHAPTER CALENDAR

**MARCH 10 1:00pm LAKE IN THE HILLS AIRPORT**  
SOUP LUNCH SERVED BRING APPETIZER OR DESSERT  
+ **LOTS OF PAPER CHARTS** HOSTS MEGAN M & EVA K

**APRIL 26-28** NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MTG. KANSAS CITY  
MO (BIZ MTG SAT 27) SEE WEBSITE TO REGISTER

**MAY 11 (RAIN DATE 25)** LANSING IL AIRPORT AIRMARKING  
HOSTESS VICKIE S

**MAY 18 8:00am** LEWIS UNIVERSITY AVIATION BUILDING/  
AIRPORT AVIATION DAY MEGAN M + TEAM

**JUNE 15 3:00pm** WAUKEGAN A/P SKILL AVIATION  
ANNUAL MTG/AWARDS HOSTESS HANNAH B

**JUNE 18-21** AIR RACE CLASSIC STOP AT BULT FIELD MONEE  
CYNTHIA M + MEGAN M CO-STOP CHAIRS

**JULY 3-7** INTERNATIONAL 99S CONFERENCE  
VANCOUVER BC CANADA

**JUL 22-28** EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH, WI

**AUG 10 10:30am** DACY AIRPORT HARVARD, IL  
LARISA K + KAREN B

**SEPT 13-15** NORTH CENTRAL SECTION FALL MTG.  
BLOOMINGTON MN (BIZ MTG SAT 14) MALL OF AMERICA

**SEPT 20-21** INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP  
CELEBRATION WEEKEND ATCHISON, KS

**OCT 6 2:00pm** KENOSHA AIRPORT FALL COLORS  
FLY-IN MEETING JILL F HOSTESS

**NOV ?** DROP IN DINNER NEAR ORD WEEK NIGHT MEET UP  
VICKIE S HOSTESS

**DEC 14 SATURDAY 11:00am** HOLIDAY BRUNCH  
PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
MADELEINE M + DIANE C HOSTESSES

## THE NEXT BIG CHAPTER THING AVIATION FOR GIRLS DAY



**This event is an excellent way to show the girls what women can do in aviation.**

The date this year is May 18, 2024 at Lewis University. So now is when we ask for volunteers. Our Aviation Day Chair this year is Megan M. Megan will need a sales team. You are all on the sales team starting now! This year we will invite other than Girl Scouts to learn and grow. Spread the word sales team—neighborhood schools? Church groups? Friends and relatives? All girls 10-18 welcome. Our Ninety-Nines Chapter website [www.chicagoarea99s.org](http://www.chicagoarea99s.org) has a sign-up and pay section.

OK then after the sales team gets us our students we need to greet them, teach them, guide them, feed them, and inspire them! A commitment to fill a role at the event is requested.

- Registration Reception 2 persons
- Career Panel Members (women working in aviation) time approx. 90 minutes mid day
- Group Leaders to walk the girl groups through the stations
- Food Service team—buy, bring, set up, hand out lunch
- Station Instructors 2 each: Approximately 6 learning stations to be determined

**MEGAN IS TAKING POSITION REQUESTS.**  
**PLEASE CONTACT HER TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE!**

**[PHYREPLY81@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PHYREPLY81@GMAIL.COM)**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**  
**YOU WILL BE TRAINED**  
Contact Megan M to have  
your choice of duty

**See FLYER page 3**

**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 :

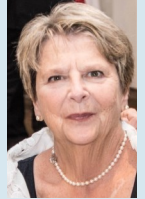
Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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**CHAPTER BRIEFING**

*Pre and Post Flight*

*Madeleine Monaco*



**Dear Chicago 99s,**

**We had a great meeting February 18th, the weather gods smiled, the food was great, the program was fascinating, 3 members attended their first meeting .....just about perfect!**

To change your email address in The 99s Directory email [hqmanager@ninety-nines.org](mailto:hqmanager@ninety-nines.org) or [update@ninety-nines.org](mailto:update@ninety-nines.org).

We have a meeting in Lake in the Hills this month Our Hostesses Megan M and Eva K are going to provide lunch but ask us each to bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. They are also planning to fill the Aviation Day Goody Bags at their meeting, and **NEED** paper charts current or not, so bring as many as you can round up.

We have a North Central Section meeting in Kansas City MO in April

We are painting a 80' 99s Compass Rose on the tarmac at Lansing IL Airport. But don't panic, we will have the help of some Boy Scouts and an applicant for his Eagle Scout designation, and can share the work.

We are soliciting volunteers to help run the Air Race Classic stop # 4 at Bult in Monee in June

And we have an International Conference in Vancouver in July

Meeting with women from around the world who share our love for aviation is a unique and wonderful experience. All so different and yet with a common interest. The Conference will be held in a beautiful waterfront hotel (The Pinnacle) and lots of optional activities will be available, including an after Conference Cruise to Alaska. Think about it, read about it, make a plan. You will need a passport that is valid for 6 months after the trip.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Several Chapter members are going and would like to share a hotel room. If you are interested in sharing, please contact Ellen O. 630-899-9966 or me, Madeleine*

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



*Madeleine*

## HELP NEEDED

### our Air Race Classic Stop Event

The Air Race Classic is an annual all-women's race across the country.

This June, the race will stop at an airport near the Chicago area – Bult Field in Monee, Illinois.



Cynthia M and Megan M are working together as Head Stop Chair for Bult Field and volunteers are needed.

The most important volunteer slot to fill right now is **Head Timer**; however, you can help as much or as little as you are able.

This year's race begins June 18, 2024 in Carbondale, Illinois and Bult Field is the fourth stop after Cadillac, Michigan; LaPorte, Indiana; and Newark, Ohio. The race ends June 21 in Loveland, Colorado.

Many Ninety-Nines participate in this race and we are happy to be able to help the racers.

If you are thinking of helping, go to the ARC website:

<https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-volunteer.htm>

and follow the instructions on volunteering for the Bult Field stop.

The website also has complete information on the race and its history.

Please let Cynthia or Megan know if you are interested in helping.



A full page version of this flyer is available

## Chicago Area 99s—

### Aviation Day for Girls

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 8:30-1:30pm

Location: Lewis University,  
Romeoville IL

For young ladies ages 10-18

I want to fly

Register Here:  
<https://chicagoarea99s.org/>

You can!



for you to share EVERYWHERE.

Neighborhood, church, school, bulletin boards, libraries, stores, YMCA, health clubs, condo lobbies, and of course your social media outlets.

If you want the percentage of woman pilots to grow beyond our 7%, THIS is the kind of activity that will do it.

Our members range in age from 18-80+

The girls will have young role models to look in the eye, and history from the past to learn about from women pilots from the 70's to today!

**MAY 18, 2024 LEWIS UNIVERSITY**

Save the date and volunteer.

## STUDENT PILOT UPDATE REPORTS

compiled by LAURIE M

Erica O embarked on her flying journey in March 2023 and has since accumulated over 80 hours of flying time! She's eagerly awaiting clear skies to embark on her solo flight. While she waits, Erica has been diving into plenty of ground instruction sessions and immersing herself in various aviation community events, all with a contagious enthusiasm. Additionally, she's hard at work preparing scholarship applications to further fuel her passion for flying.

Denise D is thrilled to be flying through the skies in a new plane alongside her new CFI, Chicago 99 Katy Crihfield! She keenly anticipates gaining fresh insights and learning to navigate the skies from a different perspective. Each flight brings her newfound joy as she absorbs a wealth of knowledge. Denise has discovered a true sense of belonging within the aviation community, where she finds camaraderie and support in her passion for flying. Denise won the recent Chapter Scholarship to help her get to certification! And she flew with Madeleine and a friend in his Grumman Tiger to the February meeting—her first time as a GA passenger.

Isabella D has been diligently honing her skills both in the air and on the ground. Through chair flying exercises and comprehensive ground training sessions with her flight instructor, Bella passed her checkride on February 12th. Isabella's determination shone brightly during her long solo cross-country, where she mastered handling lost communications with finesse. With her checkride over, Bella is ready to enjoy her new Private Pilot privileges.

Anna R has been on a dedicated journey towards her private pilot certification for the past seven months. Despite facing hurdles such as her main airplane undergoing maintenance and encountering challenges while flying a different aircraft, Anna remains steadfast in her pursuit. The chilly, overcast weather hasn't made things easy either, but Anna is resourceful, using XPlane as a tool to stay sharp and maintain her training momentum when grounded. Her resilience and commitment are unwavering as she presses on towards her aviation goals.

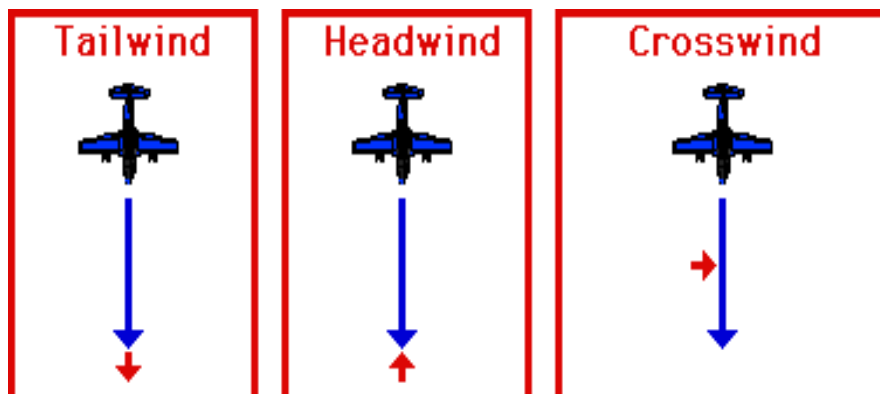
Piper C is braving the cold weather to find good flying days. In the meantime, she stays sharp through chair flying and instructional videos. Recently, she completed a short solo cross country and presented at our Chicago 99s IFR/VFR and Flying Companion Aviation Expo on Customary Communications and Stay Calm and Carry On courses for the Flying Companion Course.

Elizabeth S has temporarily paused her flight training journey, but she is not letting this delay dim her enthusiasm! Instead, she's embracing a new opportunity as a line service technician at Signature at KPWK. Sazzy is bubbling with excitement as she dives into the world of professional ground operations, eager to soak up knowledge, meet new people, and forge meaningful connections along the way.

Marilyn H has encountered a few hurdles in securing flight time, but her passion for flying remains unwavering. Marilyn flew her first solo flight in February at DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport. Congratulations Marilyn. That is a day you will always remember.

Amy S recently completed her first solo flight at DuPage Airport. Amy flies at DuPage Airport with Illinois Aviation Academy. Way to go Amy! We were happy to meet and talk to her at the February meeting at DKB.

Maya M joined us at the February meeting also. Its always fun to meet our new members, whether they are new students, rejoining 99s from the past like Kelly H, or new Airline Captain members, like Erin J.



# 2024 NINETY NINES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND CAREER EXPO

*July 3-7, 2024*  
*Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*  
*Hosted by the [West Canada Section](#)*

**Don't Miss Out on Early Registration – ends March 31** – for The Ninety-Nines International Conference and Career Expo in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3-7, 2024! Discounted registration fees are in effect until **March 31**; on-time registration deadline is May 31.



**New Speaker Added!** We are thrilled to announce a second keynote speaker! Major-General Jamie Speiser-Blanchet, Deputy Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, will deliver a keynote address on Friday morning, July 5. We are honored to have Major-General Speiser-Blanchet present at our Conference!

**New Tour Added!** Details available soon for an optional Vancouver Harbour Dinner Cruise, which will be offered on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Those who have already registered will be able to add this on, and information will be added to the registration website for those not yet registered.

**Hotel Update** - also - a gentle reminder - members must be registered for the Conference in order to reserve a room at the Conference hotel, Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel. Members should not attempt to reserve a room on their own.

**LOG ON TO: [WWW.NINETY-NINES.ORG](http://WWW.NINETY-NINES.ORG) CLICK ON THE CONFERENCE LOGO ON THE RIGHT**

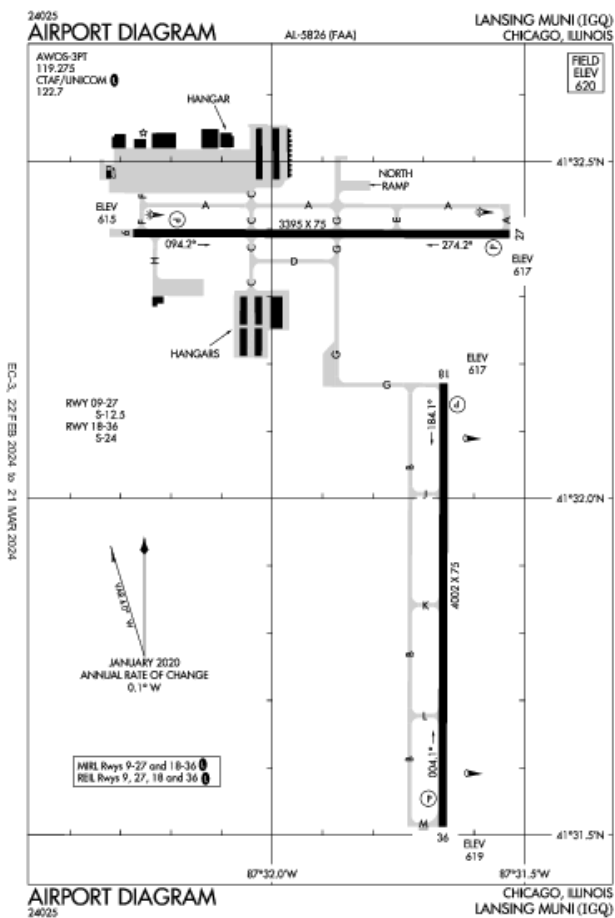
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## NEW AWARD IN SUPPORT OF DIVERSITY TO BE GIVEN THIS SPRING TO A CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER MEMBER!

The Washington DC Chapter has gotten approval through International to sponsor/ fund an Award in honor of one of our members to encourage increased participation among minority women in aviation fields. This award will encourage Chapters in the U.S. and Sections around the world to reach out to young women to promote aviation either as a personal interest or a career.

The award is named in honor of our past president, the late Beverley Sharp, who was the only Ninety-Nines International President who was a woman of color. Beverley was a member of the Washington DC Chapter and served as International 99s President in the late 1990s. She was honored by then-FAA Administrator Jane Garvey for her achievements, which included mentoring youth in the Washington DC area and rewarding their academic progress with airplane rides. We are raising \$30,000 to perpetually fund this award and the work of these chapters.

The first honoree will be Senator Tammy Duckworth, a helicopter and fixed wing pilot and a 99. She is a member of our Chicago Area Chapter. If any of our members would like to attend the ceremony in DC, please let Cynthia or Madeleine know of your interest. We do not yet know the exact date and time.



### AIR MARKING TO TAKE PLACE JUNE 11 ( Rain Date June 25)

Lansing Muni (IGQ) Chicago, IL

The Ninety-Nines have been instrumental in marking airports for pilots benefit for many decades. Since this activity is a definite safety enhancement, it fits our Mission Statement well.

We have not provided this valuable service in our busy metropolitan area for quite a few years, but one of the best examples could have been found at this airport. It was our Chapter that painted the 80 foot Compass Rose with the 99s logo in the center. That rose was used by pilots to swing their compass for accuracy.

The ramp that our work of art and science was on has been resurfaced recently and the airport management has asked us to redo it. As Chair of this operation, our Secretary, Vickie S. who is based there, found a motivated Scout who wishes to use this as his Eagle Scout Project. And so a collaboration has been formed and the project will now be accomplished this June.

The compass points will be laid out by airport engineers so we have authoritative positioning to use. We will need some intrepid outdoor 99 volunteers for the day. We can promise the pay off will be a substantial sense of accomplishment and an absolutely beautiful finished product!



**Contact Vickie to volunteer**

Attendees:

99's: Larisa K, Vickie S, Deb M, Ellen O, Corie W, Linda M, Cynthia M, Karen B, **Maya M, Amy S**, Madeleine M, Elizabeth S, **Erin J**, Shelley V, Grayce K, **Kelly H**, Denise D (first mtg)

49 ½: Ralph M, Gene B, Yosh K, Bill M

Guest: John D plus local DKB pilots and guests to hear the presentation by Roger Keys

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 after a chili lunch. Introduction of members and guests.

**Chairman Report**

Madeleine did not have a formal report, but added information as needed.

**Secretary's Report**

The last minutes are from the November meeting and were published in the newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published by Ellen O and seconded by Cynthia M. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed. Shelley went over the highlights of the report. The Expo came out \$121 ahead. The raffle made \$214. The Expo had a lower attendance than in the past. This might be due to the poor weather (LIFR). We were given a \$1000 donation at the Expo by an anonymous donor with no direction indicated, it goes to the general fund.

A motion was made to reimburse Corie W for hostess expenses as there is extra money in the hostess budget. The motion was made by Vickie S, seconded by Deb M. The motion passed.

The CD that Shelley hoped to invest some of the Chapter's was withdrawn due to the fact that the CAC account in a business account. She will continue to look for another CD.

**Old Business**

2024 Hostesses - Hostesses are needed for the November meeting and Holiday party. Vickie volunteered to be the hostess for November. Linda M will help her. Madeleine M and Diane C will host the Holiday party.

Scholarships –The new Chapter scholarship of \$1000 due to a donation from Chicago Executive Airport was awarded to Denise D. Congratulations!

There is still time to apply for the Santori Scholarships, the deadline is March 1, 2024.

**New Business**

Air Race Classic – Bult Field (C56) will be stop #4 on the 2024 ARC. The dates are June 18-21, 2024. Cynthia M and Megan M are co-stop chairs. More volunteers will be needed. To volunteer, enter your information in the ARC website and volunteer for the Bult stop.

Aviation for Girls Day (formerly GS Badge Day) –The event will be at Lewis University on May 18. The event is open to all girls ages 10 to 18. Corie asked for volunteers and had a sign-up sheet with available jobs. The planning committee will be touring the site next week to make sure the flow will work. Corie had three handouts each with different QR code for NW IN GS, Chicago & N IL GS and all other girls. The handouts will help publicize the event.

Lansing Airmarking – Vickie reported the the date for airmarking is May 11<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 25<sup>th</sup>. The CAC 99's are working with Alex Stearman a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project. The prior compass rose has been paved over.

Our next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Lake in the Hills airport. Hostess Eva and Megan will supply minestrone soup. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Also please bring any old sectionals for Aviation for Girls Day.

April 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> is the North Central Section Meeting in Kansas City MO. Consider attending.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is our annual meeting and awards at KUGN (Waukegan) Hannah B is hosting.

The Fall section meeting will be in Minnesota.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Thank you to our hostesses Corie and Deb and to the DeKalb-Taylor airport management.

After our meeting, Roger Keys presented a program on the TDR-1 drones produced in DeKalb during WWII. The talk was interesting with Roger showing various artifacts and parts. Thank you Roger!

**AIR NEWS**

Madeleine Monaco



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# Chicago Area 99s— Aviation Day for Girls

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 8:30-1:30pm

Location: Lewis University,  
Romeoville IL

For girls ages 10-18

Cost: \$18 / participant  
\$10 / chaperone



I want to  
fly

You  
can!



**Register Here:**  
**Chicago99s.org**



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