

# AIR NEWS



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

MAY 2023

chicagoarea99s.org

**June 1, 2023– May 31, 2025**

**CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED**

Our Nominating Committee has tallied the ballots submitted by Chapter members and hereby state that the slate was confirmed by a wide majority of those voting. Thank you to all who have agreed to lead us through the next two years. *Eva Kozłowski, Larisa Kano, Vickie Szewczyk*, Nominating Committee

**Chairman** Madeleine Monaco

**Vice Chairman** Larisa Kano

**Treasurer** Shelley Ventura

**Secretary** Vickie Szewczyk

**Nominating Committee:** Jill Feldman Megan McArthur Ana Adona

**THE CHAPTER YEAR BEGINS ON JUNE 1, 2023  
& WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION  
See details on page 5**

**STILL TIME TO REGISTER**

**STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER**

## **AVIATION DAY!**

Saturday, May 20, 2023 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Lewis University**

**Register for Girl Scout Program #5513 for Northern IL Council  
or #11993 for Chicago NW Indiana Council online**

The Ninety-Nines (99s) the international organization of licensed women pilots will host Aviation Day for Girl Scout Juniors to Ambassadors.

The 99s will lead workshops that cover the STEAM subjects of aviation and aerodynamics as the girls learn about the math, technology, communication, and history of aviation.

Scouts will hear from professional pilots and explore potential career paths in aviation or connected to it!

Scouts will learn how to preflight an airplane and will even sit in an airplane and operate the controls.

### **Workshop Topics will Include**

**Intro to Aviation via Forces of Flight    Women Flying thru History    Aviation Careers  
Communication and Navigation            Checking out an airplane and more!**

**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,**

We have been invited to join the Michigan 99s at Tulip Festival.

The Michigan Chapter 99s invites you to join us Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Holland West Michigan Regional Airport (KBIV) for Tulip Time! Arrive between 10-10:30 am EDT. Bring a picnic lunch!

RSVP to Shawnee Schroeder,

by May 10.



**Tulip Time Fly-In**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL  
AIRPORT (HOLLAND, MI)

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

CONTACT SHAWNEE SCHROEDER TO RSVP!

Join your fellow Michigan 99s at the Holland MI Tulip Festival. Enjoy art, dancing, food trucks, historic walking tours, and tulip viewing!

WE WILL RESERVE ONE OF THE CONFERENCE ROOMS AT THE AIRPORT: PLAN TO BRING A PICNIC LUNCH TO ENJOY THERE

And then there's **Aviation Day** at Lewis University Please sign up, or drop in to witness the next generation of girls who fly on **May 20! Contact Megan McArthur**

**June meeting** date has been changed to **June 25** at 1pm in the Chicago Executive Airport Directors Meeting Room, 1020 Plant Road, Wheeling IL Starts at 1pm Ends on or before 4 pm. This will be our Annual Awards Presentation and Induction of New Officers. I need to know your name, tail number and aircraft type if you will fly in. A text the night before should work. Madeleine 847-431-1847 FBO Atlantic—but again, I have to know in advance. And we will need to drive over and pick you up. **Contact Madeleine Monaco**

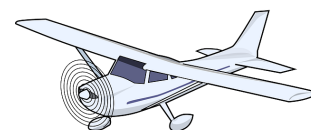
The ByLaws and Standing Rules were presented in March, amended at that meeting and sent to you with your April Air News. They will be voted on at our June meeting. If you need a second copy and cannot find it in your inbox, let me know. **Contact Madeleine Monaco**

The Budget proposal was also sent to you with your April newsletter, and will be voted on at the June meeting. If you need another copy of that, please advise. **Contact Madeleine Monaco**

**AND PLEASE HELP US TO FUND ALL OF THIS ACTIVITY  
CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHAPTER  
see page 4 for notice, process & due date**

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

*Madeleine*



Attendees: 99's: Madeleine Monaco, Vickie Szewczyk, Jill Feldman, Linda Milon,, Erica Okwuazi, Deb Meznarsic, Eva Kozlowski, Nadia Solano Rodriguez, Larissa Kano, Diane Cozzi, Yanina Belazorava, Guests: Bonnie Adelman, Sam Sobczol, Aidoi Yershigeshova

Meeting was called to order at 1:09. Introduction of members and guests.

Chairman Report

Proposed Bylaw revisions were reviewed. These include:

- Changing to a minimum of 3 business meetings per year (we can have more) instead of the current 6 meetings.
- Current rule is to appoint delegates to the international conference. In reality, if you are present at the International conference, you get to vote. You can also vote electronically and join the conference via the web.
- Change the chapter "dues" to "donations" to be inline with International.
- Change the annual meeting to approve the budget to June.
- Present the proposed budget in March.
- Currently the budget has a \$500 stipend for the Chapter chair to go to the International conference. Change this for the Chapter chair to use for International, section or board of directors meetings.
- Change when nominating committee is chosen from the February of an election year to electing the committee with the officers.
- Eliminate the term limits on officers and committee chairmen.
- Do not require the past chairman to head the nominating committee or refrain from voting on nominations.
- If a Board of Directors meeting is held, the meeting shall be valid if the minutes of the meeting are presented to any missing directors and are approved in writing by those directors.
- Agenda of the meeting shall be published in advance.

Voting on the bylaws will occur in April

International is encouraging members to vote electronically to save on paper and postage.

International is also asking those that can read their magazine by e-mail to go into their profile and update their delivery option.

At the Section meeting, the hosts have requested that each Chapter present their report in the form of a skit, song or rap.

Treasurer's Report

Shelley was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the proposed FY 6-1-23 to 5-31-24 budget for review.

State of Illinois Division of Aeronautics Safety Chief offered an additional \$500 (\$1500 total) for the Aviation Expo.

Shelley has now added the Zelle banking app to the Chapter's accounts.

Madeleine found some pull up display banners for the Chapter. Each run about \$70. Motion approved to get 1, by Jill and seconded by Eva. Deb then proposed to get two, Jill seconded this. Motion passed to get two banners.

Committee Reports:

Hostess Committee – Vickie

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| April -no meeting planned due to section meeting                          | May -GS Badge Day on 5/20 at Lewis University, Jill |
| June- Annual Meeting 6/25 at KPWK, Madeleine                              | July -No meeting. Too much flying and Airventure!   |
| August – Dacy 8/20, Larissa & Karen (changed to Aug 27)                   | September – Section Meeting in Ohio                 |
| October – Maintenance Presentation at Lewis University, date and time TBD | November– Schaumburg 11/12 Sale, Madeleine          |
| December – Holiday Party 12/10 place TBD, Vickie                          |   |

Nominating Committee – Eva Most of the slate is filled. Voting is in April. Notice of results occurs in May.

Girl Scout Badge Day – Jill & Megan Have an issue with one GS council. Several members have been working local connections to get the word out. Eva has been in contact with the president of the council to work on this. We are also accepting non-girl scouts as long as a parent is with them. Several more volunteers are needed to lead a station (ie The Forces of Flight) or as a group escort. Even if you have not signed up, feel free to come help. Jill will find a job for you! Volunteers, please arrive by 7:30am.

AE Scholarship - Sharon Request to support Nadia's application. Motion to approve by Diane, seconded by Erica. Motion approved.

Ad Hoc AirVenture Committee – Linda & Erica Looking to arrange transportation to and from Airventure. 7/26 is Women's day!

New Business An offer of 52 hours of IT support was offered to the Chapter.

Old Business Airmarking at Lansing (KIGQ) Vickie agreed to chair the project.

Thank you to Yanina and Skill Aviation for hosting! Meeting adjourned at 2:16. Motion by Vickie seconded by Jill.

Presentation on Aircraft Performance by Tom Dejan

THESE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER AS OF APRIL 25, 2023

Adona	Ana	Greco	Mikayla	Reyes	Ruth
Albertson	Christine	Haake	Kara	Rickel	Joy
Alderdice	Autumn	Haller	Ann	Rivera	Alicia
Allinson	Gail	Haraldson	Nancy	Rolon	Pamela
Archuleta	Ava	Herring	Ellen	Romanowski	Darilyn
Arkwell	Kathy	Hickman	Carole	Rominski	Janelle
Ballard	Karen	Hillman	Susan	Ruiz	Nicole
Barbour	Grace	Hromek-Sawyer	Diane	Salvatore	Nicoletta
Barnett	Hannah	Jeffries	Kelly	Sampson	Margaret
Belazorava	Yanina	Jones Wesley	Patricia	Sanchez	Fabiola
Berman	Natalie	Kano	Larisa	Santori	Gina
Best	Jessica	Karas	Deborah	Sazdanoff	Elizabeth
Black	Marilyn	Kennedy	Leire	Schmidt	Sydney
Bodee	Shelia	Klein	Donna	Schorsch	Sharon
Bonnell	Samantha	Knock	Mona	Schwartz	Deena
Bonomo	Rose	Kohlert	Grace	Shindo	Jeana
Boussy	Regine	Kozlowski	Eva	Silagi	Barbara
Brutlag	Ida	Kurzen	Raphaella	Silker	Evangeline
Cain	Lauren	LaPook	Gail	Sink	Callie
Carson	Delayne	Latos	Brittni	Siwek	Alyssa
Chance	Jennifer	Linstrom	Maria	Skiber	Carol
Chudina	Liudmila	Madsen	Cynthia	Solano Rodriguez	Nadia
Connelly	Kelsey	Mann	Jill	Spadoni	Dinah
Cozzi	Diane	Marin	Jessica	Spear	Marie
Crihfield	Kathryn	McArthur	Megan	Story	Mary
Curatti	Amanda	Meznarsic	Debra	Strom	Ceci
Cyruł	Jamie	Millon	Linda	Swanson	Jamie
Daichendt	Denise	Mitchell	Lisa	Syran Fox	Sidsel
Dalton	Alexandra	Monaco	Madeleine	Szewczyk	Victoria
Deeter	Wendy	Monaghan-Manna	Heather	Thomas	Kristina
DeReu	Elizabeth	Muehlhausen	Barbara	Uznys	Linda
Dodson	Margaret	Mueller	Emily	Valley	Danielle
Doles	Isabella	Murphy	Colleen	Ventura	Shelley
Doskow	Mariko	Nealey	Sue	Villano	Anna
Erikson	Mary	O'Hara	Ellen	Walker	Lydia
Ermak	Olya	Okwuazi	Erica	Weber	Joyce
Escudero Kay	Gabrielle	Pawłowska	Alexandra	Williams	Shona
Eure	Annalise	Polinsky	Kseniya	Willman-Hammar	Kristina
Feldman	Jill	Prellwitz	Leslie	Xavier	Smriti
Field	Susan	Rassi	Manna	Yowell	Lora
Freeman	Margaret	Rayome	Auste	Zaeske	Reese
Gilsdorf	Abigail	Reinschmidt	Jessica	Zurcher	Susan

Chapter contributions of \$20 are due 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](mailto:99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com)

For checks, make payable to Chicago Area 99s, and mail to: [Shelley Ventura](#)

[Address in 99s Directory](#)

[PLEASE CONTRIBUTE](#)



*We will check off each name as they arrive and hope to have all contributions in by June 1.*

## Chicago Chapter Student Pilot Reports

from Ana Adona

Here are the updates received this month:

**Elizabeth Sazdanoff** My student pilot quote begins with a quote from a beloved Tom Petty song: "The waiting Is the hardest part"! I am waiting to hear back about my submission for the First Wings Scholarship. I'll remain positive, no matter what!

I am so very much looking forward to Girl Scout Day in Romeoville coming up. Also, these ladies talking about busting a record? Count me in to support them! It's a big Spring season for lady pilots, and I love every minute!

**Ana Adona** It's been a hectic month trying to juggle flying and work. I'm worn out but I'm always looking forward to my next lesson. The weather hasn't been helpful and I'm hoping for better days ahead.

Keeping my head up and focused on the goal!

## More Chicago Chapter Member News



**Yanina Belazorava** volunteered at the annual Women in Aviation Conference this year—serving in the 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) Booth.

Making new friends  
(*that's John and Martha King with Yanina*)

**Madeleine Monaco** Chicago Executive Airport has created a program called 'Airport Spotlight' which recognizes people who soar above the ordinary in their work or enjoyment of the airport. Tonight's honoree is Madeleine Monaco, a long-time flight instructor on the airfield as well as an advocate and goodwill ambassador for general aviation. As a volunteer, she tirelessly "knocks on doors" to raise funds for aviation scholarships. And as a leader, she drives participation in the annual Aviation Expo in support of free WINGS seminars for pilots and their flying companions.

Madeleine is an active member of the Chicago 99s, where she has held various leadership roles, including as past member of the International Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trust. She is also a founding member of the Chicago Executive Pilots Association, and has served as president, board member and scholarship chair.



We're recognizing Madeleine as one of the outstanding members of the CEA community. Thank you for your continued support of general aviation in and around the airport. Your spirit and devotion to the airport are truly admirable and deserving of our recognition.



**Emily Mueller** Hi! Thought I would send a quick update and pictures of what I've been up to! First, I got to work along side our president Robin at Sun n Fun inspiring the next generation of female pilots!

Second, I accepted my first job offer at Mokulele Airlines!! I'm so so excited, and my class date is April 11th. I will send pictures as soon as I can. But that also means I will be transferring to the Aloha chapter!

I'd still love to be a part of my Chicago family, and hopefully I can make it to Oshkosh and meet lots of women out there too.





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### CHAPTER CALENDAR

2023	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	HOSTESS
MAY	20th	7:30-1:30	GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY LEWIS UNIVERSITY	JILL F & MEGAN M
JUN	<b>25th</b> new date	<b>1:00 pm -</b> <b>4:00 pm</b>	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BYLAWS BUDGET & CHAPTER AWARDS	MADELEINE MONACO
JUL	TBD	DAY TRIP	EAA AIR VENTURE BY GROUND TRANSPORT	LINDA M & ERICA O
AUG	<b>27th</b> new date	1:00 pm	DACY AIRPORT—A FLIGHT BACK IN TIME	LARISA K & KAREN B
SEPT	9-29, 30, 10-1	WEEKEND	SECTION MEETING—COLUMBUS OHIO	PAULA R & SCIOTO VLY
OCT	TBD		ARR OR LEWIS—AVIATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM	
NOV	12	1:00 pm	SCHAUMBURG AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM	MADELEINE MONACO
DEC	10		HOLIDAY PARTY	VICKIE SZEWCZYK

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