

AIR NEWS



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

October 2023

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JOIN US

October 14th at 1:00 pm

J A Air Center, Aurora Airport

To gather for Gambit Aviation Tour

Sugar Grove, Illinois

*Hear the Gambit story, see their aircraft,
have a short business meeting and
enjoy the fall colors on the way there and back*

Meet at JA Air Center at KARR 1:00pm

J A Air Center Veterans Memorial Parkway
43W730 US 30 A, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

99 Hosts Lisa Mitchell & Ceci Strom

Gambit Host Warren Bruhl

November 12, 1:00pm

99s Rummage Sale at Schaumburg Airport.

*Bring your "garage sale" type items, books,
clothes, décor, jewelry, & any aviation items*

Take home whatever you want.

What doesn't get claimed will be donated



Save the Date!

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10, 2023

From Noon to 3 o'clock

*The Village Greens of Woodridge
1575 W 75th Street Woodridge, IL
Cost \$36/ person*

WHO'S WHO
in the
Chicago Area Chapter

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Deadline for submission the
20th of the month :

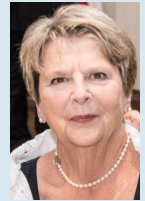
Madeleine Monaco, Editor

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CHAPTER BRIEFING

Pre and Post Flight

Madeleine Monaco



Dear Chicago 99s,

I know it's only October, but the plans for 2024 have to be made sometime! At our August meeting, I asked that we have a volunteer to take over the Hostess Committee. It was very effective in the past to have a chairperson find members to take turns hosting a meeting. We only have 3 meetings to schedule—February, March, and November, and next year's Holiday Party 2024. What we need is a manager; someone to remind the volunteer hostesses that we need the information for the newsletter (date, time, place, etc.) Ideally, the plans can all be made in advance and published so that all is left to do is send reminders. Ellen O'Hara started us off with hostesses for Jan–Me Expo), May– Girls Aviation Event Megan M, June– Hannah Barnett, Aug– Larisa and Karen, and Oct-Jill. **WHO WILL STEP FORWARD TO BE THE HOSTESS CHAIR and finish up the process? Pick up phone—text me now 847-431-1847.**

See Calendar for 2024 (so far) here:

January Aviation Expo, Renaissance Hotel Glenview January 27 Madeleine
February Business Meeting Social Event weeknight or weekend OPEN
March Business Meeting Social Event weeknight or weekend OPEN
April—No meeting—North Central Section in Kansas City
May—Girl's Aviation Day—Date, time and place to be determined—Megan
June—Annual Business Meeting Social Event TBD—Hannah B
July— No Chapter Meeting Go to EAA and 99s International in Vancouver!
August—Business Meeting Social Event—TBD—Larisa K and Karen B
September—No meeting– North Central Section Minnesota
October—Meeting Social Event at KENW—TBD—Jill F
November—Business Meeting Social event Weeknight or weekend—OPEN
December—HOLIDAY PARTY weeknight, weekend brunch lunch or dinner
This event can be what, when and where you make it happen—Its OPEN!

I am sorry to report that our long time member Mary Lou Erikson's husband Gregg passed away September 21st, after a long illness. If you prayed for him last month, Thank You. He will be missed.

Upcoming Events:

October 14	Aurora Airport, Gambit Aviation – Lisa Mitchell, Ceci Strom
November 12	Schaumburg - Swap Meet, Madeleine
December 10	Holiday Party - Village Greens Golf Course in Woodridge, IL

Don't just belong, participate!

Madeleine



OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS FLY!

Mona Knock reported In late August, Chris and I embarked on our longest cross-country flight to date. We flew our Dakota from Lake in the Hills to California and Oregon, and back, via the northern route. The journey was the vacation, capped off by attending a wedding in the Santa Rosa area of California.

We flew every day (except for two, 2 night stops), briefed the weather (and replanned our route) at least twice daily. Due to weather, smoke/haze, TFRs, and scheduling, we left some desired sights and stops unseen, so perhaps we will be able to take another flying vacation and see those places. Over a week & 1/2, our route was 3CK KCKP KCPR KLGU KMAN KRDM KRDD KLVK KSTS KWMC KEMM KRWL KVTN KIIB 3CK.



Even with supplemental oxygen, flying over mountainous terrain is tiring and humbling in a small plane, but we are open to doing it again. The views were spectacular. Of course, it is also fun to be with one's favorite copilot.

Photo above is Lake Tahoe and KTRK

Photo to left is Mt Diablo and SF Bay receding fog

Shelley Ventura and Madeleine Monaco reported

A wonderful long weekend reunion with our friends and colleagues on the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trust.

This year's International Forest of Friendship Ceremony honored some of the Trustees' 49 1/2's: Bob Berthelet (Dorothy's husband) was inducted posthumously, Charlie Boyd (Jacque's husband) was inducted posthumously, Rick Koehnke (Peggy Doyle's husband), and Billy Ray Blackwood (Joy's husband) were with us to be applauded. We had a wonderful celebration.

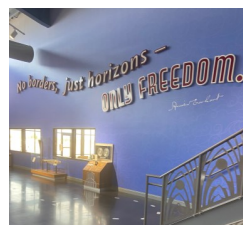
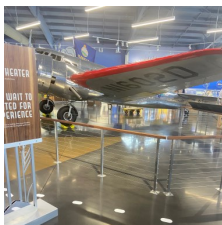
The Chapter formerly known as New Orleans (NOLA) challenged other 99s to attend and participate in the Forest event and our group won that challenge. They arrived with 20 members in matching outfits and inducted 5 of their members. Such fun! Our group had 11 (if you count the dog) and inducted 4.

The Forest is a beautiful place founded by 99 Charter Member Faye Gillis Wells, to celebrate World Friendship through Aviation. Faye's son Linton carries out her wishes and continues her traditions.

Pictured left back row, Joy, Susan, Peggy, Shelley, front row, Jacque, Dorothy and Madeleine



The City of Atchison and the 99s have also made AE Airport (K59) a great place to visit. The Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum is a terrific educational site. It houses a replica of Muriel, Amelia's airplane from her final flight.



And of course, Amelia's Birthplace is a 99s owned historically preserved site on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River in Atchison.



Chicago Chapter Pilot Reports



Our Navy Pilot Hannah W is flying jets—and working on her Instrument Flying. Pensacola is lucky to have her.

Jill F has changed her flying to gyrocopter. Are we jealous? Yes we are. You go girl!

Linda M is spending time getting back her comfort level of proficiency in the air. Great to see you in flight again Linda.

Megan M is finishing up her IFR rating. Has a new additional job at Blue Skies Flight School at 3CK.

Lisa M has taken over mailing out our (very few) hard copy newsletters each month. Thanks for the assist!

Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Rep from our Chapter, Cynthia M, reports on the 7 Illinois Aviators to be honored this month with induction: Janet Harmon Bragg, Mary Ann Eiff, Rufus A Hunt, James P Johnson, Chris Lawson, Mona Marcec, and Luanne Wills-Merrell. Two organizations will also be honored by the group with The Spirit of Flight Award: EAA Chapt 461 and Illinois Aviation Academy. Still time to sign up for and attend the Banquet, October 5, the Hilton Garden Inn, West Chicago. Contact Tom Cleveland groverdkb1@comcast.net.

Shelley V has arranged to change our PayPal status to not-for-profit, but we still prefer to save the fees and have you Zelle or cash or check. Our gift from the Bank of America in IT Professional time from David Enciso has been invaluable, and at the end of his 50 hour commitment to us, they will donate \$500.

Vickie S has stepped forward many times. She is responding to our website requests and questions; she is handling the communications for the re-Airmarking at Lansing Airport; she is hosting our Holiday Party this December with Donna K assisting; and she has volunteered to help when we host the ARC stop #4 next June, as has Cynthia M. Several new members have also volunteered to help down south—welcome Corie W, Isabella D and others.

Deb M has been helping us to secure a weather expert for EXPO Joint IFR/VFR Sessions. She has also agreed to Chair the Forest of Friendship Committee for our Chapter (see the story on page 3) Thanks Deb

Our Flying Companion teachers Yanina B and Leyre K are both otherwise occupied in January, but will provide their slides, their outlines and their assistance to anyone who wishes to help conduct this valuable program.

Eva K will be manager for vendor sales tables for Expo 2024. Any contacts you make between now and mid January, that are aviation related businesses or services, please give Eva the name and contact info. We have 2 so far!

And one more need for Expo, besides of course attendance, is a dedicated space and person, to sign up new members. We want to welcome any woman pilot who wishes to join us in our mission.

Requests: Megan M takes care of Facebook—both sites—please share things with her.

Ana Adona asks EVERY student pilot member, every month for an update—please respond to her. She got NOTHING this month

Remember that we will be hosting the ARC stop in June 2024. Can you help? No experience needed.

Deb Mez will be looking for aviators you wish to honor at the Forest of Friendship next Fall. Consider who our Chapter might nominate

Any flights that you take could inspire another woman pilot. If you travel, share your story and photos

Any ideas for improvements/additions to Girls Aviation Day Event—tell Megan

Any speakers for EXPO (especially weather) tell Madeleine

Any vendors for Expo tell Eva

SHARE YOUR FLIGHTS, IDEAS, AND TIME!

AE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADVANCED RATING/CERTIFICATE

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN DECEMBER!

Don't hesitate to contact me (Sharon Schorsch) if you are thinking of applying: see 99s Online directory for contact info

This scholarship is very competitive. You MUST read the application carefully, meet all of the qualifications, been an active member of the Chicago Area Chapter and show financial need. 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



Are YOU a Commercial Pilot—aiming for career advancement?

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Ileana, and I am the PPLI Assistant Public Relations Coordinator. I'm a Brasilia Captain at a Pt. 135 cargo airline called Ameriflight. I can attest that PPLI significantly impacted my personal and professional life when I joined last Fall, especially as a brand new dual-rated captain. I am grateful for the community, mentors, and the quality of leadership training provided. Therefore, I'm excited to share that our PPLI team is opening up this opportunity for 99's members to join our community for the Autumn session!

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.

Who should apply?

Highly motivated 99s with at least a commercial certificate (actively flying) can apply. Members of your section or chapter working on advanced ratings, looking for a career move, advancing their careers with a current or future employer, preparing for an upgrade, or recovering from a setback, then it's time for them to consider this program.

Because the program uses digital communication and guidance, time zones and locations are irrelevant. This program is for ALL 99s, no matter where they are career-wise, where they live, and what age they are. However, accessing the internet and email is essential, and English is the language that bonds us. We currently having participants from the Far East, Canada, USA and Europe.

For more information, go to the 99s website and click on the link to our promotion video, Fact Sheet and Brochure. More information and the link to our application form, see [The Ninety-Nines/Resources](#)

If you have any questions about this unique 99s leadership mentoring program, please don't hesitate to contact me at pr@99ppli.org or you can reach out to our PPLI Coordination Team Leader by sending an email to: mentoring@ninety-nines.org

Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative

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Madeleine Monaco



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CHAPTER CALENDAR

2023	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	HOSTESS
OCT	14	1:00 PM	GAMBIT AVIATION AT AURORA AIRPORT	LISA M & CECI S
OCT NOV	10-27-29	WEEKEND	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JORDAN	INTERNATIONAL PRES ROBIN HADFIELD
NOV	12	1:00 PM	SCHAUMBURG AIRPORT CONF ROOM SWAP MEET	MADELEINE M
DEC	10	12 NOON	HOLIDAY PARTY VILLAGE GREENS WOODRIDGE	VICKIE S + DONNA K
JAN	26	6PM	PRE-EXPO MEET AND GREET DINNER	EXPO TEAM
JAN	27	ALL DAY	EXPO IFR/VFR RENAISSANCE GLENVIEW HOTEL	EXPO TEAM

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