

International Forest of Friendship Newsletter
June 2016 Induction Ceremonies (our 40th Anniversary!) and Plans for 2017

Welcome to this sixth edition of the Forest's newsletter! The focus is on the honorees who were inducted in ceremonies in Atchison on June 18, 2016, and other events during the Forest's 40th year. This newsletter includes:

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2016 Induction Ceremonies and Speakers

Following an enormously enjoyable Friday evening cocktail party at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison on June 17th, nineteen honorees were inducted into the Forest on the morning of the 18th. The ceremonies were held in the Fay Gillis Wells gazebo, surrounded by the waving flags of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 42 territories, foreign countries and other participants which have trees in the Forest. As always, they were preceded by the very special youth activities, including Smokey Bear, the children's program, and the parade of flags. The weather was beautiful. Expanding on the Forest's overall theme of "World Friendship through Flying" (www.ifof.org), this year's theme focused on "World Friendship through Flight," to include spaceflight and the increasing use of unmanned vehicles and remote sensing to address problems across borders. We honored the U.S. Coast Guard on the 100th anniversary of Coast Guard Aviation. This year also was a chance to celebrate our international friends and expand our partnerships. We greatly appreciated inputs from the international Ninety-Nines sections and the support from NASA and NOAA.

The honorees were:

- Cindy Carrigan Apple, of Louisburg, KS, sponsored by the International Forest of Friendship
- Penny and Ron Blake, of San Jose, CA, sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Ninety-Nines
- Pamela Ann Collings, of Eyrewell, North Canterbury, New Zealand, sponsored by the New Zealand Ninety-Nines
- Janet Gonzales, of Prairieville, LA, sponsored by the New Orleans Ninety-Nines
- The late Marjorie N. Gorman, of Mansfield, Ohio, sponsored by the All-Ohio Ninety-Nines
- The later Joyce Autry Harding, of Banning, CA, sponsored by the Western Washington Ninety-Nines
- Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu, of Riviera Beach, CA, sponsored by Aviation Adventures of Tavernier, FL
- Doris Humphrey Hetrick, of Barryton, KS, sponsored by the Northeast Kansas Ninety-Nines, her children, and various friends
- Fred E. Hetrick, of Barryton, KS, sponsored by the Northeast Kansas Ninety-Nines, his children, and various friends
- The late Dolores "Dee" Nusbaum, of La Porte, Indiana, sponsored by the Indiana Dunes Ninety-Nines
- The late Glann Plymate, of Independence, OR, sponsored by his family
- Christine Renee Poelma, of Louisville, KY, sponsored by the Kentucky Bluegrass Ninety-Nines
- Senja Tobey, of Georges Hall, NSW, Australia, sponsored by the Australian Ninety-Nines
- Capt Florence A. Sanders, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, sponsored by her children in honor of her 60th birthday

- Capt Barry Schiff, of Camarillo, CA, sponsored by the Ventura County Ninety-Nines
- Diane and Perry Welch, of Waupun, WI, sponsored by the Wisconsin Ninety-Nines
- The late Esther Wyandt, of Carmel, IN, sponsored by the Indiana Ninety-Nines

A photo of the honorees is below:



Seated, front row: Cindy Carrigan Apple, Gayle Gorman Green and Jim Gorman (accepting for the late Marjorie Gorman)

Standing, left to right: (left of statue) Penny and Ron Blake, Christine Renee Poelma, Fred E. Hetrick, Diane Welch (accepting for herself and Perry Welch), Doris Humphrey Hetrick, CAPT Florence A.

Sanders, (right of statue) Ann Shaneyfelt (accepting for Bee Haydu), Dee Bond (accepting for Pamela Ann Collings), James, Gregory and Joyce Harding (accepting for the late Joyce Autry Harding)

Last row, to right of statue: Susan Sears (accepting for the late Esther Wyandt), Debra Plymate and Wayne Nutsch (accepting for the late Glenn Plymate)

Not pictured: Janet Gonzales , Bee Haydu, the late Delores Nusbaum, Senja Robey, Captain Barry Schiff

In addition to the inductees, we remembered the late Glen M. Morrow who, with his wife Elaine, was a strong supporter of the Forest for many years. Glen died suddenly at his home in Franklin Township, Delano, Minnesota, on April 9 at age 76. He is survived by his wife Elaine, their daughter Carol (Steve) Schleif, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren, as well as countless aviation and community friends around the world. He will be deeply missed.

Links between the Cosmosphere and the International Forest of Friendship



Ms. Tracey Tomme, Vice President of Education at the Cosmosphere (cosmo.org) in Hutchinson, KS, delivered the keynote address on Saturday in the beautiful venue of the McAllister Board Room at Benedictine College, where the reception room and adjacent balcony overlook miles of Missouri River bottoms. She addressed the new educational components, vision, and unique approaches that are being worked on at the Cosmosphere. She also highlighted the Cosmosphere's international friendship-building projects, including teacher training in China and traveling exhibits to Europe and South America.

The mission statement of the Cosmosphere is quite simply, "Inspiring the future of innovation through applied science education and preserving the history of space exploration." With the vision of being recognized internationally for excellence in inspiring learning and innovation through applied STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education, the Cosmosphere has placed an emphasis on experiential education that teaches real life skills.

What is now one of America's premier space museums and learning centers began as the dream of a Hutchinson civic leader who looked to the stars. Patty Carey, fueled by her lifelong interest in science and motivated by the national urgency created by Russia's launch of Sputnik, initiated the Hutchinson Planetarium in 1962--one of the first public planetariums in the central United States. Four years later, the planetarium was offered a new home on the campus of Hutchinson Community College and a new, enlarged science center was constructed.

In 1976, encouraged by the planetarium's popularity, Patty Carey and the board of directors began planning to develop an expanded space science center worthy of international recognition. This was realized in 1980 when a 35,000-square-foot facility opened, including the planetarium, a three-level exhibit gallery, new classrooms for expanded school programs and one of the first-ever IMAX® Dome Theaters.

In 1997 the facility grew to 105,000 square feet, allowing for the display of a flown SR-71 Blackbird in what is now the lobby. In 1998, the Cosmosphere was named one of the first affiliates of the Smithsonian Institution, linking the Cosmosphere with the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum.

Today, the Cosmosphere is one of the world's premier space museums and science education complexes. It houses the largest combined collection of US and Russian space artifacts in the world.

We greatly appreciated the Cosmosphere's engagement with the Forest, and look forward to closer collaboration.

Ninety-Nines Attendance

Twenty-six 99s attended the ceremonies, some as honorees, some as sponsors, some returning for the friendship and camaraderie that are hallmarks of the Forest.



Seated, front row: Bethany Root, Laurie Probst, Gayle Gorman Green, Nelda Lee, Betti DeBaun, Penny Blake
Second row, left to right: (left of statue) Sophia Korner, Christine Poelma, Tina Hartlaub, Kathy Lester-Ross, Diane Welch, Maria Lamia, Debra Plymate, (right of statue) Nancy Warren, Linda Guthrie, Carolyn Carpp, Toni Reinhard, Janet Liberty
Third row (right of statue): Carole Sutton, Judy Benjamin Godfrey, Ann Shaneyfelt, Cheri Thompson, Ruth Seck, Diane Bartels, Dee Bond, Susan Sears

Special thanks are due to Laurie Probst and the NE Kansas 99s for their efforts to get attendees this year.

Inputs from International Ninety-Nines Sections

AUSTRALIAN SECTION

The Australian Section was established in 1959 with the late Nancy-Bird Walton, AO, OBE the first 'Chairman.' Nancy-Bird travelled Australia and the world, promoting and fostering interest in aviation. Today, our members are dispersed right around our vast continent and only gather formally once a year but also maintain a Compass Rose at Darwin Airport, the entry point to Australia for many world record setting flights. From student pilots through to airline pilots and all in between, from the young and the not-so-young, contact with each other is maintained through newsletters and emails.

Members are always ready to host visiting 99s, offer travel advice and even arrange flights and gatherings when given the opportunity to do so. Such opportunities have allowed so many of our members to expand their own horizons, fly in other countries and make lifelong friends. Electronic communication has certainly made contact easier and faster than ever before.

EAST CANADA SECTION (ECS)

This year's IFOF "World Friendship through Flight" is a great theme for the East Canada Section. This year has been a busy one for the East Canada Section who are hosting the **Ninety-Nines International Aviation Conference** July 5-10, 2016 in Canada's capital - **Ottawa**, Ontario, Canada! We will be welcoming other 99s from all around the world and their guests. Immediately after the Conference, the ECS will be hosting the **Gold Cup Air Rally** (all female pilots welcome).

What Is the Gold Cup Air Rally?

The Gold Cup Air Rally was the brainchild of two First Canadian Chapter 99s who had participated in Air Races in the U.S. and found racing very competitive and hard on the aircraft. They started the 99s Canadian Gold Cup Air Rally in 2000. The rally is not a race. This all women's cross country challenge is flown in day VFR conditions only. The only competitive part is based on challenges such as aviation related questions, ground photos, calculation of fuel consumption, spot landing and more. There must be a minimum of 2 persons per aircraft, (pilot and co-pilot). Places flown to in the past include Fredericton, New Brunswick; Calgary, Alberta; Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan; Summerside, Prince Edward Island; St Anthony's, Newfoundland; Denver, Colorado and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Women of Aviation Worldwide Week:

On Saturday March 12, 2016 several Chapters of the ECS of the Ninety-Nines hosted "Girls Take Flight" to introduce girls and women to aviation as part of the **Women of Aviation Worldwide Week initiative**. Over 1000 people attended, mostly girls and women. There were several elements to the event: Free Fly-it-Forward flights, Aviation activities (Learn about airport operations and aircraft procedures, build a wooden wing rib, etc.), a Speaker Program (pilots, air traffic controllers, aerospace engineers, aviation mechanics etc.).

Many of our members continue to travel the world, meeting up with other female aviators and then sharing their adventure stories. Other ECS 99s have participated in various air races around the world and have built everlasting friendships through flight.

GERMAN SECTION

Being part of an international women's flying community is maybe the most important reason to join the 99s. Many of our members have met 99s from other countries when traveling abroad or have hosted 99s from other countries. The German 99s section was honored to host 200 pilots from around the world at the 2015 International Conference in Munich, most of them from the US and Canada, but also from Spain, China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Jordan in order to exchange flying experiences, share passion and enjoy the Bavarian way of life. Glider flying with the view on the Alps, visiting the globally known aviation branch of the German Technique Museum at Oberschleissheim airfield, as well as the Hangar 7 at Salzburg airport are shared memories at their best. New friendships were born, joint vacation flights and mutual visits were agreed. Worldwide women pilot friendship and passion – that is what the 99s stand for. Our lovely “Waldi” Waltraut Moog, late President of the 99s German section, who far too early went to New Horizons, had initiated this wonderful event. Welcome back 99s!

NEW ZEALAND SECTION

The New Zealand Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. was chartered with 14 members on 28 Jan 1980. Today we number 11 members, including two founding members Pamela Ann Collings, and Edith Gillian Robinson. With a strong national association, the NZ Section members are women who foster international fellowship through their sport or career in aviation, and enjoy hosting overseas visitors to our shores or travelling abroad. In 2000/01 we proposed and presented a bid to host The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Conference in New Zealand which was successful, and our Christchurch-based members hosted the event in 2005 bringing together 225 women from around the world. Our members have represented New Zealand at World Championships - in Aerobatics, and Precision and Rally flying; have set FAI World Speed Records; and have participated in International Air Races, including the London-to-Sydney Race in 2001, and the Air Race Classic. Two of our current members fly internationally as airline pilots. We may be a small Section, but we take great pride in being part of an international fellowship that brings women together through aviation.

Plans for 2017 (Flying, Forests and the Future) and Beyond

We are looking forward to next year's induction ceremonies, which will be on June 16-17, 2016 (Fri-Sat). The focus for 2017 will be on “Flying, Forests and the Future,” with an emphasis on youth. While we welcome any nominees who have contributed, or are contributing to aviation and aerospace, we particularly want to highlight contributions by people under 35.

Even as we prepare for 2017, we will be working to strengthen the ties forged this year with international partners and the Cosmosphere. We hope to build on recent themes to keep developing partnerships between the Forest and many other organizations. In addition to activities around Atchison, this could include ties with agriculture-based businesses, as well as other aviation and aerospace organizations in Kansas. We'd like to work with the Explorers Club in their explorations of the biosphere, and leverage the explosion of opportunities in open source Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) development. The use of aviation, remote sensing and related data analysis in precision agriculture could be a collaborative area. Another potential set of ties would be to collaborate on educational

projects, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) areas, while adding Art and Design (to make it STEAM). This could be done together with organizations like Rotary International, Challenger Center, Young Eagles, Girls Fly, etc. In sum, this year's events could be the basis for a very rich web of cooperation.

We would welcome discussions on these topics with anyone or any organization that's interested and would like to explore several types of relationships going forward:

- (1) Following up on this year's "World Friendship through Flight" events;
- (2) Encouraging greater participation in ongoing Forest activities around Atchison; and;
- (3) Developing an understanding of how we might work with partner individuals and organizations on future activities at the Forest.

Other upcoming themes include:

2018: "Security and Solace through Flight" – Especially military aviators, flying medical staff, Angel Flight, etc.

2019: "Discovery through Flight" – Honoring those who have "pushed the envelope" in all aspects of aviation and aerospace.

2020: "Flying and Forests" – Linking aviation and aerospace with the Earth's green spaces.

2021: "World Friendship through Flight" – International partnerships and the promotion of peace through aviation and aerospace.

We particularly welcome two experienced arborists to the Forest Committee this year: Doug Grimm and Clinton McNeme. The health of the Forest is core to all other activities here, and we value their advice and innovations. We look forward to expanding aviation-related representation on the Committee.

We'd greatly appreciate your feedback on any aspect of the Forest and this newsletter. Suggestions for honorees and outreach opportunities would be welcome. Please feel free to reply directly to the transmittal e-mail (forestoffriendship@gmail.com) or via the website (www.ifof.org) which has more information about the Forest and points of contact, as well as sponsoring and reservation procedures.

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All the best.

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Co-Chairmen

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