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- **Officer Reports**

Vice Governor – Marilyn Shafer No Report

Treasurer – Jeanne Burklund will discuss budget later in the meeting.

Secretary - Barbara Strachan will provide delegate slips to all who need them.

Roll Called: Quorum Declared, 59%, 40 members were present representing 13 chapters out of a total of 22 chapters.

A vote to approve the minutes of last SE Section Meeting in Memphis, TN, October 2017. Motion to approve by Vikki Greenleaf, second by Ginger Adelstone. Motion passed.

Director – Ramona Banks Report later in this meeting.

Director – Karen Weldon No Report

Past Governor - Myra Bugbee Will report about an exciting new program later in the meeting.

International Board Representative: Marilyn Shafer gave a full introduction of Martha Phillips, Immediate Past International President who is a member of the Ventura County Chapter 99s. The Aviation Community at-large in Ventura County is honoring Martha by placing a bench in the Camarillo Viewport Park. Children will be able to view airport activities from the bench. The bench will list Martha's years as The Ninety-Nines International President.

Martha reported that the first International Booth representing the Ninety Nines was at Sun n Fun this year. It was a success, with approximately 50 new or reinstating members registering to become a 99. There is a new voice on the phone at headquarters, Star Worthy. We have until May 1 for electronic International voting. It was stated there was a lack of submissions for Awards for women for the International Conference in Philadelphia this summer. Wonderful people who deserve recommendations should be nominated and be recognized with these awards. Formats for new press

releases are available online. Check your listing in the Online Directory for accuracy and the latest info update.

Ninety Nines can benefit with the purchase of a new ZULU Lightspeed Head Set in April. A 99s logo will be on the headset and a portion of sales will be given to the 99s. Abington Watches will give 9.99 percent of purchase price of sales to Ninety Nines Chapters of watches bought in July. Martha invited all to Philadelphia in July for International Conference. Next year in 2019, the International Conference will be in Dayton, Ohio and in 2020, the SW Section will host in Long Beach, California on the Queen Mary.

Mae Marquet introduced Lisa Cotham and Terry Carbonell as current International Board Members from our section. Vickie Lynn Sherman, Past International President from 2000 - 2002 was present. Marie Christensen, Past International President from 1990 -1992 joined us too.

### **Committee Reports**

**Ways and Means** report by Ramona Banks: The new SE Section Shirts are a great hit. The shirts were pre-ordered sales with just a few additional ones that have basically all sold. A new order date will be set for delivery by the next section meeting. A small amount was profit from sales.

**Jewelry Sales** generated \$300 this year and is being sold at the 99s House. We also have charms to sell.

**New Fundraising Project:** The new fundraiser will be a Cruise raffle. Tickets will be sold for a \$1000 Cruise certificate. Tickets will cost \$10 with 1000 tickets to be sold by chapters anywhere and everywhere especially outside of the 99s. The monies are earmarked for the New Horizons Memorial Scholarship Fund. The tickets distribution target date is in October at Section Meeting to chapters.

**Section Award:** Ginger Adelstone reported there were six outstanding nominees for the award and Janet Gonzales, NOLA Chapter, was selected. ALL Chapters are encouraged to submit nominees in the future.

Mae Marquet noted that \$3000, previously dedicated to the New Horizons Memorial Scholarship Fund, will be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the New Horizons Memorial Scholarship fund. The funds were

generated from sales of jewelry, glasses, and other items. It was moved and voted upon, passing unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Mae called for all first timers to the Section Meeting. The one to travel the furthest received a book written and donated by WASP Bee Haydu, *Letters Home 1944 – 1945*.

**Amelia Earhart Scholarship:** Mae Marquet reported there were 19 submissions. Alice Furr was a winner from our section. Lisa Cotham gave insight on the process, explaining the route to the judges. Lisa brought up that there is a quota of how many may be submitted. Mae pointed out that many applicants failed to dot their i's and cross their t's and are eliminated early in the process. Help will be forthcoming on this issue in the future. Beth Schoppaul, section scholarship chairman, was thanked for all her work.

Last year's winner of the New Horizons Scholarship, Lora Lewis told her aviation history story sharing her gratitude to the 99s for the scholarships she has won. This year's winner is Genae Randall from the Kitty Hawk Chapter.

**Mommy Pilot Scholarship Fund:** Myra Bugbee stated that the Mommy Pilots group originally was part of the Southeast Section and their funds were held in an account managed by the SE Section. Mommy Pilots are now a chapter and their funds will be forwarded to their chapter to manage (fundraising and selecting winners). However, this year the section was still involved in choosing the winner. Kristena Cook, Blue Grass chapter, won the Mommy Pilot Scholarship.

It was suggested to put up a slide of all scholarship winners at section meetings if possible in the future.

**Website:** Mae needs volunteers to help manage the content on the site. Ramona will help but needs at least one other person to assist.

**Membership:** Jessica Rogers is doing a good job keeping in touch with membership chairs reminding them of the new members and contacting those whose membership is lapsing. We have 725 members as of today and our new goal is 800 Section Members.

**Air Marking:** Mae Marquet reported there is a plan for an Air Marking with a tentative date of the weekend of November 15, 16, and 17, 2018 at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, host to Sun n Fun. We are waiting for

the road to be resurfaced at Sun n Fun and Laird Boulevards. This will be great exposure for the 99s.

**NIFA:** Marilyn Shafer suggested we might have an Air BnB weekend for this event in November, week of November to 9. Judges are needed for Safe Con. It is being held near Jacksonville at KHEG airport. Dennis Wilt is Safe Con director, contact him at [dwwilt@aol.com](mailto:dwwilt@aol.com) to volunteer. There is a lot much fun and activity to be had.

**FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP:** Mae Marquet reported Section donated a bench for \$450. A picture is framed and hanging in the Ninety Nines House showing the bench in its setting in the Forest.

**AE Birthplace Museum:** Mae Marquet reported a brick for the walk at the house with the Southeast Section name will be purchased from our donation.

**Marketing (International Committee information):** Terry Carbonell reported that we have registered 41 new members at the International Booth at Sun n Fun. She encouraged us to contact them to keep them interested and to make them feel welcome. Approximately one year ago, a new marketing process was instigated to increase membership. The process uses Venly (social media impact), Sky Ads (branding "I'm a 99") and design advertising. You will see a notice about the 99s everywhere.

**Education:** Vikki Greenleaf suggested a nutritionist for our Fall Section Meeting; also, possibly an Aerobic Pilot presentation. Ramona mentioned the idea of "Asking a CFI" Seminar.

**501c(3):** Jeanne Burklund reported regular corporate 501c(3) is report due by May 1. Jeanne and Terry are to file for the Section Federal Requirements. Individual Florida Chapters will file their own reports with the state. Lisa Cotham suggested International headquarters address be used for all reports to insure continuity.

**Budget:** Mae opened the floor for discussion regarding the budget. Debbie Yarborough moved to approve the budget. Vikki Greenleaf seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CHAPTER REPORTS** Those chapters present gave verbal reports and all reports submitted there or via email are attached.

## **Other Interests and Upcoming Events**

**WASP:** Myra Bugbee reported that we had two WASP attend the luncheon Kay Hildebrand 94, and Bea Haydu 97. There is a poster at the Ninety Nines House honoring 2018 donors. These ladies spoke on the radio twice, made a presentation at the museum on the SNF campus and served on a discussion panel at a WASP luncheon with Lt. Hardy (Tuskegee Airman).

**International Awards:** Marilyn Shafer explained the various categories. Information is available on International website. Nominations are due January 2019. We should think about our great ladies and take the time to nominate them.

**Fall Section Meeting 2018:** The next meeting is scheduled at Historic Banning Mills in Whitesburg, GA from October 5-6, 2018. During the Sun 'n' Fun event the cost for registration for the SE Section Meeting would be a special of \$99. The location is about 40 miles Southwest of Atlanta. It is near Calloway Gardens. Please register by August as there is a block of rooms reserved. A Governors Retreat will follow on Sunday of that weekend; all are welcome.

**Spring Section Meeting 2019:** Carol Voss of the Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast announced it's scheduled to be in Pensacola. They are currently planning tours, etc.

**AOPA 2018 Regional Event:** This event will be in Gulf Shores, AL at KJKA, on October 26 -27, 2018. The Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter will host a booth for the 99s at this event.

**The Let's Fly Now Program:** Myra Bugbee introduced a new initiative for the 99s, *The Let's Fly Now Program*. This program is a free introductory flight program for girls and women (and boys and men). It provides an opportunity for our 99s, Friends of the 99s, and other certified pilots to share their passion for aviation and inspire the next generation of pilots. It is not only for children. We will target girls ages 16 and older and "more mature" women. Many women have not had the time or finances to pursue flying when they are young. Partnerships are being designed with King Schools, Dare to Fly Fashions, and other anonymous donors. Reduced costs for or free ground school will also be a benefit of the program. Insurance and

Liability waivers are required. For now, this will be done at scheduled recognized events only. Logbooks are being developed along with brochures. The committee is looking for a University PhD. candidate to help create a program to collect and evaluate data to determine the overall value of program.

The plan is to launch *The Let's Fly Now Program* at a youth program for mother/daughter flights during Mothers Day Weekend, Saturday May 12, in Mobile, AL. Terry Carbonell made a quilt to be offered as a fund raiser raffle item to help collect funds for the program. More details forth coming.

We also have a verbal agreement from the King Schools to offer any 99s member 20% off of any of their products.

### **Good of the Order**

Amazon Prime is encouraged. Go to Amazon Smile and select SE Section as the beneficiary (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1502880>). This does not cost anyone.

Friends of the 99s costs \$50 to join. Consider making this a gift for someone.

The Kitty Hawk Chapter was excited to say they are hosting the Fall 2019 meeting the first weekend in October of 2019.

Paradise Coast Chapter, the host chapter for this well attended SE Section, was thanked for their planning efforts, the tremendous work in cooking delicious meals, and their creativity during this weekend event.

Marilyn Shafer motioned to adjourn. Ramona Banks seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 4:03 p.m.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE 99S A PRIORITY!!**

**Chapter Reports Received for Posting with Minutes April 2018**

These are not in any order.

## Alabama Chapter

Presented by Ramona Banks, Chairman

- The Alabama Chapter has added 8 new members since our last Section Meeting.
- We are currently at 43 members.
- We had four member apply for the Fly Now Scholarship.
- Two members have received their private license since the last Section Meeting
  - Nena Gorrell
  - Eileen Hamby
- Dec: Christmas Party where we nicely stole presents from each other in Dirty Santa.
- Jan: We raised about \$2500 for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum with our Amelia Earhart Luncheon in January. Our speaker was CarolAnn Garrett and she raised \$600 for ALS.
- Feb:
  - Worked with the Mommy Pilots, and the Mississippi Chapter on the Military Spouse Flying Demystify at Columbus Air Force Base. We presented a modified "Flying Companion" Course for spouse of new military airmen.
  - We held a FAA WINGS seminar and opened it to the aviation community. The seminar was "Ask an Examiner Seminar with Max Gurgew" (our local DPE). We had 40 pilots show up for the seminar.

Unfortunately, the **Blue Ridge Chapter** does not have anything to report. Our "home" airport KSPA is opening up a Children's aviation park on April 14th, 2018. I will be there to hand out brochures and talk about the 99's but the focus will be on children and the park. many friends will have their planes, so kids can get "up close" with supervision, unfortunately we did not have much to do with the park itself.

Warm Regards and Clear Skies!  
Linda Saniewski  
Blue Ridge Chapter Chair.

## Georgia Flying Belles

We will have our first scholarship offered this Fall in the amount of \$500, will be adding it to the registry on the International site. We recently did a tour of the Atlanta TRACON facility and have been having virtual meetings monthly.

# Appalachian Aviatrixes Spring 2018 Chapter Report

After the first Chapter fundraiser last September, the Appalachian Aviatrixes had a quiet few months.

During the fall, we experimented with Zoom meetings. We're hoping to make all our members feel a part of the Chapter.

In January we had a winter retreat at Sugar Mountain Ski Resort in North Carolina. We spent a day skiing and tubing, followed by a cozy evening discussing our upcoming events.

April 7, we had our first Girl Scout Fun Patch Day. The weather was completely uncooperative with sleet and wind. Fortunately, we were able to move everything inside except one aircraft. In addition to presentations by our own Chapter members, we were excited to have Columbus Air Force Base send over five female instructors along with a T-1 and T-6. We also had great presentations from TSA and PHI.

The Chapter Scholarship Committee was pleased to award our first two scholarships. Meagan Harr received the Appalachian Aviatrixes Scholarship for Advanced Certificate or Rating. Alisa Burnett received the Appalachian Aviatrixes Scholarship for Private Pilot. Each scholarship is for \$1,000.

Our September fundraiser is already scheduled. We learned a lot from the event last year. This year the event will be bigger and better. We already have four aircraft from the Commemorative Air Force coming to KTRI September 3-10.

Janice Pelletti  
Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter Chair

*Carolinas Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.*

**Ken Swaringen, Stanley Airport Director**, was presented a Friends of the 99 Membership; he sent a thank you letter in appreciation. Our group is planning on Assisting the Stanly County Airport with upcoming events to support local aviation and the local airports.

**Girl Scout Cadette Aviation Badge:** Our group is working with the Mooresville Cadette Girl Scout Troup to help them earn their Cadette Aviation Badge. Each group member is going to act as a specialist on a list given to us by the scout group.

**Bretlyn Marr** was awarded the Jewell Bailey Brown Scholarship from our group in the amount of \$1000.00 which will allow her to continue her flying education. She is the first-place winner of the 2016 99's Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship and the 99's Amelia Earhart FLY NOW Scholarship.



### Paradise Coast 99s Section Report

The Paradise Coast 99s have started out the spring season with a bang! Three pilots with new ratings – Congratulations to:

Terry Carbonell – Flight instructor – airplane single and multi-engine instrument  
Joelle Petersen – Commercial single, Commercial multi-engine instrument  
Jeanne LaFountain – Instrument rating  
Great job ladies!! (pictured below in order)



Paradise Coast painted a new compass rose at Page Field on March 17. Members from different chapters flew in or drove over to assist – thank you all!

Special thanks to Naiara Petralanda for flying the template to us!



The Chapter participated in Page Field Aviation Day, April 7. Jessica Stearns flew her J-3 Cub in for display. She was quite popular by letting all the aspiring young aviators take pictures in the plane.



## Daytona 99s

Our chapter is growing steadily with 32 members

- We did our first compass rose painting on November 3rd in Williston, FL. On this occasion, our chapter (along with other FL chapters) was trained by Laura Sherwood (Spaceport) so that we could do future roses on our own. We had 16 volunteers, most of them showing up by airplane. We were efficient, starting at 8am and ending around 3pm. The Spaceport chapter donated all their airmarking tools to our chapter.
- Naiara (co-chair), put her training in practice in March to help the Paradise coast chapter lay out their rose in Fort Myers.
- We had our first online meeting in December, using zoom. After figuring out some of the technical details, we were able to conduct our meeting using the 40 min for free. This will be done again in the future as needed.
- On March 31st, the chapter met in Leesburg at Naiara's place. She shared her backcountry flying experience from last summer with us, explaining how to do a perfect short field landing when you only have a few hundred feet of runway with no go-around option. After a lunch cooked by her 49.5 Grant, Naiara took our members and guests for tours in her Just SuperSTOL to try some of the techniques she described in the morning: box canyon turn and spot landing. We also decided on a schedule for most of the remaining year (and then some), with planning for seaplane introduction in May, a fundraiser in November, and more compass rose paintings in early 2019.
- The Daytona 99s family is growing, with the addition of Virginia Rollin's baby Arthur in February, and the future addition of Lauren Thompson's baby in June/July.
- With that, Virginia also gave the Mommy Pilots' "Flying with Kids" seminar along with Ramona Banks at Sun N Fun.

## Spring Chapter Report -FL Heartland 99s

Vikki Greenleaf

- Oct – First meeting was held. Education: New Flight School KSEF spoke with us.
- Nov – Shira Ellsworth spoke with us about updates to aviation rules and regulations.
- Dec – Christmas party, goody boxes sent to 12 local FBOs and friends
- Jan – EXPO – Janice Rearick of our Chapter was Expo Director, Heartland 99s had a booth, raffle. Education Topic: Nutrition (Kathy Howitt)

- Feb – Invited by local EAA Chapter 1240 to use facilities and work together for youth education. Building AirCam. Helping with meetings. Education Topic: Nutrition (Kathy Howitt)
- Mar – FL Heartland Participated in Girl Scout Aviation Day (FL Goldcoast).
- Apr – Chair spoke to local EAA Chapter about the FL Heartland 99s. Two New Members – Abbie Kellett – Off to fly charters this summer. Niloofar Rahmani – First Female Afghani Fixed wing military pilot.
- Other – Two members participating in ARC – JoAnn Alcorn and Kathy Howitt, The Flamingo Flyers. We are ARC start for 2021.

**Florida Suncoast Chapter** Report We now have 60 members November we meet at St Petersburg Airport and our member Lora Lewis spoke. She was a New Horizon scholarship winner and has obtained 8 new ratings in the last 20 months. December we had our Holiday party at the St Petersburg Yacht Club January we went to Ocala and had Ken speak to us about flying his Stearman from Florida to Portland Oregon February we went back to St. Petersburg and took turns flying the simulator at the flight school. Barbara Strachan spoke at the local Zonta Club meeting. She spoke about Amelia Earhart and the 99s. March was our Girl Scout Aviation Day we had 81 girls sign up. They were divided into 5 groups and rotated 5 stations. They learned about the phonetic alphabet, the control surfaces of the plane , flew styrofoam airplanes, did Alka Seltzer rockets, and preflighted an airplane. The EAA opened up their Hanger and the Girl Scouts saw planes being built and a demonstration of a wind tunnel. They also practiced tower communications using Wilkie talkies. It was a great event, good fund raiser and good cause. All the Girl Scouts received a fun badge. Our May meeting is in Crystal River and in June we are meeting at the Flying Boat Brewery in St Petersburg for a fund raiser.

## **Treasure Coast FL 99s meeting notes**

**November 11, 2017** we met at F45 for a presentation by David Jacobson and Edward C Covington on Aerobatic Flying. Afterward we got to inspect both the Super Decathlon and Extra 300L.

**November 4, 2017**, Ruth Jacobs travels to Williston FL along with the Spaceport Chapter to Paint a compass rose

**December 12, 2017**, we had a full house for our Holiday party at Palm Beach Flight Club @ F45 where we had a Toys for Tots Toy drive, with aviation themed gifts and heard a presentation by Michelle Rudolph about her exiting Fly ins to Oshkosh.

**January 9, 2018** -- Dr John Shewmaker, FAA medical flight physician came from Orlando to Signature Flight in Stuart FL for a presentation on your health and flying and why it is never good to lie to your flight physician

**January 25** -- Ruth Jacobs and Julie Wang each spoke at the US Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring FL, Ruth's topic - Adventurer and Around the World Aviator / Julie's topic - Solo Around the World Aviator and Inspirational Speaker

**February 18, 2018** – Ruth went to Homestead to help paint the compass rose with the Gold Coast chapter.

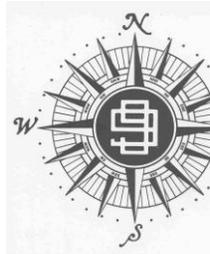
**February 24, 2018** -- Missionary Flight International at Fort Pierce Airport. We visited the Missionary Flight Services, heard about their purpose and what they do. Then we viewed the beautiful DC3s and saw the one they are rebuilding. Then we had lunch at the Tiki and then the Coast Guard allowed us to have a good look at their helicopter

**March 17, 2019** - Ruth and Alicia help to paint compass rose Ft Myers

**March 24, 2018** – 7 Members of the TC 99s joined the Gold Coast 99s for their Girl Scout aviation patch program @ Wayman Aviation North Perry Airport in Hollywood FL

Nancy Bradshaw, AE scholarship winner, received her Commercial helicopter rating.

Erica Hoehler received her instrument, commercial, multiengine and commercial multiengine ratings.



## ~ Memphis TN 99s ~ 2018 Spring Report

The Memphis chapter holds regular business meetings on the third Saturday each month except when special events are planned. Some notable events are the following:

- We are working on setting up some educational meetings this calendar year.
- We have two members actively pursuing advanced ratings (CFI). And our former member (now in Aloha Chapter) received scholarships to finish her IFR rating.
- Memphis assisted in the painting of a compass rose at Union City. The 99 logo was painted on the center so now pilots in NW Tennessee can use it and Ninety-Nines get free advertising. No other compass roses for the Memphis Chapter this calendar year. So, if you need some assistance, the Memphis team has bandwidth.
- Memphis has 2 pancake breakfasts planned for 2018 to raise funds and again try and solicit look female pilots to join the Ninety Nines.
- In May 2018 we will be helping the EAA perform young eagle flights and again the Memphis Chapter is looking at bringing girl scouts out of Memphis, thus allowing the Memphis Chapter to encourage future young female aviators to get started on their aviation career or passion.
- Memphis Chapter is looking to send some ladies to the ARC start in Sweetwater as Jackson, TN will be the start in the 2019 race.

The Chapter has 6-9 faithful members that attend regularly, which allows for great planning and sharing of our flying experiences (new and old). Several ladies are very active in flying.

The Chapter has been actively encouraging women we meet to join the ninety-nines. Two new members have recently joined the Memphis Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois E. Horne

Memphis, TN Chapter Chairperson





## Southeast Section Kitty Hawk Chapter, Inc.

### CHAPTER REPORT SPRING 2018

Our members have been busy. In October Jan Squillace was named FAST Rep of the year for the Greensboro FSDO for the second year in a row and she is not a CFI. And in March Jan earned her Ground Instructor (Advanced and Instrument) rating.

Sandra Smith received her Civil Air Patrol Mission Pilot Certification.

Georgia Martin earned her Tailwind Endorsement.

Kristin Dwiggins moved from "Future" to full fledge 99 by earning her PPL in November

Courtney Robeson earned her Multi engine Rating using scholarship money from the Kitty Hawk Marcia Keaton scholarship and the Carolinas Chapter scholarship.

In October I was contacted by the North Carolina Our State Magazine which was doing an aviation issue in February. They wanted names of members who had planes. I gave them several names and they chose Corbi Bulluck because her plane was based at TTA (Sanford) where we had just painted a compass rose and it was featured also. I did tell them that there were other chapters North Carolina.

Our November/December meeting was at Margaret Riddles for a Christmas luncheon/meeting.

Our January meeting turned out to be a memorial service for our scheduled host/speaker, Steve Merritt, the Airport Manager at LHZ – Triangle North Executive Airport who died in a plane crash in December.

In February we met in Fayetteville, NC and met at the local Subway for our meeting and then toured the Airborne and Special Operations Museum.

March saw the chapter members in Winston-Salem at the Smith Reynolds Airport a "Girls in Aviation Day" that was organized by a Senior Girl Scout earning her Gold Award. It was bad weather so few girls attended, but those who did were very enthusiastic.

We have started a Go Fund Me Drive to help finish funding our Marcia Keaton Scholarship.

Our next event is an airmarking at the Rocky Mount/Wilson Airport the last Saturday of April.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Gibson, Chapter Chair



April 7, 2018

#### **MOMMY PILOTS CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES REPORT**

Liz Poeppelman, Chair

Our chapter has slowly been pulling ourselves together as an official 99s chapter. We were happy and grateful to have a chapter member's business donate the remaining money we needed to offer a \$1000 Mommy Pilots scholarship for 2018, as part of the 99s Scholarship Registry.

In February, we co-hosted with the Alabama and Mississippi Chapters and the Columbus AFB a class for military pilot & student pilot spouses called, "Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and Flying Demystified". At the end of February, we had our first guest speaker, Phil Poeppelman, who talked about flying the Air Force's Deep Freeze Missions to Antarctica to include the first Night Vision Goggle approaches. It was a successful presentation however we have a few issues to iron out with using the application Zoom in such a format.

In March, we took a hard look at our chapter and how to deal with the busyness of our members, our members being spread out across multiple time zones, and the challenges of being an online chapter. We also decided we needed to refocus back to supporting moms. We have a password protected members section of our website we just launched that is still under construction, however, we now have a member map, a chapter calendar, important contact information, a sign up for Mommy Pilot Guides (an informal mentorship), etc. We are trying a different format for our business meetings which will be based out of Google Classroom and are spread out over a week to allow for each member to take the time to participate in the meeting on her own schedule. We are using our Zoom account, a video conferencing application, for emergency business meetings, guest speakers, and now hangar chats. The hangar chats are to allow our chapter members and other 99s face time with each other and to network. We also pick a topic prior to each hangar chat that we feel is a current issue for us as moms, women, and/or pilots. We had our first trial run of a hangar chat in March where we discussed our biggest obstacle/challenge facing us right now with flying. We also started a chapter member GroupMe group to stay in contact, ask questions, schedule meetups locally or while on a trip. This has been a great way to share stories, pictures, etc informally especially since we can't meet in person.

We just finished up a successful bonfire.com Mommy Pilots Chapter shirt fundraiser. This will allow us to pay some of the bills for the chapter. We also launched a graphic contest. The winning design will be used on merchandise to help us raise money for our chapter and scholarship. It runs from March 31 - May 31. Please see attached flyer.

This month, Virginia Rollins and Ramona Banks presented our Flying with Kids seminar here at Sun n Fun. We are grateful to our 99s sisters for helping us out and suggesting Sun n Fun as an opportunity to share our presentation.

On Thursday, July 5, 2018, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM, at the 99s International Conference Maximizing "L.I.F.T."—Leading Symphony Into the Future Together, Liz Poeppelman will be representing our chapter and participating as a facilitator on the topic of how to make chapters and sections more family/mom friendly.

On August 28, 2018, 9PM Eastern, Virginia will be our guest speaker. Her presentation will be on Scholarship Help.

If you would like to virtually attend our hangar chats and guest speaker presentations, please, email us at [mommypilots@gmail.com](mailto:mommypilots@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list. We'd love to have you join us!

#### **MEMBERS**

In October, Kelsey Walters, welcomed a second son into the world. In November, Valerie Annunziata got married and has switched airframes in the Air Force and is currently in training to fly the F-22. Heather Hatton was hired by Piedmont Airlines and Maria Burns obtained her CFI.

w: [mommypilots.wix.com/wefly2](http://mommypilots.wix.com/wefly2)

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## Two minute Chapter Chair Report for The NOLA 99s

October 2017 - April 2018

**Chapter Chair:** Karen Weldon

**Chapter Membership:** 42 with a continual flow of those interested in membership for scholarships, encouragement and networking.

### **Flying Activities:**

A quarterly fly-in including Quiet Birdsmen in vintage planes was held at Oreck Farm February 16-18.

**Education Events:** On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Allie Smith passed her SIC EMB-120 while in training for Ameriflight and is doing her Initial Operating Experience (IOE) in Puerto Rico.

On February 19<sup>th</sup> Alice Furr (aka Baby Alice) received her Commercial Pilot Airplane Single and Multiengine Land ratings. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> she received her first type rating for SIC HS-125 Instrument Airplane. She was just notified that she will receive an AE Scholarship for Instructor training.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> five members of NOLA toured the Lakefront Airport (KNEW) tower and the Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY) tower/TRACON.

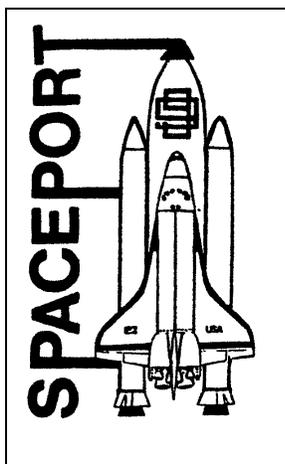
**Community Outreach:** On October 24<sup>th</sup> four members flew to Beaumont to deliver a PlayStation to a young boy whose home and school were devastated by Hurricane Harvey. A surprise presentation was done at a school assembly and was recorded in a uTube video.

On October 27-29 an Air, Sea, and Land Expo was sponsored by the WWII Museum at the Lakefront Airport (KNEW). Four members flew in the B17 and B29 (FiFi) and another was in a fly-by in one of the Commemorative Air Force WWII trainers. A 99s booth complete with a new banner was staffed. Two WASPs were hosted.

A new web site for the chapter, NOLA99s.com, went live in February.

On March 9 and 10 the chapter sponsored a Fly It Forward event at Louisiana Regional Airport (KREG). One hundred ten girls/women were given their 1<sup>st</sup> flight over the 2 day event. Among the ground support was a member, Madison Perry, who has been awarded a Fly Now Scholarship. She was first introduced to aviation through a Fly It Forward flight at KREG and is now pursuing a career in aviation at a Louisiana college.

**Other:** Four members have applied for the Fly Now scholarships.



# Spaceport 99s

Ellie Hoffman, Chairman

Mary Anne Demmer, Vice Chairman

Carol Gosling, Treasurer

Sandy Parks, Secretary

Membership Chairman

Bobbi Lasher, Scholarship Chairman

Marketing Chairman

Ellie Hoffman, Safety Officer

Demmer, Education Officer

TBD, Webmaster

[www.spaceport99s.org](http://www.spaceport99s.org)

Mary Anne Demmer,

Laura Sherwood, Air

Mary Anne

## SPRING 2018

### Upcoming Events:

April: No Spaceport meeting

April 10 – 15: Sun N Fun, Lakeland

April 13 – 15: Southeast Section meeting, Lakeland

May 12<sup>th</sup>: Learn about Drones – FIT Aviation, Melbourne Airport

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Annual meeting and installation of officers, Dixie Crossroads Restaurant, Titusville

June 19 – 22: Air Race Classic

**Welcome:** to the following new members. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

\* Michelle Graves, Orlando FL

\* Isabel Prado, Palm Bay FL

\* Nathalie Pereira, Orlando FL

\* Kaley Anderson, Winter Park FL

\* Sommer Rovira, Cocoa Beach FL

**May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Ishmael Cremer, FIT professor, will educate us about drones and the FIT program.

**June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Our Annual meeting and installation of officers for next year will be held at the Dixie Crossroads Restaurant, Garden St., Titusville at 11:30. Guests are always welcome. Dress is Casual. Order from the menu – Dutch treat.

**Special News:** Arthur Samuel Rollin was born on Sunday, February 4th at 9:51pm. 7lbs 10oz, 20in, we are both doing good, at home and adapting to the new life. Theodore is very proud to be a big brother.



*Bertrum with Arthur and Virginia with Theodore*

**A Note from Laura Sherwood:** Thank you for all your prayers. We're celebrating Mom's graduation to Heaven, freedom from pain, reunion with many family members, and seeing Jesus face to face at 4:10 this afternoon - Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Members Milestones:**

In January **Nancy El-Hajj** celebrated 60 years as a 99!!! Not only that, but she was an active pilot and pilot examiner.

until just a few months ago!

**Betty Hostler** has been a 99 for 56 years.

**Marcia Gitelman** will celebrate 50 years of membership in November.

**Carol Gosling** celebrates 45 years in April.

**Judy Johnson** and **Bobbi Lasher** celebrate 25 years in March.





The last six months our chapter has increased our membership, opened an email account, twitter, Instagram, to let the community know of what we are doing and started the use of an app called BAND to facilitated communication among members on daily bases, post pictures and organize events. BAND allowed us to keep all the members current while only members have access and privacy to what it is being posted. Also, we use House party app to call in when members cannot participate in person to the business meetings. In October, we flew to Bartow for the Witches Fly In. In November, we celebrated our One Year Old birthday since incorporated. In December, we flew to Punta Gorda and visited the tower and brought Christmas cookies, and visited and brought cookies to Sarasota tower. We also had our second Christmas party. January, we had speaker Sonia Fuentes, founder of NOW, author, and lawyer involved on the 60s stablishing the rights of Gender Discrimination. Also, in January, we hosted our fist Flight Companion Seminar. This seminar was sponsored by the FAA. February, we had Amy Laboda present a seminar on Basic Meds. This is the second year that Amy comes all the way from Fort Myers to speak to our group. March was the month of career day. Cherileigh Dawson and I spoke a local schools about careers in aviation. Also Cherileigh presented for a local middle school group in a STEM program. I was invited as speaker at the Sarasota Zonta group in honoring of Amelia Earhart.

Our scholarship funds: we created Tervis Tumblers with the 99s logo and vfr chart on the background. Local Flight school, Universal Flight School, donated a Discovery Flight for our companion seminar, and \$500 Gift Certificate to raffle, in addition past funds from donation from Travel to Cuba Seminar helped us raised \$1500 towards our scholarship.

We have 2 friends of the 99s.