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Let's go Fly!

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to some cooler weather! Density altitude and heat has kept our plane in the hangar for most of August. I did make the trip to OKC for the IBOD meeting, but it was higher altitudes and earlier departures!

I try to follow our chapters activities on Facebook and am impressed with how busy you all have been this Summer with EAA AirVenture, fly-outs, pancake breakfasts, and Girl Scout events. Congratulations to Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship recipients. Macy Arbuckle – Instrument (Iowa). Olivia Parmenter – Academic (Kentucky Bluegrass). Amanda Neumann – Commercial (Wisconsin). Congratulations also to Indiana Chapter members who won the EAA 2023 Pilot your own Adventure writing contest. Shelbe Jarrett (**Grand Prize**) and Olivia Allen (**4th place**). There were five winners and two were from the Indiana Chapter!!

June is always Air Racing. Congratulations to the racers this year who are North Central Section members! Minnetta Gardinier (Iowa) & Cheryl Daml (Minnesota) team MN-IA Maniacs. Bailey Baker (Iowa) ½ of team Bernoulli. Jeanne Willerth (Greater Kansas City) ½ of team Shenigans. Ray White (Indiana) 1/3 of team Hoosier Mamas. Michelle Noland & Olivia Hudoba (Minnesota) team Are Your Pilots Here? If you are not inclined to race but want to be involved, volunteering at a stop is a lot of fun & gives you a chance to enjoy some of the excitement of the race and meet pilots from across the country and possibly from outside the US! Check out the race stops for 2024, there are seven out of ten stops in the North Central Section!! We will definitely be looking for volunteers!!!



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Our NCS membership chair gave us a goal to reach 850 members by the Fall Section meeting. The September Straight and Level I received this morning reports NCS at 869!! Yay, goal met! Now let's keep or increase that membership.

Fall is also the time to start working on applying for the many scholarships offered by the Ninety-Nines and the North Central Section. Chapter scholarship chairs, please identify those in your chapter that would qualify and benefit from a scholarship & help them through the process. If you have questions, you can contact the North Central Section Scholarship Chair.

Elections will be held for both North Central Section and International in 2024. Please consider running for open positions you feel might be a good fit for your interests or talents. Remember The Ninety-Nines, either International, Section, or Chapter can only function if our members serve as volunteers!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Section meeting in Dublin, OH hosted by the Scioto Valley Chapter September 29 – October 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb McGee, NCS Governor

CALENDAR

DEADLINES

DATE	EVENT
30-Sep-23	NCS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS DUE TO SECTION
1-Oct-23	AEMSF FIRST WINGS FALL APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAPTER
31-Oct-23	NCS INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION FORMS DUE
1-Dec-23	WAYPOINT NEWS DUE FROM CHAPTER
1-Jan-24	AEMSF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAPTER
31-Jan-24	PPLI SPRING APPLICATIONS DUE
1-Mar-24	RICHARD J. SANTORI APPLICATIONS DUE
1-Mar-24	WAYPOINT NEWS DUE FROM CHAPTER
18-Mar-24	NCS AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE
1-Apr-24	AEMSF FIRST WINGS SPRING APPLICATIONS DUE TO CHAPTER

EVENTS

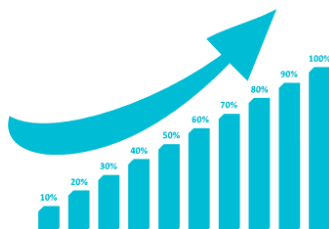
September 29-October 1, 2023	NCS FALL MEETING 2023 DUBLIN, OH SCIOTO VALLEY CHAPTER
October 27-November 2, 2023	INTERNATIONAL 99S CONFERENCE (JORDAN)
March 1-2, 2024	INTERNATIONAL BOD SPRING MEETING (OKLAHOMA CITY, OK)
April 9-14, 2024	SUN 'N FUN (LAKELAND, FL)
UNKNOWN, 2024	NCS SPRING MEETING 2024 KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
June 18-21, 2024	AIR RACE CLASSIC 2024 (CARBONDALE, IL TO FT. COLLINS, CO)
July 3-7, 2024	INTERNATIONAL 99S CONFERENCE (VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA)
July 22-28, 2024	EAA AIR VENTURE 2024 (OSHKOSH, WI)

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Lester-Ross, Chair

UNLOCKING MEMBERSHIP – Challenges and Successes

YES - NCS Membership growth HAS continued over the past quarter! Looking at year over year data, it is clear that chapters have gained and sustained members, thanks to the efforts of so many sister 99s! Watch for a chapter-by-chapter comparison at the Fall Section meeting and in the next Waypoint.



The key to our successes is creating an unbreakable chain of commitment to The 99s!

Fall, 2022:	Current	806	Life	60	Student	139	Standby	45	Hold	10
Fall, 2023:	Current	879	Life	66	Student	194	Standby	28	Hold	33



WAYPOINT SUBSCRIPTIONS

What? I have to 'subscribe' to the North Central Section newsletter? to get my "Waypoint"?

Well – not exactly! As a member of The 99s who has a current email address in the Directory, Waypoint drops into your inbox. [check your spam folder too] It will also appear on the NCS website.

If you need a printed copy, request it by sending your current mailing address and a check for \$20.00, payable to "NCS 99s" to Kathy Lester-Ross, 2031 N. Beaumont Ave., Kansasville, WI 53139-9739.

July 1st is the renewal date for printed issues for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, so checks should be received ASAP..... you don't want to miss any issues.

SPECIAL NOTES: A cross reference to the International Directory is not done. The member or Chapter is responsible for notifying Kathy of any change of address for Waypoint mailings. The SPRING 2023 issue was the last one sent to hard copy subscribers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

WAYPOINT GUIDELINES

Share your story....Photos MUST be print quality, high resolution!!! If you copy them from Facebook or Instagram they won't reproduce well. Send in a story you would like to share, along with your regular report. Tell us about a success or an obstacle you have encountered.

Tell us about a 99 who has accomplished something wonderful!

We would like to publish something from each Chapter and each Committee in each issue.

Send your submissions to: waypoint@ncs99s.org

Help me out ladies—I'm **your** editor! *Madeleine Monaco*

Waypoint is the quarterly communication tool used by the NCS to update members on chapter happenings, Spring and Fall section meetings, international items and lots more. Milestones, memories, important dates, human interest stories, aviation promotions, chapter activities.....any, all & more could appear.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

Laurie Probst

Have you thought about advancing your flying? Each year, the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship provides 99s with the opportunity to do just that! Last year, we had winners from the North Central Section. Could you be next?

There are actually five AE Scholarships. Here are their descriptions, from the 99s website (ninety-nines.org):

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

There are five separate Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship applications in order to accommodate the most common types of requests. The applicant should use the application form most appropriate to her circumstances and goal.

Flight Training Scholarship

Up to \$20,000 to complete an additional pilot certificate or rating or pilot training course. Examples: Multi-engine rating, commercial certificate, King Air competency or qualification training or Boeing 737 type rating.

Academic Scholarship

Up to \$10,000 scholarship towards one year of a college degree in aviation or aerospace. Students may re-apply for continuing support through graduation. Examples: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree in fields such as aerospace engineering, aviation business management, air traffic management, or professional pilot. Note: Flight training may be included if integral to curriculum.

Technical Training Scholarship

Up to \$20,000 scholarship to complete an aviation or aerospace technical training or certification course. Examples: ATP CTP, Airframe and/or Powerplant Mechanic certificate, Dispatcher certificate, Air Traffic Control training program, government or manufacturer's safety training, specialized training or certification course. Note: Excludes any flight training and any technical training that is part of a college degree program.

Vicki Cruse Memorial Scholarship for Emergency Maneuver Training

Fully paid scholarship to provide emergency maneuver and spin training in addition to an introduction to aerobatics. In memory of 99 Vicki Cruse, an internationally known aerobatic pilot, this scholarship is available to any licensed pilot member of The 99s without regard to existing ratings, financial need or length of her membership. Complete details about the training can be found in the application package.

Kitty Houghton Memorial Scholarship

This International scholarship in memory of Kitty Houghton, is offered specifically to encourage women pilots in emerging economy countries to pursue a career in aviation benefiting their home country. In order to attract more applicants, the scholarship requirements are under review so the scholarship will not be available in 2023.

ALL Applicants Submission Deadline: Received by January 1st 2024

***Be sure to check the MEMBERS ONLY section of the Ninety-Nines website for this year's application and instructions.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Also, we are looking for members to join the committee! It is a short time commitment. We review the applications after they are submitted January 1 and give feedback for improvement, before deciding whether to send them on to the Trustees. It is always good to have a few people look over the submitted applications, to make sure things aren't missed. Time is flexible, as the applications are online. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me! It's a great way to get to know a bit more about the process, and give back to the 99s.*

SHOW US YOUR AIRPLANE

One you rent
One you own
One you borrow
One you train in

Why? 'cause we love flying

*This is Jill Feldman's new ride!
She has begun training in a
gyrocopter! WOW! FUN!*

1st 3 99s who text me a photo of their aircraft get a prize! 847-431-1847



BADGE ORDER FORM

BADGE ORDERED FOR ___99 ___49 1/2 ___FRIEND OF 99

FULL NAME TO APPEAR ON BADGE _____

STATE WHERE CHAPTER IS BASED _____

PIN BACK _____ **\$22**

MAGNET BACK _____ **\$25**

NAME OF YOUR CHAPTER _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS STREET _____

CITY, ST ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$22 PIN BACK BADGE OR \$25 MAGNET BACK

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER 99S

MAIL PAYMENT TO: Linda Uznys EMAIL luznys855@gmail.com
address & phone contact info in the 99s Directory

OR MAKE PAYMENT VIA ZELLE: using 99chicagotreasurer@gmail.com



Allow three weeks for delivery

MESSAGE FROM OUR NORTH CENTRAL SECTION TREASURER

Joan Plato

Thank you to all the Chapters for submitting their 501c3 reports, and for your patience as this was my first time doing this. It has been a lot of work to put together, but I am seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. I should have the 990N forms filed with the IRS by the end of this month.

On a personal level:

My husband Randy and I are doing a factory assist build of a Jabiru 430 in Shelbyville TN. We are scheduled to head back down there on 10/9 for 3 additional weeks to finish this project. It has been a 2 year journey with so many delays due to Covid, shipping delays, supply chain issues, painting delays, and many other numerous issues. Here are a few pictures of this journey.



Shelbyville Tennessee

Jabiru build!



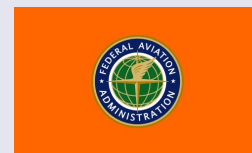
Looks like an airplane

NCS FAASafety Team Liaison Report

Laurie Probst, Chair

Do your chapter members have WINGS? The FAASafety Team's WINGS Program has been around for a number of years. Its goal is to educate pilots to help keep them proficient and safe. In recent years, the FAASafety Team has even worked to create a way for pilots to do their flight review through the WINGS Program. Many 99s have taken advantage of the many safety topics presented through in-person seminars and online webinars. We are wondering how many chapters have taken advantage of the WINGS Program, have members who are FAASafety Team Representatives, and/or hold annual events from which neighboring chapters might benefit. If **each chapter** in the NCS could have **one member** complete this [quick survey](#) so that we can gather information for networking, that would be great.

Thanks so much!



If you are active and engaged, it's because you believe the work you are doing has value and fulfills a need. So when a Chapter encourages new 99s to take on a small task, they empower them. They feel wanted, they feel needed, they feel accepted, and they feel VALUED. Try to find a way to engage as many of your members as possible.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION AIR MARKING COMMITTEE REPORT

Patti Sandusky

Hi! My name is Patti Sandusky and I'm the Membership Chair for the Minnesota 99s. I'm also the new Air Marking Chair for the North Central Section.

The Ninety-Nines has been actively involved in air marking since the early 20th century. It's fun and a great way to get together with chapter members. An air marking can include the name of the airport, identifier, or CTAF. Some chapters include a compass rose. Below is a picture of a compass rose painted by the Minnesota 99s at Willmar Municipal Airport in Willmar, MN. The compass rose is 70' across.

In Minnesota the compass rose has been more popular than the traditional air marking although some airports do like having their name done also.

It is important to note that even though this type of compass rose is officially surveyed it does not adhere to FAA requirements and that fact is indicated to airport management. Most of the Minnesota airports that request it do so because they're beautiful! FAA requirements are very specific and definitely don't include blue and white colors!

It is very cool to fly over and see our wonderful air markings and compass roses from the air.

If you have any questions regarding air marking you can contact me at (612) 308-4291 or pilot-patti@hotmail.com.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Daml

The 2023-2024 Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill the North Central Section Officer positions and members of the Nominating Committee for the term beginning in the Spring 2024.

The following positions are up for election:

Governor
Vice Governor
Secretary
Treasurer
Directors (2)
Nominating Committee **Members (5)**

Please consider running for one of the upcoming positions, or nominate a fellow Ninety-Nine. Your involvement in the Section benefits all of us. As we become involved, we learn the operating procedures of the 99s and make new friends and mentors in the process.

If you decide to run for one of the positions, please review the Intent to Seek Election form found on the next page of this issue of Waypoint, and also on our NCS99s.org website, and submit it to Patti Sandusky by October 31, 2023. Contact information for Patti is contained on the Intent to Seek Election form.

If you click on this direct link you will be taken to it!

[NCS_Intent_to_Seek_Election-2023.doc\(live.com\)](#)

See next page for paper form to print if you prefer





North Central Section
Ninety-Nines
International Organization of Women Pilots, Inc.



Intent to Seek Election

Deadline: All materials must be submitted by October 31, 2023.

Candidates must be a Current Member of the 99s in good standing and have held membership for two (2) consecutive years.

Office sought:

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

99s member since: _____ Ratings and certificate: _____

Service to 99s: (Please describe any past activities as an officer and/or committee member at Chapter, Section, and/or International level. Use an additional page if necessary.)

Section meetings attended last 5 years: _____

International meetings attended last 5 years: _____

Specific training and/or experience related to office sought:

Endorsement by own Chapter or two other Chapters in Section:

Chapter:	Date:	Signature:
Chapter:	Date:	Signature:
Candidate:	Date:	Signature:

The North Central Section must elect a Governor, a Vice Governor, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two (2) Directors, and five (5) Nominating Committee Members. These individuals will serve May 1, 2024 until April 30, 2026. We encourage our members to give their service to the 99s. Giving back to the organization, sharing the workload, and sharing your ideas are important ways to strengthen the 99s.

Please complete and return this Intent to Seek Election Form by October 31, 2023 with a 100-word personal résumé.

Only the résumé will be printed in the 2023/2024 (Winter) issue of Waypoint and posted on the NCS web site. Ballots will be sent in January 2024.

Email (or mail paper copies) to:

Patti Sandusky

12661 Gowan Avenue NW

Maple Lake, MN 55358-6110

Cell: (612) 308-4291

Email: pilotpatti@hotmail.com

Thank you! Remember, our organization's success depends on committed leadership! We need you!



S P R I N G 2 0 2 3 M E E T I N G

Join us for the

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

SPRING 2024 MEETING

KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI



Hosted by the
Greater Kansas City Chapter 99s

**Plans are being made
in the Kansas City area**

*A weekend of camaraderie,
education, fun, friendship
and conducting business of
the 99s—the International
Organization of Women
Pilots—supporting women in
aviation since 1929.*



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION FLYING ACTIVITIES REPORT

Dee Dreger, Chair

Do you remember when you finally got
your Private Pilot Certificate?

Do you remember all the fun flying you
were going to do?

All the places you were going to go?

Let's hear about all of it!

Have you flown to
99s meetings or activities?

Are you taking friends, family, or
prospective new pilots up and
having fun doing so?

How about flying for a cause –
medical; animal rescue;
tornado/fire/hurricane relief?

What about challenging yourself to
further training towards a new rating,
endorsement, or just for fun, such as
spin training or aerobatics?

Some of you are now flying professionally-
CONGRATULATIONS! Hopefully you are still
able to find time for personal flying
activities. Isn't that at the heart of why
we learned to fly in the first place?

**Keep flying, ladies, for the fun of it and
enjoy all your flying activities!**



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION AEROSPACE EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT *Madeleine Monaco*

The Section Committee Chair is supposed to provide encouragement, information and guidance to each Chapter (to their corresponding Chapter Comm. Chair or) to the Chapter Chair, if there is no such appointee. These Section positions were set up to reinforce the stated mission of the 99s, to provide coverage for our 501c3 designation. So, if we don't do the things our mission and articles of incorporation list as important, we aren't fulfilling our mandate. So - EDUCATE

As newly appointed NCS Aviation Education Chair, I will ask you to consider this requirement to "Educate" the public about Aviation. That education is already being conducted by so many of our Chapters, so if we share what's happening now, we can lighten the load of adding a new Committee to the mix.

Education includes but is not limited to:

- putting on a Safety Seminar
- Hosting a Lets Fly Now event
- Holding a Girl Scout or school Aviation Day
- Conducting an Air Bear session for 1st, 2nd or 3rd graders
- Holding an Air Rally open to other than just 99s
 - or flour bombing, or spot landing.....
- Hosting a ground school session workshop for student pilots
- Giving a talk to an EAA Chapter on the 99s
- Giving a talk to a Women in Aviation Chapter on the 99s
- Giving a talk to a CAP Squadron on the 99s
- Giving a talk to a Zonta Chapter on the 99s
- Volunteering to speak at an in-person or on-line ground school class

and on and on -

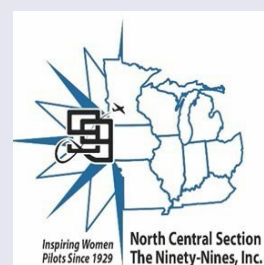


Tell us what YOUR Chapter does, and we will share the information through the NCS for the betterment of all of us.

Please consider appointing a Chapter Aviation Education Chair. It could be a great position for a new member, at the beginning, it will require them to learn what you already do and communicate that to the Section Chair (me) and then later on she will be watching for information and suggestions from me, and from the other Education Chairs in our Section.

North Central Section Spinning Prop Award 2024

The North Central Section **Spinning Prop Award** recognizes the NCS member who logs the most uncompensated general aviation hours in a one-year period. Flight hours in all aircraft are included: airplane, helicopter, light sport, glider, balloon and more. Take to the skies and log those hours!



Purpose: The NCS Spinning Prop Award was created to encourage & promote more flying by 99 members.

Pilot Eligibility: This award is open to all NCS Ninety-Nines and Student Pilot members. All applicants must be International members. If a member joined during the period of eligibility, only those hours accrued during that portion of the year that she was an official 99 or Student Pilot are eligible.

Hours of Eligibility: General Aviation hours for which the pilot did not receive any compensation are eligible. Safety pilot time is applicable. Student pilot time is eligible when logging PIC hours. Simulator time is not eligible. (Note to CFIs: time can count toward the award if you provided free dual and therefore no compensation was received.)

Dates of Eligibility: March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024.

How to Apply: Applicants should submit the following information to the Chapter Chair: name, date the applicant joined The 99s, total hours flown in the eligibility period and specific number of uncompensated hours flown in that time. (Note: The total number of uncompensated hours must match those shown in the logbook.) Once the 99 who has the most uncompensated hours is identified by the Chapter Chair, the Chair should submit a recent picture and hard copies of the logbook for the applicable period. Both sides of the logbook must be copied and numbered clearly. Please number the left side page as XXA and right side as XXB (1A,1B, 2A, 2B, etc.) Hours which are not applicable, as well as those which apply, must be clearly identified. Allow for sufficient time for Chapter Chair review before the final submission deadline (see below).

Chapter Chairs: Please review and provide copies of the relevant logbook pages of your member with the highest number of uncompensated hours during the Dates of Eligibility, along with a recent picture of this 99. All requested information for the Chapter's nominee should be provided to NCS Directors Margaret Wint and Jeneanne Visser via email at directors@ncs99s.org or via hard copy mailing to: Margaret Wint, 2730 Hickorywood Ln SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-7433.

NOTE: By mail or email, clear images of all logbook pages must be submitted. For emails, documentation for each nominee should be sent as a single PDF file after scanning the required logbook pages for the PDF file. No submissions will be allowed without the proper logbook data.

For NCS Members at Large: You may nominate yourself and mail copies of the relevant logbook pages directly to the NCS Directors at the address above.

Deadline: All submissions are due to the Directors POSTMARKED OR EMAILED NO LATER THAN Monday, March 18, 2024 (11:59 pm).

Other Information: The Award will be presented at the NCS Spring Section meeting in North Kansas City MO. on April 25-28, 2024. We will recognize our high flyers and celebrate their time in the sky.

For Further Information: Contact Margaret Wint and Jeneanne Visser at directors@ncs99s.org.



North Central Section 49½ Award 2024

The North Central Section 49½ Award recognizes significant others and friends of The 99s who give their time, energy, passion and exceptional contributions to support The Ninety-Nines and our passion for flying. They are frequently the unsung heroes in our midst. Each chapter is encouraged to nominate an outstanding helping hand to receive this award.

Purpose: The North Central Section 49½ Service Award was created to honor those who support 99s members, whether actively within the organization or individually, or by doing things which allow and encourage the 99 member to actively participate in chapter, section, international or aviation activities in general.

Eligibility: All “significant others” of a current Ninety-Nine are eligible. A significant other can be a family member, a friend of the chapter, section or aviation in general, a person or organization whose support is exemplary, even if not outwardly known. ‘Friends of the 99s’ members are eligible.

Note: The nominee does not need to be a pilot. Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.

Dates of Eligibility: From the time the significant other began supporting the Ninety-Nines or the date the member joined The Ninety-Nines until the close of this application period [February 28, 2024].

How to Apply: The chapter should compose a letter of recommendation stating why their chapter’s nominee is the most deserving candidate. This is a service award, not a flying award; the nominee need not be a pilot. The emphasis should be on the service the person has provided to The Ninety-Nine(s).

Considerations might include:

- Participation in chapter activities/meetings
- Section meetings attended
- International meetings attended
- Special projects or activities
- Active promotion of The Ninety-Nines and aviation
- Contributions in kind, in time or in tangible donations
- If the nominee participates in aviation activities, consideration might include:
 - Speaker on an aviation topic to civic or service groups
 - Member of an aviation civic group
 - Participation in safety seminars

Recommendation letters may be sent via email to NCS Directors: Margaret Wint and Jeneanne Visser at directors@ncs99s.org or a hard copy may be mailed to: Margaret Wint, 2730 Hickorywood Ln SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-7433.

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Other Information: The Award will be presented at the NCS Spring Section meeting in North Kansas City MO on April 25-28, 2024. Let’s celebrate the accomplishments of these loyal and dedicated friends of The Ninety-Nines and show our appreciation for their hard work!

For Further Information: Contact Margaret Wint and Jeneanne Visser at directors@ncs99s.org.



North Central Section Governor's Service Award 2024

The North Central Section Governor's Service Award recognizes members who have given their time, energy, passion and support to The Ninety-Nines. Their exceptional contributions and dedication to aviation are long-standing. They are the wind beneath our wings and frequently are our unsung heroes. Each chapter is encouraged to nominate an outstanding member to receive the prestigious NCS Governor's Service Award.

Purpose: The North Central Section Governor's Service Award was created to honor Ninety-Nines who exemplify our mission and have provided exemplary and continuous service to The Ninety-Nines.

Member Eligibility: All NCS Ninety-Nines are eligible, except for current International and North Central Section officers and board members, and previous Governor's Service Award recipients.

Dates of Eligibility: From the date the member joined The Ninety-Nines through the current date. This award considers the member's entire history of contributions to The Ninety-Nines and aviation in general.

How to Apply: The Chapter Chair (or Vice Chair, if the Chair is the nominee) should compose a letter of recommendation stating why their chapter's nominee is the most deserving candidate. This is a service award, not a flying award; as such, the emphasis should be on service to The Ninety-Nines.

Considerations may include, but are not limited to:

- Length of 99s membership in Chapter/Section/International
- Section meetings attended
- International meetings attended
- Member of civic group on aviation
- Offices held (Chapter, Section, International)
- Participation in chapter activities/meetings
- Committees chaired (Chapter, Section, International)
- Mentorship of fellow 99s
- Active promotion of the Ninety-Nines
- Promotion of aviation in general
- Speaker on aviation topics to civic or service groups
- Participation in safety seminars
- Special projects or activities not listed
- Aviation awards received

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Other Information: The Award will be presented at the NCS Spring Section meeting in North Kansas City, MO on April 25-28, 2024. Let's celebrate the accomplishments of these loyal, dedicated women and show our appreciation for their service to The 99s.

For Further Information: Contact Margaret Wint and Jeneanne Visser at directors@ncs99s.org.

FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP 2023

The Forest is a lovely place to visit and celebrate world friendship through aviation. It was founded by Charter Member Faye Gillis Wells, and honors aviation notables each year by inducting them during a ceremony held in a lovely gazebo set in the tress. Atchison Kansas is the location of the 99s owned home of Amelia Earhart, the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Newly opened this year—Amelia Earhart Airport Hangar Museum.



As former Trustees on the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trust, Shelley Ventura and Madeleine Monaco joined in a reunion of AE Trustees held at the Forest this year. A few years ago the Trustees by personal donations had a bench engraved and given to the Forest. This is our group sitting on “Our” bench. The North Central Section has also purchased and donated a bench—and has recently donated again to refurbish (ahem-replace) the weathered bench. Many 99s have purchased bricks for the walkway that winds all the way through the Forest. That Forest includes trees from all around the world and from the moon (that’s a good story for another day)

Permanent Trustee Dorothy Berthelet honored her recently deceased husband, Bob. Permanent Trustee

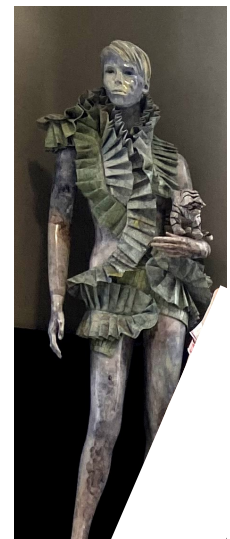
Jacque Boyd honored her deceased husband Charlie. Permanent Trustee Peggy Doyle and former Trustee Joy Parker Blackwood honored their husbands (Rick Koehkne and Billy Ray Blackwood) with induction in person. Trustee Susan Passmore, and Shelley and Madeleine rounded out the group.



On Friday evening we had cocktails in front of the AEBM atop the bluffs of the Missouri River.

Each year in the recent past the NOLA Chapter has brought a LARGE group to Forest festivities. This year they had 20 people on a flight from New Orleans, and inducted 5 members. They challenge others each year to match them—and this year the Trustees met the challenge—11 participants and 4 inductees.

Newly opened this year—Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. In the FBO at K59. It is GORGEOUS! No kidding. An outstanding example of modern museum building, and it houses Muriel, a replica of AEs Electra!



WISCONSIN CHAPTER NINETY NINES AT EAA AIR VENTURE



by
Kathy Lester-Ross

Were you there? Where? Some of the WI 99s @ WomenVenture

* Like other 99s, Wisconsin members at 2023 EAA AirVenture were: - part of over 677,000 attendees - flew their aircraft as part of the over 10,000 arrivals over those 11 days - were some of the approx. 148 take-offs and landings per day - joined some of the 13,000 camp sites and shared time with more than 40,000 who [truly] weathered that camping time...under the wing or in Camp Scholler - attended and even presented some of the 1,400 educational seminars - contributed to an economic impact > \$170 million for the 5 surrounding counties and truly captured the spirit of the world's greatest aviation event in 2023.

* What special things did Wisconsin 99s do- that we know of.....?

Dana was a mentor at GirlVenture Linda & Tim delivered those delightful daily newspapers - early birds! Laurie [Chair ground ops volunteers], Minal & Dana at the TriMotor. Hosting Make-A-Wish flight an honor. Darcy & Ken and Kathy & David, set-up the bulk of both 99s booths on Saturday & Sunday, then took them down a week later! The Kulesha's store 99s booth items all year!

Over 30 WI 99s signed into the B2121 or WomenVenture 99s booths- our best # ever. 8 new plus 1 rejoined WI 99s worked 99s booths well over 200 hours! Karen K., coordinated many activities @ the Pilot Prof. Center & presented 5 (five!) lectures; as NAFI Chr., she spent lots of hours there, hosted meetings, inducted an instructor into the Hall of Fame & more! Darcy & Ken were hot air balloon crew for the Tuesday static display. Jenny B. presented "Women Pilots of Yesterday and Today" at a WomenVenture Forum Megan worked with Lightspeed, assisting in selling Delta-Zulu headsets. Colleen won her 'factory class' in the AirVenture Cup Race again. The Debonair timed at 2:13:41—a total average speed of 191.74. WOW! Diane & Perry staffed the sea plane base operations. Bridgett and Jeff supported T28 activities.

Minal hosted a female college bound aerospace engineer - got her chatting with NASA & at Purdue's aviation display, into a simulator & to see the Supper Guppy & air show....she's now hooked on the fun side of aviation. Oh- Minal visually saw the F-22 break the sound barrier enough to see the ring & the pilot go into the ring several times. Her new sunglasses and Lightspeed headsets will help finish her PPL.

Joan got to the sea plane base, attended several avionics training sessions - and got a new headset.

Crystal captured pics of the flying car and the 13 Corsairs [of only 16 flying in the world] and - like many 99s - heard Michelle 'Mace' Curran headline the WomenVenture lunch



Marlene & son enjoyed seeing the many changes since her last visit a decade ago, esp. in the Warbirds area

Kathy & David did the PR for balloon events, including the successful launch and flight Saturday am.

Deanna's growing family aviation pilgrimage required renting a house this year. They were first timers in the 5K run and 1 of the 2 [first timer] daughters is now thinking of getting her PPL.

EASILY, WI 99s volunteered over 800 hours at EAA-AV 2023....
having aviation fun while living our 99s mission.

Chicago Area

Yanina Belaziorava, Reporter

On June 9 our Chapter was invited to EAA 153 June meeting. It was a perfect weather night, we were fed well, the desserts we brought were awarded prizes. And it may have been a first. I don't remember an invitation from another pilots group—we should reciprocate! Our newest member Piper Colantone, a Ray Scholarship winner, came with her mom, Daneen. Diane Cozzi, Megan McArthur and Madeleine also attended.

Thanks, Bob Brandt and EAA 153 for the invitation. Our June (Annual) meeting had us swearing in new officers; thanks to Laurie Probst for coming from Wisconsin to do that. We also honored some of our very special chapter members for their work over the past year.



For our August meeting our Vice Chair Larisa K and her husband Yosh welcomed us to their home in Barrington. Everyone brought a dish to share, and many members, old and new, showed up. It was exciting to see how many new members have joined our chapter recently, to re-connect with everyone and to make new friends.

Member Updates

Some exciting news from our chapter members - follow along! Nicole R has completed her first solo in Florida this summer. Katy C is using her new CFI license at Chgo Executive Flight School. Jamie Swanson and Lisa Mitchell earned private pilot certificates. Lydia Walker has started an aircraft maintenance apprenticeship with Spirit Airlines in ORD. Megan McArthur won an 'IHartFlying' scholarship and used it towards her instrument rating.



Indiana Dunes

Tricia DeBlock, Reporter

The Indiana Dunes Chapter has had some exciting months and some more fun events lined up. The June meeting was a tour of the South Bend tower and airport along with a presentation from Gina Beckner, Chief Pilot for 1st Source Bank. The tour was led by chapter member Ashley Thorsen.

July was hosted by member Tricia DeBlock at KIGQ, Lansing, IL where two new student pilots joined us to talk training and enjoy a delicious lunch at Lynnie-Ques.

August was a busy month between KSBK, South Bend and KPPO, Laporte. Two aviation events where the Indiana Dunes Chapter represented.

September 23rd was the Girls in Aviation Day at KPPO, Laporte Municipal Airport. 12 girls are registered. It will be a fun filled morning talking Careers in Aviation, Aerodynamics, Flight Simulator and History of Women in Aviation.



South Bend Tower
Tour Atlantic FBO
welcomed the 99s

Kentucky Bluegrass

Sue Glisson, Reporter

The Kentucky Bluegrass 99s met at Powell Field (KDVK), Danville, KY in June. Lauren Settles presented a PowerPoint on women in aviation, aviation outreach, and 99s activities. Evie Sapp was our host at the meeting sponsored by Wings Flight Club and Dream Flight Charities.



We met at Samuels Field (KBRY), Bardstown, KY for their second Saturday Pancake Breakfast in July. Our KY Bluegrass 99s enjoyed the Bardstown Pancake Breakfast and celebrated our chapter's 57th birthday with cupcakes provided by Terri Donner.



Several KY99s attended Air Venture 2023. Terri Donner served as a Girls Venture mentor.

Cloud Nine Café at Big Sandy Regional Airport (KSJS), DeBord, KY, was the site for our August meeting. Lindsey Case was our host extraordinaire, even providing a cake to celebrate long-time member, Kaye Combs Moore's birthday! Some of our members extended the stay visiting area attractions such as Jenny Wiley State Park, Highway 23 Country Music Museum, and Loretta Lynn's Homeplace.



We sadly report long-time member, Diane Stafford, flew to new horizons on August 6, 2023. Diane was an active Kentucky Bluegrass member who volunteered her home on many occasions for our meetings, where we sampled Owensboro barbeque and her husband, Ed's, delicious brownies. We'll miss you Diane

Lake Erie

Lee Ann Baggott, Reporter

The most exciting of all: **THE LAKE ERIE 99S WERE BACK AT THE CLEVELAND NATIONAL AIRSHOW** Labor Day weekend, Sept 2-4th, with a tent on the flightline co-sponsored with the Women In Aviation Cleveland chapter, to promote aviation careers, and women in aviation. Many stopped by to chat, and help us inform, inspire and educate people about aviation, and the paths to becoming a pilot. LE99s/WAI-CLE also had fun activities for kids.

PATTY WAGSTAFF was a performer at the CLEVELAND NATIONAL AIRSHOW, and invited our Chapter members Lori and Lee Ann to hold the ribbon staff holders for her to cut during her performance in the airshow. The Lake Erie 99s received a shout out from the airshow announcer during the stunt. Patty



was the only woman pilot in this year's airshow, and after her show she came to our tent to sign autographs and share stories.



I am so proud of our members, who have worked hard this summer to fly, advance in their ratings, and shared their stories in our newsletter.

Michigan Chapter

Linda Langrill, Reporter



Sarah Haskett earned her Instrument Rating in June. **Arian Perez** earned her Private Pilot certificate in July. **Suzette Biela** earned her Instrument Instructor rating and passed her Instrument Ground Instructor in August. Congratulations!

MonaLisa MacLaughlin was well-received in late May when she presented her story of becoming an airline pilot to the Priest Elementary Middle School Student Career Day in Detroit.



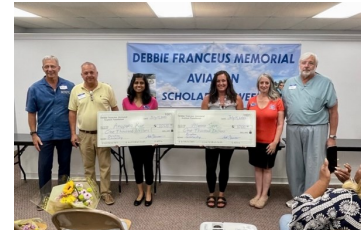
Our June 6th chapter meeting was held via Zoom. Michigan Chapter 99, **Shannon Miller**, B-737 Captain for Delta Air Lines, was our featured speaker. She is a graduate of the 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) and former Michigan Chapter 99s Chairman.

The annual Michigan Chapter business meeting was held on June 11 at the Mt. Pleasant Airport and via Zoom. Our revised chapter bylaws were approved. On July 11 we discussed the book *Back to Earth* by Nicole Stott. We chose our next book club selection, *Night Witches*, by Bruce Myles, which we will discuss on October 3, 2023.



Barb Vukits, new Michigan Chapter member from Muskegon, **Sarah Haskett**, **Kelly Burris** and **Linda Langrill** volunteered at the Ninety-Nines booth at EAA AirVenture in July.

The Deb Franceus Memorial Scholarship was presented for the first time by Mike Franceus to two women on July 15, 2023, at a ceremony at the Toledo Suburban Airport. The winners were **Anupama ("Sigma") Kar**, Ann Arbor and **Alanna Snyr**, Jackson. Both are new members. Congratulations!



The chapter carried out Sandy Denton's hope that we would participate in Arcadia Days on July 21-23, and it was a huge success. **Amy Witzke**, Michigan Chapter 99 from Buckley MI, portrayed Harriet Quimby, including riding on a float in the parade. **Kassie Miller** portrayed Harriet in the afternoon when Amy was unable to be there.



On August 6 a group of chapter members, led by **Frances Rose**, represented the 99s at the Oakland Airport Airshow and Open House. It was a very rainy, foggy day, but we had a good time and a chance to talk to many folks of all ages.

On August 12, 2023, we toured the Air Traffic Control Tower at Grand Rapids, MI. Michigan 99, **Brenda Reisig**, air traffic controller, gave us a VIP tour.



Daml, Reporter

Cheryl



The Minnesota Chapter did two airmarkings early this summer. At the end of May Brainerd got a repaint of its previous compass rose and what an improvement that was! We had a good crew and got it done in record time. Two weeks later, Albert Lea got a 24 point compass rose. It had been a long time since we had done a 24 point, and we struggled, but it turned out beautifully. A crew of a dozen of us had a wonderful time and worked our magic by finishing in one day.

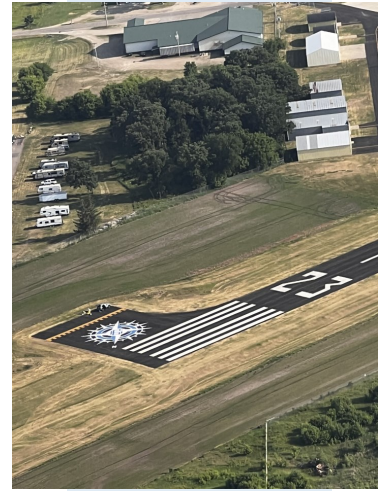


A small group met in June for our quarterly meeting at KANE. We had a lot of catching up to do and it was fun to see everyone. We are preparing for the Fall 2024 Section meeting.

Several of us volunteered on the timing line at the Mankato, MN stop of the Air Race Classic on June 20. Chapter Chair,

Cheryl was one of the racers (Team #7 with Minnetta Gardinier). What an exciting event that was! Members Michelle Noland and Olivia Hudoba were Team #39!

We managed to get several of us together for the Women Venture photo and lunch at Oshkosh.



In August we presented our Companion Flyer course to about 14 people. It went very well and the proceeds went to our Scholarship Fund. We plan to present it again this winter.

We are looking forward to our September meeting, Girls In Aviation Day, and a possible flyout in October.

Accomplishments and events:

Jackie Bymark got married under the Brown Arch at Oshkosh!
Emma Gaustad got engaged under the Brown Arch at Oshkosh!
Becky Juarez earned her seaplane rating in August!
Evelyn Canfield passed her Instrument check ride!
Julie Mohammed got her CFI in May!
Carmen Kivisto is busy working in the sim on her C-130 training in Little Rock Air Force Base!

It's been an eventful spring and summer!

Scioto Valley

Paula Rumbaugh, Reporter

This summer, our young chapter members have been knocking the ratings out of the park! Most recently, Alaina Dawson earned her instrument rating, following on the heels of Sophia Bruck, who also earned her instrument rating, while pursuing a tailwheel endorsement. Brett Way and Skylar Cuic both earned their PPLs! And, by the time this goes to press, Sky's mother, Amanda Cuic, will have earned her PPL. How cool is that?



In April, Sophia was awarded our scholarship to help with instrument training. We are so pleased to have been a small part of that.



Our chapter, which meets monthly, usually holds its meetings at KOSU, but in June Christine Mortine invited everyone to Marysville, to the Union County Airport (KMRT), where the Buckeye Wing of the Commemorative Air Force hangs its PT-26. Christine is certified to fly and instruct in the "Queen Mother," so was delighted to show off this warbird.

The very next day, members set up a booth for the Columbus Airshow, and tended the booth through the weekend. NetJets rented a huge tent for the event, and generously allowed us to have our booth there, provided we featured some kind of interactive activity. So the main feature of our booth was Danielle Reese's replica of the simulator Amelia Earhart used with children. Children who passed through the tent were fascinated and couldn't wait to have their turn with the joy stick.



At the June meeting at KMRT, Danielle demonstrated the mechanism to our members, including Grace Read shown here with Danielle.

Another achievement of note is that Liz Poeppelman was awarded a scholarship to attend an A&I warbird bootcamp. Liz has been volunteering at the Mid-America Museum, where she is learning all there is to know (almost all?) about the restoration of warbirds. In fact, Liz will be the guide at this museum at Grimes Field (I74) in Urbana, Ohio, when our North Central Section tours the two I74 museums at the Fall Section Meeting we are hosting.

As anyone who has hosted a Section Meeting can imagine, the majority of our summer has been devoted to planning for our NCS99s Fall Section Meeting. When you read this, we hope you will have nothing but good memories of that conference.

Wisconsin

Kathy Lester-Ross, Reporter

The WI ABM meeting in June included the installation of our new leadership team: Bridgett & Mandi are Co-Chairs, Dana is the Vice Chair & Joan remains our treasurer, Kathy is Secretary; Laurie & Julie are Directors.

Fundraising plans for the next fiscal year include our Pancake Breakfast & working at the KUES 'Friday Food Truck'. The latter is a first for us: various 501c3 groups are invited to help set up and take down tables, etc., and the food truck vendors share a small % of the profit. We look forward to a joint meeting with Northwoods 99s at the Enstrom Helicopter Factory in Marinette/Menominee in October & plans for our Christmas and Awards events are underway.

As all might imagine, WI 99s and our significant others spend a fair amount of time supporting various venues at EAA-AV. About 45 camped on site during the week and quite a few flew their own aircraft on to the various colored dots. Some took once-in-a-lifetime flights on Doc, the B29 SuperFortress, others in Warbirds & Vintage planes. Several were speakers in the Pilot Proficiency area & Women Venture forums; some mentored at GirlVenture; others spent lots of hours at both of The 99s booths, as well as with their employers or other booths. The torrential rains didn't dampen 99s spirits, though many camp sites didn't fare as well. See the EAA article on page 15 for more.

Do you remember the 99s story about Hannah S., the Brodhead Wisconsin High School student who 'found' aviation as part of her Senior project? Not only has she completed her PPL and served as curator at Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead in the past 2 years, she's now enrolled in the aviation program at the University of Dubuque. We'd like to believe her sister 99s were at least a little influential in her successes to date. Her special aviation angel at Brodhead, 94 year old pilot Jeanne Scholes, has had her under her wings, too. Hannah shares this.....



The youngest and the oldest ~
Hannah S. and Jeanne S.

This photo was taken at my going away party. Unfortunately, I have to part with the Kelch Aviation Museum in order to pursue my flight training at the University of Dubuque. Jeanne Scholes attended the event, and we decided to take a photo together as the youngest (20) and oldest (94) pilot on the field. After this photo was taken, I gave Jeanne a hug. She brushed my hair behind my ear while she told me how proud she is of me. In that moment, I felt like she had watched me all my life and now she was sending me off to accomplish my life's goals. It was very touching.



This is Astrid M—now a FO for Air Cargo Airways. And her carry—on :-)



And as you can see—
Vonda B
flew her
1500
hours!



FOUR MAJOR TRUSTS OF THE NINETY NINES

THE MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS

In 1929, The 99s, an international organization of women pilots, was established by 99 women pilots. The mission of this newly formed women's pilot organization is to promote the "advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight."

In 1955, The 99s Headquarters moved from New York City to the Will Rogers World Airport Terminal Bldg. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In 1972, The 99s Museum of Women Pilots was Initiated by the 99s. In 1975, land became available to build a large headquarters facility for the 99s. Within it, a Resource Center was created to include a library, archives, museum and oral/video history collection. As the organization grew the need to retain its history grew. The collections expanded out into display cases and shelves. The need for a separate museum became apparent. In 1999, The 99s Museum of Women Pilots opened their doors to the public.

Summary

The 99s Museum of Women Pilots (MWP) is a non-profit museum and research institute with over 5,000 square feet of displays and artifacts focused on preserving the history of women in aviation, and providing education and inspiration for young adults to enter the field of aviation and aerospace, as well as educate the public about the important contributions that women have made to aviation.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships** are usually awarded to qualified members for five different scholarship types, including two specialized scholarships: an Emergency Maneuver Training Scholarship and an International Scholarship for pilots in developing countries.

In addition, the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (AEMSF) provides Research Scholarship Grants and, for Student Pilot members, the First Wings Awards. 99s members and other individuals have donated to the Fund through their estate bequests, individual gifts, and the Perpetual Scholarship program. Since 1941, the AEMSF has awarded over 800 scholarships plus more than 300 awards to student pilots working toward their first certificate. The amount awarded for these scholarships, including Research Scholar Grants and Fly Now/First Wings Awards exceeds \$12 Million.

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund's investment account is currently valued at over \$6 Million.

Countless women pilots owe their career success in part, to the help they received from these awards, and therefore, from their sister 99s.

AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Construction of Amelia Earhart's birthplace and childhood home, located at 223 N. Terrace, initially began in 1861. The wood-frame, Gothic Revival cottage is perched high on the west bank of the scenic Missouri River.

Amelia was born in the home on July 24, 1897, to Edwin Stanton Earhart and Amy Otis Earhart. Despite living in many different cities, Amelia considered Atchison her hometown, having spent more of her life in the Otis home than anywhere else. The Amelia Earhart Birthplace represents the most tangible remaining link with the famous female aviator.

Dr. Eugene J. Bribach of Atchison, contributed \$100,000 to The Ninety-Nines, an International Organization of Women Pilots (to which Amelia not only belonged but also served as their inaugural president) to assist with the purchase and maintenance of the home.

OUR MISSION

- To preserve the history of Amelia Earhart
- To honor and recognize the contributions women have made in aeronautics
- To educate and relate these histories and courageous exploits through local and online exhibits, activities, and events

DEDICATION

We, the Ninety-Nines, Inc., and the citizens of Atchison, Kansas dedicate the Amelia Earhart Birthplace to this generation and future generations as a museum. We will continue to restore and preserve the home to the period when Amelia lived here, and to portray her life and those of other women aviators.

THE NINETY-NINES ENDOWMENT FUND

The **Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund** was established as a permanent investment income fund to provide financial support for The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Income from the fund is reinvested to build principal. The income earned by the protected principal will be allocated for the perpetuation and advancement of The Ninety-Nines. The principal, comprised of donations, will remain intact.

The Endowment Fund is designed to fund world fellowship through flight, networking opportunities for women, aviation education in the community and preservation of the unique history of women in aviation.

The first flight of names landed on the **Donor Recognition Plaques** at Headquarters in March 2003. An accumulated contribution of \$500 or more will see the names of members, chapters, sections and loyal supporters land on the plaques. As your accumulative contribution increases, your name plate will reposition from one section of the plaques to the next during the spring and fall International Board meetings.

The Trustees of the Endowment Fund hold several meetings each year to review the business of the Fund. Maximizing the Endowment Fund investments in to the current economic climate has been a challenge for the Board. Our losses have been minimal in relation to the general economy, thanks to prudent investment. The long term objective is to generate sufficient investment income and dividend return to offset the operating cost of the organization. We see our role as a vital component to keeping The Ninety-Nines vibrant and growing.

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