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Our Mission --The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Spring 2017

Meeting Schedule:

April 8: No Meeting

May 20: Spruce Creek

June 10: Annual meeting/Installation of officers. **Dixie Crossroads Restaurant, Titusville**

January 14th: Our Chapter Holiday Party was held at Sandy Park's home in Melbourne. Of course, the food was delicious, the fellowship was great and the gift exchange was fun.

February 11th was a super day. The weather was perfect and it was a 99s meeting day. The Spaceport Chapter and the Beachin' Eagles Chapter met at the ticket window of the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) at 0930. Everyone got their tickets and we all set off to explore (a total of 36 people). There was no way to keep all those folks together, so we split into small groups and went our own way. Everything at KSC is spectacular and well presented. However, the Atlantis Exhibit is by far the most impressive.



About 1 we all met at one of the restaurants for lunch and a much needed chance to sit down. After the refueling stop, we headed out again. KSC closes at 6pm, otherwise some of us would have spent the night.

March 11th: Meeting was canceled.

Congratulations to very special members

Leonia Hunt who was featured in the winter edition of the Florida Tech Today news magazine.



ONE TO WATCH: LEONIA HUNT

“I chose aviation because I want to travel. My ultimate goal is to become an international airline captain flying for Delta, KLM or Lufthansa.”

—**Leonia Hunt**, an aviation management with flight senior, has been awarded 10 different scholarships this academic year in recognition of her academic success and extracurricular participation. She earned her private pilot license while still in high school. Today, she is a Dean’s List honoree, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies, speaks Dutch, German and Spanish, and actively participates with Florida Tech’s Women in Aviation chapter.



Barbara Walters-Phillips was awarded the **Bruce Baty Women In Aviation Volunteer Award** at the Woman In Aviation (WAI) Annual Conference in Orlando. Barbara and her three committee members were recognized for their tireless efforts in the organization of Girls in Aviation Day for the past 6 years. Girls in Aviation Day is a nationwide event and the committee members are spread out geographically across the country. They do all their planning and arranging by phone and email. They have staged a Girls in Aviation Day during the WAI conference for the past 6 years. This years events included special guest speaker, Patty Wagstaff; hands on projects and a Scavenger Hunt in the Exhibit Hall where they met and talked with many of the aviation vendors. . A winner will be drawn from the entries and they will receive a special prize.

In addition to the hands on activities, there was a Career Panel where women in a variety of aviation careers spoke about their jobs and the girls were given the opportunity to ask them questions. There was also a College Fair where about 20 colleges and universities talked with the girls about their aviation programs.

There have been 2 international Girls in Aviation Days held in September of 2015 and 2016. The third one will be in Sept. of 2017.

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Elle Hoffman was given the **2016 Women's Forum Contribution Award** in the Melbourne office of Rockwell Collins (RC). This award recognizes members of Rockwell Collins who passionately provided their time and effort to the success of the Women's Forum in 2016. Elle received the award for her efforts as the chairperson of the Women's Forum and outreach to the community in the following ways:

- Charities: The Spaceport Chapter of the 99s, Serene Harbor, Hacienda Girls Ranch
- Lunch and Learns at RC: Enlisting speakers such as Elaine Larsen, Sheriff Ivey, and Carol Craig
- Mentoring: several young women at Rockwell Collins
- Facilitating: Aviation Ground School classes and promoting aviation thru education
- Helping involve young women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Leonia Hunt has been selected as the winner of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship to obtain her multi engine rating. Congratulation, Leonia, we're proud of you!!!

