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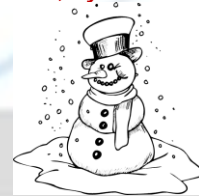
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OUR MISSION — The NINETY-NINES® INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS® promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Established in 1929 by 99 women pilots, the members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.®, International Organization of Women Pilots®, are represented in all areas of aviation today. And, to quote Amelia, fly "for the fun of it!"



Winter 2019



December, January, February

Spaceport 99s Schedule for 2019/2020:

December 14: Toys for Tots pancake breakfast at Merritt Island Airport 9 am

January 11: Holiday Party Sandy's House

January 25: STEM I Valiant Air Command 9 - noon

February 8: Naiara Petralanda to talk on her flying experiences - location to be determined

March 14: Helicopters at Indian River County in Vero beach 10 am

April 11: American Space Museum, Titusville 10 am

May 9: Part 91 ground "Luck or Knowledge" at FIT Aviation 10 am

June 13: Dixie Crossroads Restaurant, Titusville- End of year meeting. 11 am

Scholarship information:

Applications for Amelia Earhart scholarships are due to your Chapter AE Chairman (Bobbi) by January 1st.

<http://www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/scholarships.htm>

Applications for New Horizons scholarship, sponsored by the SE Section of the 99s, are due April 2nd.

<http://www.sesection99s.org/scholarships.html>

December 14: Toys for Tots at Merritt Island Airport. We will meet for a pancake breakfast in the hangar of the FBO on Merritt Island Airport. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots campaign (that's the cost of your breakfast). Help a child have a Happy Christmas with a gift to open. We will have a short meeting after breakfast.

January 11th: You are invited to the annual chapter Holiday Party, January 11th at 11:30 am. Sandy Parks has graciously invited us to her home. This is a Pot Luck. We have many great cooks in the chapter, so the food will be delicious and plentiful. Ellie Hoffman will be cooking the ham for us. Drinks, plates & utensils will be provided. There will also be a gift exchange, so bring a \$15 - \$20 gift so that you can participate. As always, husbands, significant others, and guests are

welcome. Dress is casual. Please RSVP to Sandy at sandyparks@earthlink.net no later than January 8th. When you RSVP Sandy will give you directions to her house.

November: The Spaceport Chapter met in the hangar of Pat Ohlsson to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the 99s and to honor long time 99s in our area. What better location than a hangar with a J3 Cub in it for such a meeting?

Our honorees were:

Kay Hildebrandt, WASP, 99 for 74 years, member of New Jersey Chapter

Mary Creason, 99 for 74 years, member of Michigan Chapter

Nancy El Hajj, 99 for 61 years, retired FAA Designated Examiner, member of Spaceport Chapter

Betty Hostler, 99 for 57 years, member of Spaceport Chapter

Ann Conway, 99 for 53 years, Charter member of Spaceport Chapter

Marcia Gitelman, 99 for 51 years, member of Spaceport Chapter.



We asked these ladies to tell us about a memorable flight, why they learned to fly, did they encounter discrimination from the “good old boys”, changes they have seen during their flying years. Their answers are too long to recount here, but you can view pictures and videos of their answers here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u9u5hkzn8e3cc3f/AABEYltxla21jL1qrTIRswlna?dl=0>.

It was great fun listening to this history and seeing how passionate our guests still are about aviation and flying. Their memories of flying 50 – 70 years ago were crystal clear!

Thanks to Sandy for all the great photos and for recording the answers to our questions.