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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!"



End of the year wrap up

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Leah Murphy earned the AE Academic Scholarship. We're so-o-o- o proud of you, Leah has moved from Titusville to St. Augustine and is teaching in Jacksonville. Keep in touch, Leah.

Yuko Query earned her multi engine rating on March 12th.

Sharon Dillon earned her seaplane rating in August 2020 and her CFI on March 15th. She has moved to California to live with family while she looks for a job.

Diana Aguilar won a First Wings scholarship. She is now making up for time lost during the COVID shutdown.

Leah Murphy and her co-worker, Emily Resendez will be making history when they compete in this year's Women's Air Race Derby. They will be flying the Enstrom 280C as the first and only helicopter to compete!!!

The winner of our chapter scholarship. She will be using the money to

September 12 : we met on Zoom. It was nice seeing everyone, but face to face is better.

October 13: Zoom again. Karen Brun told us about her work in the military as a C-5 Galaxy engineer/

November 14: After several Zoom meetings, we met face to face on November 14th in an outdoor pavilion on Merritt Island. It was rainy, but we were under cover and never even noticed. It was especially nice to welcome new members Leah Murphy and Diana Aquilar to their first in person meeting.

December 12: Following our annual tradition, we held our December meeting at the Toys for Tots breakfast on Merritt Island Airport. Local pilots, friends and family bring a toy for Toys for Tots and are served breakfast.



Santa's helpers inspected the toys



We had our own table for breakfast



Santa and Mrs. Claus joined us this year. Florida temps were too much for Santa who removed his heavy coat.

Leonia Hunt graduated with her Masters degree in Aviation Human Factors from FIT.

Isabel Garnett earned her tail wheel endorsement on November 28th.



Instagram: The chapter has an Instagram account thanks to Isabel Garnett's brother, Diego Prado. Check it out - Instagram @spaceport99s

January 9 meeting



This morning, January 9, I woke up to cold temperatures for Florida along with a good wind (felt like 46). That left in question how our 99s holiday get together outside was going to work. Lady pilots don't let things slow them down, so we followed the sun, bundled up, and had a fun time eating, meeting, and getting to know new members. (Written by Sandy Parks)

February 13: Back to Zoom. Leah Murphy introduced us to helicopters and flying them. Very different from fixed wing!

March 14: Marcia Gitelman told us about Elinor Smith, "The Flying Flapper" who was a rival of Amelia Earhart.

April 10 meeting: Our Ninety-Nines met at Valkaria Airport to learn about the para-gliders that operate there. Eric DuFour brought his SkyKart and one of the other flyers brought his pack unit to show how they worked. The chute cords hook to the side bars on the kart or the pack (chute not shown). Would you put the pack on, start that engine, and fly?



Yuko models a paraglider



Cheering Yuko on!



The Skycart for beginners

May 8: Valkaria Airport: Frank Gallagher, a Designated Examiner for the FAA told us about common mistakes that he sees when doing check rides and how to correct them.

June 1: This is the start of our fiscal year which means that it's time for dues again. Dues are \$20 for the year. You can use Pay Pal, send a check to treasurer, Donna Wilt, but the best would be to pay at the June meeting.

June 12: Installation of Officers: Kay's BBQ Restaurant, 1552 W. King St. (SR 520), Cocoa at 11:30 am. We'll order off the menu and have separate checks. www.kaysbarbque.com if you care to check out the menu ahead of time. As always, husbands, significant others, and guests are welcome. Dress is casual. Please RSVP to Bobbi at b919r@cfl.rr.com no later than June 10th so that we can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

Driving Directions: Take I95 to exit 201 (SR 520). Go east on 520 about 2.5 miles. Kay's is on your left. If you would like to fly in, check with in advance so that we can arrange ground transportation from either Merritt Island Airport (COI) or Space Coast Regional (TIX).

Most of you know that our chapter supports Serene Harbor, a shelter for women and families. Normally we ask for donations at our June meeting for the facility. So- if you feel that you would like to make a donation at this meeting, Ellie has made up a wish list as a guide line. Anything you can give is very much appreciated, but if you cannot at this time, that is understandable. We all are MOST fortunate that we are able to fly, the women who take shelter at Serene Harbor often have nothing more than the clothes they are wearing.

They need

paper goods

dryer sheets and laundry detergent (not Pods).

Cleaning products

Paper products

Nonperishable food

Breakfast cereal

gift cards,

Uber cards,

plastic storage bags,

pantry items

July and August: No planned meetings. Enjoy your summer and stay safe.