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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 2023-2024

Amber Brierly: our scholarship winner in 2023 has been a very busy gal! She passed her commercial Multi-engine check-ride; she was awarded another scholarship, which allowed her an incredible opportunity to tour Netflix. The experience was eye-opening and gave her insights into the vast world of aviation and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Next she has recently taken a position at FlightSafety as a Second in Command. And then to top everything off she underwent spin training at Patty Wagstaff's school. **AND** she has just been awarded an Amelia Earhart Scholarship for her CFI rating.

Carol Gosling: received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award on November 15th in recognition of 50 years of safe flying. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots. The celebration and presentation was held at the Spruce Creek Country Club. Carol was the only woman in the group of seven receiving the award.



Jade Chien is now flying for Sky West. She lives and is based in Huston and really loves her job. She already has over 500 jet hours

Leah Murphy passed her multi-engine commercial check ride! Her training was made easier with a scholarship awarded to her by the Sugarloaf Chapter. Leah is an accomplished fixed wing and rotor pilot!

Yuko Query sent the following: Flying has been adventurous progress. I finished up at SkyWest last month and am currently in Atlanta training for Delta. I have been awarded LAX base on the Airbus 320. I can't tell you how thrilled I am. It's a lot of study but I'm enjoying it. After completing Indoc last week, we were awarded our Delta wings at the Wing Ceremony.

Here's the latest update from Yuko: I have been doing great. 'Just finished CQ (Continuing Qualification) this past week in Atlanta and it feels good for the dust to settle. It's hard to believe I've almost been a pilot at Delta for one year (I started in July 2023).

I am still on the Airbus 320 and am currently in Indianapolis! My Captain and I started a four day trip late last night with a red-eye from LAX. We'll deadhead to Atlanta soon (we get a paid ticket as passengers to move us from A to B) then layover. Tomorrow, we'll stay in Omaha where I'm hoping to treat myself to a real Omaha steak.

The Omaha treat will be for completing CQ, but additionally, I paid off all my flight training student loans last month!! That has been a great victory. That steak, I have no doubt, will bring tears to my eyes. Lol

Leonia Hunt was hired by Jet Blue in September. Update: She loves this job and Jet Blue is a great place to work.

Sandy Parks: released her latest book, "*To Conspire Again*". It's available on Amazon and is as exciting as the other two books in this series.



Betty Hostler: I am sad to announce that Betty passed away in September on the day after her 97th birthday. Betty had been a member of our chapter for decades. This picture was taken at the Spaceport Chapter's celebration of the 99s Ninetieth anniversary in Pat Ohlsson's hangar at Spruce Creek.



February 2024 meeting: On February 10th, the Ninety-Nines were the guests of the Melbourne-Orlando Airport Authority. A total of 17 Ninety-Nines, representing 6 chapters in Florida and 12 guests attended. Stephanie Betts from the Airport Authority was our tour guide. A chartered bus took us Backstage (inside the fence) of the airport. We were driven all over the airport, viewing new construction, and long established businesses. We learned about new projects which will be coming soon. The guests saw several planes landing and taking off from the runways. While the bus crossed an active runway, two small planes were stopped to make way for the bus. At the Airport Fire Station, we got off the bus to have a close up look at the sophisticated equipment used to battle aircraft fires. One of our group even got to ride in one of the trucks. We also met the fire fighters, who were proud to show off their trucks. From there we went to the Control Tower, where everyone was able to go into the tower cab and get a bird's eye view of the airport and surrounding area. Our final stop was the terminal where we were treated to a delicious buffet lunch in the Premium Lounge. Everyone was given a "goodie" bag from the Airport Authority. Thanks a million to Stephanie and the Airport Authority for this fantastic day!



Ninety-Nines and guests who had been Backstage at the Airport.



Swoosh! That's a lot of water

Spaceport Chapter Fund Raiser: In January we started selling **Challenge Coins** to raise money for our scholarship fund. A **challenge coin** is a small coin or medallion, bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they might be given to prove membership when asked and to enhance morale.

They are 1.75 inches in diameter, and cost \$15 each plus \$5 for shipping. All profits from the sale of these coins will be applied to our scholarship fund, which helps female pilots to reach their goal of becoming professional pilots.

You can order your coin(s) at [www.Judi@spaceport99s.org/](mailto:www.Judi@spaceport99s.org) or save the postage and purchase one at any Spaceport meeting. Sales are going well, we have just a few left.



Sales are going well and we just placed our second order with the coin company!.

Special presentation: Spaceport chapter voted to present a plaque and a check to a female flight instructor at FIT Aviation in appreciation for them allowing us to use their meeting room for our meetings. Judi Oswald, Chair, went to FIT Aviation to make the presentation. They "rang the bell" and everyone in the building came out to recognize Amaelle Copeland. She is working on her CFII so she said she is very appreciative of the money to continue her flight lessons. Here is some info about Amaelle: - she is a Senior at FIT - She is taking her BSC. in Aviation Management - also doing a minor in Aviation Dispatch - which will also give her an Associate's Degree in Aviation Dispatch



Amaelle and Judi

January: Our members enjoyed a Holiday Party at Sandy Parks' house. As usual, the food was delicious, the comradery was great and the gift exchange was fun. A good time was had by all.

March: Don Wilson gave us LOTS of background info about Air Force One, the President's plane. This was a very interesting and informative presentation. Don served as Command Chief Master Sergeant on Air Force One for many years.

New scholarship trustees: Sandy Parks, Donna Wilt and Leonia Hunt are now officially the Trustees of the Blackwell-Walker Scholarship. They rewrote the application and the procedures and all is now available online. Also the amount was increased to \$2000. Twelve applications were received this year! The winner is **Brandy Hernandez** who will use the funds toward her Commercial-Multi engine rating.

Also Leonia his now our Chapter Amelia Earhart Scholarship contact. If you are interested in applying for an **Amelia Earhart Scholarship** OR a **First Wings Scholarship** you need to be seeking help from Leoniahunt@gmail.com.

First Wings applications are due April 1st & Oct 1st annually (for earning your PPL)

Applicants must be Student Pilot Members for three months prior to the First Wings submission deadline and have logged five hours flight time within the preceding six months. Award is up to \$6,000 for specific milestones as they are achieved. Instructions and application are available in the Members Only area of www.Ninety-nines.org.

New membership chair: Many thanks to Marcelaine Winger, who is the member who will be contacting and welcoming new members to the Spaceport Chapter.

Marcelaine Winger: attended Sun N Fun and was a busy gal. She spent 2 days at the Ninety-Nines building, meeting and greeting other 99s. She also attended the Trail Blazers lunch where she delivered the opening prayer. She made 8 centerpieces for the tables. Such talent!



Welcome: Spaceport Chapter has had 22 new members join us this past year. The gals whose names are in the yellow spaces below were student pilots at the time of joining. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings. If you are doing ANY aviation training go to www.Ninety-nine.org and click on the Scholarships button and see if you qualify for financial help.

Tracey	Ciechanowicz	Orlando
Julia	Wheaton	Altamonte Springs
Daniella	Russo	Delray Beach
Marni	Rein	Vero Beach
Emily	Summey	Melbourne
Elizabeth	Hall	Winter Park
Jiyoung	Kong	Port Orange
Monica	Malveaux-Blasi	Orlando
Carrie	Thompson	Palm Bay
Anastasia	Semenov	Orlando
Jenna	Elwood	W Melbourne
Jodie	Lyons	Sanford
Amanda	Patel	Orlando
Grace	Yoo	Sanford
Louisa	Awesome	Orlando
Ashley	Erdogan	Orlando
Trish	Gabriel	Vero Beach
Eden	Paulsgrove	Christmas
Emma	Cemoni	Oviedo
Ayana	Rice	Kissimmee
Lucy	Freeman	Melbourne
Tia	Rodriguez	Orlando

Our June Meeting: In an effort to make it easier for our “northern” members, we will have our June meeting in Titusville at a local restaurant.

Watch your email for complete details and driving/flying instructions .

This is a test: If you have read this far, please send an email to b919r@cfl.rr.com -subject; I read it

The only prize you will win is knowing that you brought a smile to the editor's face. THANKS!