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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!"

Winter 2024-2025 HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE.

December meeting, December 14th: Our December meeting is traditionally held at Merritt Island Airport. This is the day that local pilots collect New, Unwrapped toys for the **Toys For Tots** campaign. We each bring a toy in exchange for a pancake breakfast. We meet at 10 am for breakfast. We may or not have a meeting, depending on what chapter business needs to be discussed. All toys stay in the local area and the need is great. Breakfast is always tasty and the fellowship is great. I hope you'll join us.

January 4th: We will be painting a compass rose at Valkaria Airport with the Daytona Chapter of the 99s. More details will be sent to you in a future email. Mark the date on your calendar and watch for the email.

January meeting, Jan. 11th: Our January meeting is our Holiday Party, Sandy Parks is our fabulous hostess. We start with a pot luck dinner. The Chapter supplies the ham and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to Sandy at SandyParks@Earthlink.net before Jan. 7th. If you need directions to Sandy's house, she will give them to you when you RSVP: After feasting on all that good food, we have a gift exchange, so bring a \$15 - \$20 gift if you wish to participate. Dress casual. Guests welcome.

February 15th: Mimi Hanley has arranged for the chapter to visit Kennedy Space Center and for free admission. More details will be sent via email when we get closer to the date.

March meeting: Don Wilson - Air Force One, Presidential plane - part 2 - FIT Aviation, Buehler Bldg.

Congratulations! We're proud of you.

Leah Murphy

I just wanted to reach out and send a tremendous thank you! This summer I was able to successfully complete my degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide. This would not have been possible without the help of the Spaceport Chapter and the AEMSf. Thank you so much for helping me reach this goal. I am currently in Toledo, OH, flying an air ambulance helicopter for Metro Aviation, Inc. and I know my degree will greatly help as I continue in this industry.

Thank you again,
Leah Murphy

Christine Keefe

Of course! 95% on the Commercial Written.

I'm working on the CFI one now before I jump into the commercial flying and get carried away.

Christine

Denese Schmedeman

Just wanted to let you all know that I passed my check ride yesterday, and I'm officially a private pilot!!!

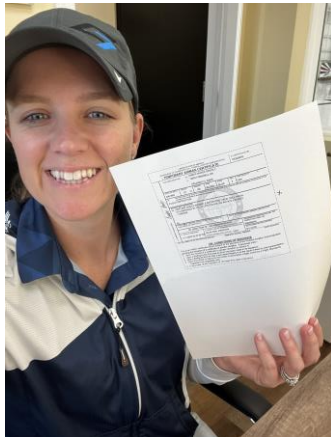
Denese

Amber Brierly was awarded an AE Scholarship to get her CFI rating.

CFII passed the next day!! The DPE was available when I was scheduling so two ratings knocked out in two days.

I am eligible for a type rating at my job (flight safety international) so that will be next on my list, then I will see if I can work at my flight school part time.

Amber



**Amber with her CFI
certificate, earned Nov11,**



**Amber with her CFII
certifiahr, earned Nov. 12**

Mimi Hanley was re elected to her seat representing District 5 on the Melbourne City Council. Way to go, Mimi!

Scholarship Deadlines

Another reminder of the new AE Scholarship deadlines. ALL Applicants Submission Deadline: Received by January 1, 2025. This deadline applies to: Chapter members – Submit to Chapter AEMSFS Scholarship Chair, Leonia Hunt, leoniahunt@gmail.com. DO NOT submit your scholarship application to 99s Headquarters or directly to AEMSFS Trustees. Submit to YOUR AE Scholarship Chair. Make a copy of your completed application, and retain it for your records before sending to your AE Scholarship Chair. It is your own responsibility to ensure that the application package is complete.

Marcelaine Winger : 14 of 16 units complete in my flight refresher clinic. Michigan teacher certification successfully transferred to Florida. "My encore"!

Evelyn Shapiro: inducted into the Forest of Friendship



Evelyn Shapiro has been a loyal supporter of Aviation and the 99s International Organization of Women Pilots. Evelyn earned her Private Pilot Certificate in 1991 at the Great Barrington, Massachusetts Airport (GBR). For her flight lessons she flew Piper Cherokee's N15913 and N5733U (nicknamed 33Ugly). Her instructor was Brad Riegel who signed her off to take her check ride. The Designated Examiner Walter Koladza was a Corsair Pilot in WWII and owner of the private airport.

Evelyn Joined the Florida Spaceport 99s in March 1996, which was renamed Spaceport 99s. July 9, 2022 Evelyn became a Life Member of the 99s.

Comments from her instructor Brad were: Evelyn was persevering. Her cross-country navigation plans were immaculate – perfect planning. A pleasure to fly with, tough and proud of herself she could do it. She is a great person.

After graduation University of Rhode Island, she taught in the grammar school in Rhode Island and in 1995 moved to Spruce Creek (A residential air park), Daytona Beach, Florida. Evelyn was the Owner, Editor and Publisher of the magazine "Northeast Weekend Flyers", Editor of the "Grasshopper" a Florida Women Pilots flying organization. President of the Spruce Creek Garden Club and holds the distinction of Master Gardener. Evelyn has taught at the Volusia County Agricultural Center, Deland, Florida and the Port Orange Public Library – gardening. For over 20 years Evelyn has donated to the Spruce Creek Flying Club Christmas Toy Parade some 1,200 chocolate chip cookies – talk about being sweet.

Purses with a Purpose is an annual fund raiser for Serene Harbor, Certified Domestic Violence Center. Marcelaine Lewis and Bobbi Lasher attended this event on October 16th at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. There were LOTS of Silent Auction items to be bid on, a 50/50 raffle, and a live auction of designer purses each with gift certificates, hotel stays, and other goodies included. Brevard County Sherrieff Wayne Ivey was the auctioneer. And an excellent lunch was served. Guess who was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle???



Marcelaine



Bobbi

Ellie Hoffman is the President of the Board of Directors of Serene Harbor. She was honored as the **Board Member of the Year**



Marcelaine Lewis had the honor of singing with **"The Voices of Life:"** choral group in a patriotic program featured at the West Orlando Baptist Church in Ocoee on October 13.

Derric Johnson wrote and created the Candlelight processional for Walt Disney himself in Disney Land before adding it to Epcot in Disney World. Now 92 years old he also founded the acapella group "Voices of Liberty" at Epcot. Later he founded a community choral group "Voices of Life" drawing heavily on retired professional singers from the Disney family. Composer and arranger of hundreds of scores and author of four books, Derric weaves a faith message into his music and concerts.

The next **Voices of Life** Program, "Beyond the Manager", is scheduled for 6 PM, Saturday, December 21 at the West Orlando Baptist Church. It is free to get in... But as the composer jokes, there will be a love offering collected at the door for you to get out!

On December 7th, Marcelaine was a "flight line escort" with Amelia Earhart at EAA 1236 Young Eagles event/



Happy Holidays