



# Flightline

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**Report on WAI:** This past month I attended the WAI Convention in Nashville. It was exciting to see many 99s - both new and long standing members - and to see so much enthusiasm for flying. The 99s hosted the PPLI reception where 25 of the attendees were non -99s (they had to see what they were missing). There are so many new and exciting things coming down the pike with the 99s that you need to be sure to attend the Spring Section meeting to find out what is happening OR, if you cannot make it, be sure to ask your Chapter sisters who do attend for the low-down. One surprise at WAI was the number of men. We termed this "MIB Convention" for Men in Black. Apparently, word got out that the airlines were hiring so the MEN turned out in large numbers to submit their resumes and chat up the airlines. It was a huge disappointment to see so many men at a women's convention.

**Report on New Chapter:** While at WAI, there were a large number of new 99s wanting to start a Middle Tennessee Chapter. We wish them good luck in the paperwork quest and invite them to call on us for assistance and networking so we can get them up and running ASAP.

**Report on Mobile:** For those coming to Mobile, we have a special treat ... the young girls from the Mobile Boys & Girls Club will be our Hospitality Suite Hostesses. They will be "interviewing" each of you as you arrive to chat about your aviation experiences. These are the girls that started in the Air Race Classic "No Limits" Girls Aviation Program. This is now a year-round program where the girls work on aviation projects, community improvement projects and school educational projects. They are also working on their own fund raising so they can attend the 2013 Air Race Classic Terminus in Fayetteville, AR to visit with the Fayetteville Boys & Girls club girls who are participating in the girls aviation program there in conjunction with the ARC terminus.

**Report on 2014 International Convention:** Our ladies in the trenches in New Orleans are doing an outstanding job at organizing the 2014 International Convention. It will be like none that we have seen in recent years with a focus on educational seminars, (hopefully) more vendors and all sorts of new and revisited ideas. Janet Gonzales will be at the Section meeting to chat about the convention and see what project each chapter wants to tackle for the Convention. ALL CHAPTERS need to pick a project, so come with your ideas for what your chapter can do in mind. See you all in Mobile!!!!

**Sun-n-Fun Reminder:** Come to visit the 99s house April 9-14 at Lakeland. I will be there to say hi to all! Also, do not forget the WASP luncheon. Our WASPs are so priceless and there are precious few left. Let's show our support for our American Heroines!

**Southeast Section 99s  
Spring 2013 – General Members Meeting  
Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - roll call for Chapters
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Fall 2012 meeting**
- 3. Officers Reports**
  - Vice Governor
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - International Representative – Marjy Leggett
- 4. Committee Reports (please limit to 3 minutes)**
  - Membership – Eileen Malan
  - Flightline – Stephanie Wrenn
  - Ways & Means – Judy Hall
  - Endowment Fund Report – Mary Wunder
- 5. Old Business**
  - IRS Group Exemption Discussion
  - By Laws proposal to International
- 6. Chapter Reports – (please limit report to 3 minutes)**
- 7. 2014 International Conference – Janet Gonzales**
- 8. Adoption and Approval of 2013-2014 Budget – Hanna Mari-Salo**
- 9. Scholarships for 99s**
- 10. Fall 2013 meeting – Gulfport MS – Maryke Houben**
- 11. Spring 2014 meeting – NC – Barbara Para**
- 12. Election Results & Installation of Officers**

# What's happening?

## **Fly It Forward Titusville 2013: Helping Women and Girls Dream Big**

Barbara Ganson, Florida Team Leader for Women of Aviation Worldwide Week.

“Through teamwork, especially with key members from three chapters of the Ninety Nines (Gulf Stream, Gold Coast, and Spaceport) in combination with the International Women’s Air and Space Museum, we introduced 116 women and girls to aviation through providing free discovery airplane rides at a small airport near Kennedy Space Center on Saturday, March 9, in Titusville, as part of Women of Aviation Worldwide Week. Fourteen pilots and seven aircraft, including a powered glider, were on hand to give 15 minute airplane rides over the cape on Saturday. All of the pilots had flown in from outside of Titusville, mainly from South Florida, but one traveled as far away as Maryland. Through networking with the FAA and NASA flight operations, we were able to visit the 15,000 foot runway where the space shuttles had once landed, as well as buzz the field if we chose to do so during our discovery flights. It was an awe-inspiring experience, especially for those of us who flew that thrilling day.

By invitation, some 68 aviators or aviation enthusiasts toured Kennedy Space Center on March 8. Many were VIPS, including members of academia, USAF, and the aerospace industry. Among us was USAF Coronel Marilyn Ray who served in Vietnam and is Professor Emeritus of Nursing from Florida Atlantic University. We also had Navy Commander Larry Linn and his wife, as well as an award winning Teacher from the USAF Association for the State of Florida, Virginia Knudsen. We visited the immense Vehicle Assembly Building, a launching pad, and the shuttle runway, guided by highly trained technicians who have worked for NASA for over thirty years. Tom Fries head of NASA Flight Operations joined us for our tour of the runway and an area at the end of the runway where NASA recreated the surface of the moon to conduct tests. Younger pilots and teenagers in turn were treated to a special interactive educational activity conducted by NASA’s educational resource team, before being given free tickets to

the Visitor's Complex. All participants in the end were kindly treated to free passes to the Kennedy Space Center's Visitor Complex good for the next several days.

On Saturday, we had a meet and greet with NASA astronaut Robert Springer who worked with IMAX cameras during his shuttle launches on *Discovery* and *Atlantis*. As it turns out, I learned that his own daughter had been discouraged from seeking a career in aerospace engineering at Texas A&M. NASA KSC Deputy Director Janet E. Petro spoke with engineering students from Florida Atlantic University and students from the aviation program at Jacksonville University. NASA engineers Wanda Harding, Anne Caraccio, and Clara Wright were on hand to talk about their research about NASA launches, failure analysis, and the conversion of space junk into something useful. Terry Ryan, a first officer for Southwest Airlines who is actively involved with Southwest's Adopt-A-Pilot Program, also shared her insights about working for the airlines. American Airlines 757/767 Captain Kimberley Lowe was on hand too to share her thoughts about airline careers. The EAA President of the Titusville Chapter Deborah VanTrueren demonstrated aspects of her ongoing project to build a composite experimental aircraft called a Twister with her husband. Finally, 99s Ruth Jacobs shared pictures of her round the world flight to all seven continents as a copilot, along with information about the early women trainees for the space program and women astronauts. Meanwhile, NASA's Mr. Spaceman walked around to greet our young visitors. NASA too had a special photographic machine, which printed photos of our visitors making them appear as though they were astronauts themselves, marking the date of our Women of Aviation event.

On Saturday night on March 9 at the Holiday Inn Titusville, aviator adventurer Gustavus "Gus" McLeod served as our Master of Ceremonies, having flown numerous passengers during the day, as well as serving as our chief pilot. He wowed our audience by talking about humankind's need to explore space. Although he was a hard act to follow, NASA KSC Deputy Director Janet Petro found her own stride to tell us about the role of NASA today, women in NASA, and its future dreams to reach the stars. Jennifer Dittmer, a senior from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) then presented Ms. Petro with a surprise mentoring award in what was a heartfelt and touching ceremony. The sixteen women engineering students from Florida Atlantic University were in awe of this whole experience. One came dressed like Amelia Earhart; another had designed her own 1950s style poodle skirt. Many mentioned that they now want to become pilots!

I have proudly served this past year as the Florida team leader for Women of Aviation Worldwide Week, and chair of the Florida Gulf Stream Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. Through participating in Women of Aviation Worldwide Week in 2013, I discovered a new love and a sense of direction to engage more of our members in the aviation community to serve as mentors for other women and girls so that they could achieve their own dreams of flight. It is my intention this year to reach out to older pilots so that they could play a larger role in the lives of other women and girls. I have already been invited now to visit the classroom of Virginia Knudsen, which is currently involved with rocketry experimentation. Mentorship can definitely be rewarding.

I followed up this Fly It Forward Event by sharing photographs from our event at the Women's Studies Leadership Conference at Florida Atlantic University on March 15, which explored women in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics. There I met woman astronaut Jan Davis who was our keynote speaker. I then traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend a panel discussion on March 22, which included Kim K. de Groh, a Senior Materials Research Engineer at NASA Glenn Research Center. Marcy Frumker, our women in space historian, also gave a preview of her talk about cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova and America's Sally K. Ride. Frumker was thrilled to have attended our Fly It Forward Event in Titusville, with her husband. Interestingly, we learned that de Groh successfully presented a poster with the collaboration of high school students at a major science and engineering conference in the Netherlands. Their poster placed second in the category under age thirty; even surpassing the posters of numerous graduate students in Europe.”











## PARADISE COAST CHAPTER ANNOUNCES the WINNERS OF 2013 *WINGS OVER PARADISE* SCHOLARSHIPS



The winners of the 2013 *WINGS OVER PARADISE* scholarships were honored at a reception held March 21 at the Page Field Base Ops FBO, Fort Myers, FL. Since the chapter's founding in 2007, Paradise Coast members have worked to raise over \$15,000 for the scholarship fund, presenting the first scholarship award in 2011. Ms. Myra Bugbee (left) of Pembroke Pines, FL is the winner of the AST simulator/CFII instruction package donated by Mr. Jim Hendricks of Naples Flight Simulator, LLC. Myra is a retired public school principal who has accumulated more than 500 flight hours. Myra and husband Roger Hirschbein own an RV 6A based at KHWO (North Perry) airport. She flew in her first Air Race Classic in 2012. Myra is secretary of the FL Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, and also a member of the Florida Aero Club and the Grasshoppers. She will be training for her instrument rating

The winner of the \$2000 cash scholarship is Ms. Terry Carbonell of Alva, FL (pictured right). Terry has over 2000 flight hours and owns a Cessna 182RG, based at Tavernaero Park Airport. Terry is active in several aviation organizations including Women in Aviation International, Angel Flight SE, and is Secretary of Air Race Classic executive Board of Directors. She presently serves as the Governor of the SE Section of the 99's. She has also written and published the "Youth and Aviation Adventure Guide" which is a reference source for aviation education for young people. Terry is an attorney whose goal is to make aviation her full-time occupation. She will be using her scholarship to complete her commercial/multi-engine/instrument rating. **Congratulations Myra and Terry!**



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APPLICATION FOR THE MARY BLACKWELL – ANNE WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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This scholarship is to assist a woman towards a career in the aviation field by providing \$1500 towards flight training. The money can be used towards any rating or certificate except Private Pilot.

I. To be eligible, you must be: 1) a female, 2) at least 18 years old, 3) at least a Private Pilot, 4) living in, or be a permanent resident of The 99s South East Section, 5) of financial need and (6) must have a desire to make the field of aviation your career. .

(The 99s Southeast Section includes FL, GA, NC, SC, AL, MS, LA & TN.)

II. Each application package should include:

- Application form, all 3 pages completed, and notarized
- Letter telling a) what certificate or rating you will use it towards, b) how you became interested in an aviation career, c) your reason for applying for this scholarship, d) why you need financial assistance, and e) how this training will further your career.
- Letter of reference
- Wallet size head and shoulder photograph
- A copy of your Pilot Certificate, Medical Certificate, and, if applicable, flight review endorsement.
- Disclaimer form, completed and signed
- Any other information you think will help the scholarship committee choose you to receive this scholarship

III. Submit THREE complete application packages.

IV. Applications are judged on your: a) demonstration of financial need, b) desire to pursue a career in aviation, c) ability to be an ambassador, representing women in aviation, d) likelihood of success at reaching your goals, and e) neatness and completeness of application package. Application packages will not be considered unless they are completed as specified and in triplicate.

V. Mail the application in triplicate to the address above. Applications must be postmarked between March 1 and May 1,

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS

PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different)

TELEPHONE: BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_ RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF

CERTIFICATES & RATINGS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_ MEDICAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF

BFR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF FLIGHT REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIED ? \_\_\_\_\_ HUSBAND'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT POSITION (List employer's Name and Address):

PREVIOUS POSITION:

HUSBAND'S POSITION & EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION FOR THE MARY BLACKWELL – ANNE WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The following is to be completed by a responsible Official of the School or the person who will give the instruction.

Flight Hours – SOLO \$ /HR \$
Flight Hours –DUAL \$ /HR \$
HOURS – GROUND SCHOOL \$ /HR \$

Other – Describe \$

Less discount (if Applicant is an employee of the school) \$ -

TOTAL NET COST OF INSTRUCTION: \$

AIRCRAFT TO BE

USED; MODEL:

I have examined the credentials (certificate, logs, etc.) of the applicant and find her to be fully qualified to accomplish the following course or rating.

FULL NAME OF COURSE OR RATING:

I hereby certify all information stated above is true and correct.

SIGNED:

PRINT NAME: TITLE:

SCHOOL:

ADDRESS:

MUST BE NOTORIZED

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

If I receive this scholarship I will complete the "Rating" for which this application is submitted within 24 consecutive months after the date of the first check.

I understand that this Scholarship is for the sum of \$1500.00 to be used ONLY for the "Rating" for which I am applying.

I understand, also, that the funds will be paid directly to the School named above.

Signed:

Subscribed and sworn before me this day of , 2013

Notary Signature:

My Commission expires:

DISCLAIMER

Neither the Florida Spaceport Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. , The Ninety-Nines, Inc., nor their members, agents, or representatives, are responsible for, nor are liable for, the quality of any training, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto. The applicant signed below agrees to this disclaimer.

NAME:

DATE:

## What is PPLI?

- PPLI - Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative is an 18 month formal distance mentoring program for pilots who have a Commercial License or greater.
- The sessions begin twice a year with the application deadline for the 2013B session of July 31st. [PPLI Application](#)

For more details information of the program please share and visit this page on the International site Professional [Pilot Leadership Initiative](#)

This program really does work. Women at all levels of the industry participate and excel.

WASP - NINETY NINES LUNCHEON  
Thursday, April 11, 2013, 11:30 a.m. Door prizes  
Sun 'n Fun - Buehler Hangar - \$18.

Please make reservation in advance by April 1, 2013

Make check for \$18 to:  
Nancy Wright  
122 Highland Road  
Tarpon Springs, FL34689

Late reservations may be made at the Ninety Nines' Building

Join the Ninety Nines and International President, Martha Phillips, for this special event. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet these remarkable ladies and to hear their stories. There will be a program with the WASP led by Ursula Davidson and Susan King. It is always entertaining and inspirational. See you there.

