



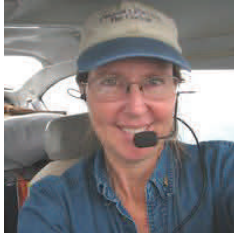
# Flight Line

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## Governor's Corner



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## WE HAVE A 2015-2017 BOARD!

**Secretary**  
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Please join me in congratulating the new SE Section board to be installed at the SE Section meeting May 15-17, 2015 in St. Petersburg. Pursuant to the SE Section By laws, where there is only one candidate for each position offered, all candidates are "elected" in to office without a vote.

I hope to see all of you in St. Petersburg to join me in welcoming in the new board and celebrating a prosperous and growing SE Section 99s. In the mean time, please meet the incoming board:

**Treasurer**  
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### Governor Elect - Myra Bugbee - FL Goldcoast Chapter

**Directors**  
Myra Bugbee  
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Myra Bugbee served as a public school educator and mentor for 29 years. She began teaching the first grade in California and then moved to New Jersey to serve as a first grade teacher where she also developed and taught a pre-first grade. Subsequently, Myra was recruited as a special projects administrator by the Superintendent and served as a Principal for 14 years in a K-3 and a pre-K-5 school. Highlights of her career were mentoring new educators as well as, planning, implementing, and opening a new school.



**Marilyn Shafer**  
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In August 2007, she retired and moved to Florida. At that time Myra found the FL Goldcoast Ninety-Nines Chapter and immediately became an active member by leading a Girl Scout project and serving as the chapter's secretary and, currently, its chairperson. Myra graduated from Virginia Tech with a BS in Clothing, Textiles, and Related Arts. Her teaching degree is from UC Davis and her Masters Degree in Educational Leadership is from Rider University. In 2006, she became a Nationally Certified Principal Mentor and now mentors Principals through NAESP (National Association of Elementary School Principals).

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Myra and her husband own a small airplane (RV6-A), which they fly almost every weekend. Myra flew in the all women's Air Race Classic (ARC) in 2012 and 2014. The experience motivated her so much that she decided to build on her flying skills. She was awarded an Amelia Earhart Scholarship by the International 99s and earned her Instrument Rating.

**Web Master**  
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Her other hobbies include traveling, learning, reading, cooking, and swimming.

### Myra Bugbee's Vision for the SE Section Ninety-Nines

My vision is to find ways for everyone to participate in and contribute to the Ninety- Nines in the way that best matches her passion. Because we are a diverse group – student pilots to career pilots; pilots in the USA and around the world; current and non-current; airplane owners and renters; young moms and experienced pilots - we need to meet the needs of many.

My priorities will focus on:

- \* aviation education
- \* mentoring
- \* scholarships
- \* building community within and outside the organization
- \* incorporating ideas of our experienced pilots as well as the young mommy pilots
- \* using technology to enhance our organization

As a retired elementary principal, my experience in leadership and mentoring is a perfect match for the responsibilities of a Governor. Serving as the FL Goldcoast Chapter Chair and SE Section Director have provided opportunities for me to learn about the 99s and to meet many of its members. I am passionate about educating pilots to increase skills and safety practices. Mentoring helps pass wisdom to others and connecting with others builds powerful relationships and friendships. Scholarships motivate recipients to give back to the aviation community and can be life changing for members who receive them.

Strong chapters lead to a healthy organization and I will support individual chapters with their needs. Improving the way we share our history, making our presence known in the community, and showcasing our achievements will inspire others and strengthen us.

My leadership style is one of service and collaboration. I will continue the successful strategies and programs already in place, as well as set goals for growth and development. My attitude is that tomorrow I want to be better than I was today. My wish is the same for our organization and to forever continue the proud legacy of our sisterhood, called the Ninety-Nines.

### Vice Governor Elect - R. Mae Marquet - New Orleans Chapter

In my endeavor to buy a small plane I learned of the Air Race Classic. After joining this race with a seasoned pilot, I learned of the 99s. This is what I was looking for! I became a member of the New Orleans Chapter 99s eight years ago. Since then I've participated in 3 woman's air races, traveled to several section meetings and a few International Conferences. I believe the many acquaintances made through this club have caused me to become a better pilot. Married with 4 grown children and two grandbabies, I account the finances at my husband's small law firm and tutor in math afterschool here in Lafayette, LA. I am the Southeast Section secretary for the last term and am actively working on commercial certification as a recipient of an AE Scholarship. I am the proud half owner of an '81 Mooney. I am willing to continue in this organization as an officer to help other young women to fulfill the dream of piloting.



The 99s is an organization well worth our time. I am encouraged and give encouragement to my girl- friends in the flying community through it. As a woman in this predominately male field, I appreciate these friendships.

While my husband boasts of my endeavors, he isn't a pilot or mechanic to give me much help. As we share our questions and knowledge we all become givers to this community. I also know personally that this organization helps women in their pursuit of flying knowledge. I am a recipient of one scholarship and very grateful. I look forward to finding other woman with this desire and enable them.

### Secretary Elect - Marilyn Shafer - FL Suncoast Chapter

Unknowingly I waited until AFTER I earned my ticket before becoming a member in 2004. I missed out on all the camaraderie and support that 99s offer while earning my ticket. I became Vice Chair of the Florida Suncoast Chapter in 2005-2007 and then Chapter Chair 2009-2013. In 2013, I served on the Nominating Committee and, in 2014, was elected for a one year term for the newly-established Director position in the Section.

I have been a teacher for 27 years and am currently the Media Specialist (Librarian) at a Tampa middle school. I am a member of AOPA and I have volunteered at NIFA and plan to continue as an Event Judge each November for Region IX.

I am the mother of two boys and three grandchildren. I look forward to introducing my granddaughters to aviation and allow them to meet strong women like the 99s who continually “reach for the stars”.

The Section leadership has begun plans for assisting chapters to become more financially sound and increase membership in the southeast. I would like to support this Section in its goals through my participation as Secretary and with ideas to assist members in being able to attend Section meetings each year. The 99s are the best kept secret and we need to share this secret with women in our Section territory.



### Treasurer Elect - Maria Burns - Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter

I am an instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi, where I am studying to complete my PhD. Formerly, I served as the Senior Vice President of MiMedx, a publicly-traded biomaterials company, and as Director of Operations for Energy Dynamics. In my corporate roles, I was charged with a variety of tasks, including fund raising, business development, client relations, due diligence, and contract negotiations for joint research agreements.

Though I started flying for fun thirteen years ago, in the past couple of years I've realized that if I'm not flying, something is missing. Thus, I sought and won the Gann Memorial Scholarship to help me complete the CFI, a rating I continue to pursue. My goal is to complete the instructor ratings and include flight training as part of my overall teaching schedule. I am honored to be considered for the position of treasurer with the 99s Southeast Section.

It is my hope that the 99s Southeast Section will continue to attract women pilots of all ages and from all walks of life. I envision a unified and focused section with programs aimed at addressing specific challenges and opportunities faced by women pilots. To accomplish this task, I hope that the section will continue to utilize social media outlets and will also continue to reach out to the young and underprivileged so that they may realize the path from aviation dream to reality.



### Director Elect - Carol Voss - Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter

Although I have only been in the Southeast Section for only one year, I am not new to the 99s. Having been a member in good standing for more than 20 years, I have had the pleasure to meet and become friends with many extraordinary women. Several of which have turned into long-lasting friendships. The Detroit Area Chapter recruited me into the 99s as a student pilot and I have benefitted from the organization ever since. For the 20 years as a member of the Wisconsin Chapter, I held all of the offices except Secretary, some more than once. For the years 2002-2004, I served as a Director for the North Central Section Board of Directors, under Governor Elaine Morrow. In 2012, the Wisconsin Chapter sponsored me for induction into the Forest of Friendship.



Immediately upon moving to Alabama, I changed my membership to the Alabama Chapter. Within one month, I was one of the charter members of the Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter and volunteered to be Treasurer. In October I helped coordinate our first compass rose painting at KCQF in Fairhope, AL. The Aviation Adventures program has provided me an opportunity to work with girls who are learning about aviation. In addition, I have volunteered to assist on the Air Race Classic Terminus committee.

The Southeast Section has the opportunity to increase the 99s membership from data bases, our many local airports, flight schools, FBOs, universities, and our numerous military facilities. There are untapped opportunities. We need to develop strategies to appeal to women pilots in their busy lives and sell ourselves as to why they should join. Our membership may not realize the vital importance of attending Section meetings. We must strive to encourage representation at these meetings from every chapter and preferably from more than one member.

We can grow as a Section by encouraging our members to volunteer to work on a Section committee. Sharing responsibilities offers a member an opportunity to make new friends, to grow as a pilot, provides a greater network, increases interest and camaraderie in the Ninety-Nines, and much more.

### Director Elect - Karen Weldon - New Orleans Chapter

My introduction to flying took place in 1983 when I took a "Pinch-hitter" course to be better prepared as I flew with my husband. In 1985 we bought a 1983 Piper Archer II, N8309K, and put it on leaseback. In 1990 I finally had time from my career in Information Technology to learn to fly myself. When I received my private certificate in Doylestown, PA we took N8309K off leaseback and both my husband and I received our instrument rating. While living in PA we flew all over the Northeast and made several trips to FL. In September 1993 I joined the Southeast PA chapter of The 99s and participated in some young eagle events. In 1997 we moved to Slidell, LA and I joined the New Orleans chapter of The 99s and became much more active. I retired from Lockheed Martin in June of 2009 after 41 years of service with the first 25 years being with General Electric in Corporate and Aerospace IT Consulting positions in NY, FL, CT, and PA. The last 10 years of my career were spent as IT Director for Lockheed at NASA's Michoud facility in New Orleans East where the External Tank for the Shuttle was manufactured. Besides flying, I enjoy motorcycle touring, water ski competing and judging, snow skiing, RVing, singing in our church choir, and listening to classical music.



At this time I want to give back to the 99s by getting even more involved in the SE Section. My vision for the Section is to grow the membership by getting younger pilots and student pilots aware of and interested in the 99s. This includes mentoring and strengthening the awareness, appeal and activity of all existing chapters and their membership and chartering new chapters where needed.

## Nominating Committee Elect Members:

### Elina Lunin - Paradise Coast Chapter

My name is Elina Azcurra Lunin, I was born in Argentina and moved to North Carolina when I got married just two months after turning 22. I was the first one in my family to move to another country. In North Carolina, I took English as a Second Language classes in order to enroll in a student transfer program at the local Community college that would allow me to enter into the Business School at the University of North Carolina. When I was ready to transfer, my husband decided to continue his training in Houston, so I applied to the Bauer School of Business at the University of Houston in Texas. While studying at the University of Houston, I received the Melcher Scholarship, also during that time; I was blessed with the birth of our daughter Isabella. Right after graduation, we moved to Florida, Punta Gorda, where travel back home Argentina to visit my family would be easier living in Florida. My mom, who was a school teacher, was supposed to come during the summers to visit us. Unfortunately, shortly after moving to Florida my mother got diagnosed with cancer and passed away a month after we had our son Michael. During the following years, I decided to stay home and be with our children and I realized that now my home was in the US. One morning in February of 2009, after taking my son to kindergarten and after months of hesitation and sharing my dream of taking flying lessons only with my brother and husband, I called the local flight school and scheduled a discovery flight. After that flight, my thirst for learning about aviation took me to earn Instrument, Commercial, Multiengine, and Instructor ratings on Single Engine, Multiengine, and Instrument. From my discovery flight to now, aviation has been a journey that has given me a tremendous opportunity for personal growth that I could have never imagined. I met amazing women in the 99's that have inspired me, encouraged me, and showed me wonderful sides of human beings. I was honored with the Paradise Coast Scholarship and Bonnie Gann Scholarship in 2014 which allowed me to finish my Certified Instructor Instrument Rating. Also that year, I became a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight, Pilots and Paws, and I started instructing at a Flight School in Sarasota.

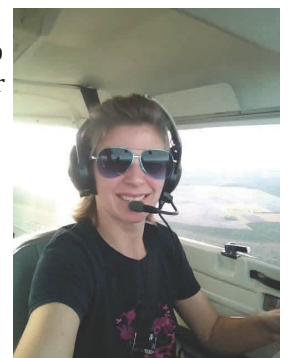


I have attended two Section meetings since I became a 99's member. I have observed intelligent, dedicated, and enthusiastic women, united by the love of flying and dedicated to helping educate other women in aviation. That is the reason why I decided to become a 99's member. Although I am still learning about the organization, I see room for improvement. As part of the nominating committee, I would like to see a continuation of the incredible work that I have seen since I joined, an increase in the number of members, and more efficient use of resources, including using technology to create additional liaisons within our communities. I think this community outreach effort would lead to growing number of members by creating a bridge into other organizations involved in the aviation community, and increase participation among current members.

### Meredith Holladay - FL First Coast Chapter

I am a flight instructor and the co-founder of Holladay Aviation, a Part 61 flight school based at Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport in Jacksonville, Florida. My husband, Dana Holladay, also a flight instructor, is my business partner. We married in 2010 and in 2012, flew a 1938 Piper J-3 Cub to all 48 contiguous United States. We moved from Maryland to Florida in September 2013 with our infant daughter, Alexandra, who will turn two in March. She has already logged more than 12 hours of flying with us.

My father learned to fly when I was very young, and was my primary aviation influence. As a Vietnam veteran he was able to use his GI bill money to pay for his flight training, but I was unable to afford my own lessons until I was 30 years old. Once I started, though, I just kept going and earned my initial flight instructor certificate four years later. I continued to earn my instrument instructor and multiengine ratings, as well as a tailwheel endorsement to solo the Cub. I currently have approximately 3,500 hours.



To the extent that I might have an impact on the future of the Southeast Section of The Ninety Nines, as chair of the First Coast Chapter, my goal is to continue to make flying accessible to any female with a desire to learn, grow and achieve something extraordinary in her lifetime.

## Virginie Rollin - FL Spaceport Chapter

I grew up in France, where my father was an airplane mechanic in the navy and my mother an elementary school teacher. The combination of these backgrounds is what led me to become an aerospace engineering professor, but also pushed me to get my private pilot certificate. I started as an Aerospace Engineering student in France, where I could learn how to design planes, but could not afford to fly them. This is also when I met my husband Bertrand.

My husband's ambition to discover the world is what brought me to the US. We moved here for 5-month internships, and have been living in the states ever since, traveling all over the country. After finishing our PhDs and getting our first real paid jobs in New Mexico, we saved for 1 year and decided it was time to learn how to fly. We obtained our private pilot licenses in April 2011, and are now taking training on tailwheel airplanes and will start our instrument ratings soon. As much as I miss flying in New Mexico, my new position in Florida has allowed me to meet new friends and to have a more profound impact on young people.

Aerospace Engineering and Aviation face the same challenges when it comes to gender diversity. I strive to use my membership with the 99s and my job to attract more girls to either world. For example, I am leading an effort for this year's Women of Aviation Worldwide Week. I am joining forces between the student group Society of Women Engineers (for which I am the faculty advisor) and my 99 Spaceport chapter to organize workshops on the ground and flights for high school girls. I really hope to impact those girls to consider an aviation-related career once they graduate.



# Upcoming Events

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

- February 7th - KBFM - No Limits Girls Aviation Program Career Day
- March 7th - WOAW events - Daytona, FL & North Palm Beach County, FL
- March 21st - No Limits Girls Aviation Program - Aviation Olympics
- April 11th - No Limits Girls Aviation Program "Aviation Extravaganza" - Fort Walton Beach, FL
- April 18th - No Limits Girls Aviation Program "Aviation Extravaganza" - Mobile, AL
- May 2nd - No Limits Girls Aviation Program - Young Eagles Flights

## **OTHER EVENTS IN OUR AREA:**

- May 15-17th - SE Section Spring Meeting - St Petersburg, FL
- June 22-25th - Air Race Classic - Fredericksburg, VA to Fairhope, AL



# Flamingo FUNDANGO

**Southeast Section  
Ninety-Nine Spring Meeting  
May 15, 16, 17, 2015  
St. Petersburg, Florida**



**Hotel: HILTON St. Petersburg Bayfront**  
333 First St. South St. Petersburg 33701  
Phone: **727-894-5000**

**\$131** per night plus \$8 parking  
Make your room reservations by **APRIL 14, 2015**  
mention the **99 SE Conference** when you call.  
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breakfast, lunch, dinner. The Hilton is walking distance to  
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Dali Museum  
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18/36 - 2,864 length



**\$110** 99 Registration - **\$75** - 491/2  
includes Friday night hospitality gathering, Saturday morning  
Continental Breakfast, Saturday evening Murder Mystery Dinner  
Buffet. **Late Registration \$125 after April 1, 2015**

**SCHEDULE: Registration In Hotel Lobby 1 to 5 PM Friday, May 15, 2015**

- May 15** •Hospitality Room open Friday, 5PM for food and fellowship
- May 16** •Hospitality Room open 8 to 9 AM Saturday for Breakfast
- May 16** •Business Meeting Saturday 9 AM - Noon. Lunch on own.
- May 16** •Hospitality Room open Saturday 2 - 4 PM
- May 16** •Cash Bar open 5:30 PM, Mystery Dinner Buffet 6 - 9 PM
- May 17** •Sunday Breakfast on your own.



Saturday Morning Market

**Registration Form Cut & Send In Before April 1, 2015**

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Extra Dinner	65
<b>Total enclosed</b>	

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