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Mae's Mission

On Saturday, May 27, 2017, I had the privilege of attending the WASP Memorial Day Event. It was held in Sweetwater, Texas at Avenger Field, one of the two fields where the WASP trained in WWII. It was truly an honor to be amongst ten of the remaining WASP of WWII. These ladies are such inspirations to this group we call The 99s. The ladies had a military escort all day. I sat with one who at 96 is still so sharp. She shared memories with me, which paled my flying experience. Courage and determination surrounded us. This event is held yearly. I encourage you to calendar this event and experience this worthwhile Memorial Day next year.

As I begin this term as your governor, I want to say joining The 99s is absolutely one of the best moves I have ever made. This group of women pilots has changed my life. It has given me encouragement and direction when the simpler things in life just remained simple. When I needed more, it is in this group I found it. I have met courageous women intrinsic to our group. Their internal motivation simply moves me to display this same to those I touch. To you who read the articles of camaraderie, hard work in fund-raising, scholarship received, compass roses painted, milestones achieved, know that you are a part of this great organization. I value your membership along with those who have gone before us. I hope you will always be sharing who we are with those you meet proud to represent The 99s.



**The Ninety-Nines** is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

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I look forward to working with a wonderful board and committee chairwomen committed to The 99s. They are willing to work voluntarily for you to reach those who want to be good pilots whether GA or sights unseen! Teamwork is not taken for granted, so I express thanks continuously for them.

The Spring Section Meeting in Miami was entitled Airplanes, Alligators, Airboats and hosted by the Florida Goldcoast Chapter. Mary Ann Claret educated us on her trip to Cuba, which gave Wings Credit. We visited the Miami Control Tower to gain an understanding of this massive operation. Dr. Chamberlain, one of the first black female helicopter pilots spoke to us at the banquet. She shared how difficult it was to pursue her dream yet rewarding. Thanks to the girls of the Goldcoast Chapter for a lovely section meeting. The business meeting included the installation of the new officers. We had a hands-on activity called the Exit Ticket which Myra asked us to complete and has collated the results. The specifics are attached to the minutes on our web site. The overall result concluded that camaraderie is the greatest draw in the 99s, followed by mentorship and support. What can I say – that's the 99s' mission!

Let me share three goals: 1) let's grow both in numbers and education; 2) let's paint a compass rose. In particular, one at Sun n Fun; and lastly, 3) let's have members from every chapter attend a section meeting. With future Flight Lines, I will share ideas on accomplishing these goals.

We are currently working on a new web page. Check out the web site from time to time to see what is happening. The new calendar should be updated with your activities: if you will send them, we will post them. Then the members of chapters near you or girls just visiting in your area may be informed to attend your function.

The International Conference will take place July 11-16, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. Hope to see many of you there. The Fall Section Meeting, Oct. 6-8, 2017, will be held in Memphis, TN. There is a lot of exciting, educational activity planned that you won't want to miss, some limited in number. Check the attached registration form for details.

Blue skies, Mae Marquet, Governor

### Your Southeast Section Officers:

Mikki, Karen, Janice, Ramona, Virginie, Mae, Jeanne Marilyn, Barbara & Myra



### Scholarship Winners!



Joelle Petersen won the Florida Suncoast Flight Training Scholarship

Terry Carbonell meets famous husband and wife aviators John and Martha, as the recipient of the King Schools Flight Training Scholarship



**Congratulations to the recent Fly Now Winners!** Lucinda Raber, left, Sarasota and Alice Furr, right, NOLA, who has already soloed!



Not pictured: Melissa Grissom, Tennessee Chapter and Judith Burleson, Alabama

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### Amelia Earhart Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations to Nancy Bradshaw, left, Treasure Coast, and Leonia Hunt, right, Spaceport for winning the prestigious AE Scholarship





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Courtney Robson, right, of the Kitty Hawk Chapter, is this year's recipient of the Marcia Keaton Memorial Scholarship





Lora Lewis, left, of the Florida Suncoast Chapter, is the winner of the New Horizons scholarship

Gabriella Ferra, right, of the Paradise Coast 99s, receives Wings over Paradise Scholarship



Scholarship winner not pictured: Maria Sanders-Ingram: Mommy Pilots Scholarship Volume 10

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### New Horizons



Hailing from Nova Scotia and landing in Miami Beach, FL, we have lost an active 99s sister and dear friend in Tamra Sheffman. Tamra courageously fought brain cancer for 15 months and passed to New Horizons on May 2, 2017.

Adventurous, courageous, inspiring, empowering, world traveler, leader, and Renaissance woman are all descriptors of Tamra. Many of us knew Tamra as a pilot who loved to fly for "fun, food, and proficiency." She was part owner of several airplanes. A member of the Ninety-Nines since 1988, she participated in nine Air Race Classic Races. She said this was her "annual VFR review" and "an awesome cross-country adventure."

Flying was not her only achievement. Tamra graduated from the University of Arizona as a certified teacher of the deaf and hearing impaired. She taught for a short time but transitioned to Eastern Airlines where she helped ramp workers deal with noise issues. She was an extraordinary underwater photographer (and that is how she met her wonderful husband of 34 years, Ron Mayer). She was an avid scuba diver, loved to play the accordion, ballroom dance, and belly dance. She even belly danced at Ron's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

She was a successful commercial and residential real estate broker, managed several apartment buildings and was the owner of Royal Palm Realty in Miami Beach. Tamra made everything she did look easy.

No matter what organization she joined, she became a leader. In the Ninety-Nines, Tamra served in various capacities from Chapter Chair to Activities Coordinator in which she organized activities such as Flying Poker Runs, a party on 9-9-99 to celebrate the 99s, Breast Cancer Cure Flights and fundraisers, and helped plan the FL Goldcoast 99s Chapter's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration just a few short weeks before her cancer struck. She showcased influential women through the *Breaking the Ceiling* programs she co-chaired at the Jewish Museum of Florida. A leader in the Miami Beach's real estate sector since 1978, she also served as the President of the Miami Association of REALTORS and Director of the Florida Association of REALTORS.

During the last 15 months, Tamra met her challenge with brain cancer with the courage and tenacity that she lived her life. Through it all, she had a positive attitude, always with a smile on her face, never complaining.

On May 5, more than 200 friends and family celebrated Tamra's life and held a beautiful service honoring her. Wishing her Blue Skies and Tailwinds, Tamra's much too early departure has left a void in our friendships and in our organization.

We love our 49 1/2s and send our sincere condolences to Ron. Ron was the most amazing husband, supporting Tamra <u>every</u> day during those 15 months. Condolences and cards may be sent to:

Ron Mayer 4600 Royal Palm Drive Miami Beach, FL 33140. Donations in Tamra's memory may be made to The Jewish Museum of Florida – FIU, <u>www.jmof.fiu.edu/joinsupport/tributes</u> Greater Miami Jewish Federation <u>www.jewishmiami.org/gift</u> Temple Beth Shalom <u>www.tbsmb.org</u>

# Ninety-Nines

## Chapter Happenings

### **Compass Rose Paintings**

Two chapters have painted roses in the past few months. The Memphis 99s, left, painted one at Savannah (KSNH), while members of the Blue Ridge Chapter had their own air marking activities at Spartanburg airport (KSPA).



### **New Orleans**

Six members of The NOLA 99s participated in the Blackhawk Flight Foundation's American Aviation Education & Career Day on May 20th at the Diamondhead, MS Airport (66Y) for teenage foster girls and chaperones from the Raintree Children and Family Services Foundation. The girls were given presentations on flying, women in aviation, the 99s, pre-flight, and flights in airplanes (including a yak) and a helicopter. The purpose was to promote positive role models in aviation as examples of what young Americans can do when they direct their talents, intelligence, knowledge, and perseverance at a goal regardless of their social or financial circumstances.



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Three NOLA 99s members attended the WASP reunion at the WWII WASP Museum in Sweetwater, TX. Ten WASP attended with one celebrating her 101 birthday. This picture below shows The WASPs around the wishing well with their military escorts standing behind.





The Memphis Chapter hosted a Girl Scouts Day.

Several Paradise Coast sisters made the trip to Lakeland for Sun-n-Fun! They attended the WASP luncheon which was hosted by the Suncoast Chapter, being treated to fantastic stories by three surviving WASP Bee Haydu, Kay Hilbrandt and Florence 'Shutsy' Reynolds and Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. George Hardy.



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Spring Section Meeting Miami - awesome attendance, girls in costumes of the 40's, early fly days A great time was had by all! We hope to see many of our SE Section 99s at the next Section meeting this fall! Registration form is attached at the end of the FlightLine.



For your information:

### BASIC MED

Here is a link for those of you looking into this new medical information: https://basicmedicalcourse.aopa.org/pub/bundles/course\_61001/downloads/AO PABasicMed\_Pilot\_and\_Physicians\_Guide.pdf?\_ga=2.86525597.404000751.14945 90819-1713624805.1486488884

## Forest of Friendship



The International Forest of Friendship is a living, growing memorial to those who have contributed to aviation, aerospace and its education. It is situated just outside of Atchison, Kansas, and the birthplace of Amelia Earhart. It is a charming locale, full of warmth and love. The atmosphere was reverent at the forest and festive afterwards at the luncheon. I was touched to be in the presence of so many who had contributed significantly to aviation. If your chapter has not consider inducting someone before I encourage you to think about one of the wonderful women who is or was a part of your group and honor them with the support towards this endeavor. Or consider an individual from your community who should be honored. Information is available on their website.

On Saturday, June 17,2017, the Southeast Section was inducted. The NOLA chapter honored Karen Weldon this year. And last year the chapter honored Janet Gonzales who was not able to attend then because it was the start of the Air Race Classic. Next year the ceremony will be a week earlier should an honoree be in the race too.

Pictured clockwise starting top left: Karen, Janet, Myra Bugbee, past governor and Mae Marquet, governor of the SES.

### **Upcoming Events in 2017**

July 11 – 16, 2017 - International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

September 1 – submissions for Flight Line

September 15, 2017 – Deadline for Fly Now Award application

October 6-8, 2017 - SE Section Meeting, Memphis, TN, I Follow the Mississippi River

October 27-28, 2017 – AOPA Regional Event in Tampa, FL (Peter O'Knight Airport) 99s booth hosted by Fl Suncoast Chapter

November 3-5, 2017 – IBOD Meeting in OKC – all members are welcome

December 1, 2017 – Submission for Flight Line

December 1, 2017 - AE Scholarship application due to Chapter Scholarship Chair

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### Set your bearings & meet us on the mighty Mississippi this fall! AGENDA REGISTRATION

### FRIDAY, Oct. 6

9:30 – 11:30 AM	St. Jude Tour (A)	
12 – 5 PM	Arrival/Check-in	
12:30 – 2:30 PM	St. Jude Tour (B)	
4 PM	Board meeting	
5:30 – 7:30 PM	Manager's Reception	
7:30 – 11 PM	Hospitality Room Open	
8:00 PM – 12:30 AM	FedEx SIM & Experience	
	Tour	
9:30 PM – 12:30 AM	FedEx Experience Tour	

### SATURDAY, Oct. 7

7:30 – 10:30 AM	Breakfast
9 AM – 12 PM	99's Business Meeting
12 – 1 PM	Box Lunch and Featured Guest Speaker – Debbie Rihn Harvey
1:30 – 4 PM	Memphis Center Tour
5:30 – 7:30 PM	Manager's Reception
7:30 – 9:30 PM	Banquet and Featured Guest Speaker - Jim Bob Slocum
9:30 – 11 PM	Hospitality Room Open

### SUNDAY, Oct. 8

7 – 10 AM	Hospitality Room Open/Departure
7:30 – 10:30 AM	Breakfast

### 99S: \$99

49 1/2s: \$49.50 Kids: \$33 Late Fee: Add \$25 after Aug. 1, 2017

### HOTEL

Embassy Suites by Hilton 1022 South Shady Grove Road Memphis, TN

Included: Spacious suites, made-to-order breakfast, daily manager reception, free parking, MEM airport shuttle, indoor pool & fitness room

Make your hotel reservation before September 15, 2017

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/perso nalized/M/MEMPEES-NTN-20171004/index.jhtml King: \$149 or 2 Queen: \$169

Early Check out fees will apply on block rooms.

### RECOMMENDED AIRPORT FOR PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

Charles Baker Airport (2M8) 3870 Fite Road Millington, TN 38053 <u>http://www.charleswbakerairport.com/default.htm</u>

Registration includes access to the Hospitality Room, Box Lunch, Banquet, and transportation to/from Charles Baker Airport. If you are not staying at the Embassy Suites, breakfast is available for \$12.95.

See the Memphis sights! Tour Graceland, Sun Studios, Beale Street, National Civil Rights Museum, Botanical Gardens, Bass Pro Shops in the Pyramid, see the Peabody Hotel ducks...

Fall 2017 Southeast Section Meeting Registration Form

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### Speaker Biographies and Optional Activity Information

**Debbie Rihn Harvey** is one of the highest ranked aerobatics competitors in the United States. In 2011, she won the Betty Skelton "First Lady of Aerobatics" Trophy making her the highest scoring female competitor for the thirteenth time. Rihn-Harvey is also the longest standing member of the U.S. Unlimited Aerobatics Team, qualifying to represent the U.S. fifteen times in World Aerobatic Championships in North America and Europe. In world competition, Rihn-Harvey has been a Gold Medalist as well as holding many regional titles. As a tribute to her many accomplishments, she was inducted into the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame in 2003, the EAA Sport Aviation Hall of Fame in 2007, she received the Loyd P. Nolan Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010, and the International Ninety Nine's Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation in 2012.

This native Nebraskan is the third generation of aviators in her family. Her grandfather, Roy Furstenberg, manufactured the Overland Sport Aircraft in Omaha in the 1920"s, while her father, Jack Furstenberg, began teaching her to fly in her teens.

Rihn-Harvey recently retired from Southwest Airlines after a 27-year career. Besides the many hours of practice it takes for competition and airshow flying, she also manages a flight school and fixed-base operation at La Porte Municipal Airport, Harvey & Rihn Aviation. The aerobatics school attracts pilots from around the world. Rihn- Harvey is also an Aerobatic Competency Evaluator (ACE) for the International Council of Airshows and an FAA Designated Flight Examiner who administers flight exams for Private Pilot through Airline Transport Pilot certificates.

### James "Jimbob" Slocum

Retired Fed Ex Captain James "Jimbob" Slocum started his flying career in gliders in 1971 when he was 14. He earned his BS Degree in Industrial Engineering from Arizona State University in 1980. His career has included flying fire bombers, skydivers, and Cargo DC3's in the Caribbean. He has survived 3 separate crashes, all from mechanical problems. In 1988, Captain Jimbob was hired by Flying Tigers which merged with FedEx in 1989. In his 26 years at FedEx before retiring at 58, he flew the DC-8, B727, DC-10, and B777.

Jimbob is an expert skydiver with over 4500 jumps and multiple world records, including the largest formation (400 in Thailand in 2006). He also has an A&P certificate that he uses to restore vintage aircraft at his airport home in Moscow, TN. His wife is FedEx Captain Valerie Thal-Slocum, who he met skydiving while in college.

In 2012, he was part of a dramatic documentary with an international team of scientists, Aviation experts, and elite pilots as they deliberately crash landed a Boeing 727 passenger jet to provide a once-in-a-generation chance to study the mechanics of a plane crash in real time. Putting their lives on the line, Jimbob and the rest of the crew parachuted from the plane just minutes before impact. After parachuting out, the plane was then flown remotely, becoming the world's largest remote controlled aircraft.

**St. Jude Tour** is a guided tour of the St. Jude Campus. Founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall **childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80%** since it opened more than 50 years ago. **Families never receive a bill from St. Jude** for treatment, travel, housing or food — because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

**FedEx Experience** is a tour of the FedEx hub not available to the public. The tour happens during the nightly "sort" allowing you to get a behind the scenes view of how packages make it from point "A" to point "B" on FedEx.

**Memphis Center Tour** is a tour of the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center, one of 22 "Center's" in the United States. This is a great opportunity to meet the people behind the voices over the radio and the staff that provides them support.