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Southeast Section 99s Women Pilots

Governor's Cockpit

Ladies,

First of all, I want to say that I miss you all so much! When I came together with my 99s sisters, it fired me up! It made me a better pilot and person! It looks like we are on the downhill stretch of this pandemic which makes me hopeful. I hope this fall we can all get together in South Carolina. Our section meeting has been planned for May 1st. Read about that below.

Everyone said that 2021 would HAVE to be better. My year has not started too well. Over New Years', my hubby, Kevin, came down with something. Doctors couldn't figure it out, but antibiotics helped the 102° fever he had for 7 days. The Saturday his fever broke, I thought I would fly Sierra. I got out to the hangar, and she was leaking red oil from her prop (I had never seen an airplane have a bloody nose before). The prop got sent off to the prop shop, and it couldn't be fixed. A new prop is on order, and everyone is saying it will be here anytime now. Early February, my daughter, a very pregnant school teacher, and I'm watching her 2-year-old daughter during the day came down with COVID. We isolated her (just like the CDC says to), but my granddaughter started running a fever a few days later. She only had a fever for two days and was fine afterward. I then started having sinus congestion and feeling tired. I ran to the doctor to get tested. Yep, I caught it from the little one. I don't care what anyone says, but when a 2-year-old feels bad and asked to be held, I will hold them. It took about a month to get everyone well again, but we all made it through with no lasting side effects. My very pregnant daughter is due anytime now with our first grandson. So we are on baby watch and prop watch! I will be very excited when they both get here!



Your nominating committee and the board have been working tirelessly to get ready for the election and the board's upcoming changes. I want to thank the nominating committee for all the hard work they have done. Please vote when you get your electronic or paper ballot. It is a little disheartening when we have a low voter turnout after all the work these ladies put into the election. More information about election dates is below.

Looking forward to talking to you all at our Section Meeting in May. Though it won't be in person, it will be nice to hear everyone's voice.

Sincerely your SE Section Governor,
Ramona Banks



Upcoming Events

Here are the dates of the upcoming 99 events. For more information on the events, see below.

- **March 1 - May 1:** International Elections
- **March 6 - April 15:** SE Section Elections
- **April 1:** First Wing Award Scholarship Applications Due (*previously known as Let's Fly Now Scholarship*)
- **April 2:** New Horizon Scholarship Applications Due
- **May 1:** SE Section Section Meeting (virtual)
- **July 10:** International Annual Meeting (virtual)
- **Sept 24 - 25:** 99s Fly-in, Jackson, TN (*More information to come*)
- **Oct 1 - 3:** SE Section Fall Section Meeting (*More information to come*)

Elections

You will be receiving to ballots. If you opted-in for electronic ballots, the International Ballot should have come in on March 1st and the SE Section ballot will be emailed out on March 6. Please watch your email for these ballots. Paper ballots will be mailed out on the same day that the electronic ballots are emailed.



SE Section Elections

The election for the SE Section 2021-2023 Officers will start on March 6th. If you opted in for electronic voting, you will be receiving your ballot by email. Please be on the lookout for it. It will be coming from Election Buddy. If you did not opt in for electronic voting, you will be receiving your ballot in the mail over the next week or so. The last day to vote will be April 16. Please honor all the work the Nomination Committee have done and VOTE!

[Read About the Nominees](#)



International Elections

The election window for the 2021 International Directors and Trust boards will start on March 1, 2021. If you have opted into electronic voting you will receive an email from The Ninety-Nines with a link to the ballot, otherwise you will receive a paper ballot soon. This year we are electing 2 International Directors and members for the Boards of the Museum of Women Pilots, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, Endowment Fund and Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. All ballots must be submitted or mailed by May 1, 2021 in order to be counted. Candidate information can be found in the [Members Area](#) of the website and will be included in the March/April issue of the Ninety-Nines magazine.

Scholarships



The SE Section New Horizons Scholarship honors our our Ninety-Nines who have passed to new horizons, and at the same time, inspires the scholarship recipients as they achieve new milestones and move to new horizons in their flying achievements. Our yearly scholarship provides \$2,500 to the winner.

The scholarship application is due to the Scholarship Committee on April 2.

Please send your applications early to allow the committee to review the application before the deadline in case they have any questions.

[New Horizons Scholarship Application](#)



FIRST WINGS Award

The First Wings Awards are semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 based on completion of specific training milestones. They are available to Student Pilot Members of The 99s who meet eligibility requirements. To be eligible, applicants must hold a student pilot certificate (or provide evidence that they meet their country's flight training requirement), have been an official Student Pilot Member three months prior to the application deadline, have logged 5 hours in the six months prior to the application deadline and show financial need.

The Spring First Wings Award Application deadline is April 1 each year. Membership join date must be no later than January 1 of that year.

[First Wings Awards Application](#)

Spring Section Meeting



May 1 at 9 am CDT

Our Spring Section meeting will be virtual. We will have the meeting on Saturday, May 1st at 9 am CDT. We will have a Technology Test on Thursday, April 29 at 6 pm CDT and the SE Section Board meeting on Friday, April 30 at 6 pm CDT. Everyone is welcome to join us for the board meeting. Mark your calendar now and watch your email for more information.

International Annual Meeting

The International Annual Meeting will be held virtually again this year. The date is July 10, but the IBOD has not announced the time yet. So watch your email for more information.

NIFA Regional

From Marilyn Shafer,
International NIFA Chair

This year NIFA Regionals will consist of ONLY the three



written tests with no flying events. Judges will be needed for the following schools: Auburn, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Melbourne, Broward, and Lakeland. If you would like to assist in judging these written tests, please contact Marilyn Shafer, our International NIFA Chair at ProBBMom@gmail.com or 813-245-1398 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE since the schools want to conduct their testing at the beginning of March with all tests completed in one day. They expect only 5 competitors for each of these three tests which last one hour each. This will be an easier day to experience the testing portion of the full competition. Region IX has plans to resume its regular FULL competition during the first week of November. Make plans and mark your calendars for KLAL November 1-6! I will advise plans by other regions as soon as they become available.

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