

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.  
International Organization of Women Pilots



**Southeast Section 2020 Fall Section Meeting Packet**

Oct 17, 2020 / Virtual Meeting

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# **2020 SE Section Fall Meeting Minutes**

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## **Southeast Section of the 99s Fall Section Meeting**

**October 17, 2020**

**Virtual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 1005 Eastern time by Governor Ramona Banks. She thanked the members for attending. She especially thanked the Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter who stepped up to do the fall meeting in Kingsport, TN. Unfortunately, they were not able to host it due to the COVID virus.

The chapter rollcall was taken by Secretary Janice Pelletti. A quorum was declared.

Ramona Banks covered the ground rules for the virtual meeting. Everyone is muted. If you would like to make a comment, let us know by typing your name in the chat box and the moderator will let the governor know there is a comment from the floor. The governor will then call on the member and the member will be unmuted.

For any call for a motion, please type the motion in the chat box, such as "I move to approve the minutes from the Fall 2019 Meeting" or "I second the motion".

We will count the nays when taking a vote. If you oppose a vote, please type no in the chat window or on a phone, say no. There will be a full vote if it is close.

Ramona Banks thanked all the board members for their hard work. She thanked International Board representative Leslie Prellwitz for attending. She also thanked Liz Poeppelman for acting as moderator by monitoring the chat room.

Ramona Banks Introduced the SE Section Board:

Vice Governor Lois Horne

Secretary Janice Pelletti

Treasurer Jeanne Burklund

Director Anita Mixon

Director Laurie Reeves

Immediate Past Governor Mae Marquet

International Board Representative Leslie Prellwitz

Ramona Banks thanked all past governors for attending:

Lisa Cotham 2001-2003 and 2009-2011

Myra Bugbee 2015-2017

Mae Marquet 2017-2019

Terry Carbonell 2011-2015  
Corbi Bulluck 2007-2009  
Marie Grein 2005-2007

Ramona Banks also thanked all first-time attendees for coming.

Terry Carbonell reported that Corbi Bullock was omitted from the Spring Meeting Minutes as a past governor in attendance. The change was noted. Ramona Banks called for a motion to approve the Spring 2020 SE Section Meeting minutes as corrected. Anita Mixon made the motion to approve. Second by Cathy MacArthur. The minutes were approved as corrected.

99s Still Doing Their Thing! Ramona Banks presented a video of what we are doing, despite the virus.

The 99 of Note Award was presented by Anita Mixon. The 99 of Note Award committee solicited all chapters to submit a member for nomination. Nominees needed to meet the following attributes:

- Exemplifies our mission and provides noteworthy service and outstanding contributions to her chapter
- Participation in the 99s Chapter activities/meetings
- 99s Section meetings attended
- 99s International meetings attended
- 99s Office(s) held
- 99s Committees chaired or served
- Active promotion of the Ninety-Nines and aviation in the community
- Speaker on aviation to civic or service groups
- Participation in Safety Seminars
- Special projects not listed

The Committee received 10 nominations:

- Elina Lunin, Sarasota
- Isabel Garnett, Spaceport
- Jan Oreck, NOLA
- JoAnn Speer, Memphis
- JungYeun “Maria” Choi, Florida Suncoast
- Katie Clagg, Paradise Coast
- Nancy Miller-Borg, Alabama
- Ruth Jacobs, Treasure Coast
- Virginie Rollin, Daytona

The Committee had ten outstanding ladies nominated and we had a difficult time making the selection. From this list the committee selected Virginie Rollin, from the Dayton Chapter.

As the winner she will receive:

- A Certificate of Recognition
- A limited-edition SES 99 Gold Challenge Coin
- Her name will be placed on the SES 99 of Note Awards plaque in the 99s House at Sun-n-Fun

Virginie Rollin thanked everyone for the award.

Anita Mixon was asked to explain the Challenge Coin. It is a way to promote camaraderie and recognition of the 99s, the Section is selling silver coins. The gold coins are reserved for the 99 of Note Award winners. It is not something you can buy.

In further discussion of the award, it was brought up that one nominee was not on the list. Anita Mixon replied the committee had not received that nomination. Mae Marquet explained this is a new award and they are working on SOPs that would require response for all submissions. Especially the sending of an acknowledgement email when a nomination is received.

Ramona Banks congratulated Virginie Rollin and all the nominees.

The Section officer reports were presented and are attached.

Ramona Banks introduced the International Board Representative Leslie Prellwitz, Leslie is the International Treasurer of the 99s. She was as active in North Central Section before joining the International Board. Ramona Banks thanked her for joining us.

Leslie Prellwitz thanked Ramona Banks for the introduction and welcomed everyone. She presented the news from International. International now has the “buy one get one free” bonanza. Each month a member who renews will be entered in a drawing to receive a free year of membership.

International has launched the First Wednesday of the Month webinar series. They are at 7 p.m. central time. There are a variety of topics. Some are available for Wings credit. Members are urged to contribute ideas for webinars. There are also other webinars. For example, October 20, 2020 at 8pm Eastern time there is one on navigating Nexrad. The information is on the 99s website. They are also adding a variety of videos to YouTube. She asked everyone to please subscribe to the 99s YouTube account.

International now has career opportunities listed on the 99s website. The listings are exclusively for members. Employers can also list on our website.

The International meeting this year was virtual. The fall International Board of Directors (IBOD) meeting will be online, making it is easily accessible for those interested in attending. The meeting is November 6 and 7. She reminded members that the election deadlines are coming up. October 31 is the deadline to submit the Intent to Seek Election form. There are four trusts in need of applicants and two director spots are open.

She asked members to please continue to support the 99 museums. She encouraged members to visit the websites and consider purchasing a raffle ticket or contribute to a fundraiser.

She also reminded members that scholarship applications are coming due. She recommended starting to work on them now, as it can take longer to do than you think.

The deadline for International Awards is coming up. She asked members to think of 99s who can be nominated. January 31 is the deadline. The Nov/Dec 99 magazine will have additional information.

She encouraged everyone to stay connected, to reach out and see how everyone is doing. The fellowship of being in the 99s is a plus. She said it was hearting to see the introduction video Ramona Banks produced for the beginning of the meeting.

She reminded members that International is always there to help.

Moderator Liz Poeppelman thanked Leslie Prellwitz and reported that Ramona Banks is having technical difficulties.

Jeanne Burklund presented the financials. She recapped the treasurer report she submitted. She reported there is not much going on. The Section received the monthly checks from International for dues. She is sending out the checks for the donation that in the budget this month. Marilyn Shafer commented that she didn't see a line item for NIFA donations. She asked if we could add an item for a recurring donation to NIFA for \$100 a year. Jeanne Burklund replied we need to defer this to the next board meeting.

The committee reports were presented and are attached. There were a couple additions to the committee reports.

Terry Carbonell addressed 501C3 and reminded everyone to watch social media postings and make certain they are professional.

Lois Horne reported the air marking completed by the Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter at Greeneville, TN (KGCY) in June.

Ramona Banks apologized for the technical issues and reported she was back in the meeting by phone.

Michelle Sonier presented an update from the nominating committee for the upcoming elections. They are looking for candidates to run for all offices. They do have one person who has stepped up to run for each office. The deadline for submitting the Intent to Seek Election packages is Nov. 22. Elections start January 16, 2020 and end February 12, 2020. Initiation of new officers is at the spring meeting. They are encouraging everyone to opt into electronic voting. She asked chapter chairs, to please reach out to those members who have not opted in. She asked all members to please consider giving the Ninety-Nines some of their time and run for office.

Ramona Banks reported we now have 909 members and are the third largest section. She encouraged chapter chairs to reach out to members and see about being on hold. Ramona brought up that International is working with members that are on hold if that member calls before their yearly dues are due.

Lois Hone reported that the New Horizon's scholarship winner this year was Virginie Rollin. Lois is also working on new beginning pilot scholarship application as part of the process. She is looking for judges.

Ramona Banks congratulated Virginie Rollin on winning the New Horizon Scholarship.

Ramona Banks reviewed the Ways and Means Committee. We now have the recurring donations setup. Ramona minded us that if enough members make a small recurring donation each month, we won't have to have any more fundraisers. She is will send out the information out again in the next blast. Five 99s charms have been sold from the Section jewelry stock.

Ramona Banks thanked all the committee chairs.

Virginie Rollin reported on the International elections. There are two director seats. They will be elected on the floor of the 2021 General Meeting. The requirements to run (bylaws Article IX, section 3) are:

- Have been a member for five consecutive years
- Hold at least a recreational, sport, or higher-grade pilot certificate (or military)
- Have held office in a chapter or section
- Cannot serve concurrently in more than one international elective position

- No two members of the IBOD may be from the same chapter

There are also positions on the four trusts. Contact trust chair if interested.:

- Museum of Women Pilots (Lisa Cotham)
- Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum (Bonnie Johnson)
- Endowment Fund (Mary Wunder)
- Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (Jacque Boyd)

Marilyn Shafer, NIFA Chair, provided a video for the meeting. Due to the technical problems, Ramona Banks was not able run it. She will post it online.

Ramona Banks reminded us of the Garmin watch raffle. December 2, 2020 is the deadline.

#### Upcoming Section Meetings

Spring 2021 is hosted by NOLA. Lisa Cotham is chair of the section meeting. She gave an update. Because we just don't know what it's going to be like with the COVID virus, they cancelled the contract with the hotel. They will revisit this in January and decide on what they are going to do. They had originally set the date in March because the 2021 International Conference was in June in Jordan. Since that has changed, they now have more time flexibility

Fall 2021 is Carolinas. Ramona Banks said they are working on it, but we have not received updated information.

Spring 2022 is Florida Heartland. Ramona Banks reported they are going to plan it again in Sebring.

The 2021 International Conference is scheduled for July 7-11 in Long Beach

The 2022 International Conference is July 6-10 in Charleston, SC. Terry Carbonell reviewed that this is first year of the new format with International taking over the International Conference. They would like the SES to do a skit at the Long Beach conference and provide an invitation. Cathy Prudhome is heading up the career expo. Ramona Banks is the liaison from SES with the International Committee. The International Committee is looking for recommendations for tours, printing, and swag bags. They also need help with GA arrivals and transportation. Ramona Banks is heading up the hospitality suite They also need hotel greeters. Terry Carbonell asked that you let the committee know if you want to be involved. Ramona Banks is hoping to divide up the hospitality suite by chapters and highlight local cuisine.

Ramona Banks asked if there were any comments For the Good of the Order. She asked if anyone want to add anything. She asked members to go to chat box if you had something to add. Liz Poeppelman will call on members. Liz reported there were no comments in the chat box.

Ramona Banks again thanked the Appalachian Aviatrixes for stepping up to do the fall meeting. She also thanked Liz Poeppelman for stepping in and keeping the meeting running during her technical problems. She thanked the International Board members in attendance, Leslie Prellwitz, Corbi Bulluck and Terry Carbonell.

Ramona Banks called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motional to adjourn the meeting was made by Carol Voss. The second was made by Cathy McArthur. The meeting was adjourned at 1134 Eastern time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janice Pelletti  
SES Secretary

## Officers Reports

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Fall 2020 Vice Governor's Report

I attended the Spring 2020 Section Meeting virtually. I have been working with chapters in hosting the upcoming section meetings (Aviatrices, Lisa Cotham for Spring 2021).

I participated in five Southeast Section Board meeting teleconferences. Completed the New Horizon Scholarship process for 2020 and am working on developing a second scholarship with a focus on new pilot beginners who would be new to the Ninety-Nine community.

I have been working with the nominating committee to find candidates for the Spring 2021 elections.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois E. Horne  
Memphis Chapter Chair  
SE Section Vice Governor

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Fall 2020 Secretary's Report

I attended the Spring 3030 SES Meeting and submitted the minutes. I have attended five SES Board Meetings. As a board member, I reached out the chairs of the three chapters I am a "buddy" with Memphis, Treasure Coast and Carolinas.

I have served as the Appalachian Aviatrices Chapter Chair, Scholarship Chair and SES Fall Section Meeting Coordinator.

I was accepted by the IOB as a trustee for the 99s Museum of Women Pilots.

This is my eleventh year on the International Publishing Committee as an editor and feature article writer. I have submitted two feature articles to the Ninety-Nine News.

Respectfully Submitted,  
SES Secretary  
Janice Pelletti

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 Fall 2020 Treasurer's Report

I have maintained our Bank of America and PayPal accounts. The financial report for the period of 6/1/2020 to 9/30/2020 is attached.

I have set up and maintained our recurring donations via our Authorize.net account. We currently have 7 recurring donations set up for a total of \$145.00 per month. We have also received 10 one-time donations for a total of \$550.00.

The IRS 990-N tax returns have all been filed for the year ended May 31, 2020. 4 of the returns were filed by the Chapters – and I filed all the others. Here is a list of all the chapters under the Southeast Section umbrella.

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581502880	% RAMONA BANKS	6019	202005	THE SOUTHEAST SECTION OF THE NINETY NINES INC	SECTION
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464840557	% TERRI BAZACOS	6019	202005	EMERALD ANGELS OF THE GULF COAST	CHAPTER
464854785	% JANICE PELLETTI	6019	202005	APPALACHIAN AVIATRIXES OF THE 99S I	SECTION
471569912	% JESSICA MENDEZ	6019	202005	NINETY-NINES FIRST COAST CHAPTER	SECTION
471585665	% LOIS HORNE	6019	202005	MEMPHIS CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL	SECTION
471594035	% LINDA QUIETT	6019	202005	SOUTHEAST SECTION TENNESSEE CHAPTER	SECTION
471971531	% NANCY SWANNER	6019	202005	ALABAMA CHAPTER SOUTHEAST SECTION	CHAPTER
472579437	% JEN TOPLAK	6019	202005	FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER OF THE 99	SECTION
472983116	% SARAH SOLESBEE	6019	202005	BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES	SECTION
474099312	% PAULA CAMPBELL	6019	202005	SOUTHEAST SECTION CAROLINAS CHAPTER	SECTION
474099384	% SANDRA SMITH	6019	202005	SOUTHEAST SECTION KITTY HAWK CHAPTE	SECTION
474883032	% ELLEN HOFFMANN	6019	202005	SPACEPORT 99S INC	SECTION
475048633	% KAREN WELDON	6019	202005	NOLA 99S INC	SECTION
475199800	% MARYKE HOUBEN	6019	202005	MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER	SECTION
475345109	% VIKKI GREENLEAF	6019	202005	FLORIDA HEARTLAND 99S INC	SECTION
660825959	% CENITA HEYWOOD	6019	202005	ST CROIX ISLAND PARADISE CHAPTER	SECTION
812252849	% CATHY MACARTHUR	6019	202005	DAYTONA 99s INC	SECTION
813795104	% ANITA MIXON	6019	202005	TREASURE COAST NINETY-NINES INC	CHAPTER
814677989	% SUZIE HYATT	6019	202005	SRQ LADYBUGS INC	CHAPTER
820639201	% CHELSEA SPIVEY	6019	202005	THE GEORGIA FLYING BELLES	SECTION
822330644	% MAILY TRAN	6019	202005	NASHVILLE CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES INC	SECTION

I have attended our Southeast Section board meetings and was a member of the New Horizons scholarship committee.

I continue to serve as the Treasurer for the Florida Suncoast Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jeanne Burklund  
 Southeast Section Treasurer

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Fall 2020 Director's Report

- Attended all Section meetings
- Awards Committee Chair: Resurrected SES 99 of Note Award – formed committee; solicited applications; committee designed award; working on improving process for 2021 nominations
- Fundraising activities for local TC99s
- Continue to serve as Air Race Classic Assistant Director (release news releases, maintain media contact lists; release mass email communications, forms, thank yous, etc.)
- Working with Jo Alcorn, Air Race Classic Start Committee – ARC 2021 starts at KLAL. Currently recruiting volunteers for START (June 17-22, 2021)
- Continue to work with local EAA members to promote general aviation

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mixon  
Southeast Section Director

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Fall 2020 Immediate Past Governor's Report

This summer has been one filled with movement despite the COVID Pandemic. I was able to visit my son in New York and meet some pilots up there. It was quite a trip in my Mooney since even the Ubers were not working. I have to say the line-persons from their FBO's went the extra mile driving us to and from our hotel. One 99 recently featured in the 99 News, J.C. Follender, was a new contact up there. It feels like such a small world when one can go so far and feel at home amongst other women pilots.

But by movement I really mean the movement of the Tropics, that being HURRICANES. I am in hurricane alley! So on the trip home from New York, Long Island, we had to circumvent Cristobal in June. These past few weeks have not been less eventful as Laura hit to my left and then Marco to my right. I have stayed busy getting supplies to those willing to fly to devastated areas.

Enough, oh no! Delta. That name just seemed to be one I might come to know better. Well, we were safe through it all. I did help a friend get his plane which was hangared further south out of harm's way. Then on Sunday go retrieve it from Houston. Though he could not open the hangar door without electricity, he had no water or wind damage. For the opportunity to help others and be safe myself I am grateful.

There are some activities amongst our chapters. Virtual meetings have been our strength. I have reached out to my buddy chapters. These chapters too meet via Zoom. I hope this method may continue even for activities which permit our presence to involve members who are unable to attend.

My chapter flew to a dear member's home to celebrate a 97th birthday. Well, it was actually her husband, David Oreck, who turned 97. Since he has shared so much with us the thoughts to arrange this fly-in were developed. More than 40 persons in at least 8 airplanes and some cars attended. We distanced properly and were served cake. It meant so much to David and in turn blessed us. Chatter was abundant!

Chapters have continued to give scholarships which is just wonderful.

I have written to encourage members to run for the offices upcoming in the election just after the new year. Yes, this is upon us, COVID or not! It will be an interestingly new installation if it is virtual. We will give dates as to when we will host the Spring Section Meeting. The original dates for spring section meeting have been altered due to the COVID Epidemic. I have attended virtual board meetings and visited often with our governor and vice governor. Glad to serve and hope we are able to visit in the near future.

Mae Marquet  
Past Governor SE Section

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Fall 2020 Governor's Report

Even though most of us are still on semi-lock down, the Southeast Section Board has been busy. We have had monthly board meetings since our Spring Section Meeting in May. During the board meeting we discussed items such as fundraising, air markings, outreach programs, scholarships, and bylaws.

The board has been working actively with the Southeast Section Nominating Committee to find qualified candidates for our 2021 elections. It is not to late to step up and get your name on the ballot. All positions are up for election. While we are talking about elections, are you opted in to vote electronically? We currently have about 80 members in our section that are not opted in to vote electronical. I sent out an email to these 80 ladies with a video on how to opt in to vote electronically. Voting electronically is easy and it saves money both at section and international elections.

I have worked with numerous Chapters to provide them with GoToMeeting access for chapter meetings and for educational presentations. If your chapter does need access to GoToMeeting, please reach out to me.

I have sent out monthly E-Mail Blast with upcoming events, news, and chapter happenings. If you are not receiving these emails, please let me know. If you have anything you would like in the E-Mail Blast, please send it to me.

I attended the virtual 2020 Business Meeting of the International 99s. I finished up my term as the International Election Procedure Chairman and as a member on the International Bylaws Committee. As Election Procedure Chairman, I was delighted to see the caliber women who stepped up to lead this organization at international level.

Though I have stepped down from my two previous roles at international level, I continue to volunteer at international level. I am the current Spokesperson for the Council of Governors. I accepted the position of a Trustee on the Board of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots. I accepted the position of one of two governors on the International Awards Committee. I feel that it is important that we all do our part not only at chapter and section level, but at international level also.

It is my hope that for our 2021 Spring Meeting we can all meeting together and see each other's smiling faces! Everyone please stay safe.

Sincerely Your Governor,  
Ramona Banks  
SE Section Governor  
Alabama Chapter  
The Ninety-Nines

## Committee Reports

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Fall 2020 NIFA Report

I was recently appointed The Ninety-Nines International NIFA Chair. NIFA stands for National Intercollegiate Flying Association and is a competition among regional college flying teams. These young men and women work diligently throughout the year to compete in written, landing, and navigational events.

*“The National Intercollegiate Flying Association was formed for the purpose of developing and advancing aviation education; to promote, encourage and foster safety in aviation; to promote and foster communications and cooperation between aviation students, educators, educational institutions and the aviation industry; and to provide an arena for collegiate aviation competition.” (<https://nifa.aero>)*

Check the 99s Calendar periodically as I will be posting the latest information there on NIFA Regional Competitions complete with NIFA contact information for each upcoming SAFECON (Safety Conference). This is a different year with the COVID 19 virus making demands on our lives, so making plans for a large competition is difficult but the NIFA Board is meeting regularly and monitoring CDC guidelines in making their decisions.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES! The Women’s Achievement Award given at the NIFA National Competition has been renamed! The NIFA Program will now list it as The 99s Women’s Achievement Award, and on The 99s website under the Donate tab, this same name appears for your convenience in donating online. Of course, you can still mail in a check to HQ but be sure to include “NIFA Award” on the memo line to assist HQ in depositing the monies into the correct account.

Consider being a judge! Go to [nifa.aero/schools](https://nifa.aero/schools) to view the Regional Map and discover in which Region your state resides. Then register as a judge at [nifa.aero/judges/judge-register](https://nifa.aero/judges/judge-register). No experience is necessary, and you do not have to be a pilot so register and bring your friend or significant other to judge as well!

I was surprised to talk with the women competitors and discover many did not know anything about the 99s. This is our chance to educate and grow our ranks. You will also be amazed at the knowledge and enthusiasm of these college aviators. They have always inspired me to soar higher!

Marilyn Shafer  
International NIFA Chair  
Southeast Section NIFA Chair  
Florida Suncoast Chapter NIFA Chair

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Fall 2020 Nominating Committee Report

The nomination process began in early August. It consisted of collaborating with Section Board members, members experienced in the election process, and Nominating Committee to get names of potential candidates. Names have also been passed around from other active members in the Southeast Section.

After receiving some names for potential candidates, those ladies were contacted (mostly by e-mail, some in person and by phone) to inform them of their nomination. The response was fairly exceptional in the beginning with the ladies who were contacted asking questions and showing interest. Two months from the initiation of the nominating process, it has become slower.

With the first deadline nearly one month away, our focus will be on getting the necessary documentations from the nominees running for office and also getting everyone enrolled in electronic voting.

The first deadline for the election is November 22, 2020 with the submissions of nomination forms, biographies, and Section Visions.

Meagan Harr  
Nominating Committee Chair

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Fall 2020 Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program Report

Let's Fly Now! is an introductory First Flight Program, generally free, targeting females of flying age. The tagline shares the spirit of the program.

EXPLORE the wonders of aviation  
DISCOVER the magic of flight  
IMAGINE the possibilities for your future

This program encourages females, aged 14 and older, to fly for the first time. Ninety-Nines, Friends of the 99s, and other properly certified pilots provide their airplanes, fuel, and time to share their passion for aviation as they soar through the skies with women of flying age (men and children are also welcome) and take them on their first flights. Many of our new pilots are in their 30s, 40s, and 50s. We hope to make an immediate and positive impact in the need for new pilots during the next few decades.



Many of our 99s chapters throughout the USA and Canada had scheduled Let's Fly Now! First Flight Programs for spring and summer of 2020. However, because of COVID-19, they were all cancelled. Chapters are beginning to think about future programs and many chapter leaders have contacted me to discuss ways to make their events successful. I also refer Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program Leaders to the 99s website for valuable information.

Communication is a key to success. The following items help communicate the essence of our Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program and help make our program professional and informative:

- Logbooks
- Certificates
- Trifold brochure
- Updated forms on the 99s website (i.e., pilot data forms, passenger liability forms, insurance request forms)
- Instagram ([lets\\_fly\\_now](https://www.instagram.com/lets_fly_now)) THANK YOU Chelsea Spivey, Alana Fisher, and Kim Ewing for managing this part of our Let's Fly Now! First Flight Program.
- Online Registration ([www.letsflynow.org](http://www.letsflynow.org)) We continue to work with Sun Star Media to tweak this program. THANK YOU JoAnn Speer and the Memphis Chapter for serving as our test pilots.

Let's Fly Now! is an excellent tool for those of you who like to mentor others. It is a great recruiting tool and will surely become one of the 99s signature activities, just like air marking and PPLI.

Respectfully submitted,  
Myra Bugbee



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Fall 2020 WASP at Sun 'n' Fun Report



The following are highlights about our plans for the WASP participation at Sun 'n' Fun 2021:

We are still waiting for confirmation about whether or not Sun 'n' Fun 2021 is a go or no go. If it is held, the event is scheduled for April 13, - 18, 2021 in Lakeland, FL.

Unfortunately, our remaining WASP are not able to travel so there will be none of our heroic icons attending Sun 'n' Fun 2021. Fortunately, in 2020, we began plans to transition our luncheon to

showcase inspiring female leaders in the field of aviation. The following two speakers were

scheduled to speak in 2020 and have expressed enthusiasm about coming in 2021, pending their assignments: military pilot, CDR Lena C. Kaman, USN from Pensacola, as well as Captain Cyndhi Berwyn, former military pilot and current 777 FedEx Captain and pilot for the Orbis Eye Hospital Airplane. Our theme will be "WASP: Walking in Their Footsteps." We would like our guest speakers to share about how the WASP influenced or inspired them to become pilots.

Janice McWilliams has volunteered to help me with the planning of the WASP at SNF 2021.

We have a small amount of funds left in our WASP account. However, we will need to do some fundraising to provide rooms for our speakers. We will also provide meals for them from Tuesday evening through Wednesday evening. Please generously donate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Myra Bugbee



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Fall 2020 New Horizon Scholarship Report

**New Horizons within the Southeast Section**

**Blue Ridge Chapter  
Lee Orr / Jan 11, 2020**



Lee Orr, age 87 passed to new horizons after a long career of 50 years in aviation teaching the Spartanburg community and over 1000 students on how to fly. She earned her pilots license in 1965. She was inducted into the South Carolina Aviation Hall of Fame in 2001. She participated in air races including the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race, the Air Race Classics, and the Powder Puff Derby. She founded the Blue Ridge Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, a women pilots' organization. Orr was also a member of the Arkansas Chapter of The Ninety-Nines and later served as secretary and governor of the organization at regional and national levels and on its international board of directors from 1989-1996. Additionally, she received a number of awards and honors in her lifetime, including the Evelyn Bryan Johnson Award, recognizing career contributions in aviation, in 2006 and was a 1988 Amelia Earhart scholarship recipient. She was instrumental in getting the Spartanburg Pilot's Association started and was one of its founding members. "She pushed two or three of the guys to get that started. She felt it was one of the most important things the Spartanburg downtown airport could do for its pilots," said Joe Sessoms, public relations chair of the Spartanburg Pilot's Association. The association was a way to keep pilots up to date on safety guidelines, something Orr was very passionate about. Off the airfield, Orr was a dedicated wife and mother of three daughters, Willauer, Kimi Kauer, and Babbs Brown. "She was a women's libber. She loved to travel, loved people, loved church," Willauer said. "She was the matriarch of our family." Kennedy said Orr was very close to her daughters. "She raised three best friends," Kennedy said. Willauer described her mother as a beautiful and

vivacious person who loved life and loved people and who was loved by all her students and everyone who knew her. "She loved everybody that she met," Willauer said.

When up in the air with her mother, Orr would often remark that she loved flying because she felt closer to the angels and God. Now she soars with the angels watching over her sisters of The Ninety Nines!

### **Spaceport Chapter**

**Alexis Montague-Fortune / March 14, 2020**



Alexis obtained her private pilot certificate at Pmpano Beach Airpark. She was an active member in the Ninety Nines and The Commemorative Airforce. She raced in the Great Southern Air Race Association and finished in her best position of 4th place. She earned a degree in Engineering from Georgia Tech and worked for AT&T as a development engineer. Alexis has one son, from a former marriage, and he followed in the footsteps of his mother's love for flying, now being a pilot for Delta airlines.

### **NOLA Chapter**

**Marian A. Baltzer / April 10, 2020**

Marian was born in New Orleans, LA on Oct 3, 1917. During high school Marian worked with her Aunt Lena at Loyola University's library in New Orleans. During WWII she worked for a construction company, doing procurement, that built Army camps and blimp stations all over the south and southeastern region of the United States. Marian had a long career with Exxon/Mobile in Baton Rouge, where she worked in the procurement office until her retirement. Growing up, she had a love of sports, including softball, tennis, golf, and bowling. She was an enthusiastic LSU sports fan. Marian learned how to fly and received her pilot's license at the age of 50. She was a member of the Ninety-nines. Hot Air ballooning was also one of her passions. After retirement she volunteered for over 30 years, for AARP, preparing taxes for senior citizens, as well as managing a team of volunteers in Baton Rouge. Marian had a generous heart, and giving nature, always helping family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

### **2020 New Horizons Scholarship Update**

Eleven applications were received by the application deadline of April 2, 2020. The following chapters were represented in the applications:

Alabama	Kitty Hawk
Daytona	NOLA
Florida Goldcoast	Spaceport
Florida Suncoast	Treasure Coast
Georgia Flying Belles	

The winner for 2020 was Virginie Rollin from Dayton Chapter. Due to the tight race of candidates, it has prompted me to begin to see about offering a scholarship for a beginning pilot. If interested in building out this scholarship opportunity or willingness to serve on the 2021 New Horizon board, please feel free to contact me. The 2021 application should be out by the first of the 2021 calendar year. If you are thinking of applying, start gathering your documents now and think about how you set yourself above the competition. This year's candidates were top notch which made judging extremely difficult, but in a good way for the judges.

All of you ladies do so much in support of the Ninety-Nines and woman in aviation. I am truly blessed to be part of the New Horizon Scholarship process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois E. Horne  
Memphis Chapter Chair  
SE Section New Horizon Scholarship Chair

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## Southeast Section Chapter Reports Appalachian Aviatrixes



### Section Meeting

**Date:** October 17, 2020

**Location:** Video Conference

### Officers

**Chapter Chair:** Janice Pelletti

**Vice Chair:** Pam Phillips

**Secretary:** Adrienne Smith

**Treasurer:** Meagan Harr

**Number of Members:** 14

### Activities Accomplished:

- June 2020 completed the first air marking at KGC
- September 12, 2020 attended the dedication of the compass rose at KGC
- September 8-13 had a display booth at the Aviation Celebration at KTRI. Booth sales for the scholarship fund were \$950.

### Community Outreach

- September 8-13 manned a display booth at KTRI in support of the Commemorative Air Force B-17

### Upcoming Events

- A fly-out to Johnson County Airport (6MA) is planned for October 24, 2020. The fly-out is hosted by one of our members and is an outside grill event.
- We are working with two airports for possible air markings, KTRI and Banner Elk. Banner Elk is a private community airport where one of our members is based.



## Southeast Section Chapter Reports Daytona



### Section Meeting

**Date:** Oct 17, 2020

**Location:** Video Conference

### Officers

**Chapter Chair:** Cathy MacArthur

**Vice Chair:** Lauren Thompson

**Secretary:** Hailey Auterson

**Treasurer:** Samantha Harrison

**Number of Members:** 30

### Activities Accomplished:

- 8/19/20 Zoom presentation by Patty Wagstaff (talked about aerobatic flying, and her school in St. Augustine)
- 8/31/20 Virginie Rollin gave a virtual presentation about scholarships, how to apply and what is available thru the 99s

### Mentoring Opportunities:

- Cathy MacArthur through the PPLI program is Mentoring a Captain in the program

### Upcoming Events:

- November: Jason Schappert from MZeroA will be giving a virtual presentation regarding survival equipment, off airport landings and icing.

### Other:

- Virginie Rollin now has a ground school and tutoring service called "Aiming Higher Academy"



## **Southeast Section Chapter Reports Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast**



### **Section Meeting**

**Date:** Oct 17, 2020

**Location:** Video Conference

### **Officers**

**Chapter Chair:** Terri Bazacos

**Vice Chair:** Susana Freeman

**Secretary:** Carol Voss

**Treasurer:** Valerie Rojas

### **Number of Members:**

- 24

### **Activities Accomplished:**

- Our chapter participated in several Zoom meetings due to COVID-19
- Six women in our chapter met in-person and one joined us via Facetime for our September meeting where social distancing and the use of face coverings was observed.
- The chapter met for a Hanger Picnic on October 3, 2014. Eight women in the EAGC chapter gathered together at the chair's hanger for a BBQ. The day started with chapter business, followed by an amazing presentation by Vaughn Dowell, A&P/IA DME on aircraft electrical systems, and ending with BBQ burgers and brats with all the fixings. Masks were worn and social distancing was observed.

### **Mentoring Opportunities:**

- The chapter is pleased to mentor several student pilots as well as a 14-year-old who is a friend of the Ninety-Nines with a desire to be a future military pilot.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- November 14 – EAGC Fly-Drive-Ride Poker Run
- December 12 – Holiday Celebration and meeting



## Southeast Section Chapter Reports Florida Suncoast



*Inspiring Women Pilots  
Since 1929*

### **Section Meeting**

**Date:** Oct 17, 2020

**Location:** Video Conference

### **Officers**

**Chapter Chair:** Jung Yeun (Maria) Choi

**Vice Chair:** Kelli O'Donnell

**Secretary:** Diane Loucks

**Treasurer:** Jeanne Burklund

**Number of Members:** 70 as of Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

### **Activities Accomplished:**

- Jun – Online meeting
- Sep – NWS weather seminar online

### **Mentoring Opportunities:**

- Fly Now scholarship mentorship pairing
- New member/student pilots pairing

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Nov – KZRH Warbird and BBQ
- Dec – KLAL Portluck in 99s house at Sun N' Fun Airplane and Car show
- Jan – FL04 Leeward Air Ranch Glider presentation
- Feb – X06 Compass rose repainting and camping
- Mar – X35 Paramotor Aviators
- Apr – KLAL Sun n Fun, Girl Scout Aviation Day
- May – KCGC What we need to check after maintenance
- Jun – KBKV Tailwheel flying presentation



## Southeast Section Chapter Reports Paradise Coast



### Section Meeting

**Date:** Oct 17, 2020

**Location:** Video Conference

### Officers

**Chapter Chair:** Michelle Estevez

**Vice Chair:** Connie (Constance) Leege

**Secretary:** Mandy (Mandolyn) McAbee

**Treasurer:** Terry Carbonell

**Number of Members:** 52

### Activities Accomplished:

- Sunday Social event via Zoom
- Aviation Trivia via Zoom
- Aviation Scholarship information and discussion via Zoom
- Virtual Bingo – SUCCESSFUL
- Book Club w/ author attendance. *The Women Who Flew for Hitler: A True Story of Soaring Ambition and Searing Rivalry* by Clare Mulley

### Mentoring Opportunities:

- Highschool aviation courses restarted – 6 new female students! Pending meeting date.
- FMHS Transcontinental Air Race (simulators) Judging – date TBA January/February 2021

### Upcoming Events:

- 10/31/20: Wicked Witch Fly-In at Sebring Airport (KSEF), Runway Café, RSVP requested to [Paradisecoast99s@gmail.com](mailto:Paradisecoast99s@gmail.com)

### Other:

- Holiday Party, Adopt-a-family – details to be shared on chapter website



## Southeast Section Chapter Reports Sarasota Ladybugs



### Section Meeting

**Date:** Oct 17, 2020

**Location:** Video Conference

### Officers

**Chapter Chair:** Suzanne Hyatt

**Vice Chair:** Alana Fisher

**Secretary:** Elina Lunin

**Treasurer:** Sandy Thompson

**Number of Members:** 19

### Activities Accomplished:

- Monthly Zoom Meetings, Re-Election of Officers, Launched Three Fall Scholarships for our SE-Section sisters. Deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. \$3,000 for a CFI in pursuit of an additional flight instructor certificate, or advanced rating, that will advance her aviation career. \$2,000 for a PPL or above looking for an additional certification. \$1,000 for a PPL or above looking for an additional certification. Amped up our social media platforms, trying to have more of a presence. Gaining new members!

### Mentoring Opportunities:

- Our chapter chair has been assisting one of our members with her PPL ground school/test prep.

### Upcoming Events:

- Hosting our Second Annual Poker Run November 6-8. Airports include KSRQ, X06, KSEF and KPGD. Many sponsors and donations this year!

### Other:

- Planning to attend Paradise Coast's Witches Fly-In, we have four airplanes registered.