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## December 2019

### Best of Holidays & Year End

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New England Section 99s

# Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots

## Governor News - December 2019

As we approach the end of 2019 and the end of a decade, the Ninety-Nines has much to be proud of and grateful for. The 99s have now grown to 6,203 members worldwide. Did you know that of the 28 sections around the globe, 19 are outside the United States. They may represent only 11% of the total membership, but their interest is keen and growing.

Here in New England, it's been an active year with membership increasing and more visibility as we met the public at Fly-ins, Air Show Seminars, Aviation Exhibits, Museum Presentations and various Flying Events around the region.

Looking ahead, there are many opportunities to participate and donate to the 99s. There will be a compass rose marking, Let's Fly Now Event, the yearly treasure hunt, and booths to (wo)man in our area and at Sun 'n Fun in FL and EAA Venture Oshkosh.

I'll be presenting to 100 school kids in January south of Boston. Schools welcome what we have to offer - stories of flight, achievement, and inspiration. Consider going to a school in your area. Contact me if you'd like tips.

Tis the season for gifting. For this holiday or the future, check out the 99s store online for jewelry, clothing, and gift items to support the 99s. A donation any time can go to your local Scholarship Fund or to the AE Birthplace Museum, or the 99s Museum of Women Pilots which has recently reopened sales of the commemorative Wall of Wings. See below.



Blue Skies to all for this Holiday Season, Margot Cheel - New England Governor

## News & Opportunities from 99s HQ

### 99s Museum of Women Pilots

[www.museumofwomenpilots.org](http://www.museumofwomenpilots.org)

The 99s Museum is now offering a very limited opportunity to purchase a pair of Wings to be displayed on the Wall of Wings located inside the 99s Museum.



A prestigious gift, the Wings may be inscribed with the name of an individual or group as a memorial or for recognition of dedication and service. Money raised from the donations for the Wings supports the 99s Museum. Through its programs, displays, and research library, the 99s Museum preserves the rich history of women in aviation and aerospace. Donations made to the 99s Museum for the Wings are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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### 99s Museum of Women Pilots

PO Box 950374 Oklahoma City, Ok 73195-0374

The purchase of a pair of wings is \$500 or more

Total/ Quantity \$ \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Inscription on the **Wings (4 to 18 Characters Only)**

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Payment Information: Please make checks payable to: **99s Museum of Women Pilots**  
Or call 405-685-9990 for credit card payments.

### 2020 99s International Awards

Do you know of a 99, Friend of The 99s or an organization that deserves to be recognized for their aviation contributions? Please submit your chapter, section, or trust nominations to our International Awards Committee.

These awards will be presented at the International Conference in Long Beach, California in July of 2020. The **deadline** for nominations for the awards is **January 31, 2020**. Award information is in the September/October Ninety-Nines magazine following this past year's recipients. The five Awards are:

Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines

Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation

Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts

Award of Merit

George Palmer Putnam Award

Nominations may be submitted by a Ninety-Nines Chapter, Section, or Trust.

## **FAA Awards & Women Pilot History**

At the upcoming Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo in Lakeland, Florida (April 2020) and EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin (July 2020), the FAA Safety Team is planning to honor women in aviation by awarding the Wright Brothers Master Pilot and Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Awards to a group of all-female recipients.

Women have had critical roles in founding and furthering the world of aviation. Some **notable examples of female aviation trailblazers include:**

Susan and Katharine Wright, the mother and sister to Orville and Wilbur Wright

Emma Todd, first woman to design an airplane

Theresa Peltier, first woman to pilot an aircraft

Raymonde de Larouche, first woman in the world to receive a pilot's license

Bessie Coleman, first African-American/Native-American woman to receive a pilot's license

Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, among other achievements

Phoebe Omlie, first female AMT and Airline Transport Pilot

Jacqueline Cochran, first woman to break the sound barrier

All the Rosie the Riveters, women who helped build aircraft during WWII

All the WASPs, civilian female pilots used in WWII serving under military command

Geraldine Mock, first woman to fly solo around the world

Valentina Tereshkova, first woman in space

The 588th Regiment "Night Witches"

Emily Warner, first female captain of a scheduled U.S. airline

The Mercury 13, female astronaut trainees

We also acknowledge all those who continue the proud tradition of being a woman in aviation, and who are paving the way forward for those women who will help move this industry ahead for many years to come.

## **99s International Conference**



Looking out your window to see rain or, maybe, snow? Thinking of where you would rather be? Picture yourself enjoying the ocean breezes while you relax on the Promenade Deck of the historic **ocean liner Queen Mary**. Make that vision a reality and join Ninety-Nines from around the world at the next **International Conference July 8-11, 2020, in Long Beach**, California, home of the Queen Mary. Historic accommodations aboard ship, fascinating seminars, excellent food, and area excursions await you.

**Conference information will be in the January/February 2020 issue of the Ninety-Nines magazine.**

## Member News

### Compass Rose Painting

This Spring there will be a compass rose painting at Pittsfield (Ma) airport.

Glenna Blackwell is organizing. Many Connecticut 99 members are closest to the location but all 99s are welcome to participate. More details to come.



### MOS Thank You

Boston's Museum of Science sent a Thank You to the 99s after our day with their Stem Program on November 9, 2019.

**We look forward to having you and the other women from the 99s back in the**



future for your amazing interactives.

Kind regards,

Susan Heilman, PhD

Museum of Science, Boston



## 99s Fosters Friendship & Mentoring



Sue Lin, (ENE) has met Marta Silva at PYM - a student at Bridgewater State, graduating this December. Marta, a student pilot, has joined the 99s and plans to be a pilot for a major airline. She was very excited to meet another woman pilot for support & mentoring.





The Eastern New England Holiday Party was at the home of Sue Lin. It was December 8th - her birthday and the anniversary of her earning her private pilot license 4 years ago.

## Sharing 99s Message

CT Chapter members Constance Castillo and Glenna Blackwell were invited to speak to the Women's Club of New Britain in November. They were delighted to share their love of flying and the Ninety-Nines as well as the history of women in aviation.

As a gesture of thanks the club made a donation to the CT Chapter Scholarship Fund. Thank you to Beverly Jones (Constance's Mom) for coordinating this event.



Left - Constance Castillo, Beverly Jones, Gail Vigna and Glenna Blackwell



Plan to participate on June 20, 2020 at Beverly Airport. More details to follow.

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