



Ninety-Nines

## New England Section



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# *Squawk*

International Organization of Women Pilots

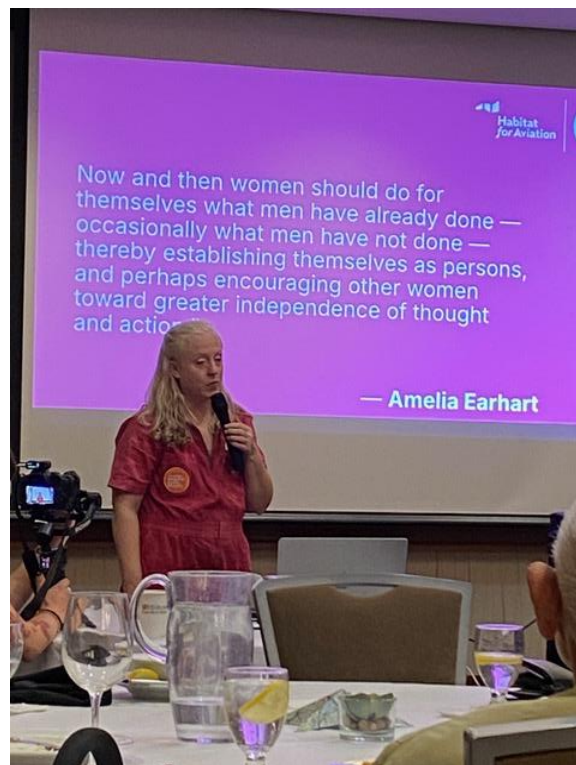


**Hello, New England Aviatrixes -**

**Hope you are enjoying the unseasonably warm weather this Fall! A lot has been happening within our Section of The Ninety-Nines.**

**October 18 & 19, 2024 was the New England Section meeting in Portsmouth, NH. Our Friday evening speaker was Beth White, who gave a wonderful account of her desire and success in founding Habitat for Aviation, an apprenticeship program for young women to learn the mechanics of conventional and electric aircraft. Every Sunday, her hangar at Franklin County Airport in Northern VT is open to students for learning and mentoring and to anyone interested in aviation.**

**Beth will be a speaker at next July's 99s International Conference in Burlington, VT.**





**Saturday morning's business meeting was held at the 100 Club, a short walk from our hotel in Portsmouth. We were treated (with no charge!) to the top floor conference room, which overlooked the water. The manager and his wife even stayed through our meeting and were very helpful. Thank you, Katahdin Wings, for these arrangements and for a great Section Meeting.**







**Sue Lin donated another 99s afghan.**



**Sherry and her partner Rich gathered a few prizes.**







Scrapbook of 99s Jodie Woods from son Frederick Wallingford.

Robin Hadfield handing it to Museum Director. International Secretary, Debi Dreyfuss looks on.

**One unique item at Headquarters is the 99s International Quilt. It was designed for the International Conference in Bozeman, Montana in 2013. Each Chapter is represented with signatures (if possible). It took over a year to collect them. At the start of the conference, six sewing machines were set up in the lobby hotel with 99s busy putting it all together!**





The highlight of this IBOD Meeting was the event at the Oklahoma State House on Friday evening November 1, 2024. Here is the invitation:

***We are excited to welcome you The Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots to its 95th Anniversary Gala hosted by the State of Oklahoma to celebrate the 99s remarkable legacy in aviation history, sisterhood, progress, and their many decades headquartered in Oklahoma City. This event is proudly hosted by Representative Nicole Miller and the Oklahoma 59th Legislative Women's Caucus, in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics. Under the glow of the Oklahoma Capitol dome, we will honor the spirit of The Ninety-Nines and celebrate with a dinner that showcases the rich heritage of Oklahoma's aviation and aerospace industry and diverse tapestry of people and ecosystems across the state's seventy-seven counties.***





**All the 99s, honored for the 95th Anniversary in the Oklahoma State House.**



**We were lucky, at last minute to be honored in the State House chambers. Brenda Thibodeau**



**Dinner under the dome**



**The state house was spectacular - so spacious, newly painted, bright and colorful. (especially the interior of the dome). A fun fact: When the state house was first built in early 1900s, there were not enough funds to include a dome. Years later, it did go on. But it meant lightweight materials...and thus, it became known as "the foam dome."**



**One of the fun moments was meeting up with Teresa Camp, former ENE 99, before she moved to OKC. We stood under the portrait of Will Rogers, a favorite in OKC, where the airport is named after him.**

**Elections for 99s International officers are coming up. See the 99s Straight & Level e-newsletter for details. Many 99s vote electronically through the service of “Election Buddy.” You are encouraged to go online and sign up to vote electronically. There is a lot of expense with printed ballots. Online is less costly, secure and efficient.**

**Margot Cheel**  
**Governor, New England Section**  
**The Ninety-Nines**



