



Ninety-Nines

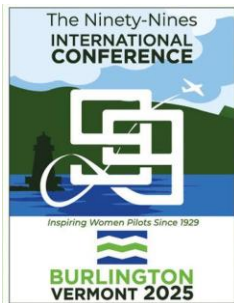
## New England Section



New England Section 99s

# Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots



## International Conference Highlights

Thank you all in the England Section for being hostesses for this year's International Conference! It was a big success. Burlington, alongside Lake Champlain, offered wonderful views and a **dinner cruise** with ideal temperatures.



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Our **Hospitality Suite**, spearheaded by Glenna Blackwell, was the sought after location. And the very industrious, creative helpers made it happen.

Especially inventive were the prep areas - bathroom with hot pot, ironing board for sandwich making.!

Thanks to all on that committee (Glenna Blackwell, Beth Young, Sherry Grobstein, Arlene Myers Alexander, Rachel Betlinski, Holly Intravia, Christine Micke, Lori Plourd, Arianna Strand).



Our **Keynote Speaker** on Thursday morning was **Laura Caputo** of Beta Technologies. This start up, which is designing the next generation of electric aircraft, gave us an inside tour of their facilities. From fascinating parts design & assemblage on the ground floor, to the upper balcony with cozy office suites, leather lounge areas and dogs welcomed, it was an intriguing look into the development of future aviation.





**with Ben & Jerry's ice cream arriving just then and 200+ 99s to help celebrate the whole day thru! Thank you, thank you all!**



Three **International Awards of Achievement** are presented each year to members of The Ninety-Nines. This year, two of the awards went to New England Section members. The President's Award also went to a New England Section member.

The **Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation** went to ENE member **Beth White**, in recognition of her efforts to involve young women in aviation, particularly as airplane mechanics. Beth's organization, Habitat for Aviation, provides an apprenticeship program for young women ages 9 through high school to work along with adult mentors in learning to service conventional and electric aircraft.



The **Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines** went to Katahdin Wings member **Lori Plourd**. Lori has been a Ninety-Nine for 24 years and has held almost all Chapter and Section offices. She has been the International Publications Committee Chair since 2017. She was nominated for this award "because of her passion for bettering and promoting the members of The Ninety-Nines and for the positive spirit in which she has made the contributions she has made."



The **President's Award** also went to **Lori Plourd**, "whose unwavering commitment as Chair of the Publication Committee has profoundly impacted our organization. The 99s magazine has flourished, consistently delivering content that informs and unites our community of women pilots. Lori's editorial vision and meticulous attention to detail



**have elevated the publication, ensuring it reflects the excellence and spirit of The Ninety-Nines."**

**For the Governors & Presidents Reception, we were lakeside at an outdoor cafe.**



**The setting always was spectacular over the water to the Adirondack Mts.**



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**Thank you to everyone who participated** and made this such a successful, fun conference!



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### **A Visit to Habitat for Aviation By Arlene Myers Alexander**

An after-convention delight was a visit to Franklin County State Airport in Swanton, Vermont, home of Beth White's dynamic project, Habitat for Aviation. 99s Arlene Myers Alexander and her husband Jack from Massachusetts, Casey Raymond from Maine, and Elena Moffly and her son from Connecticut all enjoyed seeing the building operation in person, toured Beth's colorful hangar, and watched Beth being interviewed by the local TV station for a clip on the nightly news.

Beth was in a swirl of multiple activities that day as the airplane building progressed, visitors were shown around, several of the young ladies were skydiving, and the local airport EAA was having a fabulous barbecue with an award ceremony for graduates. Whew!! So much joyous activity! It was wonderful to be a part of it all.



**The night before at the 99's International Convention, Beth received the prestigious Award of Merit for contributions to aviation.**

**Thank you, Beth, for all you do with such skill, grace and enthusiasm.**

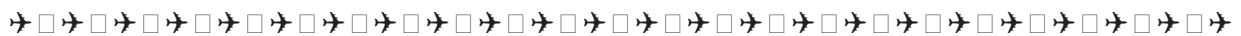




Habitat  
for Aviation

I believe...

We must **uncover** our purpose and calling, **refine** and **cultivate** that purpose or calling, and **share** it with the world.





Hope to see everyone at Lauren's hangar on August 24! Everyone in the New England Section is invited! Bring a friend! For more info, see the ENE Chapter website: <http://womenpilotsene.org>.

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