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Chairman's Message

I can't believe I am writing 2009 already. I was barely getting used to writing 2008.

I hope your holidays were healthy and happy. Our chapter had a lovely room for the Christmas Luncheon at St Petersburg Yacht Club in December, with a view of the marina and lovely sunshine pouring in the many windows. I took some pictures you can see on our website.

Both of our scholarship winners, Jessica Alzamora and Katrina Rupert attended the luncheon. Each of them gave us a presentation about the different camps they attended this year. Thanks to Jeanne, who provided the audio equipment which made it much easier to hear the girls this year. It was gratifying to see this generation so keen on aeronautics and flying.

We had a FWP, Mary Fortune, and her husband Gil attend our luncheon. Mary is a FWP, who soloed on Monday, December 7th. She is still excited about it. Mary told us she intends to join the Ninety Nines. It was encouraging to see this generation so enthusiastic too.

I try to talk to every woman pilot I see at airports to encourage them and to suggest they join the 99s. I also ask the flight desk at the airport for the names of women who are in flight training so I can contact them

as well. When I was learning to fly an eon ago, there were precious few women flying at my airport, and I would have appreciated hearing about the Ninety Nines. There are 99 information brochures on the bulletin board at my airport, and hopefully at yours too.

I know we receive too many requests for charitable giving this time of year, but I want to encourage everyone to remember a most important one, the Ninety-Nines. Please try to send something to the 99s Endowment Fund. We need to keep this organization going and keep it affordable for the future. Every good non-profit has an endowment fund for operational use. Without it there are limitations to what can be done and membership dues must keep increasing which becomes burdensome for members and discourages an increase in membership. This is the future of our organization.

Thanks for any gift you can spare, and don't forget the EF when you are doing your estate planning. You can see info about the EF on our national website www.ninety-nines.org

I want to encourage everyone to get on the list service that the 99s use. You can keep an eye on what others are saying, and what is going on in the organization. You do not have to reply to the messages, you can just read them. Go to the 99s website, see above and sign up.

I am presenting a power point slide show at our January meeting about the Air Race Classic I flew this exciting race for the first time this past June. Please come to our meeting in Clearwater.

Blue Skies,

Barbara

This just in from Barbara....

I wanted to let you all know that Flying Magazine published an article I wrote under the "I Learned About Flying From That" heading in the January 2009 issue. I was excited when they accepted it for publication last spring and I have been waiting to see it in print.

Barbara

Editor's note:

Don't worry if you don't subscribe to Flying Magazine—you can still read Barbara's article on-line at the following link....

<http://www.flyingmag.com/aboutflying/1283/distracted-in-december.html>

Congratulations Barbara!!!

Vice Chairman's Message

First I would like to say Happy Holidays to you and your loved one's !!! We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon at the St. Pete Yacht Club, thanks to Mary Fletcher !!! The weather was just beautiful and I stopped at the Albert Whitted Airport and got to see the aviation fair which was also great. We then went to down town St. Pete and did some Christmas shopping and then went to the pier with Jess and got to the Christmas Boat Show and the lights were spectacular !! That was a great day !!!

Believe it or not, I am sitting on the beach typing this newsletter and it is December, can you believe it??? It is now 85 degrees and hot !! I finally got out to the beach and only because my sisters are here visiting me with the kids and forced me to take some time off to relax. So what do I do, I bring my lap top to do the newsletter as I just never have time. Life is just too busy and work is getting busier and busier.

Anyway, I would really like to extend my greetings and sincere appreciation to all the wonderful loyal pilots we have. We are deeply thankful and wish you and your family our best for a happy and healthy New Year!!!

In these tough economic times, we are seeing an unprecedented number of people seeking assistance; some for the very first time. Now more than ever our help is needed to insure that those being negatively affected by the economic downturn and high prices. I am sure it would be great if any of you can offer to help by taking a colleague to share a flight or donate any aviation books, material that you don't use, old headphones, or maps to a future women pilot (FWP). Barbara Strachan was kind and offered that to me on many occasions, unfortunately I couldn't due to work, but it was much appreciated and I hope everyone does that.

Send me your story, adventure, or any news you wish to share with us. We would love to hear from you.

Happy New Year to all and warm appreciation to all of you for being a 99 !!!

Dima

New change in Aviation:

This notice from AOPA applies to all pilots who have certificates that are still paper, not to student pilots or CFIs. However, CFIs may still need to replace their paper pilot certificates.

On February 28 2008, the FAA released its [final rule](#) requiring pilots and airmen to switch from their paper pilot certificates to the new counterfeit resistant plastic certificate. Pilots have until March 31, 2010, and all other airmen have until March 31, 2013, to convert their certificates in order to continue to exercise their privileges. After the 2010 and 2013 deadlines, pilots and airman who have not converted will have to request and receive a new plastic certificates before exercising their privileges.

Temporary, student, and flight instructor certificates (flight instructor certificates are already being issued as plastic) are not impacted by this rule. Pilots and airman can request the plastic certificate through the [FAA's Web site](#). The cost is \$2. However, if you are removing your social security number from your pilot certificate, the switch is free.

While March 2010 seems a long way off, don't wait until the last minute. Even with the economic situation the way it is, the current \$2 fee for the new plastic is not enough to make your billfold holler. The last sentence says, there is no fee if you are removing your social security number from the certificate.

Upcoming Events

January 10, 2009

Chapter Meeting—Clearwater Airpark
Meeting will be held in the EAA Chapter 282 hangar (near the maintenance hangar—north of the FBO)
Time: 10:30 a.m.

January 21, 2009

Zonta Dinner
Hostess: Mary Fletcher
Info to come

February 7th, 2009

Valentine's Day / We also have a wonderful speaker and a surprise aviation tour of a seasoned pilot's home. Very, Very interesting!! You can't miss this meeting
Time : 10:30 am

Upcoming Events-cont

February 7th, 2009

Hostess : Dima Haobsh
Sand Key, Clearwater Beach
South Beach III Condo's 1460 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767
727-482-3131
Nearby airports: <http://www.clearwaterairpark.com/Home.html> or <http://www.fly2pie.com/>

Email of location if available:
dimaflly@yahoo.com

Cost or RSVP needed: \$0 Just bring a dish to share for lunch & it is open to to you and your family and friends, just please RSVP so that I know how much to make as I will be serving salad.

March 14th, 2009

Time: 10:30
Hostess: Barbara Yeninas
We normally go to Plant City Airport and the theme is Strawberry Fest
More info in later newsletters.

April 25, 2009

Time: 10:30
This will be at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland

May 9, 2009

Place to be determined

June 13th, 2009

Time: 10:30
This will be our last meeting and it is also the meeting where we will appoint a new board.
Location is unknown at this point and we need suggestions, & sponsors.

Upcoming International Conventions

July 22-26, 2009 :

The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Chicago, IL

July 2010 :

The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Kona, HI

July 2011 :

The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

OTHER EVENTS

February 26-28, 2009

Women in Aviation 20th Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
<http://www.wai.org>

April 21-26, 2009 :

Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL

May 1-3, 2009:

Southeast Section Meeting, Destin FL

July 27-August 2, 2009 :

EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI

November 5-7, 2009 :

AOPA Expo 2009, Tampa, FL

Upcoming Southeast Section Meetings

2009

Spring Pensacola/Destin May 1, 2, and 3

Fall Blue Ridge Chapter TBA

2010

Spring New Orleans Chapter TBA
 Fall Paradise Coast Chapter TBA

WINGS 'N THINGS

By Marie Grein

On November 8, 2008 the annual Wings 'n Things activity was held at Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland. Our station in the museum provided a hands-on activity, Tail Numbers in Communication.

The four Suncoast members present, Jeanne Burklund, Barbara Strachan, Barbara Yeninas, and Marie Grein, worked with youngsters, one on one. Each person explained the concept of tail numbers and communication, helped the child identify tail numbers on planes nearby, build his/her own tail number, and write it on the glider provided by Sun 'n Fun. The children were involved and enthusiastic! The parents told us they learned as much as their children!



99s SOUTHEAST SECTION FLY FOR THE BREAST CANCER CURE LUNCHEON

The weather was IFR on the morning of November 15, 2008 but that didn't deter the 99s from attending the Annual 99s Breast Cancer Cure Fly-in Luncheon and Silent Auction held at the Cessna Center at Lakeland Airport. There were 5 airplanes parked in front of the Cessna Center, as well as those 99s and guests that arrived by car at the luncheon. Our thanks to Tamra Sheffman (FL Goldcoast Chapter)

and Nancy Wright (FL Suncoast Chapter) for Co-Chairing this charitable event. In lieu of Nancy's unfortunate accident in September, Tamra carried on to make it an enjoyable, successful and fun filled luncheon. Our thanks to Marilyn and Bruce Friedman for their generous donation of several pieces of art work and thanks to all who contributed to the Silent Auction. Caterer Ron Hamlet donated the delicious food for the luncheon. Our thanks go to Ron who always supports the 99s. Through these generous donations, all proceeds of the luncheon go directly to Breast Cancer Research. Our congratulations and thanks to everyone who participated in the Fly for Breast Cancer Cure Luncheon which raised \$1,010.00 this year for Breast Cancer Research.



Marie Grein, Sophia Payton and Becky Ritter



Becky Ritter, Pat Blasi, Sonia Bortolin, Tamra Sheffman, Judi Betz

SPEND AN EVENING WITH Colonel Douglas Campbell



America's first ACE in World War I

Noted actor Michael Norton will be in full uniform portraying Colonel Campbell, highlighting his career and

his flying feats. Michael is a nationally know actor and local historian.



Plus Paul Leaser, Writer, Collector, and ELW resident will share with you his memories of Col. Campbell as well as his Military collection some of which will be Colonel Campbells.



Wednesday January 21, 2009

East Lake Woodlands Country Club • 1055 East Lake Woodlands Pkwy, Oldsmar 34677

Cash Bar & Social: 5:30
followed by Prime Rib
Buffet Dinner - 6 PM

On display will be a
Fokker D7 plane replica
that was flown by
WW I German Pilots



\$25 (chicken & fish entrees also) **per person** *Come and enjoy an evening of aviation!*
Deadline for Checks and Reservations: Sat., Jan. 17, 2009

Sponsored by Top of the Bay Zonta Club, Florida Aviation Historical Society and the Ninety-Nines

YES! I'll be at the Aviation Dinner, ELW Country Club, January 21, 2009

Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____ for _____ dinner(s)

Name _____

PHONE # _____

Make check payable to: **TOP OF THE BAY ZONTA CLUB** and mail to:

Donna Lancaster, 2950 Heather Trail, Clearwater, FL 33761

e-mail: donna@johnson-lancaster.com or for info: mfletch3@tampabay.rr.com