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Chairman's Corner

Dear Florida Suncoast Chapter Members,

A fond hello from Cape May, New Jersey. I was sorry to miss the induction of chapter officers at our May meeting, but had to be on my way north for a family graduation. I will miss the June meeting as well, but am planning on seeing all of you at the August 18th meeting.

First I want to thank Mary Fletcher for her work as our past Chapter Chairman; she did a wonderful job, and will be a hard act to follow. We all appreciate you Mary. Thanks also to all the previous Board members and Committee chairs. Please contact me if you cannot continue as chair of your respective committee. I hope to talk to all of you when I get back to Florida.

Dima Haobsh, our new Vice Chair has been busy planning our monthly meetings. We hope to have this done as far in advance as possible so we can all arrange our schedules to attend as many as possible.

I am looking for a **new** Committee Chair for a "Fly Out" Committee. The Ninety-Nines are about flying and I would like to plan a monthly activity for those who fly, and encourage everyone to bring someone along, either a new person who will get to fly and hear about the 99s or someone not so new just for the fun of it. Pilots can always use an excuse to fly! We have plenty of suggestions of places to go. Please get in touch with me via email sbarscan@tampabay.rr.com or via cell 267-968-5236, or at one of our meetings.

We have a new Chapter in our Section, the Paradise Coast Chapter based roughly from Fort Myers south with Jessica Stearns as Chapter Chair. Some of the gals were former members of the Suncoast Chapter, and felt the distance to meetings and activities was too far. We wish them good luck and will try to arrange a joint meeting with them soon.

A little something about me:

I am a recent (October 2005) migrant to Florida from Pennsylvania, A life member of the 99s as well as a past Chapter Chair of the Eastern PA Chapter, I have been flying since 1974 and still love it. I recently attended both our SE Section Meeting and the Mid- Atlantic Section Meeting in VA I am a Trustee on the 99s Endowment Fund Board and a fervent believer in the importance of their goal to reach one million dollars so the 99s' organization can eventually be sustained on the interest from the trust.

I look forward to meeting all of our chapter members as soon as possible.

Warm regards,
Barbara

SOUTHEAST SECTION MEETING TITUSVILLE, FL

If you did not attend the Southeast Section Meeting in Titusville, you missed a fabulous party! The moment you arrived at the hotel you saw the registration desk, manned by two enthusiastic Spaceport members. From there to the Hospitality Room, manned by Laura Sherwood. This room, overflowing with yummy treats, was the gathering point for all. Friday evening's social was held at the Valiant Air Command Museum. In addition to a lovely buffet and scavenger hunt, four actresses played the roles of early women pilots.

Saturday's business meeting covered the usual reports as well the chartering of the Paradise Coast chapter, centered around the Fort Meyers area. Pat Prentiss, International President of The 99s, presented the chapter a beautiful vase engraved with the date of the chartering; this was accepted by Jessica Stearns, chapter chair. In addition Pat installed the officers for 2007-2009: Corbi Bulluck, Governor; Catherine Cavagnaro, Vice-governor; Marlene Raseta, Treasurer; and Becky Ritter and Barbara Yeninas, Co-secretaries.

Brigadier General Susan Helms was the guest speaker at the luncheon. The room was packed (close to 100 people) to view General Helms' video and listen to the description of her adventures during her 6 months on the Space Station. She is currently the Base Commander of Patrick Air Force Base. General Helms brought along signed pictures, which folks were delighted to receive.

The Spaceport committee members who made the plans for this gathering were: Sindy Fitzpatrick (chapter chair), Bobbi Lasher, Carol Gosling, and Laura Sherwood. Members and 49 1/2s carried out the plans. Way to go!!!

Next Chapter Meeting SATURDAY, June 16

The June 16th meeting will be at Chili's Restaurant 727-539-8596 at 11:00am. It is west of St. Pete Airport, and located at 5430 East Bay/Roosevelt AKA 686 and Hwy 19 in Clearwater, FL 33764.

Please email me at dimaflly@yahoo.com so that I can add you to the list if you are going to be attending the meeting and luncheon. Members only for the meeting and spouses/friends are invited for lunch at noon.

The Coast Guard (CG) has agreed to do the tour after our meeting at 2:00pm at the St. Pete Airport area off East Bay/Roosevelt AKA 686 & Fairchild west of the St. Pete Airport exit. The web site for St. Pete Airport is <http://www.fly2pie.com/>. The tour is open to all and you must RSVP with me ASAP as we are limited to how many people can attend. I need all names and cell phones of those planning to attend. CG needs the list a week before the event.

Please let me know by June 9th. We are inviting the Albert Whitted Pilots Association as well as our chapter.

Chapter Minutes

May 12, 2007 Crystal River

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

Bertha Podwys, Gudi Davis, Meredith Kupcho (Katherine[7 weeks old] and Troy), Alice Hudson (Allan), Barbara Yeninas (John), Nancy Wright (Jim Pappas), Mary Fletcher, Dima Haobsh, Jane Noyes, and Marie Grein. Space Camp Scholarship winners—Sidney and Mrs. Luzier; Paige and Mr. and Mrs. Carlson and younger brother.

Mary Fletcher called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Business:

The Breast Cancer Fly-In will be held on September 29, 2007 at the Cessna Center at Lakeland. Price of the meal will be \$18.00. This activity is chaired by Tamra Sheffman and Nancy Wright.

Barbara Sierchio sent the WASP Luncheon report with Nancy. Present were 9 WASPs and 69 other interested people for a total of 78 paid members for the luncheon. She regards this a huge success.

Gudi Davis will contact a local WASP, Marguerite_____ to be sure she is included in the luncheon next year.

Marie Grein, Immediate Past Governor, reported on the Spring Southeast Section Meeting held in Titusville, FL May 4-5. Florida Spaceport hosted this very interesting, successful, and fun event.

Marie installed Dima Haobsh as vice-chair and Marie Grein as secretary.

Nancy reported on the sale of the 99s jackets. She reminded us that the profit from the sale of the jackets would be divided between the **Jessie Woods Space Camp Scholarship** and the **Aerospace Education Fund**.

Meredith Kupcho made a motion to install Nancy Wright as the Permanent Chair of the Jessie Wood Space Camp Scholarship. 2nd by Barbara Yeninas. Passed.

Nancy Wright made a motion to pay for the two scholarship winners' lunches from the **Aerospace Education Fund**. 2nd by Meredith . Passed.

On behalf of the chapter, Barbara Yeninas presented Meredith and Katherine with a beautiful pink baby outfit.

On behalf of the chapter, Nancy Wright presented Mary Fletcher with a crystal airplane for her service to the chapter as Chapter Chair for these past two years.

PROGRAM:

Each of the scholarship winners spoke for a few minutes, thanking the chapter.

Gudi Davis elaborated on the activities at Crystal River Airport. Plans for an extension of 450 feet to the runway are now on the master plan for Crystal River. There are a number of foreign students, particularly from Japan and Germany, who obtain their licenses here. They have had students from 40 different countries.

Gudi does flight checks here in the USA and in Europe; recently in Holland, Belgium, and Germany.

Lunch at the Plantation Inn was arranged by Meredith

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Marie Grein, Secretary.

Future Meetings

July 2007

No meeting—summer break

August 18, 2007

Where: TBD

When: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: Potluck lunch—please bring a dish and drink. Dima will supply salad and sandwiches or cold cuts.

Program: The group known as Last Flight Home will be the speakers.

September 2007

No meeting—International Conference in Colorado

October 20th, Air Show St Petersburg Albert Whitted Airport

November 10th, Wings and Things, Lakeland

December 8th, Holiday Party St. Pete Yacht Club

January 2008, Combined with Zonta