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Chairman's Message

June's meeting covered a lot of ground. Be sure to read the minutes found at the end of this Newsletter.

Sophia Payton has agreed to send in photos and write-ups for the 99s News magazine that comes out quarterly. She has been given a few items so be sure to check the Grass Roots section when you receive your magazine this Fall. Thanks, Sophie! If you have something for submission, please send any write-up and/or photo to Sophie at ninety830@aol.com. Future deadlines are September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1 of each year and they prefer items from the previous three months.

Our Public Relations efforts still need a chair. We would like to have our chapter mentioned in any of our local or regional newspapers in which the event took place. I will be gathering information for various print and TV contacts and would like

someone who is willing to chair this PR committee and send periodic press releases for our chapter. Like to write creative and interesting announcements? Don't mind sending emails or faxes? Contact me today!


And another great service to our chapter will be provided by Meredith Kupcho as our "Blue Skies" Committee Chair. Please send all information about your fellow 99s needing a get well or sympathy card to Meredith at squirrelgirl_70@yahoo.com. A card was signed by everyone present and mailed to Jane Oparowski on behalf of our chapter. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from other members as she continues her cancer fight.

We will also reinstate HANGAR TALK so we can gossip and brag openly about our outstanding sister 99s who earn a new rating, have a birth in their family, upcoming weddings, buy a plane or other positive gossip of which they

would approve for publication. Be sure to get approval first then email your announcement to Jeanne Burklund jeanne.burklund@fpcg.net by the 20th of the month for the next newsletter.

And, lastly, Nancy Wright has graciously accepted the position of Breakfast Chair for the 99s gathering at the AOPA Summit in November. Our November chapter meeting will be held immediately following the breakfast in the same room on November 7th. The start time will be flexible depending on the length of the breakfast but the chapter meeting will probably begin around 9-9:30 and end no later than 10:30. NO ADMISSION FEES to the convention will be required to attend the breakfast and the meeting afterwards but a charge for parking will be incurred. More info coming in future Newsletters.

I'm so proud to be your Chair!
Marilyn



Chapter Dues are due in June.

Please send your \$20 payment to:

99 Treasurer, Jeanne Burklund
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Upcoming Events

November 5-7, 2009 :
AOPA Expo 2009, Tampa, FL

2009 Southeast Section Meeting
Fall Blue Ridge Chapter TBA

2010 Southeast Section Meetings
Spring New Orleans Chapter TBA
Fall Paradise Coast Chapter TBA

Upcoming International Conventions

July 2010 :
The Ninety-Nines International Conference,
Kona, HI

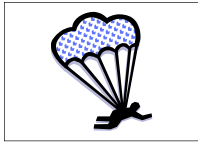
July 2011 :
The Ninety-Nines International Conference,
Oklahoma
City, OK

Our 2009 Space Camp Scholarship Winners....

Jesse Woods Space Camp Scholarship winners were presented with gifts at the June meeting of the Florida Suncoast Chapter. They entered the contest by writing a creative story about the year 2015 and their trip into outer space. The purpose of their trip, mode of transportation, places they may visit and people they may meet had to be creative and described in detail. Pictured are Marie Grein presenting to Space Camp winner, 5th grader Meghana Chapalamadugu, and Nancy Wright presenting to Kayla Cox, our 6th grade Space Academy winner. Both girls will attend Huntsville's space camp/academy this summer.



Hanging 'Round the Hangar We Hear...



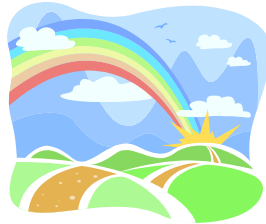
Congratulations to...

Sue Brignola for passing her
CFII checkride.

Congratulations to...

New grandma Judy Bowser whose daughter gave birth to a son, Lynn Frederick, named after his grandfather. Lynn was in neonatal ICU with an apgar of 1 out of a possible 10 but modern medicine came to his rescue and mother and child went home on June 28th to the open arms of Grandma Judy!

Wishing You Blue Skies....



A special "get well" goes out to Jane Oparowski and her husband Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

And GET WELL wishes go out to Marie Grein—who is recovering from recent hip surgery. We hope to see you up and around soon!



Sharing The Joy of Flight....

Florida Suncoast 99s chapter has been busy inspiring children to take to the skies.

Marilyn Shafer, Chapter Chair, conducted an aviation unit at her middle school where she is the media specialist and arranged for six children to experience an introductory flight at Tampa North Aero Park in Wesley Chapel compliments of the airport.

The unit began with a presentation by the local Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron and continued with instruction in the Bernoulli Principle, CG experiments, famous aviators, history of flight, a pilot's alphabet, parts of a plane, NASA's Smart Skies air traffic control simulator, Microsoft's Flight Simulator complete with yoke and pedals and finally a real flight into the wild blue yonder.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST NINETY-NINES

Crystal River Airport June 13, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Brignola, Barbara Sierchio, Sophia Payton, Barbara Yeninas (John Yeninas), Gudi Davis, Meredith Kupcho, Marilyn Shafer, Nancy Wright (Jim Pappas), Bertha Podwys, and Marie Grein.

GUESTS: Meghana Chapalamadugu, and parents Sam and Mani Chapalamadugu and sister Isarisina; and Kayla Cox and parents Dan and Bonnie Cox.

Marilyn Shafer, chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 on June 13, 2009. She introduced Nancy Wright, Jessie Woods Space Camp Scholarship Chairman, who in turn introduced the winners of the 2009 contest.

Each girl thanked the members of the chapter for providing them with the opportunity to go to Huntsville. Meghana, a 5th grader, will attend Space Camp and Kayla, a 6th grader, will attend Space Academy. Both girls received a tote bag filled with goodies.

The minutes, with one spelling correction, were accepted.

Marilyn read Jeanne Burklund's Treasurer's report. Barbara Yeninas moved to accept the report; 2nd by Nancy; passed. Marilyn asked the members to think about moving some money to a CD to earn greater interest. This issue will be brought up at the September meeting.

Marilyn mentioned that it was proposed we have a potluck luncheon for our annual Christmas Luncheon. Barbara Yeninas suggested we find a restaurant or country club instead. After discussion, Marie volunteered to check the availability of the Clearwater Country Club for Saturday, December 12. She will report to Marilyn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Airmarking--Denise Rosenberger will schedule the airmarking project (repainting) at Sun 'n Fun for a cool fall month.

Aerospace Education--Marilyn took 6 Gulf Middle School children, high risk children who had earned the field trip, to Tampa North Airport. Pilots had arranged for ½ hour flying lessons for these youngsters. Reporters from the newspaper and TV station covered the activity.

BUSINESS:

1. Marilyn has given FL Suncoast delegate slips to Judy Bowser and Elinor Kline. After summarizing the Amendments, she asked the group for direction. After discussion, Nancy Wright made the motion:
Let the two delegates to the International Convention use their discretion as to how to vote on the proposed By-law changes. 2nd by Barbara Sierchio; passed.
1. Nancy made the motion: FL Suncoast delegates are to vote for Corbi Bulluck, immediate past governor, during the election for International Board Director. 2nd by Barbara Yeninas; passed.
2. Nancy made the motion: Reimburse Marie Grein the \$50.00 she spent for the appreciation give for Barbara Strachan, former chairman. 2nd by Meredith Kupcho; passed.
3. Marilyn asked for a volunteer to serve as Public Information chair, a person to send information to newspapers and the 99s magazine. Sophia Payton volunteered.
4. Marilyn asked for a volunteer to serve as the "sunshine" committee chair. Meredith Kupcho agreed.
5. Marilyn is in charge of the 99s booth at AOPA, November. She has arranged for a 99s breakfast 7:30 AM December 7 with a chapter meeting to follow. She appointed Nancy Wright, chair of the tickets, email questions, etc. International will take charge of getting us the Tax ID number.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Denise Rosenberger is beginning her CFI training.

Susan Brignola will take her check ride for a commercial rating next week.

Tom Davis, Gudi's husband and a former military jet pilot, spoke about gliders. They have available a L13, a trainer, which was being worked on so it was not possible to have rides. Bertha mentioned that taking some glider training made her a better pilot. Sophia had a glider rating.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Marie Grein, secretary