

Florida Suncoast Chapter

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Greetings and a "Welcome Back to Florida" to all our snowbird members!

I wish everyone could attend at least one of the 99's International Conferences. I bring so much energy back with me from them. The women generate much electricity; the very air crackles at these events. We all gain from the many ideas exchanged for making our chapters, sections and the Organization a better place. Plus we get a better understanding of the mission statement and the purpose of the 99s. This year's conference in Colorado was no exception at the excitement level. With over 300 attendees, activities, and banquets were full with busy groups. Plan ahead, next year we are going to Alaska!

The annual meeting gave us the following results on the election and changes to the By Laws and Standing Rules:

Amendments:

Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1: Failed
Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2: Failed (it was a close vote)

Proposed Standing Rule Amendment #1: Adopted
Proposed Standing Rule Amendment #2: Adopted
Proposed Standing Rule Amendment #3: Adopted

Elections:

Board of Directors: Lisa Cotham and Fran Strubeck
AEMSF: Dorothy Berthelet (Debbie Cunningham was appointed to fill a vacancy.)
99s Endowment Fund: Nancy Aldrich and Judy Bolkema-Tokar
Museum of Women Pilots: Carol Morris and Margie Richison

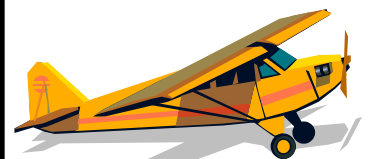
Our next local event:

The SE Section Meeting in Birmingham Alabama on October 12th 13th, & 14th. This will be just as motivating an event and is well worth the effort to go.

We would love to hear about your flying stories (submit) and anything else you have been doing. Some members don't get to meetings and would like to know what everyone is up to. I would like to see a monthly member's corner with all your news published.

Blue Skies,

Barbara



The Section is looking for some members to fill these spots:

**Membership Chairman,
Fundraising Chairman,
and Flight Line Editor.**

Why not get involved with one of these jobs, and get to know your section and members better?



Saturday October 20th
**is Air Fest day at St Petersburg,
 Albert Whitted field.**

Our Chapter is working in the children's section creating rockets with them. We will also have a display. All of these areas need helpers and we need you.

We have volunteers to start the day, but would really appreciate it if you could contact Marie Grein for helping in the children's section or Dima for helping in our 99s Display area. With enough help the work times would be short, an hour or two.

This comes under our 99s Mission statement-[Provide...networking](#) and Aero Space Education. And, you can enjoy the air show while you are there.

We are still looking for donations for our [Wine Tasting Event October 21st](#). Snack foods, or auction items. Even some aviation memorabilia may be of interest to someone. Check through you things for something! See the attached flyer for all the details. Contact any of the board about donations.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 3RD

Next month we are heading back to Lakeland for the annual Wings and Things Event. Call Nancy Wright for details

The December Meeting is our Holiday Luncheon on December 8th

Saint Petersburg Yacht Club. This is always a gala affair in a beautiful setting. Keep the date open more details in next month's newsletter.

Annual Chapter dues are still \$20. Please send to Jeanne Burklund if you have not done so already.

Members

I went on a discovery flight about six years ago in Sarasota and have been hooked since. I walked into National Aviation in St. Petersburg, Florida and said I want to learn how to fly! I ran into Denise Rosenberger

She convinced me to join the 99s. A month later, I got the newsletter from Denise with my picture in it. How wonderful was that? I was so excited to see it and decided to really get into this thing with the women pilots.

Both my parents come from the Caucasian Mountains in Russia. I have 3 children who are Nart 27 years old (Russian name means Knight), Mike 25, and Linda 24. It is now time for me to explore aviation and do the one thing I have always dreamed of doing.

I have many wonderful people who have pushed and encouraged me along the way.

My mom, Sue Haobsh and Yvonne Lamphier have been the back bone of my life and have pushed and given me strength and encouragement.

I ran into a friend who was taking flying lessons. He had prepaid for \$800 worth

of lessons and could not find the time to take them. I bid on them at a cancer fundraiser and won. It gave me approximately 7 hours of flying lessons for only \$350.

I am still working towards my 20 hours to be able to apply for a scholarship. I head the chapter fund-raising committee and have had a couple of wine tastings as fundraisers.

Nancy Wright has played a key role in my life. She offered to have her wonderful fiancé Jim Pappas help me with ground school. Months passed and she kept insisting I call them and start classes, and I finally I agreed with hesitation.

Jim and Nancy have been incredible. We have been studying hard and I am almost ready. Jim is so patient. We meet once a week for a couple of hours.

Thanks to everyone for being there for me, for encouraging me, for pushing me and for being my friends. I am a very lucky person. You guys are my hero's.

Dima Haobsh

Grasshoppers, 99's and Guests

The October Fly-in..Drive-in or anyway you can get there lunch will be at Bartow Municipal Airport on the 4th Saturday, October 27th ETA will be 11:00 am. We will be eating at the new Flight Line Grill which has a good variety of food and a great owner-manager; who is willing to let us order off the menu. Reservations will be appreciated by October 24th. Please call Jane or Bill Oparowski at (813)788-0696

Florida Suncoast
Chapter 99s

International
Women Pilots



Vendors
Door Prizes



Silent Auction

Members and Friends
welcome!
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Get your reservation in
by **October 19** as tickets
are limited!

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

hosted by Dima Haobsh

Sunday - October 21

South Beach 3 Clubhouse • 1460 Gulf Blvd.
Sand Key - Clearwater Beach

2 to 6 PM

\$25 per person (\$30 at the door)



Come meet Ed Giancola, owner of
Ed's Fine Wines located at
Northwood Shopping Center. Ed will
educate you on a variety of selected
wines as you snack on fabulous
foods!

**All monies donated (tax
deductable) will benefit the
Florida Suncoast 99s Aerospace
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Each guest agrees that the purchase of a ticket to or their attendance to this event constitutes an acknowledgement that the hosts shall not be liable for any injuries or damages to any guest or the property of any guest while attending or traveling to and from the event. Proof of legal age will be required.