

THE NINETY NINES
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS
SE SECTION

Spring 2019 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Pensacola, Florida
May 18, 2019

Officers

Governor: Mae Marquet
Vice Governor: Marilyn Shafer
Secretary: Barbara Strachan
Treasurer: Jeanne Burklund
Directors: Ramona Banks and Karen Weldon
Immediate Past Governor: Myra Bugbee
International Representative: Corbi Bulluck

Presentation of the Flag by the JROTC Color Guard
The Master of Arms is a member of the EAGC

Mae gave a thank you to the flag crew, welcome all and requested a roll call;
Declaration of a Quorum by secretary, Barbara Strachan. Roll Call attached.
Mae called meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Marilyn Shafer, Vice Governor, gave introductions of the special guests, past governors and the international representative.

PAST GOVERNORS

Lisa Cotham	2001-2003 and 2009-2011
Marie Grein	2005-2007
Corbi Bulluck	2007-2009
Terry Carbonell	2011-2015
Myra Bugbee	2015-2017

First Time Attendees stood.

All present stood and Marilyn called for those with more than 5 years to remain standing thru 45 years. One member at 47 years Carol Gosling.

Mae requested a motion be made to accept the minutes from the Fall 2018 Business Meeting with small changes. Carol Voss moved, it was seconded and approved.

Officer Reports:

Vice Governor : Marilyn Shafer	Report Attached
Secretary: Barbara Strachan	Report Attached
Treasurer: Jeanne Burklund	Report Attached / Budget was presented and approved

Director: Karen Weldon Report Attached
Director: Ramona Banks Report Attached
Immediate Past Gov: Myra Bugbee Report Attached

Vice Governor Marilyn Shafer introduced the International Representative, Corbi Bulluck. Corbi Bulluck gave her International Report.

“We are 90 years strong this year. Amazing, so what can we do? What can we do to give back to our community? They have been here for you to rely on them. Highlight and celebrate them and the new members too. We are having a little celebration on Saturday evening and the reason I’m saying is Terry and I got in trouble on this. Hobbies and show cars and flappers outfits were shown and I said I’d wear that on the right if you wear that one on the left. Well someone heard and said they would donate a sizeable amount of money to the endowment fund if we did. So, we are wearing them with pearls, fishnet stockings, etc. Everyone is invited to Board meetings, all are welcome. Learn about your organization.

International Conference is in Dayton Ohio. Each day seminars are available to you. Helicopters, 10k parts flying in close formation, Rosie the Riveter, Giving Back, Flying Missions for Charity. Keynote speakers - three different speakers. Memphis Belle Aviation Programs. Girl Scouts - Boy Scouts activities you do with young people. Five WASPS up close and personal. Attitude. You can see all this information online. Accident Investigation, CFI, What Makes a Compelling Scholarship Application are subjects.

One of the programs we have is our Lift (Leading Into the Future Together) Sort of speed dating for all. There will be ten to twenty different subjects at the different tables. You pick what one you want to do for 10/15 minutes. You will be able to take something back to your chapter with you. We got a lot of positive feedback from this.

We are changing the model of the International Conference starting in 2022. Instead of one Section hosting and forming committees, etc. The International team will be doing it. The team will be working with a conference planner. We have contracted with this planner for several years, and this company will be working together with us, and they know what is going on. We are asking the Section for someone from the local chapter to be on board with the International Conference Team. Terry Carbonell will tell you a lot more.

Mae encourages all to attend conference and ask questions at the speed tables.

Committee Reports

Awards Report Attached

Two International Awards, one went to David Oreck for the George Palmer Putnam Award which he will receive at Conference.

The Humanitarian Award went to Kelly Kuntz of NOLA Chapter.

The Governor’s Award went to Cenita Haywood of the St. Croix Island Paradise Chapter.

Ways and Means Report Attached

New *Jewelry* Committee is officially being formed with Kim Elholz, chair.

Jewelry sales will be online with pictures for ordering.

The Ring will be advertised in the Conference Program this summer.

Cruise Raffle Report Attached

Karen Weldon thanked all for their participation and response.

Carol Gosling with longest member tenure was selected to draw the raffle ticket for the cruise. Ramona

Banks was the winner

Mae asked that everyone use Smile Amazon for their online purchases.

501C-3 Terry reported all chapters are okay.

Air Marking Lois Horne Report Attached

Membership Mae for Jessica Rogers We are currently at three members short of 900 and big gain over the last two years. We are short only 11 members to surpass the South Central Section.

NIFA Report Attached Marilyn Shafer

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association holds flying competitions to encourage safety. There are four regions covering the SE Section.

Region 8 Tennessee

Region 4 Louisiana and Mississippi

Region 9 Florida, Georgia, and Alabama

Region 10 North and South Carolina

Polk State College is hosting a competition at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport for Region 9 from November 4 to 8th. All are invited to attend and volunteer. Contact Marilyn to stay at AirBnB. Region 9 is only the information available right now. Marilyn will post more as it becomes available.

Nominating Committee Report Attached Janice Petletti

Mae asks that everyone update their profile on 99s website and opt in to vote electronically in the future. This saves the organization money and is more efficient.

Scholarship Report Attached

Mae for AE Scholarship Chair Beth Schoppaul

SE Section submitted 12 applications for AE Scholarships.

Five section members were awarded scholarships. CFI, Instrument, ATP certification, and Vicki Cruz Emergency Maneuvers.

There is also the M. E. Grein Award for woman 30 or older. This is provided by Marie Grein of the Florida Suncoast Chapter. Melissia Markham from the Gold Coast Chapter was awarded this scholarship.

New Horizon Scholarship was presented by Marilyn Shafer, Vice-Governor and one of the Trustees of the Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to honor those who have passed to new horizons and entitled for the accomplishments the recipient reaches. This past year Harriet Hall, Alabama chapter, who was a member for 44 years, and Jerri Cobb who was a Section Member at Large passed away. Thanks was expressed to the committee that reviews submitted. Applications: Jeanne Burklund, Ginger Adelstone, Rosemary Gibson, and Katherine McClamrock

The New Horizon Scholarship went to Dr. Kimberly Metras.

WASP Myra Bugbee Report Attached

Constant Contact: This is our means of communicating information to the membership and therefore, important that members are receiving this email. Chapter chairs are asked to check with their members if they are receiving Constant Contact emails?

CHAPTER REPORTS ALL CHAPTER REPORTS ATTACHED
New Business

International Board is proposing changes to two By-Laws. This is for announcement only. No vote will be taken until the International Conference.

Ramona Banks reported the changes are mostly terminology while covering the Proposed Admendment #1. They held workshops and created a forum to get as much input as they could on the changes from the membership.

Corbi Bulluck covered the Proposed Admendment #2 which covered elections.

Is SE Section to host the **2022 International Conference**? Question before the membership.

International Board is proposing a new model for International Conferences.

Terry Carbonell explained that there will be a Conference team from the BOD to plan the International Conference. The main thing the team are looking for is input and boots on the ground. This is all opportunity and win with no loss for the Sections.

Questions are to be submitted via the cards that are being distributed. They will be collected. The questions will be correlated and discussed. We will have a vote to accept SE Section hosting the 2022 Conference for the 99s. Ramona Banks mentioned that the hospitality suite will be paid for by International. (While the correlation of cards with questions were compiled, business went on and will return in a few minutes to the question on the floor.)

Jan Mc Williams with information which might impact the decision as well as informing the SE Section. Hillsborough County Aviation is having a 75th Anniversary event in the Tampa area in 2022 at the Peter O'Knight Airport to honor the All Women Air Show held 75 years ago. The original program list the names of the women, all of whom were 99s and all signed this copy of the program. Jan McWilliams, Chapter Chair, Florida Suncoast Chapter and her committee will get in touch with the section with news. She is also looking for ideas for the event from other 99s.

Janie Pelletti **CFI** Report attached

Headquarters has been handling a lot of questions about being a pilot and asking who to call locally. Laura is not able to answer all these questions and is not always able to be helpful. Jan McKenzie has okayed an area on the website be created for CFIs to sign up and be available to those looking to find a flight instructor. "I had originally planned not to register as I do not want to take on any new students at this time. But when I started thinking about the purpose of this for people who want to learn about flight instruction. I know my area, who they can contact so I'm encouraging you to register. I was very surprised to see only 8 CFIs had registered, so I registered immediately." There is a little glitch down on the bottom. There is a tab which says listing view ability by the public. It doesn't look like you need to click this, but you do. Headquarters is working with the developer to fix this. Please let me know if you have any ideas.

ARC Report Attached

Jackson Tennessee is the Start, within our section.

(*Back to the question on the floor: Will the SE Section host the 2022 International Conference?)

Lois Horne gave a presentation about the preparedness of pilots referencing how informed and organized we are. There are 897 volunteers in this Section. They grouped the questions as many are the same general question. Lois and Terry presented the card questions.

Question 1 Do we still have rotation of Sections hosting Conferences moving around the United States?

There is not a real rotation plan. In early December the International Board was looking for volunteers to chair this International Committee and Terry Carbonell agreed to chair; but since she had major shoulder surgery and was told it would take a year to heal completely, she could drive anywhere in the our Section but may not be able to fly; so that is why International was starting with the SE Section.

Question 2 How many volunteers do we need?

Good questions. How many were needed here? A lot. What if we don't have enough volunteers? Terry is sure we will have support from the section. Lois cited the ARC being in Tenn. and they received more than enough support from the community.

Question 3 A Liaison is needed from Section to work with the International Committee to give feedback from the chapters. A volunteer from Nashville has said if Nashville is the location, she would be the liaison. Locations that came up were Orlando, Savannah, Ashville, and a few others.

Question 4 So many things going on in 2022?

We always have so many choices to make selecting what we want to do. This is just one more thing.

Motion made by Lois Horne, that the SE Section should host the International Conference in 2022. 46 members present. Motion seconded.

Discussion:

What happens if voted down? It will go somewhere else. Think of it as a fund raiser for the SE Section. With the presentation and answers covering most of what would have been discussed a call for the vote was given. A clear majority voted yes. Motion approved. The Southeast Section will host the 2022 International Conference.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

International Conference will be in Dayton Ohio - July 15th thru July 21st.

AOPA will be in Tullahoma, TN - September 13-14, 2019

Forest of Friendship - September 20-21st: Two members from our Section are to be inducted this year. Chapters have been encouraged to honor their members.

Ursula Davidson, Florida Goldcoast Chapter, was asked to make the announcement that her chapter sponsors Myra Bugbee.

Mae was asked to make the announcement for the Paradise Coast Chapter that they are sponsoring Terry Carbonell.

2019 Fall Section hosted by Kitty Hawk Chapter, October 14-16 Greensboro NC.

Announcements made about activities and registration form distributed.

NIFA Nov. 4-8, 2019, Lakeland Linder Airport, Fl. Marilyn Shafer

2020 Spring Section Florida Heartland

2020 Fall Section Blue Ridge Chapter

Installation of the New Officers

Mae thanked those who will be leaving the Board. She commenced with the installation of new officers. She introduced the new Nominating Committee and she introduced the members of the new Board.

Mae wrapped up thanking everyone for helping her to meet her accomplishments as Governor. Increasing

membership to 897 from 601, getting a compass rose painted at Lakeland site of the annual Sun n Fun Fly In. The goal to have every chapter represented at a section meeting came close with 21 chapter reports, one from every chapter, reporting.

Mae closed asking that we, as 99s, continue to come together and continue to meet. Mae gave a gracious thank you to her husband for his support throughout the term.

Thank you also were extended to the Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast for hosting the Section.

Marilyn Shafer moved to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Passed.

Southeast Section Meeting

May 16-19, 2019

Pensacola, FL

Officers Report

Vice Governor Report

I attended the Spring 2018 Section Meeting at Sun 'n Fun, the International Conference in Philadelphia last July and the Fall Section Meeting at Banning Mills in Georgia. Last month, I volunteered at the 99s House on Clubhouse Row at Sun 'n Fun and attended the WASP luncheon.

I judged at Region IX NIFA SAFECON last November in Jacksonville and recruited ten 99s to volunteer along with a 33 1/3 and the parents of a 99. I arranged a three-bedroom AirBnB house in Jacksonville to help cut expenses for participating 99s and some ladies paid only \$18 per night for their bed! I drove to Jacksonville to provide transportation to/from the airport from the rental home.

I chaired the New Horizons Scholarship Committee and that report will be given later.

It has been an honor to serve the Section in this position.

Governor Report

2018 November – attended the IBOD meeting in Oklahoma as well as prepare the report for that agenda; constructed many Constant Contact emails to keep members regularly informed;

December: Wrote article for 99 News; Helped three struggling chapters to stay alive; Worked with Dan Schlachter concerning jewelry sales;

2019 January – attended Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Luncheon in Birmingham, AL; Filed Certificate of Exemption for all chapters; Worked with nominating committee securing full slate of officers for upcoming election, made sure all further proceeding were done timely; communicated with board regarding Question: will we host the International Conference for 2022?

February: attended IBOD in Oklahoma as well as submit a report of our activities; sent New Horizons Scholarship advertisements, followed-up with Vice Governor as needed;

March: paint compass rose in Lakeland, FL; continued to work chapters that struggle

April: attended Sun n Fun for 3 days; travelled to St. Croix to visit chapter- much communication was established as I met a crucial member - Cenita Heywood, the FBO owner - Billy Bohlke, the school principal - Mrs. Myrl Hendricks, and several other persons as well as other supporters on this island, I am continuing to design some kind of program to foster aviation education on this island; wrote article for 99 News

May: preparing agendas for section board and general meetings and installation program; write report for the Conference Program.

July: I will attend the International Conference as Immediate Past Governor for the Southeast Section in Dayton, Ohio.

SE Section Spring 2019 Director Report

Karen Weldon

- Attended Fall Section meeting in Banning Mills, GA, October 5-7, 2018
 - Facilitated Chapter Chair Round Table at Fall Section meeting
 - Attended Board Workshop in Banning Mills, GA on October 7, 2018
 - Attended all Governor led conference calls including one on February 7, 2019 concerning 2022 International conference using a new model
 - Responsible for execution of the Cruise Raffle major fund raiser including collecting and accounting for all sold ticket stubs and recording and depositing checks into the SE Section 99s Operating Account
 - Contacted Sarasota Ladybugs Buddy Chapter concerning cruise raffle
 - Attend Spring Section meeting in Pensacola, FL May 14-19, 2019
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SE Section Director

Ways and Means Committee Chair

Ramona Banks

SE Section Director Report

- Attended and flew girls at the Nov "Let's Fly Now" event at Jackson, TN
- Attended The 99s International Board Meetings in November and March in Oklahoma City.
- Worked The 99s International booth at AOPA Fly in October in Gulf Shores, AL.
- Worked The 99s International booth at Sun N Fun in Lakeland, FL.
- Joined Governor Mae Marquet on the outreach trip to meet the ladies of the St. Croix Chapter.

Ways and Means Committee Report

- Design ad for the 99 Ring which the SE Section is selling.
 - Ordered the \$1000 Royal Caribbean Gift Card.
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Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report - Year ended May 31, 2019

Over this fiscal year, I have...

- Maintained four bank accounts at Bank of America, one Square account and one PayPal account
- Deposited all checks received in a timely manner
- Received invoices and payment requests - and processed payments in a timely manner
- Recorded all banking activity in Quickbooks
- Provided financial statements at the Section meetings
- Prepared proposed budget for 2019/2020 - to be presented at May section meeting

- Filed annual registration for Southeast Section and Florida First Coast
- Ensured that all chapters have filed the annual 990N report
- Received annual financial reports from chapters in the Southeast Section
- Participated on the board for the New Horizons Scholarship
- Participated in board meetings as needed throughout the year

Jeanne Burklund

SE Section Spring 2019 Secretary Report

The secretary takes a count of chapter chairs and members present from each chapter at Section Meetings to establish a quorum. (The quorum is the number of chapters present that when duly assembled is legally competent to transact business).

I solicit and keep copies of all chapter and Board member reports.

I record and present a copy of all the activities at both our Business and Board meetings to create the minutes, which is the official record of the SE Section and sent to the web master.

I contact my chapter buddies Appalachian Aviatrices, and Kitty Hawk Chapter to offer any assistance and encourage them to attend our meetings.

I attended the SE Section meetings in both Memphis, TN, Lakeland, FL and also this past Fall I attended the Section Meeting hosted by the SE Section and the Georgia Belles.

I attended Sun n Fun in 2018 and went to the WASP luncheon there.

I worked the 99s booth at Sun n Fun.

I attended the 99s International Conference in Philadelphia, Pa.

As this is my final report as secretary, I would like to take the time to say what a pleasure it has been to work with all the members of this Board. Mae has been an inspiration as Governor and a pleasure to work with as have all the board members.

This has not been too difficult a job. I liken it to flying an IFR trip. There are moments of intense hard work, then long periods of little to no activity. Like landing well, there is a sense of accomplishment when it is completed.

Barbara Strachan

Immediate Past Governor

It is with pleasure that I submit this report for the Spring 2019 SE Section Meeting. The past few months have been a busy and productive for me. The following are highlights:

Let's Fly Now!

I'm very pleased to announce that continued efforts in the development of the Ninety-nines new *Let's Fly Now!* Program are well under way and the program will soon be institutionalized. *Let's Fly Now!* is an introductory flight program, generally free, targeting **females of flying age**. This program is not just for kids. Ninety-Nines, Friends of the 99s, and other properly certified pilots provide their airplanes, fuel, and time to

share their passion for aviation as they soar through the skies with women of flying age (*men and older children are also welcome*) and take them on their first flights. Many of our new pilots are in their 30s, 40s, and 50s. Also, since reports predict that over 600,000 pilots will be needed during the next 2 decades, we can make a contribution to positively impact those statistics immediately. I have made presentations about ***Let's Fly Now!*** (locally, at the section level, and internationally) to our members. During the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019, several ***Let's Fly Now!*** Events have been held around the country. I served as a resource and liaison to many of the chapters as they introduce the program for the first time. Beautiful and professional logbooks, as well as certificates, have been created for our passengers and may be ordered from headquarters.

Our partnerships with *King Schools* and *Dare to Fly* are progressing nicely. King will not only provide free short online courses and low cost online Private Pilot Courses to some of our passengers but also a 20% discount to our 99s members who use any of their products. *Dare to Fly* will provide up to 3 flight bags per year filled with an E6B and introductory books for the aspiring Private Pilots who are awarded scholarships for training plus a 15% discount to 99s.

Terry Carbonell has generously donated a beautiful seahorse quilt to raffle. The raffle tickets are only \$5 and the proceeds will support our ***Let's Fly Now!*** Program. We need volunteers to help sell them. The winner will be selected at our International Conference in Dayton, OH in July 2019.

Let's Fly Now! is an excellent tool for those of you who like to mentor others. It is a great recruiting tool and will surely become one of the 99s signature activities, just like air marking and PPLI.

We encourage chapters all around the USA, Canada, and the world to host a ***Let's Fly Now!*** Event or a ground event on November 2, 2019 to celebrate the Ninety-Nines' 90th birthday. Let's make a huge 99s presence on that day. Please contact me if you need assistance in planning a ***Let's Fly Now!*** Event? I plan to make another presentation at the LIFT sessions at our International Conference in Dayton, OH in July 2019.

WASP at Sun 'n' Fun

Coordinated all involved with the WASP at Sun 'n' Fun 2019 held from April 2 – 7, 2019.

Compass Rose at Lakeland, FL

I was responsible for organizing the event just two weeks before Sun 'n' Fun.

I serve as the Board Member Liaison to:

Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter,
Paradise Coast Chapter, Mississippi Chapter.

Visited Chapters

I visited various chapter meetings / events during the year.

- **FL Heartland** – I made an interactive presentation about what makes a strong chapter.
- **Treasure Coast** – attended several meetings, including the 98th birthday celebration for WASP Bee Haydu.
- **Paradise Coast** – attended several meetings, including the Witches' Fly In.

Attended Conferences

I attended and provided several presentations at the Ninety-Nines **International Conference in Philadelphia, PA.**

I attended our **SE Section Meeting at Historic Banning Mills** in October 2018.

Volunteered at the 99s Booth at Sun 'n' Fun

After the WASP left Sun 'n 'Fun, I volunteered at the 99s Booth, shared my passion about flying and the 99s, and recruited several new members.

Mentor

I have a passion for mentoring and lifting up others. It has been my honor to mentor and serve with our current Governor, my chapter members/leaders, and Fly Now Scholarship applicants. I am honored to have served with the fabulous leaders of the SE Section Board.

Myra  Respectfully Submitted,
Immediate Past Governor

2019 SE Section Spring Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee

The SE section had a record of 12 submissions for the Spring AE Memorial scholarship with 5 ultimately receiving the award. The winning scholarships were for CFI, Instrument, ATP certification, Academic, and Vicki Cruse Emergency Maneuver training.

Also, in this section one member has won a Spring Fly Now Award.

Liz Schoppaul

New Horizons Scholarship Report

The New Horizons Scholarship was named to honor those 99s who have passed. This past year, Harriet Hall went to new horizons after being a member for 44 years.

I would like to thank the Trustees who graciously volunteered to judge the submissions to select a winner. They are Jeanne Burklund, Rosemary Gibson, Ginger Adelstone and Catherine McClamrock.

Eleven applicants sent in their applications with two being disqualified, one for being late and the other a student pilot who hadn't completed a solo endorsement. Out of the nine qualified entries, the winner is Dr. Kimberly Kanapeckas Metris.

Dr. Metris is a section member since June 2016 living in Pendleton, South Carolina. Her education and work experience centers around environmental science. She has more than 349 flying hours.

She writes: "Financial hardship became a reality for me in 2018. After several years of saving, I left my career in the lab to begin full time flight training toward a pilot career. My husband lost his job due to company-wide workforce reduction the week I started my instrument rating. Together we budget our savings to continue tiny steps in my training. It brings me to tears when my husband assures me that he gets his joy from seeing me fly; sacrifice is not easy, but knowing that we are moving slowly in the direction of the life we envision for ourselves comforts us.

My initial interest in aviation was sparked after college when I moved to South Africa and took a small aircraft to the field site where I conducted research for my Masters' degree. I saw the glorious savanna from above and observed how the pilots expertly guided their single-engine piston aircraft to count and herd wildlife into a boma.

As a first-generation college graduate whose family did not fly and did not understand my desire to fly, the odds were against me.

My aviation career goal is to fly scientific aerial survey (possibly also backcountry charter flying), and I want to specialize in teaching advanced tailwheel and emergency maneuvers/upset recovery. In preparation this past year, I have sat right-seat as the chief pilot's biologist on bald eagle aerial surveys, continued building tailwheel and off-airport experience, became an instrument ground instructor, earned my instrument rating (plus passed my CFI Instrument written) and am starting my commercial certificate.

I am already budgeting to cover any costs the scholarship funds will not cover through various non-aviation jobs, renting instead of buying a home, and continuing to use our used cars so I can complete my commercial training through CFI Instrument.

I had the opportunity to interact with the Ventura County 99s as an active 99 during emergency maneuvers' training in southern California. I continue to demonstrate my commitment to the 99s and women who fly through mentoring current and future pilots and serving in advisory and hands-on capacities in grant writing for the 99s.

This scholarship will help me achieve my aviation career goal of becoming a professional pilot. It will be an honor to represent the 99s as a scholarship recipient throughout my professional pilot career. Thank you!

Submitted by Marilyn Shafer

Ways and Means

Cruise Raffle Summary

- 919 Tickets allocated:
 - 7 Section Board members received 20 tickets each at 2018 International in Philadelphia
 - 23 Section Chapters were allocated tickets according to the number of members in each as of the Fall 2018 Section Meeting
 - 14 Section Chapters picked up tickets at the Fall 2018 Section meeting in Banning Mills, GA
 - 7 Section Chapter Chairs received tickets Certified Mail/Return Receipt
 - Tickets were resent to the FL First Coast chapter Certified Mail/Return Receipt due to incorrect address
 - Confirmed via email that one of my Buddy Chapters, Sarasota Ladybugs, did receive their tickets and were going to address at their November 1st meeting
 - Sent 21 SE Section At-Large Members' tickets to the Alabama chapter Certified Mail/Return Receipt at their request for them to sell
 - 4 tickets allocated to the St Croix chapter were not distributed; Mae sold 4 of her tickets to St Croix members
- 81 tickets (0920-1000) were not allocated or distributed
- 548 tickets were sold (54.8%) and \$5482 was received
 - I was responsible for collecting and accounting for all sold ticket stubs and depositing checks into the SE Section 99s Operating Account

- The Alabama chapter sold all their allocated tickets plus 21 tickets allocated to SE Section At-Large members
- 5 board members sold all their tickets
- 8 chapters sold all their allocated tickets including 3 of my Buddy Chapters – Daytona, Florida Heartland, and Spaceport
- 5 chapters returned unsold tickets
- 2 chapters never responded after receiving their tickets via Certified Mail; emails sent; no response

Thank you all for your participation and responses! Karen Weldon

Membership Report

In 2019 we saw a huge boost in membership numbers! Including a growth with the younger demographic and retention of current members.

Steps taken to increase and retain membership numbers:

- i. Increase personalization by sending out a welcome email to new members to ensure they have received their new member “welcome packet”, have connected with a local chapter or contact if via web only, and have an awareness of all social media and web content available to them as a member.
- ii. Promote social media networking and awareness to attract new members and cultivate comradery within the current members. Promoting reaching out to connect chapters across the United States.
- iii. Every 3 months, reports and reminders (with an offer to help in any way needed) to the South East Section Chapters Membership Chairman or Chapter Chair in order to promote more communication and a feeling of hands on support. The reports include any members that may be on hold or standby, including active dates and all contact information for each of those members.

Goals:

In 2019, I would like to continue these methods but with a more personal hands on approach with the individual chapter membership chairmen. Also, I will be attending OSH and the Air Race Classic, where I hope to generate more personal connections with the chapters and promoting via social media platforms.

Jessica Rogers

Membership is at 892 in Mid May 2019.

WASP at Sun ‘n’ Fun

Sun ‘n’ Fun 2019 was held from April 2 – 7, 2019. I was elated that two WASP, Bee Haydu and Kay Hilbrandt attended for three days this year. The ladies, ages 98 and 95, are amazing, articulate, and inspiring. They spoke two times (one hour each time) on the Sun ‘n’ Fun Radio, gave a presentation at the Museum, spoke on a panel with Tuskegee Airman Col. Hardy at the WASP luncheon, and signed autographs and posed for pictures at the 99s house. We notice that their stamina is not quite what it was even a few years ago so I scheduled their day to start a bit later and to end a bit earlier. In an effort to accommodate their needs, I brought dinner into the hotel conference room. That way the ladies could go to their rooms and rest when they needed to. They also did not have to wait in lines for dinner at a restaurant and be mobbed for autographs and photographs. The WASP and their escorts were very pleased with this idea.

Expenses were approximately \$1415. This included hotel rooms for the WASP and their escorts, the WASP luncheon, two dinners, and incidentals. One lunch was provided by the QBs. One dinner was provided by the Sweetwater WASP Museum.

Our Governor would like to create a WASP Committee. The task of the committee will be to help develop a transition plan for other options when the WASP can no longer attend Sun 'n' Fun.

I feel very fortunate to have had the responsibility of managing the WASP at Sun 'n' Fun. It has been a thrill and an honor to get to know these historic treasures, learn about them, and spend time with them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra 

Immediate Past Governor

NIFA Report

NIFA has many regions throughout the US. Those regions in our Section include Region X for North and South Carolina; Region VIII for Tennessee; Region IV for Louisiana and Mississippi and Region IX for Florida, Georgia and Alabama. I have only received information about Region IX but will contact the other regions and get the word out to all of you about your areas NIFA competition.

This year Region IX NIFA 2019 SAFECON will be held November 4-8 at Lakeland Linder Airport and hosted by Polk State College. If you would like to volunteer for this important competition of college students, please let me know. The busiest day is usually Wednesday of that week but the schedule will not be finalized until September.

I am hoping to host a gathering of the women competitors at the 99s House during that competition week to help promote membership, scholarship and the camaraderie of the 99s.

I plan to reserve a 5-bedroom home with a pool nearby and will offer transportation to/from the airport. The room rate will be \$40 per night. You can cut this cost in half by sharing the room. If you would like to reserve a room for one, two nights or the entire week, please see me today to get on the list. I need interested 99s to give me a \$15 non-refundable deposit so I can secure this house now for November.

Again, Region IX NIFA SAFECON will be November 4-8 this year.

Marilyn Shafer

Air Markings

Compass Rose at Lakeland, FL

One of our Governor Mae Marquet's goals was to paint a beautiful compass rose at Lakeland before Sun 'n' Fun. Myra Bugbee was responsible for organizing the event just two weeks before Sun 'n' Fun. The compass rose is located very near the 99s House and is a wonderful advertisement for our organization. Twenty-five Ninety-Nines, 49 1/2s, and friends, and one 33 helped paint the project. This was a true collaborative venture with members from seven chapters coming together for the fun and work. Sun 'n' Fun provided the paint and supplies for us. The SE Section provided lunch for the volunteers on Saturday. The compass rose is approximately 35' in diameter.

Treasurer Coast also painted a rose.

Jewelry Committee

This committee is newly formed as of this meeting with Kim Elholz volunteering to usher it into the digital age. She will be photo shooting the jewelry to advertise it on our web site and other media.

Nominating Committee

Janice Pellitti reporting, Micki Klein Chair, Virginie Rollins Committee Member.

There was over \$342 spent in the printing and mailing of the ballots this year. The bios were included in the mailing which increased postage cost.

Ramona asked why the bios were included. They do not do this at the International Level. It is usually in the magazine and is available on the password protected portion of the website.

The printing alone was \$150 plus the postage. Members do not realize that opting out (to vote electronically) makes it expensive at both the section and international level.

We need to communicate better starting at a chapter level. E-mails are received but e-voting is not included unless member opts-in. Members should be encouraged to update their information by going to the Member Directory online or calling the office in Oklahoma. Many of our members are not completely tech savvy. Someone asked why they no longer receive the Flight Lines from the Section, unaware information is sent out via *Constant Contact*. New members will be automatically opted-in unless they chose to change it as well as on renewals.

501c(3) Committee

All Tenn. and Fla. chapters have a requirement by the State to file a report annually as a nonprofit organization. Chair suggests all states may have something similar and she will handle for the Section.