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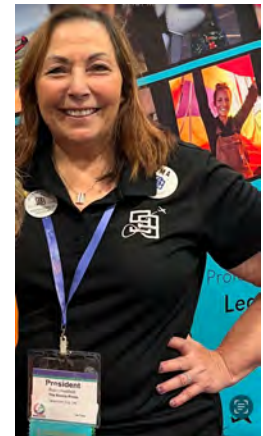


International Straight & Level: March 2026

From the President's Desk

As we welcome a new month, I want to extend greetings to our newest members—welcome to The Ninety-Nines!

We are so glad you are here and hope you quickly feel the encouragement, friendship, and sense of community that make this organization so special. I also want to celebrate the accomplishments of our members who have recently soloed, earned their CFI, or added new ratings and certificates to their aviation journeys. Every milestone reflects dedication, perseverance, and passion, and we are proud to cheer you on. To all of our members, I hope to see many of you at our Spring Board of Directors Meeting in Oklahoma City next week as we come together to continue the important work of supporting women in aviation and advancing our shared mission. One wonderful way to connect right away is through our Facebook group, where members share stories, celebrate achievements, ask questions, and support one another along the way: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1254346664641357>



Blue Skies,

Robin Hadfield
International President

**Election Candidate Information Is Now Available —
Watch the 3-Minute Candidate Videos Before Voting**

Voting in our upcoming election opens on **March 15**, and candidate information is now available for members on the **Elections** page (located in the menu on the right). We encourage every member to review the candidate profiles in advance — and especially to watch the **short 3-minute videos from the Board candidates**. These videos are a great way to hear directly from the candidates and better understand their experience, priorities, and perspectives before voting begins.

👉 **Review candidate information and watch the videos now:**

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/election-page.htm>

Please don't wait until voting opens. Take a few minutes now to learn about the candidates so you are ready to cast an informed vote on **March 15**. Your participation matters, and your vote helps shape the future of our organization.

Volunteers Wanted at The 99s Booth at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida

Join us at The Ninety-Nines booth during one of the biggest aviation events in the world — **Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida** — and help us share our mission to increase the number of women pilots.

We're looking for volunteers to help welcome visitors, connect with aviation enthusiasts, and represent The 99s by sharing our passion for flying, mentorship, scholarship, and education. Volunteering at the booth is a wonderful way to support our outreach efforts, meet fellow members, and inspire the next generation of women in aviation.

🌸 **Volunteers needed: April 14–19**

Whether you can help for a few hours or multiple days, your time makes a difference.

👉 **Sign up to volunteer here:** <https://signup.com/go/QmjHoQZ>

🕒 **Save the Date: Wednesday, April 15** for the **SNF Women's ACES Ice Cream Social** at The **99s clubhouse, 5:00–7:00 PM**

Come be part of the energy, the outreach, and the fun — we'd love to have you with us at Sun 'n Fun!

SiriusXM Aviation Giveaway for The Ninety-Nines Members

A big thank-you to our sponsor, **SiriusXM Aviation**! They are gifting **one FREE six-month Aviation Pilot Preferred service** — a **\$395 value** — to one lucky member of **The Ninety-Nines**. This special giveaway is open to **members located in the U.S.** and includes six months of SiriusXM Aviation's **Aviation Pilot Preferred** service — a comprehensive aviation weather subscription designed for **Garmin** and **ForeFlight** users. The service provides **radar, lightning, and forecasts across the U.S. and southern Canada**, with **consistent data reception at any altitude and on the ground**.

It's easy to enter! Click the link below or use the QR code to complete the **Entry Form**.

👉 **Enter here:** <https://99s.info/siriusxm-aviation-pilot-preferred-giveaway-99s-member-draw/>



The draw is **open now**, and the **winner will be announced by the end of April**.

Good luck — and thank you, SiriusXM Aviation, for supporting The Ninety-Nines and our members!

Enter the Quarterly Draw for a Free Lightspeed Delta Zulu Headset

Here's your friendly reminder: the **quarterly draw for a free Lightspeed Delta Zulu headset** is now open, and **every eligible member can enter**.



If entering has been on your to-do list, now's the time — deadlines have a sneaky way of arriving faster than expected. The entry process is quick and easy: simply visit the **Lightspeed Ninety-Nines page** <https://go.lightspeedaviation.com/ninety-nines-quarterly-drawing> complete the short entry form, and you're in.

 **Entry deadline: March 30, 2026**

 **Winner announced: April issue of *Straight & Level***

Don't miss your chance to enter for this outstanding member giveaway!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION?

PLEASE SHARE THIS OPPORTUNITY WITH THEM.

Director of Operations
Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum (AEBM)
Atchison, Kansas

The 99s Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum (AEBM) is dedicated to sharing the story of Amelia Earhart and the community of Atchison, Kansas, that helped shape her life and legacy.

Located in Atchison, KS, the museum welcomes visitors from around the world to learn more about the famed aviator and the people and places that supported her journey.

The Museum is seeking a highly motivated Director of Operations to lead day-to-day operations and support the museum's mission. The Director of Operations reports to the Board of Trustees and is responsible for overseeing museum operations, finances, staff, volunteers, visitor experience, and programming. This role also works closely with the Board on fundraising efforts to strengthen and grow museum resources.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in museum studies, business, or a related field (Master's degree preferred);
- 3–5 years of nonprofit management and supervisory experience;
- Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills;
- Experience working with the public, volunteers, and boards is an asset.

Compensation

Annual salary: \$53,000

Please send resumes to jan.mckenzie99@gmail.com

Jan McKenzie
Chair, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum
The Ninety-Nines Inc.

BOGO Winner Spotlight!

Congratulations to [Christina Williams](#) —

our February BOGO Membership Bonanza winner!

Christina renewed her membership in February — and scored next year's dues for free! She's a proud member of the Nashville Chapter, Southeast Section, and has been a part of The Ninety-Nines since February 2018.

Renew your membership on time and you might be next. Each month, we randomly pick one renewing member to receive a complimentary year of dues. Stay connected, stay inspired, and keep lifting up women in aviation — your renewal could be the lucky one. ✨



Executive Director's Headquarters Update by Jill vanEgmond

The 2026 Women's History Month theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future," invites us to celebrate women who are not just imagining a better world, but rolling up their sleeves and building it. This year shines a spotlight on women who are redesigning systems; environmental, economic, educational, and social, to be more sustainable, more just, and more hopeful for generations to come. It is about big vision, bold action, and the everyday choices that add up to long-term impact.

The Ninety-Nines fit this theme naturally, we have been "leading the change" since 1929. From the early days of women daring to take the controls, our members have pushed aviation forward with safer, smarter, and more efficient flying. Whether it is embracing new technologies, supporting environmentally conscious practices, or sharing hard-earned knowledge, The Ninety-Nines help make aviation more sustainable in both practice and culture.

We also shape a sustainable future by investing in people. Scholarships, mentoring, and education help new pilots take flight, while our Chapters and Sections create communities where

women can grow, lead, and be heard. Every time a Ninety-Nine encourages a student pilot, steps up as a leader, or shares her story, she is building a stronger, more inclusive aviation world.

In 2026, as we celebrate Women's History Month, The Ninety-Nines are not just honoring the theme, we are living it. From cockpits to classrooms, boardrooms to hangars, our members are leading change that keeps aviation innovative, welcoming, and sustainable for the future.

International Election 2026: How to Vote

International Election opens soon. Voting opens on March 15, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. GMT and ends on May 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. GMT.

Please refer to the March/April 2026 issue of *Ninety-Nines* on pages 17-24 for further instructions and candidate statements.



See you in San Diego, July 8-12!

For complete conference information, schedule and registration visit 99conference.org

Discounted Early Registration Deadline is March 31, 2026

for The Ninety-Nines International Conference in San Diego, California, July 8-12.

On-time registration deadline is **May 31, 2026**.

Getting There – San Diego International Airport is just a few miles from the Westin Gaslamp Quarter Hotel. Ground transportation is available by taxi, ride services, and rental cars. Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport is the designated airport for GA arrivals. Ground transportation information for GA arrivals will be provided closer to the Conference date.

Do You Have Merchandise or a Service to Sell? Sections, Chapters, businesses and individuals can reserve a table in the Exhibit Hall/Fly Mart. See “Exhibitor/Sponsorship/Program Advertising” on the Conference registration website.

Conference Program Advertising – An ad in the International Conference Program offers Chapters and Sections a way to recognize a member's achievement, thank a member for her service, or memorialize a deceased member. Conference Program advertising is also a cost-effective way for businesses to reach a specific audience. Advertising forms are available on the Conference website under “Exhibitor/Sponsorship/Program Advertising.”

Conference Sponsorships — Businesses and organizations can support The Ninety-Nines by becoming a Conference Sponsor. Sponsorships are offered at multiple levels, and a custom package can be created to meet the needs of the Sponsor. Conference Sponsorship information and forms are available on the Conference registration website. Individuals can also become Conference Sponsors and may choose an amount to donate when they register for the Conference. Individual Sponsors will be recognized in the Conference Program. For more information, contact Rosanne Isom at 99sconferencesponsors@gmail.com.

New For the 2026 Conference!

Child Registration Fee — \$75.

The Child Registration fee includes access to Seminars and Fly Mart; option to purchase tours, Thursday Keynote Breakfast, Thursday Welcome Reception, and Child's Meal at Saturday Awards Banquet. Does not include Conference bag, Conference print materials, access to Hospitality Suite, or Saturday Breakfast.



Conference Jacket – A lightweight jacket with the conference logo is offered this year, as San Diego can be breezy on the water and in the evenings. The jacket is light gray, full zip, and offered in a wide range of unisex sizes. Already registered for the Conference? Email Anna at 99s@akatravelteam.com to add the jacket on to your registration.

New Option Added – “Take Us Out to the Ballgame” – Friday, July 10

Join a group of Ninety-Nines for a fun evening at beautiful Petco Park to watch the San Diego Padres play the Toronto Blue Jays and enjoy the gorgeous views of the city from the ballpark. Game time is 6:40 PM. Petco Park is less than a mile from the hotel, accessible by walking or taking a cab or ride share. Already registered for the Conference? Email Anna at 99s@akatravelteam.com to add the Padres game to your registration. Ticket prices are \$46 per person.

[Join Us in San Diego - Register Here](#)

AEMSF DONATIONS January 2026: \$1,429.98

INDIVIDUALS: Carol J. Bowser, Lynne K. Hsia, Kristina Elizabeth Huffman, Diane F. Rose, Madison S. Wooley

IN MEMORY OF SYBIL JOANN PAINTER: Pam Bowes, Shirley A. Christensen

AEMSF Research Scholar Grant titled Publication of AWTAR Book

DID YOU KNOW?

The 99s own and operate the Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City. The impressive collection includes significant items related to women who made aviation history. Here is one of many to help celebrate March as Women’s History Month.



99s Museum of Women Pilots
March 6, 2024

In honor of Women's History Month, we would like to highlight the first U. S. female test pilot, Alma Heflin.

Alma's story began as a child when she witnessed the emergency landing of a small plane in a field near her home. That experience inspired her to become a pilot, and after earning her bachelors degree in education in 1936, she qualified as a private pilot. Soon after, she purchased a new Piper and traveled to Lock Haven, PA, to take delivery.

She impressed the founder William T. Piper, and as a result he offered her an apprentice mechanic job position. Initially she was ground crew but eventually she moved into sales and began flying the aircraft around the country to potential buyers. She flew extensively and attended air shows and other events.

In 1940 she and Margie McQuin took Heflin's Piper J-4 across country to Alaska. It took the pair 13 days to cross the United States. On her return Heflin committed to helping the war effort by becoming the test pilot for the Piper O-59 Grasshoppers being produced in Lock Haven for the United States Army. She took her first test flight on 12 November, 1941. As a result she is believed to be the first female commercial test pilot in history.

from *The 99s Museum of Women Pilots*, Brandy Ball, Manager

2025 Collegiate Woman Achievement Award

Be sure to read the article in the March/April *Ninety-Nines* issue on page 28 about Jun Okinawa being the first recipient of this award. Her lifelong journey to become a pilot is inspiring, from serving in the Japanese military to coming to the United States with her American military husband and two sons.

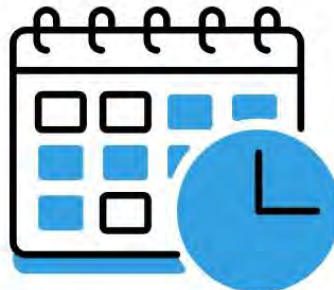


Member Perk Alert!

The promo code **NNI999** is now active and gives members **\$5 off daily tickets** and **\$30 off weekly tickets**. When using the code online or at the ticket window, members may be asked to show proof of membership — so keep that handy.



This offer is exclusively for Ninety-Nines members. Please do not share the code with non-members.



Click here to access the online calendar

Section Statistics of Members, as of February 28, 2026

African	18	Member at Large	14
Arabian	54	Mexico	1
Australian	32	Mid-Atlantic	485
Austrian	3	Nepal	10
Brazil	1	New England	244
British	20	New York-New Jersey	223
China	2	New Zealand	15
East Canada	366	North Central	913
Far East	4	Northwest	619
Finnish	10	Russian	3
French	12	South Central	1,075
German	59	Southeast	1,291
India	43	Southwest	1,963
Israeli	4	West Canada	246
Italian	4	TOTAL	7,734

Procedures for Notices in Straight and Level

Information for the Straight & Level must be received by noon on the 25th of the month (except for February when it is needed by noon on the 23rd) for inclusion in the next month's issue.

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