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It's a cold winter's day in Northern California with less than two weeks until Christmas. Where has the year gone? Doesn't it seem like only yesterday when it was January 1, 2013 and everyone was making new year's resolutions?

As 2013 winds down, I've been doing a lot of reflecting about the section happenings the past year. It seems that this year especially has been loaded with tragedies, but it has been filled with good things too.

Who can forget the Bakersfield Section meeting in May? The Friday night dinner at Noriega's with the accordion player and the children at the Saturday banquet were great. Jeanne Fenimore stated it best when she said she would always remember this one as the "music" section meeting. How about our eight Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners? This was the result of another great job by our scholarship committee. Those in attendance at the fall meeting in Sacramento will remember the dedication of the

Opal Kunz memorial marker. In late October we were notified that our Section had received five out of the nine Fly Now Scholarships, which replaces the A/E New Pilot Award.

On Halloween, Carol Andrews and I departed SMF for the Fall Board Meeting at Headquarters. Each of the governors present gave a five minute report on their sections. There were some interesting ideas. The Northwest Section is using their directors as liaisons with their various chapters. I thought that this was a great idea and our next governor might want to think about doing something like that.

One of the topics at the Council of Governors Meeting was the Scholarship Registry. I sent the information to the chapter chairmen shortly after the meeting. The goal of the registry is to be a one-stop shop so to speak. A person can go to one place and find all of the scholarships available. I was happy to see two new faces at the Fall Meeting; Sharon Raney and Joanne Nissen also attended.

After Friday's meeting, the Section members that were not needed elsewhere went upstairs to the Museum to present Opal's trophy to Bonita Ades, Museum Chairman and Denise Neil-Binion, Museum Executive Director. It's now on display for everyone to see. This issue's picture is of me presenting the trophy to Bonita.

If you are considering running for a Section Office, the deadline is a short month away. If you have the slightest inkling that this is something you'd like to do, complete

your intent and send it in. I know that there are a lot of qualified women out there who would do a great job. Just take the plunge and do it.

Don't forget the Winter Workshop is on January 25, 2014 in Carlsbad, CA. I'm looking forward to both presentations, and this workshop promises to be a great one. We had five winners for the first Fly Now Scholarship. Can you imagine how many we could have after the presentation? It would be great if at least one member from each chapter can attend. It has been many years since the Chapter Chairman's manual has been updated also. I know that most of you have some ideas on what you'd like to see included. If you attend you can share your ideas with the rest of us.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Holiday Season! I'll see you all next year.

Penny Nagy
SWS Governor

From the Editor:

I know that this time of year is extremely busy for everyone, so we don't have as many articles as we had in the last edition. We look forward to seeing a lot more of what the chapters are doing in the next issue.

Happy Holidays!
Jeanne



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The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

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The Winter Workshop on January 25, 2014 is fast approaching and now is the time to register. This workshop promises to be packed with a lot of useful information.

The morning session will be devoted to the new Fly Now Scholarship. Our Section won five of the first nine scholarships presented in the fall. Below are some preparation tips for the meeting:

Fly Now Scholarship

Winning a scholarship can significantly reduce the financial burden for 99s who are learning to fly or those working toward an advanced rating. At the Winter Workshop speakers will present key information to understand and successfully apply for the new "Fly Now" AE Scholarship. Whether you are a student pilot or an experienced member looking to support potential future scholarship winners, join us and talk with previous scholarship winners, Fly Now mentors, and other AE Scholarship Chairs to share tips to support applicants in preparing effective applications and pearls to incorporate the Fly Now scholarship program into your Chapter.

Chapter Chairman's Manual

The afternoon session will be devoted to revamping the Chapter Chairman's Manual. The manual has not been updated since 2007 and we would like your input. Please bring your manual(s) just in case we can use any of the information. You can find a copy of the 2007 version on the SWS website.

You can register for the Workshop on the SWS website and the cost is \$25. Don't forget it's on January 25, 2014 in Carlsbad, CA at the Homewood Suites by Hilton, which is near McClellan-Palomar Airport

Thank you Coyote Country for hosting this meeting!!

Ratings and Accomplishments

Nancy Bradshaw (Antelope Valley) - Private Pilot

Michelle Hughes (Antelope Valley) - Private Pilot

Kate Pavlock (Antelope Valley) - Private Pilot

Tracy Zedeck (Bay Cities) - ATP

Congratulations ladies!



Presenting Opal's trophy to the Ninety-Nines Museum

*Back: Carol Andrews (Sutter Buttes), Joanne Nissen (Monterey Bay), Thelma Cull (Sutter Buttes)
Front: Museum Chairman Bonita Ades (Colorado-SCS), Penny Nagy, and Sharon Raney (Sacramento Valley)*

Calendar/Activities 2014

January 25th
Winter Workshop
Carlsbad, CA

April 25th – 27th
Spring Section Meeting
Ontario, CA

June 16th – 19th
Air Race Classic Begins
Concord, CA
(activities begin June 12th)

July 8th – 13th
Ninety-Nines International Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana

September 5th – 7th
Fall Section Meeting
Reno, NV

CHAPTERS ON THE MOVE

Bay Cities

In September participated in winging parties, an airport open house, and Young Eagles event. Then Mustangs and More in Vacaville, a winging party to Monterey and Lodi, and a potluck to discuss the Air Race classic.

Fullerton

These women are working hard on the Spring Section meeting plans and managing to put on a new member breakfast in November. They had a fly-in to Yanks Museum, and went to an Orange County Chapter meeting with an interesting speaker who was an airshow and stunt pilot. They also welcomed a new member, Kathie Kingett.

Sacramento Valley

Chairman, Sharon Raney, went to her first International Board of Directors meeting this fall.

San Fernando Valley

In October they had a Pine Mountain Lake Fly-in/Drive-in, and participated in a Santa Monica airport open house. A Newbie Hangar Class was done in Jacki Harris's hangar. Ceci went to AOPA Summit in Texas and wrote an article about it for their newsletter. In November, Bertie Duffy's Stearman celebrated its birthday. Chapter members hosted a fundraiser dinner at the California Pizza Kitchen, and had a meeting speaker who is doing a documentary on Jessica Cox, the armless pilot.

San Joaquin Valley

Members enjoyed a pancake breakfast in Modesto, and are currently working on the 2014 Air Race Classic sponsors and hospitality committee. The chapter also repainted the CCR viewing area in October, and had a table at the LVK airport open house.

Reno Area

The chapter finished the work on this year's Reno Air Races and got another grant from the Reno Air Race Foundation for aviation education. Funding for the 2014 races was tentative, and the Association has cut staff to save money. It looks like they will be able to have another event in 2014. The Reno Area Chapter will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this June and is in the process of planning a luncheon to celebrate. They participated again in the Cottonwood Elementary School Nevada Day event teaching 4th graders about flying. They are in the middle of planning the Fall 2014 Section Meeting. Linda Mae Hivert is planning an Aviation event at Minden Airport in January that the chapter members will be working, as well as working hard on her Aviation Foundation.

Marcia B. Fuller Aviation Scholarship



*Sponsored by
San Fernando Valley Ninety-Nines
International Organization of Women Pilots*

The San Fernando Valley Chapter of the 99s will award one scholarship to a Los Angeles County Associate Member.

Award must be used towards a private pilot certificate.

Requirements for Applicants:

- Must be an Associate Member of the 99s
- Must live in Los Angeles County
- Must have soloed and passed written test

For more information and application

www.sfv99s.org

**Applications available January 9th, 2014
Postmark Deadline for Submissions March 1st, 2014
Winner announced April 1st, 2014**

REMEMBER

Please send your chapter news and stories to southwesterlynews@gmail.com by the **February 15th** deadline !!



Remembering a Friend

By Jeanne Pierce

Tonight is the night of our annual Farias Wheel Airport/neighborhood Christmas party. I look forward to this every year, but it reminds me of the last time I saw my friend, Carolyn. I don't know if she ever got into the New Horizons because I was supposed to write it and found it too difficult to write.

She was having a wonderful time that night and I felt so good about that because she was in the midst of a nasty divorce, and was very depressed. I convinced her to come to the party to help her get away from her own worries. I knew she would get so involved in other people that she could easily forget her own problems for a while. A week and a half later she had a sudden problem with her heart and was rushed to emergency. She died in surgery. It happened so fast that I didn't even know until she was gone.

I pulled up her obituary, which was probably lovingly written by her daughters. They made a loving tribute to her. While reading it I realized just how much can't be conveyed in this written form, and just how short it is to be stating a person's life. This is what it said:

Carolyn Elizabeth Galli was born onto earth November 11, 1936, in Middleton, OH, and was born into heaven on December 18, 2007. When she graduated from high school, she attended nursing school in Ohio where she earned her RN credential. She then moved out West to begin her first nursing position in Yerington, NV. She made Nevada her home where she spent many years devoted to nursing and caring for others. Not so long ago, she fulfilled a lifelong dream and earned her pilot's license. She loved to fly! Carolyn had a zest for life. She was vibrant, fun-loving, generous, and nobody was a stranger to her. She had a very compassionate heart, and her love and faith in the Lord was forever strong. She was loved dearly and will be truly missed...

What it doesn't say is what a warm and loving friend she was to me; how encouraging she was when I was learning to fly; or that she told our pastor just before she went into surgery that she had to survive this because she really wanted to help ME take care of my mom who had Alzheimer's and had just moved in with me. God had other plans for Carolyn.

It doesn't say that she had a heart as big as the planet and her true calling was nursing. Nobody could ever feel bad around Carolyn. She was knowledgeable and skilled, as well as immensely compassionate. A heart that big is so exposed; so vulnerable. She never judged anyone harshly but herself.

She had been divorced from her first husband (father of her children) for many years, but in the beginning of her last year she unselfishly spent months nursing him through the final stages of the cancer that finally took

him. She never stopped caring about him. Carolyn never stopped caring about anyone in her life.

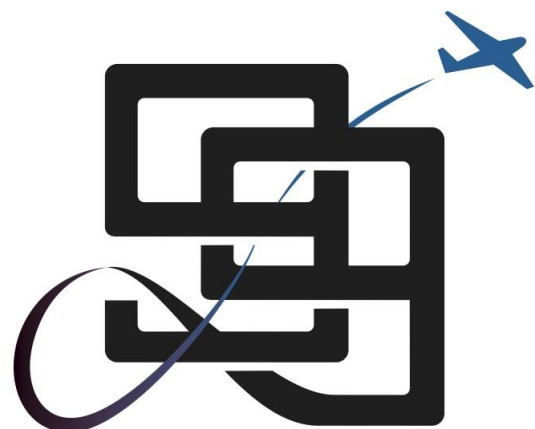
She loved and worried about her children, and adored her grandchildren. I was privileged to hear all about them when we talked. I inherited a few of her books and found little cards from them inside. She obviously kept them all.

She did love to fly. As a member of the Reno Area Chapter of the 99s she didn't attend many meetings, so many of our members didn't even know her. I had just started to get her interested in coming to meetings with me the summer before she died.

Carolyn was an insecure pilot. Like many women who fly with a male partner, she didn't feel comfortable flying alone, or was convinced that she wasn't capable. She was amazed that I flew alone most of the time and loved to fly with me. Maybe that helped, because she took her written test for her IFR rating. Even in her 70's she scored in the 90s on that test. She never got to finish the flying part of her rating.

The short obituary also doesn't say how meticulous she was about her appearance. Everything about Carolyn was impeccable and graceful. In contrast, she had a wicked little impish sense of humor that would come out when she was with close friends and relatives. I so loved that about her. I can still see her face with that cute devilish look she got when she was in that mood.

This is only another little piece of a person who will be so sorely missed for as long as we live to remember her. Remember your friends well. They are so much more than can be printed in a paragraph or two of an obituary.



Ninety-Nines

*Inspiring Women Pilots
Since 1929*



Julie Shular

Ventura County Chapter

February 9, 1954 – October 17, 2013

Julie Shular flew on to New Horizons on October 17, 2013 after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Born February 9th, 1954, the daughter of an Air Force pilot, Julie lived in many states before coming to California to attend college. In 1977, she met Van Royce Vibber, who would become her business partner and husband. A serial entrepreneur, Julie parlayed her talents into philanthropy, particularly delighting in raising five wheelchair assistance dogs for Canine Companions for Independence.

At age fifty, while caring for her father, Julie began flight training at Falcon Field in Peachtree City, Georgia. When her father recovered, Julie completed her training at CP Aviation in Santa Paula, CA, under the tutelage of Ventura County Ninety-Nine, Dianne Williams. Julie went on to take the EMT (Emergency Maneuvers Training) course and a fighter pilot training course. She enjoyed flying alone or with friends to fly-ins, marathons, and Section meetings, and was almost finished working toward her Instrument rating.

A certified SCUBA diver, Julie was also an avid reader, tennis player, Master gardener, and bird watcher, who enjoyed participating in marathons, and served as Director of Operations for the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula.

A positive force for all she touched, Julie wished to encourage other women to get regular mammograms and donated her body to medical science through ScienceCare.com

A Celebration of Life was held at the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula on November 2, 2013. A bright, funny, highly-motivated adventure seeker, she will be dearly missed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Bell*

Fly Now!

**Up to \$3,000 awards toward completion of your initial certificate!
Are you a student pilot member?**

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees have a great new program with awards up to \$3,000 for student pilots to complete their Recreational, Sport Pilot, or Private Pilot certificate (or non-U.S. equivalent) in any aircraft.

Formerly called the New Pilot Award, the Trustees have expanded the concept and now give up to **four Fly Now** awards each year, two with a deadline for applications in September, and **two with a deadline in March**. All you have to do is be an Associate Member of The Ninety-Nines and apply, no length of membership required, but a demonstrated need for financial assistance is still part of the process.

Since the success of the *Fly Now* award is dependent upon the relationship between the student and her 99s chapter, the applicant must have a formal mentor from her chapter for support and guidance. The financial awards are given in stages as the student reaches certain milestones in her training.

All interested Associate members and their mentors should download the full information at

<http://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/Fly Now brochure.pdf>.