

THE SOUTHWESTERLY

Quarterly Newsletter of the Southwest Section Ninety-Nines
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Where has this summer gone?

It's been a busy, hot, scary summer. The Carr Fire in Northern California had several of the Mt. Shasta members evacuated, but they are home now with their homes safe. It's at moments like this you really understand how important your 99 Sisters are. Where did several of the 99 evacuees go? Barbara Crooker's home. Barbara and her family gave them a place to stay, fed them and gave them comfort. Because that's what 99s do!

It was a great honor to represent the Southwest Section at the 99s International Conference last July in Philadelphia. There is so much history in that city and it was quite a learning experience to be there about the same time of year that the signers were debating our country's future, locked in a small, hot, stuffy room. It gives you a new appreciation of their sacrifice.

International has been working hard for us. They have a new marketing campaign and membership has grown 12% in the last 14 months.

You might have noticed the advertisements for the 99s on Social Media. Look for the 99s on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Pinterest, and Wikipedia. Consider creating an account on any of these sites for your Chapter.

At Philadelphia, a one-day Career Fair was held on Friday of the Conference and it was a huge success. It looked like every airline, military and large flight

school was there talking about career opportunities. The 2019 Conference in Dayton will host a Career Day and so will the 2020 Conference the Southwest Section is hosting on the Queen Mary.

Karen Hausteen, from the Phoenix Chapter, is the newest member of the Nominating Committee, filling the vacancy on the committee.

Our Southwesterly Editor needs some help with the Newsletter, if you have skills formatting a Newsletter, Jeanne Pierce would appreciate your help. Let her know if you can help.

Pat Chan has been busy working with Chapters hosting future Section Meetings. The Fall Section Meeting October 4-6 in Claremont is going to be a fun event. The San Gabriel Chapter has added a one-day Saturday-only Registration for \$99.00. This includes the Business Meeting, Seminars and Awards Banquet. The Seminars are going to be interesting and Lori Parker's Seminar on applying for scholarships is a must.

The Winter Workshop will be held on February 2, 2019 in San Diego. This is a one-day Workshop where we discuss opportunities that might help your Chapter stay active and keep your members involved. We will have more information at the Fall Section Meeting.

Spring 2019 - Section Meeting will be in Sacramento, April 4-7.

Fall 2019 - Section is San Luis Obispo, they have lots of plans

SUMMER 2018



Spring 2020 - We need a Chapter to host this meeting. If your Chapter is interested, please contact Pat Chan.

Fall 2020 - Tucson Chapter will host this meeting, details later.

Don't forget the 2019 International Conference in Dayton, Ohio, July 16-21, 2019. "Dayton is the Wright Place to be in 2019."

Then there is 2020, July 8-12 on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. It's time for us to get to work so please plan to be there.



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By-Laws

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Nominating

Carol Munch, Santa Clara Valley

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Letter from the Editor

I am truly struggling with the design portion of the newsletter. At the point of my head exploding I changed software. Now I'm doing tutorials. UGH! I guess I'm asking for a little grace, because I'm not sure how this is going to turn out.

I went to International this year. It was 4th of July in Philadelphia and, growing up in New England, I couldn't resist. So I roomed with my good buddy, Penny Nagy, "daughter #1" to our dear "mom" Lois Erickson, and we talked our way through the week. She was going to give me the first article of a new column that I was struggling to name. She was telling me about her journey through the maze of breast cancer treatments and all the other things that go along the road. Things like fake breasts are a challenge for people dealing with this, and she told me she found an organization that makes "knitted knockers", and that there is a store that makes custom bras (I think it was Macy's or Nordstrums). I need to research more information, as our beloved Penny left for New Horizons before making her contribution to the first column. There were several things she discovered that could be physically and financially helpful with the challenges along the way. As we talked, we speculated about how many of our members probably have things that they could share to make our individual journeys easier.

I would like to encourage you all to share something that you have discovered. It could be so helpful to your fellow 99s or someone they know. We never know how our own experiences (good and bad) can help others. Share!

The other new column I'd like to create is one to keep us connected. After Penny and friends discovered Opal Kunz years ago, it made us think of the members who are still with us, but after they stop coming to meetings we may not reach out and keep in touch? Will we be guilty of creating our own Opals?; forgotten, important people in our organization who need our support as we rush along in our lives like they didn't exist? I will start that column with a couple who are close to me, as well as Penny. Don't be the person who says, "I wish I reached out before they were gone."; "I didn't know they struggled and I could have helped." Don't wait for them to contact you. They are strong, independent women too proud to ask for help. It could be you someday.

I cannot attend the Section meeting this Fall. It's the first one I've missed in years. I've had too many commitments that take me away from work. I will see you at Marysville in October for Penny's memorial.

Blessings to all,

Jeanne



Registration for the Southwest Section 99s FALL 2018 Meeting

Hosted by the
San Gabriel Valley Chapter
is available now!

Click the web address below to visit the event website
for more information and to register.

<http://ninetyines.net/sws99sSGV/index.asp>

CALENDAR

September 21-22, 2018

International Forest of Friendship
Atchison, KS

October 4-6, 2018

SWS Fall Section Meeting

Hosted by San Gabriel Chapter
Claremont, CA

October 13, 2018

Penny Nagy Memorial
Willa's hangar
KMYV Yuba County Airport
Marysville, CA

February 2, 2019

SWS Winter Workshop
Hosted by San Diego Chapter

April 4-7, 2019

SWS Spring Section Meeting
Hosted by Sacramento Valley Chapter

June 18-21, 2019

Air Race Classic

July 16-21, 2019

99s International Conference
Dayton, OH

2019

SWS Fall Section Meeting
Hosted by San Luis Obispo Chapter

July 8-12, 2020

99s International Conference
Long Beach, CA
Hosted by Southwest Section

NAV AIDS

My mom had Alzheimer's. My brother and I kept her with us. It's a challenging endeavor to be sure, but anchored in love. I discovered that the Alzheimer's Foundation has chapters everywhere and they have grants to assist caregivers with temporary care. I filled out a form every month that paid \$50 a month to have someone come and take my mom for a few hours a couple of days a week. It happened to be one of my Curves members who worked for them and befriended my mom, so that was very comfortable for her. She took Mom out to places like thrift stores, the clinic for her blood tests, and the senior center for lunch. Mom enjoyed it and my brother and I were "childless" for a short time. It was a great help.

Penny talked about grants that she found to help with some of the expenses of her breast cancer. I'll try to find out more about that and enter it in the next issue.

Please contribute to this column so that we can provide our members and families with some helpful information. Of course, it could be flying and airplane information that you discovered, or anything else that has been helpful to you or someone you know.



What ever happened to...?

We often lose track of old friends. They move away or we move away, and we don't manage to keep in touch. Every once in a while we think of them and wish we knew how to contact them. Sometimes they reach an age or physical state that doesn't allow them to get to meetings anymore, but we shouldn't forget them.

Well, here is your venue. Write to the Southwesterly and ask the question. We'll see if we can find them again.

I have two that I'd like to share with you.

Lois Erickson (Past everything, as she likes to say)

She is still living in Redding, CA but in a senior living community. It's a lovely place run by the Catholic Charities organization that allows seniors to have a tiny little house of their own, while providing services for them

She goes to "program" every weekday from 8-2, but is alone on weekends and would love to hear from you!

She doesn't have email, and I'm not sure she knows how to check voicemail on her phone. Her address is:

555 Leila Ave, #10
Redding, CA 96002
(530) 949-9701

Shirley Thom

Shirley was a "humble chapter" member for years before moving up to Reno and joining Reno Area. After losing her husband, Gene, she moved down to southern California to be near her son. She does have email. I think it's still Shirley.thom@att.net She also has a Facebook account, but I'm not sure how often she accesses it. Her mailing address is:

P.O. Box 2773
Spring Valley, CA 91979
(619) 741-0586



The Yavapai Ninety-Nines are excited to announce our first ever Aviation Speaker Series.

Aviation Speaker Series

Description:

The Yavapai Ninety-Nines of Arizona will be hosting a one-day aviation speaker series featuring the women professors and staff of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University discussing topics ranging from aviation psychology to meteorology and much more. The day will include a showing in the university's new planetarium as well as a tour of the Robertson Aircraft Accident Investigation Laboratory.

Lunch will be BBQ catered by Sodexo.

All are Welcome.

When: Saturday, November 10th, 2018 from 9am-4pm.

Ending time will fluctuate based on optional tours. Please follow the link at the bottom of this email to register.

Where:

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University-- Prescott Campus

3700 Willow Creek Rd.

Prescott, AZ, 86301

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/erauwritingcenter/yavapai-99s-speaker-event>



Bay Cities Chapter

Member, Pat Chan, was elected Vice Governor. The Chapter gave an annual scholarship in June. They hosted a "lunch with a pilot" event at Amelia Earhart Elementary in Alameda and did a Hands-on Engine display in the "take apart" zone at "Tinkerfest", a one-day festival celebrating the creative, curious and innovative spirit. The ladies have worked hard on Women's Aviation Room at Oakland Aviation Museum and recently installed a new window covering. They attended a winging party in Santa Rosa that also included Marin members. The Chapter newsletter published some changes in SFO airspace and Nut Tree CTAF frequency. They hosted their 3rd annual poker run.

Reno Area Chapter

Members participated in the Minden Youth Aviation Days at Minden-Tahoe Airport, had a booth at Carson City Airport Open House, and will be participating in the annual Cottonwood Elementary School career day in October. Student pilot member and scholarship winner, Catherine Bodenstein, was the victim of a very serious car accident in Reno sustaining extremely serious injuries. She is working on recovery from a number of broken bones and a serious head injury. Currently, she is staying with member, Karol Hines, while she undergoes physical therapy. The Chapter is currently working on the work schedule for the Reno Air Races.

Reno High Sierra Chapter

The Chapter celebrated their 29th anniversary this summer. They have some very active members doing UNR STEM program talks, career speaking at Carson City airport open house, Young Eagles at Silver Springs, STEM program at Tahoe Boys & Girls Club, attended the Truckee-Tahoe Airshow and the Women Soaring Pilot's Association event in Truckee. Some members volunteered this summer at the Reno Air Race Association when they called out for assistance. They did their fundraiser at Hot August Nights, and are now ramping up for the merchandise tent at Reno Air Races where they work really hard.

Sacramento Valley Chapter

Sacramento Valley members attended the June Sutter Buttes meeting. Their members still flying Pilots 'n Paws. They presented their scholarship in June, and the California Capital Airshow is coming up quickly for them. They will be hosting our Spring 2019 Section Meeting.

San Gabriel Chapter

We know what these ladies have been doing! They are hosting our Fall Section Meeting.

San Luis Obispo County Chapter

Their monthly fly-outs are scheduled out to February. They are beginning planning the Fall 2019 Southwest Section meeting. The Chapter made some money serving food at the Oceano Airport Celebration. It looks like they have had interesting guests and speakers for their meetings.

Yavapai Chapter

On Saturday, November 10, 2018 the Yavapai Ninety-Nines of Arizona will be hosting a one-day aviation speaker series on the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University campus located in Prescott, AZ. This event will feature the women professors and staff of Embry-Riddle discussing topics ranging from aviation psychology to meteorology and so much more. The day will include a showing in the university's new planetarium as well as a tour of the Robertson Aircraft Accident Investigation Laboratory. See the posting on the next page.

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Web flying: fun websites to explore

Above and Beyond: A History of Aviation in Santa Barbara

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NwGyZSnci0>

Look for us in these places:

<https://www.facebook.com/99sinc>

<https://twitter.com/TheNinetyNines>

<https://www.instagram.com/>

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-ninety-nines-oklahoma-city>



Ratings and Accomplishments

Yukari Kane – Bay Cities Chapter – Private Pilot

Christine Potje – Mount Shasta Chapter – Commercial AND Multi-Engine rating

Laura Starkey – Reno High Sierra Chapter – Private Pilot

Katie Greenwood – Reno High Sierra Chapter – Citation 500 type rating

Cindy Amoruso – Sacramento Valley Chapter – private pilot

Tanya Rames—Aloha Chapter—private pilot

Emmie Smith – Sacramento Valley Chapter – commercial pilot

Katherine Dew – Reno Area Chapter – CSO checkride in Diamond DA-20 Eclipse

Jenn Prins – Reno High Sierra Chapter – finished Navy boot camp

Heather McCoy – Reno High Sierra Chapter – Flying for Jet Suite in a Phenom jet

Kay Bennett – Reno High Sierra Chapter – received “2018 Powerful Matriarch Business” award

Leanza Rose – Redwood Coast Flyers – solo flight.

Dani Valerio – Reno High Sierra Chapter – solo flight

Jenna Scolari – Reno High Sierra Chapter – solo flight

Yukari Kane – Bay Cities Chapter – solo flight

NEW HORIZONS



Nancy Hedlund

Aloha Chapter

Aloha Chapter 99s and friends,

As many of us head to our amazing careers flying piston planes, jets, those amazing non-gliding rotor-craft we call helicopters, or any number of aviation careers that we love, a lot of us have the same women to thank for her help in getting us there...Nancy Hedlund.

This email is not only to thank Nancy, but to thank all of you whom she loved so much. Nancy passed away last week on her home island of Oahu. Nancy was an integral part of the Aloha Chapter Scholarship Committee. Her dedication to each and every applicant and application assisted many Hawaii students and pilots in receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars in aviation scholarships. She reserved time in her life to help make our dreams come true. Amazing, because she was a dean at Hawaii Pacific University with a PhD in psychology!

It was always amazing to hear Nancy talk about how proud she was of us. She did so much for the Aloha Chapter 99s, and yet to hear her talk, you would think she was receiving, not giving. Even for the little things, like sending out an email...she would take the opportunity to let you know..."Hey, you're doing an excellent job, thanks for contributing." Her positive reinforcement was not surface level. She was genuinely proud to be part of the 99s and especially the Aloha Chapter.

Nancy reminded me and so many others how extraordinary the 99s are, and how we all fit right in. What an amazing organization of women! Her confidence in us, her dedication to her passion, and her friendship was refreshing and inspiring.

Thank you Nancy for being in our lives, and for all you've done for us.

Aloha nui loa and Mahalo Ke Akua,

Shannon Christensen and your Aloha Chapter 99s Ohana

Penelope Nagy

Sutter Buttes Chapter
Sacramento Chapter
Southwest Section Past Governor
April 1, 1948 - August 26, 2018



Penny was born in Denver, CO, and the family moved to California when she was a little girl. Her father finally got a chance to fulfill a life's dream when he moved the family to Sacramento in the early 60's and he was able to buy a 1/3 interest in a C172. He began flying lessons at the old Phoenix Field and her mother followed soon after. Penny and Lee had been married about 25 years when her dad was working at an avionics shop. In 1983, Penny took advantage of credits he earned at the shop to take flying lessons. Over a 6-7 year span, she

accrued over 450 hours in the family C172.

She and her mother joined the 99s in the early eighties, first with Sacramento Valley, then briefly with the Sierra Foothills chapter in Placerville. They eventually returned to Sacramento Valley, where Penny served as newsletter editor, treasurer and chairman.

Penny became involved at the Section level in 1998 and served as Treasurer until 2000, when she became Section Secretary. In 2006 she became a member of the Nominating Committee and in 2008 served as Vice Governor. She became one of our most popular governors in 2010, a position she held until 2014. At that time, she was elected to the International Nominating Committee and also as a Museum Trustee where she served until 2018, when she decided she needed a break from the rigors of offices held. To keep up with the organization's functions, she continued to attend the International Board Meetings held twice a year in Oklahoma City. Most recently she served on the Museum Board and was passionate about it. She loved the Oklahoma City board meetings!

Words of wisdom from this accomplished 99: "If you can keep doing something you enjoy, persevere. But know when it's time to step down, and know you've given your best."

Besides what Penny did for the 99s, which was a lot, she worked more than one job. She had 37 years of accounting experience and was a Master Tax Advisor for H&R Block, as well as working for the state of California for many years, even after she retired working on contract for them. The woman just never stopped!

After her two terms as Governor she was given a gift certificate for her recurrency and was thrilled at being back in the air!

A couple of years ago she discovered she had an aggressive form of breast cancer. She was scared and emotional at times, but always kept a lot of us informed of her progress by text message with the same frankness that she exhibited in the rest of her life. She joked about the head adornments that she began to wear, and then the "fake boobs" and "knitted knockers". She believed in sharing. It helped her and it could help others to be open about their struggles. She thought she had beaten it after her clean bill of health in May, but discovered very recently that it was attacking her heart.

Her beloved best friend and champion was always there for her. They were married 50 years. She would often volunteer for something and say, "Lee is going to kill me!". But Lee would roll his eyes, shake his head and step up to help wherever he was needed.

Never did she lose her sense of humor or her total disregard for vanity. There was no way not to love that girl!

Lovingly submitted by Carol Andrews and Jeanne Pierce (with Penny's help)

P.S. I mentioned at the Spring Section meeting that my favorite choir anthem was "Make My Life an Alleluia" and Penny certainly did that! Jeanne

An invitation from Penny's sister, Kathy:

In honor of Penny, we will be having a Celebration of Life on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The celebration will be held at the Yuba County/Marysville Airport at 1364 Sky Harbor Dr., Olivehurst, CA. We welcome you all to attend to celebrate her life and the love she gave to all of us.

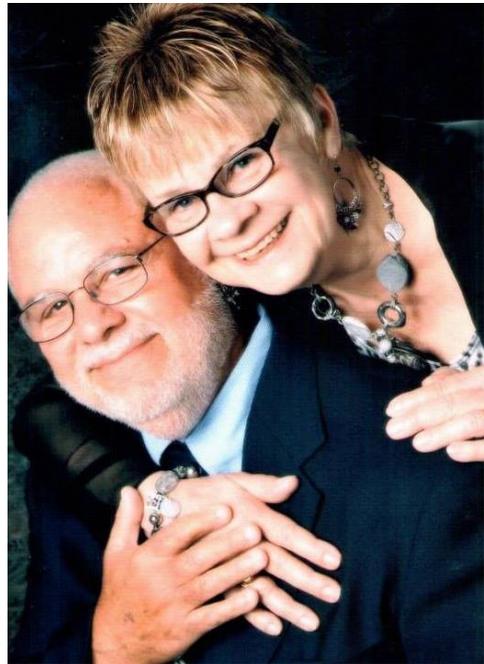
In lieu of any flowers, we ask that donations be made in her name to either the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123 or to the Southwest Section 99s, where a scholarship will be given in her name from the donations received. Donations may be sent to: Southwest Section 99s, attention Irene Engard, Treasurer, 931 Presidio Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626, with PENNY NAGY in the memo/comments.

You fly with the angels now, but you will forever be in our hearts.

If you wish to attend, the nearest Commercial airport is Sacramento. There are 3 hotels in Yuba City that are recommended. We would suggest that you contact Willa Young at wfly99s@comcast.net for details.



Penny's recurrency with Jen



Orange County Pilot of the Year Awards

On, June 13th, the Orange County Chapter held its Pilot of the Year Banquet. The incredibly talented recipients were Pilot of the Year, **Karen Vaughn**, and Professional Pilot of the Year, **Diane Myers**.



The banquet was also the setting for the second year of awards of the Chapter's Eleanor Todd Aviation Scholarship to three outstanding women (left to right in the picture).

Andrea Garcia, Los Angeles Chapter, is working on a Helicopter add-on rating to enhance her already impressive list of accomplishments with the goal of becoming a CFI. **Cindy Santoso**, originally from Indonesia, is working to obtain her PPL with the support of her fellow members of the South Bay-Long Beach Chapter. **Mindy Nye**, San Fernando Valley Chapter, received her helicopter PPL in 2017 and will use her award to complete her Instrument Rating, with the goal of becoming a Life Flight pilot for Los Angeles Children's Hospital.



Mount Shasta Father's Day breakfast

The annual Fathers' Day pancake breakfast was held June 17th, 2018. First started in 1975 by the Mt Shasta 99s, the event has been held now for 43 consecutive years and is a popular Fathers' day event at the Benton Airpark in Redding, CA. The Mt Shasta 99s and EAA Chapter 157 held the event inside the FBO's hanger at Benton Air Center (BAC).

We served almost 500 pancake breakfasts that day. The menu consisted of pancakes, scrambled eggs, Ham, coffee, OJ and water. The weather was great for flying with blue skies and gentle winds. The temperature inside the open hanger was comfortable despite being a little warm outside.



Plane rides were given in the BAC school Cessna 172's, their Texan AT6, a Diamond DA-40 and R22 helicopter rides given by the Redding helicopter school, Air Shasta. Many private planes were displayed along with CHP aircraft and a REACH air ambulance helicopter. We had many fly-ins, including some big tundra tire planes, which entertained the crowd with their steep short takeoff and landing skills. This breakfast is one of our primary fundraisers for scholarships.



Mt Shasta 99s Redding Municipal Display July 18, 2018

In July, the Mt Shasta 99s (pictured L-R - Julee Garrett, Barbara Boot, Barbara Crooker) and Redwood 99s (Rita Limmer, Nancy Maas (Not shown)) members decorated the display case at Redding Airport (RDD) in Redding, Ca. The case was originally built by the boy scouts several years ago and only had static displays of model airplanes. The Airport Manager graciously allowed us to take over the case and decorate it with our history. We also share the case with the local EAA Chapter 157. Definitely looks better! The feedback has been very complimentary. The Airport also installed poster frames on the side of the display that will allow us to place flyers for current events and activities for the public to view.



*Inspiring Women Pilots
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Flying With Kids by Mommy Pilots of The 99s

Does flying with a kid sound intimidating to you? No need to sweat! We have parent and grandparent time-tested tips and advice to prepare you for your flight with any age child, newborn to teen. We've created our very own mnemonic which will highlight all the important stuff you need to remember when packing up the kids for a cross country flight. Plus, we'll cover basic information to help keep you and your crew calm should you encounter an in-flight abnormality or emergency. And we'll throw in a few lessons learned because, well, flying with kids is never standard and there is no checklist for that.

Future pilot? Maybe.

Aurora Goffinet



Future pilot? Definitely!

Hunter Goffinet



Controversy? We don't have Controversy in the 99s!

During our International Conference there was a bit of controversy about our elections. First of all, something completely unforeseen happened during the counting. We have had the same group of nuns counting our ballots for years. This was the first year The Ninety-Nines used electronic voting, as well as paper mail-in ballots. The electronic votes were counted by Right Labs and the mail-in ballots were counted by the Benedictine Sisters, who had correctly counted our mail-in ballots for The Ninety-Nines for many years. However, this year they mistakenly counted some invalid mail-in ballots for the Directors' positions. They recounted the ballots and came up with a different winner than what had originally been announced.

That was disappointing to many people, but it was an honest mistake. The previously announced winner took it with grace.

What happened next was a sticky part for some. The members who ran for Treasurer and Secretary ran uncontested and were vacating director positions after one year, leaving a year open. Many of us thought that the member with the next most votes would automatically fill that position. That is not how our By-Laws read. It says that the International Board chooses a person by majority vote to fill a vacant position.

We now have a task before our next International meeting to evaluate our process.

Our President, Jan MacKenzie, put out the following update on the election after the Conference that gives some explanation and intent to make changes.

Is the vote legal?

Cecile Hatfield's opinion is that The 99s followed the Bylaws and the Standing Rules for both the election and for filling the vacancies.

Why weren't the mailed-in ballots counted properly the first time? Why wasn't the problem noticed earlier?

We are continuing a dialog with the Sisters to isolate and correct the source of the error.

The Sisters sent the detailed numbers to the Election Procedures Committee. The process needs to be changed so that the committee members do a thorough review of the numbers for reasonability before forwarding the total results.

Only the totals were forwarded for announcement. The detailed results were part of the Annual Meeting packet, and were not subject to further review. Again, a process change is needed to include a thorough review for reasonability.

Why didn't we know earlier that there would be 2 vacancies on the board?

When Cathy and Leslie ran unopposed, vacancies of their existing seats would occur if they were elected.

The vacancies could only be confirmed when the election results were known. I will propose procedure changes to announce the vacancies in advance of the conference and ask for interested members to notify the Nominating Committee.

Why weren't the vacancies automatically filled by the candidates who didn't win the election?

Most organizations do not follow an automatic process to fill a vacancy. Instead, the preference is to have a process where a group deliberates on how best to fill the vacancy.

The 99s documents do not permit automatically filling vacancies. Instead, the process requires that the Nominating Committee present a list of candidates. The International Board of Directors voted by secret ballot for two of the candidates and the two with the highest votes became the winners.

Two important parts of this are: the Board did not violate any By-Laws, and we members need to pay closer attention to our election processes.

We just received the latest "Straight & Level" that announces a webinar on Bylaws & Standing Rules on September 10th at 9-10:30 EDT, with a follow up workshop on November 1st.

For details on those email governingdocs@ninety-nines.org If you cannot participate at that time Gretchen Jahn informed me that a few days after the webinar, a link will be posted on the 99s website. You can follow that link to view the webinar plus the question and answer session. They will also try to have a link to the webinar on the page devoted to bylaws and standing rules. That new page isn't active yet, but will be listed in the side bar on the right in the "members only" section.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2018 PHOTO PAGE a glimpse



Voting at 2018 International Conference





Sacramento Valley Ninety-Nines Southwest Section Meeting

DONATION INCLUDED:

Ground Crew	\$0 - \$100	\$ _____
Flight Crew	\$101- \$249	\$ _____
Passenger	\$250 - \$499	\$ _____
Right Seat, First Officer	\$500-\$999	\$ _____
Left Seat, Pilot	\$1000+	\$ _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Let's Go Racing!

November 8-10, 2018

Havasu 600 Air Race

Honoring the memory of Don and Tookie Hensley

November 8, 9, 10, 2018

3 Days + 2 States + 5 Fly bys + 600+nm



The Rio Colorado 99s are accepting entries now for our 3rd Annual Havasu 600 Air Race!

This year, the Race starts in Temecula CA at French Valley airport (F70) Arrive before noon on Thursday November 8th for airplane inspection and credential check in. We will overnight at the Holiday Inn Express in Temecula.

Friday morning the Race starts from French Valley, with fly bys at Sun Valley Air Park (A20) and Cottonwood (P52) and Ryan Field (KRYN) Racers will Remain OverNight at the Casino Del Sol in Tucson

Saturday morning November 10th has racers flying the last leg from Ryan to Lake Havasu City (KHII)

Awards will be presented at our Air Race Banquet on Saturday night.

Come join the fun! All the details of the race, who can fly, what they fly, etc. can be found on our website:

www.Havasu600.com

We are racing to honor the memory of Don and Tookie Hensley, and raise money for flight scholarships in their name. Come race with us in our Havasu 600 Air Race!



Plans are well on their way for the 2020 99s International Conference in Long Beach, California. The dates are July 7-12, 2020, on the Queen Mary.

We have the Queen Mary Hotel booked and lots of meeting rooms set aside for our group. The GA airport we plan to use will be Torrance (TOA) and the Long Beach Chapter is ready to welcome you. For those flying commercial you will have a choice of flying into Long Beach, LGB, (Jet Blue, Southwest, Delta) or Fly into LAX. From LAX you can now hop on the Long Beach FlyAway Bus for \$9.00 each way.

We are in the final stages of a contract with a Travel Planner and will have more details on this later. We have some exciting events, Tours, and Seminars planned and will share details when they are finalized.

We understand there is lots of interest from around the world which leads to what can you do to help?

Do you have ideas for Speakers or Tours?

Do you know someone who would be an interesting speaker?

Would you like to be an ambassador? A mentor for First Timers?

Do you speak a second Language?

We need all of these. If you can help please contact me at jeannefenimore@earthlink.net

Lastly, We are offering an opportunity for a paid registration to the 2020 Conference. We will be selling tickets for this at the next few Section Meetings and Winter Workshops. Tickets are \$5.00 ea. or 6 or \$20.00. The winner will be announced at the International Conference in Dayton, Ohio in 2019.

Please share your ideas with us.

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