

# THE SOUTHWESTERLY

Quarterly Newsletter of the  
Southwest Section of the Ninety-Nines

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**SPRING 2025**

## GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Huge congratulations go to the new Bakersfield Chapter! Valerie Sheldon and her new board worked diligently to make this a reality. By the time you read this, the Bakersfield Chapter will be listed on the International Ninety-Nines' website. If you are a former chapter member or have relocated to the Bakersfield area it is easy to update your membership and join this amazing group of women. Jen McPhie, Air Hearts Utah Chapter, is helping Bakersfield create a new website on the Southwest Section server. A giant thank you also to California Aeronautical University for giving Valerie the support and encouragement she needed to put the chapter together again!

We are preparing for our 2025 Spring Section Meeting in Laughlin, NV. This meeting is co-hosted by the Southwest Section and the Rio Colorado Chapter. Rio Colorado is a very small but mighty chapter in the Laughlin, Fort Mohave, Lake Havasu, Kingman area. We are staying at the Riverside Resort on the Colorado River. Jamie Tanabe, Fullerton Chapter, is hosting a hike of Grapevine Canyon after the business meeting on Saturday. The Rio Colorado has scheduled a Celebration River Cruise on Friday night. The hotel itself has an automobile museum, bowling alley and movie theatre as well as the usual slot machines and card tables! Registration is open on the Southwest Section Website. For those of you flying into KIFP, the airport has agreed to a \$10 tie down fee for the entire weekend and a \$.40 per gallon fuel discount for the 99s who fly in.

Last month the Antelope Valley 99s hosted our Winter Workshop. Barbara Schulz presented a program on our historic 99s. After the program several people asked if we had recorded her presentation. Sorry to say, we did not, but if she gives it again, and with her permission we should! It was excellent. Several other people spoke about promoting aviation in Antelope Valley. We also had presentations about current flying activities in the Antelope Valley – glider flying with students and the importance of introducing young people to aviation when they are very young. A couple jet simulators were brought in and we played with circuits and stomp rockets – literally hands and feet on – incredibly fun! Barbara will be at the Fly Mart in Laughlin, she is a great storyteller and an amazing source of 99 history.

Registration is now open for the International Conference to be held July 9-13 in Burlington, VT. Make your plans now!

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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**Spring Section Meeting**  
Laughlin, NV  
Hosted by Rio Colorado Chapter

**July 9-13, 2025**  
**International Conference**  
Burlington, Vermont

**October 2-5, 2025**  
**Fall Section Meeting**  
Monterey, CA  
Hosted by Monterey Bay Chapter

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# Back to the Future

With the Antelope Valley 99s at the Winter Workshop

Irene Engard

Who knew that there is so much talent in a chapter with only 29 members. The SWS Winter Workshop was an excellent day looking back at the trailblazers that completed many “firsts” for us, listening to present day opportunities to work in the world of aviation, and learning ways to inspire and influence our aviation future.

## The Past

Presenter Barbara Schultz (author, historian, AV 99) introduced us to over 40 women who influenced the evolution of aviation history. From Madeleine Sophie Blanchard, the first Professional woman balloonist (1819), to Navy Lt. Madeline Swegle, the first black female tactical air pilot (2020).



We learned some fun facts, like the four female pilots (all 99s) who were hired in 1939 to go on tour and promote the movie TAIL SPIN along with actresses described as “these air-minded lovelies representing the studio”.

We also learned about Gladys Ingle, licensed in 1921, who was the only female member of the 13 Black Cats stunt pilots. (Take some time to look up her

1926 mid-air wheel change; the video is amazing.) Additionally, we learned about Sister Mary Aquinas Kinskey, a true “Flying Nun” (1947), and Nellie Zabel Willhite, the first deaf person to work as a commercial pilot (1944) carrying airmail. Nellie also worked as a barnstormer, specializing in flour bombing and balloon racing. And, we continued to learn about SOOOO many more firsts.

## The Present

Presenter Carrie Worth (Research Pilot/Deputy Chief Pilot, AV99) let us know about the fabulous job she has with NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center. She flew for the military, got out and flew for UPS, lost her FAA medical, but now flies on an NASA medical. Did you know the FAA, DOD, and NASA each have their own flight medical certification? She gets to be part of NASA Armstrong Mission of “advancing technology and science through flight.” The TG-14, G-IV, DC-8, C-20A, B200 King Air, and SOFIA have been part of her experience at NASA. It is amazing what these airplanes can do.

Presenter Lindsay Plein (ATC, AV 99) explained the Air Traffic Organization. She works at ARTCC Los Angeles (Air Route Traffic Control Center), your enroute guide. Los Angeles ARTCC is one of 22 centers. Lindsay loves her career. She says it is a good place to work, has good pay, and good pension benefits. They are hiring (<https://www.faa.gov/be-atc>), but you must get hired before your 31st birthday.

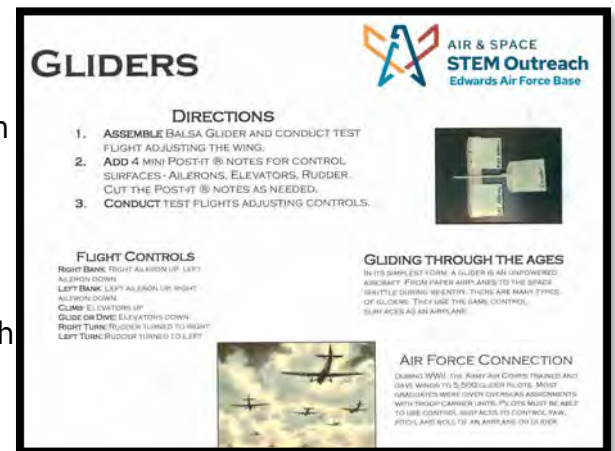
Presenter Nell Justice (757-767 Captain, UPS-Retired, and an AV 99) shared the path she followed to get hired in 1994 by UPS. She encouraged each one of us to maintain persistence while reaching for our goals.



# The Future

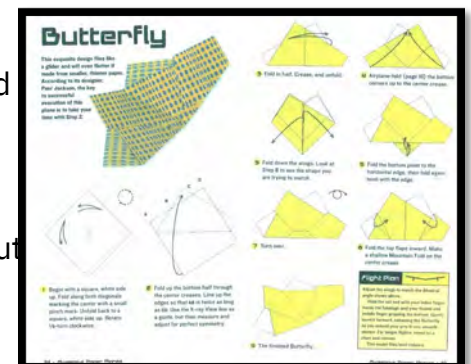
Presenter Kathleen Fredette (Director of STEAM initiative, iLEAD, and an AV 99) introduced us to the iLEAD student aerospace projects. We learned about the Soaring Aeronautics Glider student aerospace project, introducing elementary and junior high students to the principles of flight using gliders. iLEAD Lancaster DreamUP to Space learners were selected to send their science experiments to the International Space Station.

Presenter Helida Vanhoy (Manager, Air and Space STEM Outreach, Edwards Air Force Base, and an AV 99) exposed us to many of the programs used for the base STEM program. We were provided with the materials to conduct our own glider flight control experiment. Once our balsa glider was assembled, we could use Post-It Notes on the control surfaces, adjusting them and noting the effects on flight. We were also led to several resource sites, including the Air Force Materiel Command ([afmc.af.mil](http://afmc.af.mil)), Air & Space STEM Outreach ([dafstem.us](http://dafstem.us)) and where to find Air Force Civilian Service jobs ([afciviliancareer.com](http://afciviliancareer.com)).



Presenter Ellen Williams-Waldmiller (STEM Educator, retired, and an AV 99) shared her experiences teaching STEM. We participated in an exercise to demonstrate following directions and communication skills. We partnered and were instructed to explain to our partner how to fold a paper glider without showing them the instructions. Kim Ernst

(Fullerton 99) was my partner and she successfully instructed me on folding our airplane. (Try enlarging these and see how you do.)



We were provided many handouts for STEM education, including the Glider Flight Controls experiment, how to make a wind tube, and The Egg Drop Challenge. Our day ended with lots of STEM hands-on activities. Did you want to build something electrical choosing from over 100 snap circuit projects? How about making a circuit that launches a fan blade to simulate a flying saucer? Or, experience flying in the simulator? Perhaps build a stomp rocket then test its ability to fly? What fun!

Each presenter was so enthusiastic about her topic that you left with renewed excitement about the future of aviation and the power we as Ninety-Nines have in influencing all sectors of aviation.



# THE SKY'S THE LIMIT: MY JOURNEY WITH THE FULLERTON 99S

By Samarra Dalrymple, Fullerton Chapter

Aviation has always been more than just flying—it's about community, opportunity, and global impact. My journey with the **Fullerton 99s** has been nothing short of extraordinary, offering experiences that have shaped me as both a pilot and an advocate for women in aviation.

## Getting Started with the 99s

My involvement with the Ninety-Nines dates back to 2002, when I first joined the Orange County chapter. After a hiatus, I became an active member of the Fullerton chapter in 2017. Over the years, I have served in various leadership roles, including **membership chair, vice**

**chairman, and chairman**, and I currently contribute to the **Southwest Section Nominating Committee**.



Among my many roles, **membership chair** has been my favorite, as it allows me to support student pilots and rusty pilots in rebuilding their confidence in the cockpit. Seeing individuals grow into strong aviators is one of the most rewarding aspects of being part of this incredible organization.

## Global Adventures with the 99s

Being part of the **99s** has given me incredible opportunities that I never imagined when I first joined. One of the most memorable experiences was participating in the **Inspire to Fly in China**, which coincided with the **launch of the China Section of the 99s**.

This event was a remarkable experience, bringing together business leaders and aviation experts at the **China International Aviation Festival** to discuss industry issues and global opportunities. As part of the **Swan Forum**, female aviators from around the world shared their flying stories with young Chinese girls, inspiring the next generation of women pilots.

The event in China connected me with aviators from **New Zealand, Germany, and Switzerland**, forging friendships that transcend borders. We had an opportunity to enjoy **helicopter rides**, school visits, or engaging with local communities. These experiences have highlighted the universal passion for aviation and the importance of mentorship.

## Overcoming Fears and Embracing Growth

Public speaking has never been my strong suit, but the mission of the **99s** has pushed me beyond my comfort zone. Whether addressing students or industry professionals, I've learned to embrace opportunities to share my experiences and inspire others. The reward? A newfound confidence and the realization that our voices matter in shaping the future of aviation.

## A Call to Action

I encourage each and every one of you to get involved with your local **99s chapter, section, or even the international level**. The challenges may seem daunting at first, but the rewards far outweigh them. **Through the 99s, we are not just pilots—we are mentors, leaders, and global ambassadors for women in aviation.**

Let's continue soaring, together.



## SOAR HIGHER: BECOME A SOUTHWEST SECTION BOARD MEMBER!

By Samarra Dalrymple, Fullerton Chapter

### Did You Know?

Did you know that **volunteering within your chapter** can be the first step toward **becoming a leader in the Southwest Section**? Many of our most dedicated board members started by **chairing committees** in their local chapters, later taking on section-wide leadership roles. This journey could be yours!

The Southwest Section of **The Ninety-Nines** is actively seeking **driven, passionate members** to step forward and **become part of the Board of Directors** for the 2026-2028 term. This is **your chance to make an impact, expand your professional network, and help shape the future of women in aviation!**

### Why Step Up?

Serving on the **Southwest Section Board** isn't just about leadership—it's about **inspiration, advocacy, and growth**. It's a chance to:

- ✓**Connect** with pilots across the section and beyond.
- ✓**Strengthen** the legacy of women in aviation.
- ✓**Expand** your leadership and governance skills.
- ✓**Make a difference** in the aviation community.

# SOAR HIGHER: BECOME A SOUTHWEST SECTION BOARD MEMBER! CONTINUED

## How Do You Get There?

Becoming a Southwest Section **Board Member, Director, or Nominating Committee Member** is a rewarding journey that starts with **getting involved**:

- ✈ **Attend chapter and Southwest Section meetings**—stay informed and engaged.
- ✈ **Volunteer** for chapter and section-wide committees—help drive initiatives forward.
- ✈ **Learn from leaders**—listen to reports from section board members and chapter chairs.
- ✈ **Explore the Members Area** of the Southwest Section website—valuable resources are at your fingertips!

## Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for election as **Secretary, Treasurer, Director, or Nominating Committee Member**, you must:

- ✓ Be a **member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. for at least two years** by January 15, 2026.
- ✓ Be an **active member** in good standing.

For those seeking **Governor or Vice Governor positions**, the above requirements apply plus experience as a **Chapter Chair, Southwest Section Board Member, or Southwest Section Committee Chair**.

## Ready to Lead? Here's How!

The "**Intent to Seek Election Form**" is available in the **Members Area** at [www.sws99s.org](http://www.sws99s.org) or can be requested from the **Nominating Committee** at [nominatingcommittee@sws99s.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@sws99s.org).

If you **know someone who would make an excellent leader**, we also welcome **member recommendations**!

## This Is Your Moment!

The challenges may seem daunting at first, but **the rewards far outweigh them**. Through the **99s**, we are not just pilots—we are **mentors, leaders, and global ambassadors** for women in aviation.

Are you ready to **take flight as a leader**? If you are curious about the SW Section or a leadership role for 2026-2028, the nominating committee is here to answer your questions.

Susan Conner-Steeb, Nominating Committee Chair (San Luis Obispo County Chapter)  
Debbie Balsley (San Diego Chapter)  
Samarra Dalrymple (Fullerton Chapter)  
Donna Harman (Mount Shasta Chapter)  
Annelie Hubinette (San Fernando Valley)

Let's **continue soaring together**!

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Aloha Chapter 99s Spread Holiday Cheer with Annual Cookie Caper Event

Honolulu, Hawaii — The Aloha Chapter 99s of the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots, proudly hosted their annual Cookie Caper event this holiday season. Continuing a festive tradition of gratitude, members of the Aloha Chapter 99s gathered to box and deliver homemade holiday cookies to Air Traffic Control (ATC) facilities across the Pacific Islands.

The Cookie Caper, a long-standing tradition for the chapter, is the organization's way of showing appreciation to the dedicated ATC personnel who play a vital role in aviation safety year-round. This year, members baked and packaged hundreds of cookies, spreading holiday cheer to controllers who work long hours to ensure the safety of pilots and passengers in the skies.

"This event is one of our favorite ways to give back to the aviation community," said Rachel Huff, an Aloha Chapter 99s volunteer. "ATC teams are an essential part of every flight, and this is our way of saying thank you for their hard work and dedication."

The festive deliveries were made to ATC facilities on Oahu, Hawai'i Island, Moloka'i, and Guam, with members personally handing over the boxed treats to grateful recipients.

The Aloha Chapter 99s Cahapter is part of the Ninety-Nines, a global organization of women pilots founded in 1929 by 99 licensed women pilots with the mission to promote the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support. The Cookie Caper exemplifies the spirit of camaraderie and service that is central to the group's values.

For more information about the Aloha Chapter 99s and their community initiatives, please visit <https://www.instagram.com/alohachapter99s>



Honolulu International



Wheeler Army Airfield



# CHAPTER NEWS

## FULLERTON CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

### Airport Day (June 2024)

After waiting 5 - 6 years since our last Fullerton Airport Day (due to Covid), our chapter was thrilled to be outside selling tickets, giving rides and offering information about The Ninety-Nines, Inc. The pilots (Denise Jennings, Dana Glidden, and Brian Yount) flew the whole day, with only minor breaks and we thank them a lot for their time and fuel, and mainly the funds to go towards scholarships.

On hand to sell plane ride tickets and answer questions were: Liz Arias (In her captains uniform), Samarra Dalrymple, Natalie (Noah) Diaz, Kim Ernst, Lizett Gomez, Priya Gopinath, Lauren Hutson, Nathaly Mejia, Sylvia Paoli, Michelle Perine, Madi Pham, Maddie Ray, Cheri Rhynard, Samantha Schroeder, Hannah Smith, Jamie Tanabe, and Echo from the San Fernando Valley Chapter, J. Bruce Camino and his team of volunteers were also available to escort airplane riders to the planes. We thank their whole team who helped us out.

Different set of helpers from the different shifts of the day.



Back Row: Samantha Schroeder, Liz Arias (in her captains uniform), Sylvia Paoli, Denise Jennings (in back waving), Kim Ernst, Samarra Dalrymple, Cheri Rhynard, Maddie Ray, Noah Diaz  
Front Row: Echo, Nathaly Mejia, Michelle Perine, Lizett Gomez



Back Row: Noah Diaz, Lauren Hutson, Lizett Gomez, Priya Gopinath, Michelle Perine, Cheri Rhynard  
Front Row: Samantha Schroeder, Nathaly Mejia, Kim Ernst

### Southwest Section Meeting, Paso Robles/Atascadero (September 2024)

Six members attended the Southwest Section Meeting in Paso Robles/Atascadero, where one of the Fullerton Chapter members, Jamie Tanabe, was awarded the "Southwest Section Woman Pilot of Year". Kudos to the San Luis Obispo County Chapter for hosting a fun Section Meeting. It was fantastic!



Bob & Cameron LaFont, Marisol Carrero, Dana Glidden, Samarra Dalrymple, Cheri Rhynard, Jamie & Ted Tanabe, Kim Ernst & Dennis Umeda



Jamie Tanabe

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Fullerton Chapter 50 Year Anniversary (September 2024)

The Fullerton Chapter celebrated their 50 Year Anniversary in September 2024 (1974-2024). The celebration was complete with a DJ, dancing to the music of the 70's, picture slide show of their past 50 years, introduction of chapter officers for the next term, a congratulatory presentation by International 99s President Robin Hadfield, and a history presentation by one of the Chapters founding member Sylvia Paoli.



99s attending the Fullerton Chapter 50 year anniversary:  
Back Row: Claudette DeCourley (SD Chapter), Madi Pham, Lauren Hutson, Noah Diaz, Anna Clark, Hannah Smith, Cameron LaFont, Sylvia Paoli, Dana Glidden, Samarra Dalrymple, Diane Myers (OC Chapter), Kim Ernst, Lizett Gomez, Liz Arias, ?, ?  
Front Row: Robin Gartman (Palomar Chapter), Michelle Perine, Jamie Tanabe, Priya Gopinath, Cheri Rhynard, Nathaly Mejia, Samantha Schroeder



Sylvia Paoli next to board showing many of her accomplishments

MARCH  
28-30

**Register for the Spring SW Section meeting in Laughlin, NV**

<https://sws99s.org/events/spring-section-meeting/>

APRIL 1

**Spring First Wings Award Applications due April 1**

Applicants must be Student Pilot Members for three months before the First Wings submission deadline and have logged five hours of flight time within the preceding six months. The Award is up to \$6,000 for specific milestones as they are achieved. Instructions and applications are available in the Members Only area.

[Award descriptions and application instructions](#)



## In Remembrance of Cecile Schwebel Hatfield (1931-2025)

Cecile Schwebel Hatfield, has completed her final journey. A trailblazing aviator and attorney, she shattered glass ceilings in both aviation and law.

Her aviation passion ignited dramatically in 1962. Just two months after her son's birth, she confronted her fear of flying at Miami's Opa Locka airport. Her flight instructor had previously co-piloted for Amelia Earhart—a fitting connection to our organization's roots. Within a year, she earned her private pilot's license and ground-school instructor certificate.

Cecile became a prominent member of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, serving as our legal counsel for decades. She participated in the Intercontinental Women's Air Derby, serving as an unofficial goodwill ambassador, even delivering presidential letters across the Western Hemisphere. Her flying was so impressive that Vice President Hubert Humphrey once offered her a job as his personal pilot.

Professionally, Cecile's legal career was equally remarkable. She served nine years in the U.S. Department of Justice, leading complex air carrier lawsuits and overseeing aviation attorneys at the Federal Aviation Administration. Her landmark Supreme Court case, *Varig v. United States* (1984), remains a critical legal reference addressing the discretionary function exception to the Federal Tort Claims Act.

She was a groundbreaking first: the first woman to chair the American Bar Association's Aviation and Space Law Committee and the first woman to serve as Associate General Counsel for Piper Aircraft Corporation.

Her achievements were widely recognized. The International Association of Women in Aviation honored her with the 2015 Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University established the Award for Excellence in Aviation Law in her name.

We invite members to honor her memory by contributing to the Ninety-Nines Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, <https://www.ninety-nines.org/donation.htm> supporting the Cecile S. Hatfield Memorial Scholarship for women student pilots. May her pioneering spirit continue to inspire generations of women in aviation.

Robin Hadfield  
President,  
The Ninety-Nines Inc



## **Iris Cummings Critchell** **Long Beach Chapter**

December 21, 1920 - January 24, 2025

### Remembering Iris Critchell

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Iris Critchell, an extraordinary aviator, Olympian, and lifelong advocate for women pilots. Iris Cummings Critchell's remarkable journey began in the pool, where she competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. She later turned her focus to aviation, becoming a flight instructor and serving in World War II as a WAFS and WASP pilot, ferrying military aircraft such as the P-38 and P-51. After the war, she dedicated herself to educating and mentoring future pilots, leaving an indelible mark on aviation history.

A devoted member of The Ninety-Nines, Iris was a champion for women in flight, breaking barriers and inspiring generations. As she takes her final flight, she joins her fellow pilots in the 6th Ferrying Group, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire.

Blue skies and tailwinds, Iris.

[Read more here...](#)



## **Sonja Gerfen** **Santa Maria Valley Chapter**

Sonja Gerfen passed to New Horizons on February 22, 2025 after a short illness. She has been a very active member of the Santa Maria Valley Chapter since the day she earned her PPL in 1990. Sonja loved flying, whether for pleasure with her husband Herb and flying friends or when air racing the Palms to Pines multiple times with co-pilot Pat Viker.



## In case you missed this in the STRAIGHT & LEVEL

### LEGAL CORNER: SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS

**Question:** *Requesting confirmation as to whether a chapter is allowed to offer a scholarship exclusively to its members. For example, if the XX Chapter offers a \$2000 scholarship for a student pilot, could the criteria specify that the applicant must be a member of XX chapter?*

**Response:**

The Ninety Nines Scholarship Guidelines (the "Guidelines") do not permit a chapter to limit scholarship qualification to the chapter's members. The Guidelines, published in 2021 (and found in The 99s library), address scholarship award criteria and publication. To comply with the Guidelines, a chapter should make individual scholarships available to a wider audience, such as by enlarging the geographic area, or allowing male or female applicants.

**This answer is based on our review of IRS law and explained below.**

1. The Internal Revenue Code (IRC) requires scholarship grants to individuals are compliant with charitable requirements in order not to be considered a taxable expenditure. Those requirements require the scholarship to achieve a specific objective, such as improve a skill of the grantee, and require that it be awarded on an objective basis.
2. **The IRS does not have hard and fast rules about the size of the class of scholarship applicants**, so it is left to the organization to defend its scholarship awards based on the criteria it used for the selection. The potential universe of beneficiaries should be sufficiently large enough to rebut any allegations of self-dealing. That means that funds raised cannot be directed to benefit preselected or targeted members. This is highly subjective, and there isn't a magic number that works for this. It's more about making sure what we're providing isn't considered prohibited private benefit because the candidate pool only includes a handful of members or those somehow related to insiders of the nonprofit.
3. The Guidelines affirm: "chapters with individual scholarship programs must be very careful to assure that their program is one which is made available to a wide range of applicants - **NOT just chapter members.**" The Guidelines also provide that if scholarships are being distributed to both men and women, they may be limited to a designated geographic area. If the scholarship is limited to women pilots or students only, then they should be advertised to a wider geographic area.
4. The Guidelines provide methods of demonstrating that our scholarship program doesn't create unfair advantages. It is imperative that we take measures to ensure that members cannot privately benefit from the selection process, and the Guidelines require that "[y]our proposed scholarship guidelines should be reviewed by general counsel and/or the 501(c)(3) committee before finalizing them."
5. There is a concern that **donors** may be discouraged by the requirements for broad audiences for scholarships, in that the donors may want to limit scholarships to a chapter because they have personal ties to it. If this is the case, the chapter may set up other objective criteria for awards and then submit its strategy for review. The way to ensure this is to have legal or the 501(c) committee review.
6. In order to request review, send your request to: [mdesgirl@comcast.net](mailto:mdesgirl@comcast.net), [thedavansemail@gmail.com](mailto:thedavansemail@gmail.com), [sewalt@hchlegal.com](mailto:sewalt@hchlegal.com), or [legalcounsel@ninety-nines.org](mailto:legalcounsel@ninety-nines.org).

## 99s LECTURE SERIES

Click the link below to view Fanni's pre-recorded lecture!

# Flying Solo across the Seven Seas.

*Presented by Fanni Pájer*

Watch as Capt. Fanni Pájer, Freelance Ferry Pilot, PC12 Captain and Author, talks with us from Vienna.

**ENJOY!**

Deb Henneberry, 99s Lecture Series Committee Chairman  
Glenna Blackwell, 99s Lecture Series Committee Member

All of our past webinars and lectures are available on YouTube as well as [www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm](http://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm)



Click on link below to watch Fanni Pájer's recording:

[Link to YouTube Video](#)

## CALENDAR



### Upcoming SWS and International Meetings

| Date              | Meeting                        | Host/Location                                                                             |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 28-30, 2025 | 2025 Spring SW Section Meeting | Host: Rio Colorado Chapter<br>Location: Laughlin, NV<br>Registration <a href="#">link</a> |
| July 9-13, 2025   | 2025 International Conference  | Location: Burlington, VT<br>Registration <a href="#">link</a>                             |
| October 2-5, 2025 | 2025 Fall SW Section Meeting   | Host chapter: Monterey Bay<br>Location: Monterey, CA                                      |



# Hello *Spring*

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