

Greetings ladies.

Herewith is the link for the Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter meeting.

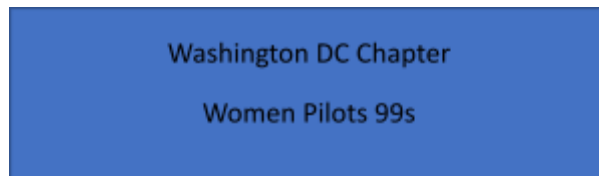
First Monday , April 1, 2024, 7 – 8 PM. Lucia Mencia is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter. Events past, present, future.

Time: This is a recurring meeting, first Monday, each month.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88487404268?pwd=OXIXWnppSmM3Tncwb2dLT3JscjZJdz09>

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April 1, 2024 Edition:

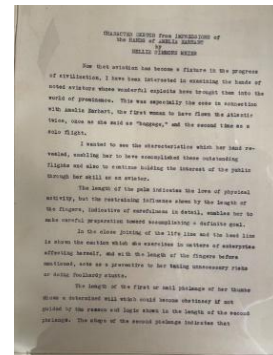


Spring Greetings !

From Bradley Bakery, Bethesda, MD



Amelia Earhart's palm and "hand reading"
on 6/28/1933, From Library of Congress.



AGENDA topics for meeting (s):

Persons in attendance: Lucy Mencia, xyz, zyx

Treasurer Report. Linda Litwin has agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer. Yearly chapter donation. Dues in the amount of \$20 were due by December 1, 2023. Please send in your contributions.

Venmo: @WashingtonDC-Ninety-Nines or, Address for Check: Linda Litwin, Washington DC Chapter Treasurer, 11509 Bedfordshire Ave, Potomac, MD 20854

Membership Report: Kathleen O'Neil will be taking over the Membership chair position. The Washington DC Chapter membership report as of today: The Wash DC Chapter has 49 members We will need to find out their level...student/ or not. We need ideas on how to get more of the "signed up Washington DC Chapter" members to attend our functions.

Continuing Education: Pat Manos has agreed to continue to serve in the Education chair position.

Re: Eileen Ruth Kay memorial. On 03 06 24 Stan Kay donated to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund and created a perpetual scholarship in memory of Eileen. Susan will be sending him a tax-deduction and

acknowledgement. We need to get together about coming up with \$450. for the memorial stone in the Forrest of Friendship. We need to discuss plans for submitting her name to the September award ceremony.

Awards: Debi Dryefuss Dare to be Different DDDD award team of Award judges selected a winning candidate. In the future, we will plan how to best promote the award to get the best candidates. All submissions had to be from a Mid-Atlantic member, had to be about aviation, had to show cleverness or daring to be different. This year the award was for \$3000. The Award judges wrote,

“On behalf of the Washington, DC Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, thank you Jen, for your submission to the Debi Dreyfuss Dare to be Different Award. The Award is given annually to the entry that captures of the spirit of the award in the presentation of an aviation goal (winners from some past years are posted on <https://www.dc99s.com/>). We had six unique and original submissions that made the selection highly competitive and very difficult. The judges selected your entry of a collection of videos depicting your journey to the private pilot certificate as the winner. The travel brochure and poem on the tablet were particularly nice touches”.

Elections: Please, please, please....this is a call out of all our members to vote in the 99s Elections. Vote ! Vote often. Our own Debi Dryefuss is running for Secretary. Let’s all support our team. VOTE ! VOTE !

Sad fairwell: From our own Stacey Burges, we learn that she has,

“...accepted a position at the Houston Methodist Research Institute and plan to move my whole lab there in mid-June. It's a really neat place and they're offering pretty stunning research support. I will miss you all though and if I get a break in the lab move, I hope to come visit DC again before I head off. I'll likely join the 99's in Houston someday but will be swamped for a tad with the move. Do you ladies know of any other cool must do aviation stuff in Texas?” (Stacey, stay in touch !!!)

Other Scholarships Available: (from other aviation groups: from the 99s, Women in Aviation, and other groups). Make sure to look at our link to our **Washington DC 99s Facebook Page**. Remember ladies, there are many scholarships out there that need good homes. Are you in search of the perfect scholarship to meet your aviation goals? Check out our scholarship database, now live on the DC99s website. Thanks to @huberj8 for doing the research to put it together! And remember all junior birds, feel free to call on any of the senior birds of the Washington DC 99s chapter to help you read and edit your applications. Pat and Sandra, both past judges will be able to provide good advice.



<https://www.dc99s.com/scholarships>
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Our Raliene Banks, who was AF pilot, has alerted us to this new scholarship:

The Air Force holds a Flight Academy each summer for 16–18-year-olds with an interest in flying. It’s a competitive application process, but attendance is free for applicants who are selected. Do our members know anyone who is interested in applying? If so, here’s the link to more info:

https://www.recruiting.af.mil/Aim-High-Flight-Academy/?utm_source=ahfa&utm_medium=qr_code&utm_campaign=det1_promo

Facebook page: Please take a look at **Washington DC 99s Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/DC99s/>. **Kim Wood** has been doing a great job of uploading news and expanding

the Washington DC chapter's social media presence. Please send her photos and a sentence or two about our flying adventures, new ratings, new news. Thanks. Our last post was Nov 2022. We need a Facebook guru.

We need photos of flying adventures. Photos of adventures and new ratings news please !!!

FYI: Please take a look at the **Mountaineers 99s Facebook page**. This is the new 99s chapter, that is Chaired by Brenda Tibbs. Good job Mountaineers. Nice Facebook pages. https://www.facebook.com/groups/2263679613783602/?paipv=0&eav=AfY6tvjF2cRrFlv1YWWjOYgegkbvLkACBB2Y3ZQyHZgsflbljEHk5Cew9jNljFqi61Y&_rdr

We have a Mid-Atlantic web page HOWEVER, the only active link is for the Sugarloaf chapter. !!!!!!!!!!!
<https://mid-atlantic99s.org/chapters/>. We need ideas to promote our Washington DC chapter.

Ninety nines swag: If any of you want hats/ T shirts/ books: <https://festivewear.shop/2023-own>
.....For those of you who are brave, there are even terminal chart leggings. ?? WHY ???



I. PAST ACTIVITIES : Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter:

Congratulations to Kathleen O’Niel. She earned her PPLI, sponsored by the Women in Aviation. Kathleen, we are so proud of you. Participants dedicate 18 months in which they become mentors. The PPLI is a structured, formal mentorship program where participants communicate weekly with a focus on leadership development, professional growth, and goal setting. They learn valuable leadership and networking skills along with tools to develop and accelerate their careers. Kathleen has successfully fulfilled all requirements of the program which include giving back through volunteering activities. Congratulations Kathleen. She is now on her way to Houston, TX for more training.

February 19, 2024. Bev Sharp Award meeting: **Barbara Rhode** has been very busy with planning and will inform the Washington DC group about updates. The team has been meeting on Tuesdays.

Laura has been doing a FABULOUS, WONDERFUL job in arranging the “Better-World” platform to accept reservation admissions and financial payments. There is also a section where people can sign to register. There is a section where donations can be received and where an on-line auction can take place. Laura has also developed the announcement for the Straight and Level publication. It looks great ! Thank you Laura.

Washington DC Chapter Ninety-Nines present:

Beverley D. Sharp Aviation Diversity Award Launch Event

Wednesday May 1, 2024 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Please join us for cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

Airbus Experience Center
1101 Pennsylvania Ave. NW,
Washington, D.C. 20004





Senator Duckworth

Special Guest:
Senator Tammy Duckworth
Chair Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations and Innovation, Member: Chicago Area Ninety-Nines

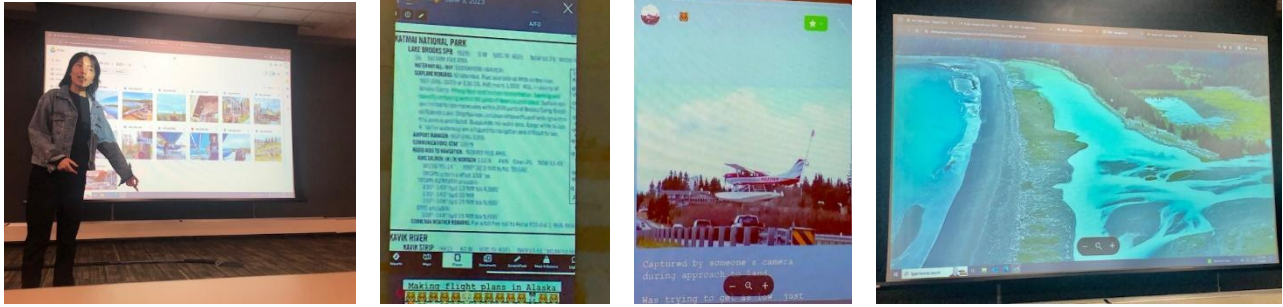
Tickets: General Admission \$500, Ninety-Nine Members and Guests \$99, Student Pilots \$25

Reserve your spot: DC99s.com
More information: Laura@bluenoonpress.com

Kathleen O’Niel has been finding options for catering. Kathleen has obtained numerous quotes but none have been selected. **The May 1 gala event will take place at the Airbus offices at 1101 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington DC.** (where we met on February 28, 2024). **Besiree Puller**, of the Airbus Experience Center, was very helpful in showing us potential areas to host the meetings. We are still planning details about **Senator Duckworth**, the speaker, catering, parking, and invite lists.



March 7, 2024. Thursday 7:00 PM Lecture, at College Park FBO Operations Building– talk by our own Washington DC chapter 99, Jing Suo, about her adventures flying in the Denali Alaska National Park. Bush plane flying. She also recently graduated from the Patty Wagstaff Aerobatics School in St Augustine Florida. Fascinating talk with real life adventures dodging brown bears, sand dune landings, frozen ice patches, obscured visibility, lack of radio support and nesting eagles. Welcome back Jing ! Everyone in the audience thoroughly enjoyed listening to your exciting adventures. Now we wish her well as she learns how to fly a 737 ! Good wishes. We send all our support.



The Women in Aviation conference: Orlando, Fla. March 21-14. Some of the Washington DC 99s attended. Please report any new findings from the conference.

Women Pilots 99s - Washington DC Chapter events: It is always fun to learn what things other 99s Chapters are doing since we often try to help out other 99s chapters with their events and projects. Old Dominion 99s, Laura Savino has written a very interesting book, **Jet Boss** about her experiences as Captain of B747s. **Final Flight Final Flight** is a fascinating book by Erin Miller who took up the challenge of honoring the legacy of her veteran grandmother, Elaine Danforth Harmon, who flew for the US Army, Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) but had been denied the request to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Both are available at the Air and Space Museum and at the College Park Aviation Museum bookstores.



Cooperation with 99s Headquarters to add to Amelia Earhart artifacts that are presently exhibited at the Smithsonian Air and Space Udvar Hazy Museum. **There are too few.** Now, we have a 99s button, her hair cutting scissors, a dinner invitation (dinner invitation in her honor). That is very slim pickings, inconsequential and WE CAN DO BETTER ! I provided a draft to the group. Only got a few comments.



II. Future Events:

April 9-14, 2024 SUN 'n FUN, Lakeland, Florida – With aerobatics and Aerospace Expo, USAF Thunderbirds, USAF F-35A Lightning II Demo, US Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet Demo, Polaris Ghost Squadron, USAF C-17 Globemaster, III Demo,

April 26-27, 2024 The 99s Spring meeting will in Martinsburg, West Virginia (combined hosts: Sugarloaf Chapter AND Mountaineers 99s). Be sure to mark your calendars and register for our Spring Section Meeting on April 26 and 27 at Martinsburg Airport (KMRB). Our youngest chapter, the Mountaineers, headed by Brenda Tibbs, are eager to welcome you to their home base and show you some wild and wonderful WV hospitality. The chapter, assisted by the Sugarloaf Chapter, have lined up some fun events for us to enjoy. Go to www.sugarloaf99s.org to register for the section meeting. Our international representative will be past 99s President, Corbi Bullock. For questions contact Mountaineer chapter Chair, Cindy Gresham at cindygresham@gmail.com.

Attached is the Spring Section announcement. We should use it as an example of the planning required for the October 5-6, 2024 Fall meeting that the Washington DC chapter will be hosting.

May 4, Saturday. Compass rose painting at Bay Bridge Airport. The airport is featuring a Youth Aviation A event for the girls/boy scouts. We have been asked to volunteer. I suggested that we re-paint the compass rose that we originally painted ten years ago. I have some left-over paint, and some rollers, but need more of each. WE NEED some of you to come, and “teach girl/boy scout” helpers, about compass roses. We all would work together to get it done. We would need both the Washington 99s AND the girl scouts. The compass rose that we did ten years ago is much smaller than the one we did at VKX and at FDK and this is a re-painting, not a new, so hopefully, not all needs to be redone.

May 18, 2024. Girl Scouts Aviation Day. We have been asked to help. The section will be hosting their first ever Mid Atlantic Section Girl Scout Day on May 18 at College Park Aviation Museum in College Park, MD. You are invited to volunteer/support our upcoming Girl Scout aviation day on May 18, 2024, to be held at College Park Aviation museum. We will have a zoom meeting in March to provide full details of the event. The learning stations will be set up as chart work and how airplanes fly, females in aviation, air traffic control and flight operators, flight simulator and a museum guided tour. Arrival for volunteers will be at 8:30am to help set up Aviation learning activities.

June 20-23, 2024. The Air Race Classic. From Carbondale, Illinois to Loveland, Colorado.
<https://www.airraceclassic.org/race-information.htm>

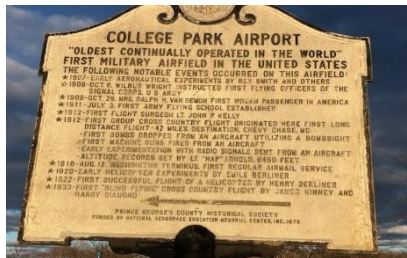
July 3-7, 2024. The Ninety-Nines conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. There is more information in the Ninety-Nines web page: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/events/?id=472> and registration is open (discount tickets if book early). https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Columbia Registration is open!! [click here](#) [Conference information](#)

July 22-28, 2024. Oshkosh, Wisconsin. EAA Air Venture Oshkosh fly-in, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, attracting more than 600,000 people and 10,000 airplanes. <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>

October 5 – 6, 2024. Fall Section meeting (Wash DC chapter will host):

- Funds: I spoke to Lin Caywood. “NO funds are available from International, nor from her group”.

- All funds need to be worked into the registration fees. Count on 40-ish attendants. We need to agree on place/tours/ costs. Schedule: Preliminary plans are for October, Friday 4 – Sat 5.
- I will be Chairman; I will ask Kathleen O’Neil, past chairman of the Section meeting for her good advice and lessons learned. She did a great job.
- Volunteers: I will be requesting volunteers to “head” different elements.
- Brochure: I can design a Publisher-based flyer/brochure (once all the details are refined).
- Laura, will be asked if she would please set up a platform for registration form, This would be able to be sent to the International Section web site, to our own Washington DC 99s site and to other aviation links. The platform used for Bev Sharp awards, Best World seems to be preferred.
- College Park aviation museum may be available, but Pins are required, although usually non-pinned pilots are few or/and Leesburg, VA JYO seem to be the front runners
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- Meeting Space: We are pursuing whether College Park could provide meeting space for 40 people.
- Hotels available to both. If we use hotel meeting space, it would be for a fee.
- Speaker: We are looking for witty, charming, interesting, WINGS providing speakers. Pat has suggested Wally Funk.
- Tour: We are working with the **NTSB, downtown** for a docent led tour on Friday Oct 5 at Noon – 3 PM. The NTSB at Ashburn is still open for worker-bees, but Ashburn closed Jan 2024 for tours.

FLYOUTS and aviation events schedules:

To be as inclusive as possible, and to promote all women pilots and student pilots, we will extend a flyout invitation to the sister Sugarloaf 99s and to the Bravo Flight School should they want to join the fly outs. I reached out to Lin Caywood, Sugarloaf Chairman and she was in support of joint fly outs. TBD.

November 2022 fly out was cancelled due to high winds and inappropriate weather conditions. (in December we had a lovely Holiday get together at the College Park Aviation Museum).

December 8, 2022, fly out was to Georgetown, DL, KGED:

January 23 2023 fly out was Sunday to Hagerstown, MD – KESN; **Feb 12** fly out was Saturday to Lancaster, PA – KLNS; **March 27** fly out was to Easton, MD; **April 10** – fly out from Montgomery Park to Ocean City, Md - OXB; **April 30** was a fly out with the EAA-4 Young Eagles at Tipton, MD; **April 30** was also a girl/boy scout aviation badge day at Bay Bridge, MD; **May 28** – wine tasting event. Cancelled due to scheduling conflicts; **May 28?** - fly out to Ocean city Delaware; **June 21-24**– was the Women’s Air Race Classic. This is the race that was organized by Amelia Earhart and was called the Powder Puff race. Our own Debi Dreyfuss lead Team #20. **July** – was originally organized to Shannon but was moved to Hagerstown, Maryland due to weather; **August 20,-** Flying Circus, Bealton, Virginia; **Sept.** – was planned to Redding, but was cancelled due to stormy weather; **Oct 2022**– Mid Atlantic meeting; **November** – Holiday party; **December 10** – Holly Run and toy drop to Tangier Island KTGI.

January 13, 2024 Saturday – flyout to Hagerstown, MD with the DC Pilots.

February 10, 2024 Sunday – cancelled due to high winds. Flyout to KLNS Lancaster Airport. **March 9, Saturday.** (These are with Smokehouse pilots group) was canceled due to high winds. **April 13, 2024** Sun N Fun 4/19-4/14.

May 5/19 Sunday fly out TBD; **June** TBD and Leesburg KJYO fly in; **July** Oshkosh 7/22-28; **August:** 8/24 Saturday TBD; **September 9/15 Sunday** TBD; **October** Monroe NC This is an overnight (10/12-13); **November** Sunday 11/3; **December** 7 Saturday with Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Holly Run and toy drop to Tangier Island KTGI.

Other options for future fly outs:

- a) **Williamsburg, VA** (historically interesting) (option submitted by Lin Caywood).
- b) **Penn's Cave** (KN74) at 1130am and head to the Penn's Cave Park for a cavern tour (\$21). Please email WashDC99s@gmail.com if you'd like to attend To Penn's Landing. Lower Brush Valley Rd, Centre Hall, PA 16828, United States. We will need to coordinate for possible boat tours in the caverns. A 45-50 minute fully guided tour of the all-water cavern, given entirely by boat! The cave tour is not handicapped accessible – there are 48 steep concrete steps that lead to the dock entrance where the tour boats are boarded. the water is only 3 to 5 feet deep.
- c) What other near-by favorite, hidden gems airports are of interest? **Vote.**

Next Washington DC Chapter Meeting:

First Monday of May 6, 2024 on Zoom at 7 PM.

The end of agenda.
