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## ATTACHMENT

WAAC minutes and Application



Michaela and Jeanne with Wally Funk

## The Ninety-Nines Mission Statement:

"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."

## General Meeting

August 17, 2022      7 pm

EAA Hangar at Watsonville Airport

## Monterey Bay 99s Chapter Officers

**Chair:** Michaelae Serasio  
**Vice-Chair:** Jeanne Sabankaya  
**Secretary:** Carolyn Dugger,  
Mona Kendrick  
**Treasurer:** Alice Talnack

### Committee Chairs

**Aerospace Education:** Alice Talnack  
**Air Marking:** Michaelae Serasio  
**Scholarship:** Alice Talnack  
**Membership:** Mercedes Eulitt  
**Historian:** Carolyn Dugger  
**Librarian:** Laura Barnett  
**Aviation Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Legislative:** Alice Talnack  
**WebMistress:** Gabrielle Adelman  
**Public Relations** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hospitality Chair:** Mona Kendrick  
**Logbook Editor:** Jeanne Sabankaya

The 5th of the month is a soft deadline to submit articles, photos, notes for the current month's publication. Send info to [jeannesabankaya@gmail.com](mailto:jeannesabankaya@gmail.com)



## Member Activities

(information are from the members that attended the general meeting and photo documents)

### Behind-the-scene committees

WAAC—Marjorie Bachman,  
WEACT—Theresa L/Byers, Jeanne Sabankaya  
SPA –Kay Harmon, Sophia Taylor-Home  
Hollister Airport—Kay Harmon  
Palms-to-Pines Air Race—Theresa L/Byers,  
Jeanne Sabankaya, Alice Talnack, Carolyn  
Dugger, Kay Harmon, Michaelae Serasio, Laura  
Barnett, Mercedes Eulitt 6/16

**(please update the committees and members by sending Jeanne an email. Thanks)**

**Gabriella Adelman**—soloed in glider 7/3

**Michaelae Serasio, Jeanne Sabankaya, Theresa L/Byers, Carolyn Dugger**—International Conference in Charleston, South Caroline 7/6-7/10

**Kay Harmon**—met w/ SNS Airport manager twice

**Mona Kendrick**—local flying

**Alice Talnack**—7/3 Napa Valley a/p, 7/3 Sonoma Valley a/p, biplane ride, 7/9 international meeting via Zoom

**Laura Barnett**—library business

**Joanne Nissen**

**Jeanne Sabankaya**—local flying

# Prop Wash

August 2022

By Michael Serasio

Thank You!!

Hello to new and seasoned Monterey Bay 99s!! Thank you for your confidence in me that you have voted for me to be Chair for the next 2 years!

I have very big shoes to fill as Jeanne S. has been a fabulous Chair the last 2 years. A very difficult 2 years that was with the COVID pandemic and all. Those ZOOM meetings kept us connected. Thank you, Jeanne. I look forward to having her as our Vice Chair.

Thank you, Carolyn D., for agreeing to be Secretary and to take the minutes. We will also need someone to help out with the minutes to share that duty.

As Chair I have been receiving our Monthly Member Report from Headquarters. We have 35 active members. I have turned in the Chapter Update Form to Headquarters. Welcome Mercedes to becoming our Membership Chair!!

I do believe we have two new members Ava and Ksenia, I look forward to seeing them at our next meeting in Watsonville EAA Building. We also have another new member: Kimmy Chee? We will also look forward to meeting her.

Thank You Alice for staying on as Treasurer and we have your year-end report for 2021-2022. The Budget for June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 has been approved on 6/15/2022.

My plan for the next two years is to increase membership and participation. Currently we have the Palms to Pines at KSNS August 12, 2022 to prepare for.

I think a lot of us are planning to help in some way. GREAT!!

Some talk while back about changing meeting time, date and place. We can look into that. I would also like to plan some speakers, learning opportunities, celebrate achievements.

I encourage each of you to email me with ideas and also what YOU would like to get out of your Monterey Bay 99s membership.

## **“Come From Away”**

I had the opportunity to see this musical by chance. When Covid struck, all shows at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts were cancelled and refunds were given. For some reason, this show was not refunded so three years later, I was notified that this musical was running and my old tickets were valid. Semih and I went to see this show about 9-11 and about some of the passengers and crew on one of the airliners that landed in Gander, Newfoundland. Most of the actors portrayed the actual passengers and crew, using their real names.

One character was a female airline pilot named Beverley Bass. Of course, I had to do research on her. Google search gave me this information. “Beverley Bass is the first woman captain for American Airlines and was flying to Dallas on Sept. 11, 2001, when her plane was diverted to Gander, Newfoundland. “We were on the other side of the Atlantic at Paris’ Charles de Gaulle Airport and preparing for a 10-hour flight back to Dallas. We took off, it was an abnormally beautiful, cloudless day. It’s rare that you can cross the North Atlantic without a lot of cloud coverage, and that day was just magnificent,” Beverley described.

“We were right in the middle of the North Atlantic westbound, we had just finished our lunch, and we heard on our aircraft radios that one of the towers had been hit by an aircraft. Your first thought as an airliner, is it American? We had no idea who it was, and when they said the word terrorism, I was honestly so naïve. I thought terrorism was something that happened somewhere else in the world.”

Beverley and her co-pilot knew they would have to land somewhere else when New York airspace shut down, and then eventually U.S. airspace closed. They figured they would end up landing somewhere in Canada, like Montreal or Toronto.

“When we reached 50 degrees west longitude, which is where we come in contact with Gander on every normal north Atlantic crossing westbound, they called us and said, ‘American 49, land your plane immediately in Gander, Newfoundland,’” Beverley said. “That was not what we were thinking we were going to be doing, but we plugged it into the computer and went to Gander.”

Beverley’s plane was No. 36 out of the 38 “widebodies” to touch down that day in Gander.

“When we were on final approach, I looked out and it was just a sea of airplanes. I had never seen so many widebody airplanes parked on every piece of concrete they had,” Bass described.

After getting parked, Canadian officials told Beverley and the rest of her plane they wouldn’t be able to get off until the next day. Beverley says they waited on the airplane for 28 hours, not knowing the details of what was happening in New York.

Some passengers had cell phones, making calls to home to find out what was happening in the states. However, with no way to charge phones, and certainly no airplane television, Beverley, her crew, and passengers were sitting and waiting.

“What we were able to listen to was the BBC on the aircraft’s radios. We were able to get London’s version as to what was happening in the U.S., but that was it. That was our only contact with the outside world,” Beverley explained.

The next morning, all 7,000 crew and passengers (6,122 passengers and 473 crew) were able to get off their planes, nearly doubling Gander’s population of 9,400. The people of Gander were just as shocked as anyone by what was unfolding on the news. So, they focused on the situation in front of them, helping these strangers who had come from away.



"We walked into the terminal, which was astounding because even though the airport was large, the runways are fabulous, the terminal itself is quite small, but it was lined with tables of hot food, snacks, fruit, dessert, brownies, everything you could think of," Beverley said.

"It was evident to me that every stove in Gander had to be on all night long. They literally had enough food to feed every single passenger when we got off the airplane. They actually handed us a plastic bag, and it was a little like Halloween. You just went around the tables and threw whatever food in your bag that you wanted. That was probably the first time I had realized we had landed in a very unique place. I don't know if that would have happened anywhere."

Crews were spread across all 500 of Gander's hotel rooms. Passengers were divvied up, staying in schools, churches, even homes, any space that could hold people.

"They had to use the school buses to get everybody off. The school bus drivers were on strike, but every single one of them came off in order to transport all of us. As many as 10 people were in people's homes, and nobody spoke the same language. People were actually scattered throughout Gander and the surrounding communities within a two-hundred-mile radius," Beverley said.

The kindness of the Ganderites didn't stop there. Beverley says passengers were able to go to local stores, even Gander's Walmart, and take anything they needed without paying.

"I remember one time the radio announcer, he said if you have any spare rolls of toilet paper, would you please bring them to the hockey center. It was like 30 minutes later he had to come back on and say stop bringing toilet paper, we don't have room for any more! It was a call to duty that was like no other," Beverley described.

For five days, Gander's residents not only welcomed passengers and crew members with open arms, but they also showed immense compassion and generosity during one of the darkest times in American history. The thousands of stories of Gander's kindness even led to a Broadway musical, ["Come From Away."](#)



(Picture taken by Canadian Forces/CFB9 Wing Gander)

## Monterey Bay 99s –

Have you donated this year? Time to make that yearly donation of **\$20.00** for chapter dues.

Examples of how your **\$20.00** donation is used throughout the year are:

We donate to the Women Pilots Museum, Amelia Earhart Museum, the 99s Endowment Fund and fund projects at our International Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Locally, your dues help the chapter maintain our storage hangar, aviation library, monthly meeting locations, chapter supplies for various aviation presentations and activities, aviation related toys for the KSBW holiday program, sponsor inductees to the Forest of Friendship, new member badges and more...

And, traditionally our yearly **Aviation Scholarship Program** to a local female applicant seeking her pilot license or new rating.

A great value for just a **\$20.00** donation for an entire year.

### How to donate:

Make checks payable to the Monterey Bay 99s.

Mail to: Alice Talnack, 140 Dovewood Lane, Aptos, CA. 95003

We also take donations via SQUARE using your credit card. Some members are finding it easier to pay multi-year dues.

Thank you for contributing to the goals and operations of our chapter.

As always, your support for all that we do to promote aviation is greatly appreciated.

## An easy way to Support the Monterey Bay Chapter -

**Shopping on Amazon?** – Use **Smile.Amazon.com** to place your order.

Select the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Southwest Section of the Ninety-Nines as your charity to support. Once you select Monterey Bay as your charity all future Smile.Amazon purchases will automatically be credited to our chapter. Spread the word about this chapter fundraiser to family members, companies, etc. for their purchases.



## Making a Paper Airplane

We have all been in a position of making paper airplanes . (What else do we do to pass the time in a business meeting?) Here's a new design idea, compliments from the Santa Cruz Sentinel and Pickles comic.



## Charleston, South Carolina

### International Ninety-Nines Conference in July

Monterey Bay chapter members Carolyn Dugger, Jeanne Sabankaya, Theresa Lewandoski/Byers, Michaela Serasio and members from other chapters..





## Photos from the conference in Charleston, South Carolina



Magnolia Plantation & Gardens was established in 1676 by the Drayton family. It is the oldest garden in America. To the right is the slaves' housing..



Rodney Scott's is a famous barbeque place, local cuisine: collard greens, hush puppies and pulled pork. Below left is a sky view of the old city, Frances Marion (Swamp Fox) Hotel where we stayed & park. Below is Fort Sumter where the opening shots of the Civil War were fired.





# NOTES ON THE CONFERENCE

This Conference was everything one would expect from an international conference. Its resources from several sections and chapters were utilized and were reflected from hospitality (which remained open until 10 p.m. and seemed to have endless refreshments and food), welcome bags (large canvas bags, with spiral bound annual business meeting booklet, conference program booklet, full-page notebook with note paper attached to folder), and the tours, seminars, and meeting plans. The entire conference allowed members to take part in many activities. The seminars were creative using break-away groups with 20 minutes per station, “meet the authors” sessions, seminars that focused on aviation careers and interest speakers. A variety of tours were offered to share the history of Charleston. Some of the tours offered were Magnolia Plantation, Sunset Cruise on the Schooner Pride, Charleston Black History Tour, Fort Sumter tour, downtown tours, Haunted Carriage Tour, Savor Flavors Upper King St. tour, and others. Welcome Continental Breakfast was with Captain Barry Schiff giving welcome keynote address via Zoom, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Banquet, Breakfast Buffet and Ninety-Nines International Awards Banquet were keeping us fueled.

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. annual meeting was interesting this year. Members attending in person had to be credentialed by completing on-line registration then had to confirm registration to the meeting at the meeting site to receive a sticker confirming that you could vote in person, and that you were registered. Then you had to bring both your cell phone and ipad to the meeting. Voting at the meeting was on your electronic device. There were only 2 proposed amendments:

## #1 Proposed Standing Rules Amendment #1 on Modernization SR X

Reason: modernizing the bylaws by removing unnecessary words, update verbiage

Result: passed

## #2 Proposed Standing Rules Amendment #2 on Write-in Votes

Reason: want to eliminate write ins.

Result: failed 250 votes, 118 for and 132 against

Over 10 minutes were used to allow members to speak on this issue. Comments about not necessary for write-ins as committees did thorough job of selecting candidate, some write-ins are not members, write-ins allow members to put names of members not considered for whatever reason, constitutional for members to voice their opinion, etc. were brought into discussion.

At this conference, there were 162 people attended in person and 102 via Zoom. On a side note, over 40 members who attended the conference caught Covid. *By Jeanne Sabankaya*

## PHOTO PAGE



Gabby right before her solo glider ride on July 3 (top)



(right top)

PBS Amelia Earhart Statue unveiling at Statuary Hall This is the link to watch on PBS Amelia Earhart's statue being placed in Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.

(right)

Sophia Taylor-Homes—archive photo, details unknown



# **MONTEREY BAY 99s' PERPETUAL CALENDAR**

## **August**

Chapter Anniversary – August 14, 1965

National Aviation Day – Orville Wright's birthday August 19th

## **September**

Installation – Forest of Friendship

## **October**

Southwest Section Fall Meeting

## **November**

**Nov. 2 – 90th birthday of the 99s**

## **December**

Holiday Potluck/Party

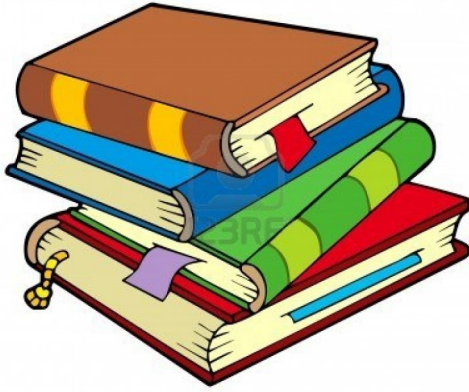
"Share the Holidays" aviation related toys for children drive

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

Day-after-Christmas, aviation toy shopping



## Book Reviews



### Willow Willpower

By Sarah Cannata

This is a children's book (the only books I seem to be finishing) that I purchased at the International Conference. Here is the

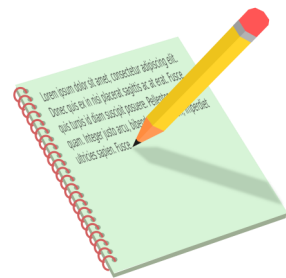
synopsis from the book "Willow Willpower has big dreams. Ever since she can remember, she's dreamt of flying high in the sky. When Willow's mum takes her daughter to the local museum, Willow gets to know the aviation legend, Amelia Earhart. It soon becomes obvious to her: she wants to become a pilot like Amelia and travel around the world. Willow inspires children of all ages to dream big..." (submitted by Jeanne Sabankaya)

### Her Last Flight by Beatriz Williams

"HISTORICAL FICTION CAN teach us history with a spoonful of sugar but sometimes the author can take a little too much liberty. I wish I'd read author Beatriz Williams' acknowledgements before wrangling with a well-written novel that nonetheless confuses fiction and history. *Her Last Flight* is the story of a lost pilot and a wartime photographer that stumbles as it evokes too much of the true Amelia Earhart story. A good read, albeit a confusing one. Julie Summers Walker" (contributed by Joanne Nissen)

## Submission for Logbook

Please send me pictures, articles, personal stories, etc. to share with our readers. I do not want to monopolize the Logbook with all my pictures and stories. Thanks you from your Logbook editor. Jeanne S.



**Correction:** In the July Logbook "Charlotte" was mentioned as the destination for the International Conference. The correct city was "Charleston."



## Sign-up for Hospitality

August—WVI      Jeanne  
Sept — SNS

## You Are Wanted

A pilot from the Watsonville Area is needed to be on the WACC Watsonville Airport Advisory Board to represent the 99s at the quarterly meeting. Email Jeanne for more details.

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# LOGBOOK

## Calendar of Events

|               |  |
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| August 9      | SPA—6 pm dinner @ Flying Artichoke, 7 pm general meeting                   |
| August 12     | SNS Palms to Pines flyby morning   |
| August 14     | <b>Monterey Bay 99's birthday (57 years)</b>                               |
| August 17     | 7 pm Monterey Bay 99 general meeting—WVI                                   |
| August 19     | National Aviation Day—Orville Wright's b.day                               |
| Sept 30-Oct 2 | Fall SWS meeting—Air Hearts, Utah  |
| Jan. 28, 2023 | Winter SWS workshop—South Valley Aviatrix (LA chapter)<br>Wellness Retreat |
| Pending       | 2023 Spring SWS meeting—Long Beach chapter                                 |
| Fall 2023     | 99s International meeting— Jordan  |
| 2023          | Vancouver, British Columbia International meeting                          |
| Pending       | 2023 Fall SWS meeting—(Ventura County chapter)                             |