

# Wisconsin Chapter, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

January 2022

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 1100-1400  
Semi-annual Business Meeting

Sheboygan County Memorial Airport Terminal  
N6187 Resource Dr, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

AirNav link: <https://www.airnav.com/airport/KSBM>

No ramp fees. Do not park planes in red customs area (marked on ramp). Park in other designated area (T's). If flying in, the doors will open for from the outside ramp door. Those driving in will need to use the code 11921# for the parking lot side door. [That's the same code to get back onto the ramp too.]

We will be meeting in the conference room.  
We will order pizza and make it a "working lunch," as this is our winter business meeting.

Questions?  
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## 2022 Dates & Details

Jan. 8, 2022: Semi-annual business Meeting – Hostess: Laurie  
Feb. 19: Annual Awards Luncheon – Hostess: Krya  
Note date change!  
March 12: Burlington – Hostess: Deanna  
April 9: Green Bay – Hostess: Karen  
Apr. 22-24: NCS Spring Meeting – St Louis  
May 14: Manitowoc – Hostess: Julie  
May 14 or 21: Manitowoc Compass Rose Painting  
June 11: Annual Business Meeting

Check The 99s International Website Frequently

All 'in person' 99s chapter meetings will be evaluated for compliance with federal, state, county and local regulations.  
Virtual meetings will be via the WI or NCS Zoom accounts.



Welcome to the NEWEST WI 99s

Aveline J. - Watertown  
Sarah P. - Madison

We celebrate these January 99s  
membership anniversaries~

Krys B. Since 1985 !!!  
Shae E. 1 year  
Mandi N. 1 year

[Ed. Note: Tina D. has been a WI 99 since Dec. 2012. Sorry that was not listed in the December newsletter.]

WI membership recap as of 1/3/22:  
83 members, incl. 28 future/student pilots,  
4 on 'standby' and 2 on 'hold'

Special notes:

Standby = dues are 1 month past due;  
Hold = dues are 2 months past due and  
membership lapses at the end of that month.  
Reinstatement is possible; continuous membership  
is one criteria for 99s scholarships.



CONGRATULATIONS

Vonda Benson

Dec. 13, 2021  
1,000 flight hours  
with 440 dual flight  
instruction aiven



CONGRATULATIONS

Kristin Vanderkin-Jus  
has conauered her landinas.

Con-  
grats  
to Karen  
K. who  
recently

completed training for the Pilatus NG-12. Story to follow!

Have YOU reached an aviation milestone?  
PLEASE share it with your sister 99s via the leader-  
ship team, editor or on our Google doc:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbwnPe82LKIbCsOKCZ22Ar2kgdNQth9b-tRg-dGs1aK-TDWQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2RKDKCh6OHUI-YfiFwchLA7I02JjvWymppeFAtxeOK-MGQZUeVM6ZYZO49M>

A DREAM written down  
with a date becomes a GOAL.  
A goal broken down  
into steps becomes a PLAN.  
A plan backed by  
ACTION becomes a  
REALITY.

Staff Sargent  
Wallace and  
Chief Martin re-  
ceived the WI  
Chapter 99s Toys  
For Tots dona-  
tions, plus 2  
check donations.  
Dec., 2021



CONGRATULATIONS

Hannah Schickles

First Solo Dec 14  
Aeronca Champ at Brodhead  
Wind 150 degrees at 14k gusting 20.  
60 degree crosswinds.  
A noteworthy accomplishment!

Mission accomplished!

Collections from the  
WI Chapter 99s for  
Toys for Tots 2021.

Our donations in-  
cluded financial sup-  
port and 25 toys and  
candy canes.

Darcy K. and Chief  
Martin completed the  
hand off.





## Fighter Fly Over By Madeline Eckberg

Every home NFL football game in Green Bay, crowds gather at the historic Lambeau Field to see the Packers face off against that week's competition. But while most people get excited about the game, a select group of aviation professionals and enthusiasts flock to the airport instead.

On game day and the day before that, our airport [KGRB] receives dozens of private jets, sightseeing planes, and on special days, fighter jets. On Saturday, November 27th, the day before a Packer home game, I was lucky enough to hear about the arrival of three F-16s through an aviation-related group chat on social media.

At 0930, a group of about 15 people gathered in the meeting area of one of the two FBOs at GRB and we met our tour leader, a representative and lineman for the FBO. He took us through their training rooms, offices, hangars, and eventually out onto the ramp. It was so cool to see the behind-the-scenes of what goes on in the facilities that handle everything from small training aircraft to big 747s like Air Force One.

When we were walking through one of their hangars, we heard a loud, building-rattling noise coming from outside. We hurried onto the ramp just in time to see three F-16s circle around us and land on the other side of the airport. They taxied to parking spots in front of the FBO while we were just a few hundred feet away, and I could feel their incredible power despite wearing ear protection.

Once the three jets had completely parked and the pilots climbed out, we were able to go over and say 'hi.' These planes came from the 138th fighter wing stationed at the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in Oklahoma, and the flight lead said the flight only took a little over two hours at cruising speed.

The flight leader showed us around his F-16 and I learned things some awesome things about the plane, like how the pilot has a digital interface inside his helmet that allows him to see friendly and enemy planes outside his field of vision. We had a very brief question-and-answer session with the pilots, and then they packed up the jets and headed inside to prep for the flyover on Sunday.

It was so cool to talk to the pilots because we sometimes forget that feats of human innovation like fighter jets need equally innovative pilots to fly them.

As someone who plans to join the Air Force after college graduation, I greatly enjoyed talking to the pilots like they were any other kind of pilot, not just top military personnel.

I can't wait for the day when an all-female fighter wing joins us for game day, but until then, I'm going to enjoy every flyover our airport can get.



WI 99 Madie, wearing a white hat, centered under a F-16 before 'game day' in Green Bay!



Women Aviators in WWII ~

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23Gw6TyzMBo>

This film features an interview with Hanna Reitsch, the famous female WWII test pilot and famous glider pilot. Hanna's book "Fliegen mein Leben" (Flying my Life. The English version I think was published with title "The Sky is the Limit") has exposed many to motorless flight for the

first time. I was absolutely fascinated but never dreamed that one day I would do it myself. (Karen K, glider pilot )



Attendance in person: Diane Welsh, Dee Dreger, Darcy Kulesha, Julie Hartlaub, Kathy Lester-Ross, Krys Brown, Colleen Weber, Marlene Winters, Hannah Schickles, Linda Salzwedel, Dana McLaren, Minal Hahm, Laurie Probst, Olivia Gluck, Nancy Burton, Sara Siddiqui  
49 ½: Keith Hartlaub, Ken Kulesha, David Ross, Bill Dreger  
Guests: Tim Salzwedel, Kayleena K.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15

AM by Darcy Kulesha. Darcy and Krys Brown introduced themselves, as did attendees. Several new members and guests, including Dee & Bill from the Northwoods 99s Chapter, we welcomed.

**Secretary's Report**

Colleen made a motion to accept as presented; seconded was by Laurie. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

In Joan's absence, the report will be provided at the January meeting.

**Current Business**

**Nominations & Elections**

If interested in any WI Chapter positions [Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Director] please let us know. Sarah Healy is heading the nominating committee.

**Scholarship updates and timelines.**

We are in need of a scholarship chair. The Amelia Earhart Scholarship has a January 1 application deadline. If approved at the Chapter level, the application will advance to the Section level on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Thusfar, Astrid Melms may apply and other members are encouraged to investigate AE scholarships. Laurie Probst abstained from discussion, as she serves as the NCS AE scholarship chair.

The WI Chapter has 2 scholarships: New Horizon Memorial applications should be submitted by January 15th and the Wisconsin Chapter Scholarship is due in March. Watch emails for updates. There was discussion of whether to include "Friends of 99s" as potential recipients, thereby widening the pool of possible candidates. The discussion was tabled and review of general guidelines will be discussed at another meeting and presented for membership review.

**Awards:**

Remember to forward your completed Awards Tally Sheet to Krys by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

NCS award information is available for the Spinning Prop, 49 ½ and Governors Service Awards.

**Toys for Tots**

Our 2021 charity, Toys for Tots needs volunteers and more donations. Look online for locations throughout the state.

**New Business**

Darcy presented information which emerged from the Fall Section meeting, where it was learned that the NCS bench at the International Forest of Friendship was in very serious disrepair. NCS Chapters volunteered to each contribute \$100 for its replacement. Kathy moved and Diane seconded that the WI chapter donate \$100 toward this replacement bench. There was unanimous approval. This was an unbudgeted expense in the WI current fiscal year.

**Announcements**

New Ratings: Sara S. earned her Multi-engine rating and Astrid achieved her Instrument rating. Congrats to both!

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Deanna has volunteered to host the March meeting at BUU – Burlington. The new Flight For Life team based there will provide information and tour of the aircraft and facilities.

**Motion to adjourn** at 1210 was made by Colleen and seconded by Laurie Probst. All agreed. A delicious luncheon, white elephant gift exchange and wonderful holiday & aviation conversations and cheer were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Burton, Secretary



Wisconsin 99s – Christmas Luncheon – Dec. 4, 2021

Seated: Krys, Kathy, Darcy, Colleen, Kayleena

Back row Tim, David, Dee, Bill, Minal, Olivia, Julie, Linda, Hannah,  
Diane, Dana. Karen, Nancy, Keith, Sara S. , Laurie, Ken

Absent: Marlene and hostess Astrid

*Wisconsin Chapter – The Ninety-Nines Leadership Team  
June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022*



Ninety-Nines

*Inspiring Women Pilots  
Since 1929*



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Nominations & Elections Committee: Sarah H. (Chr.), Maria L. and Colleen  
Scholarship Committee: Darcy (Chr.), Colleen, Kathy and Diann B.

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NCS Website

[http://www.ncs99s.org/members\\_only](http://www.ncs99s.org/members_only)

Login is required: NCSpilots! [case sensitive]

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

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Dear 99s~

We hope you had a good holiday, filled with family, fun and flying!

We had a wonderful gathering of 99s, 49 1/2s and guests to start the Christmas season in Janesville! The location was perfect for what we needed and right at the airport! Special thanks to hostess Astrid Melms.

Several of our members were able to fly in. We celebrated new ratings, got some business done, ate some good sandwiches, exchanged gifts, and enjoyed talking about flying! Keith had a real talent for picking gifts which others then took from him.....

With many generous donations, we collected toys and check donations for the Marines Toys for Tots campaign. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to our holiday charity this year.

Our next meeting is in Sheboygan on Jan 8, 11AM. Please check for details in the newsletter. This is the Semi-annual business meeting and it is important to have your participation to make sure our Chapter is going in the right direction. We will be setting and confirming meeting dates and locations for the next 6 months. What better way to start the new year than by making 99s plans.

See you in 2022! Happy New Year!

Thank you for all you have done for the chapter this past year!

Blue Skies, Darcy and Krys



**By the numbers ~**

**Wishing you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter,  
365 days of fun, 8,760 hours of joy,  
525,600 minutes of good luck and  
31,536,000 seconds of happiness.**

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