



Ninety-Nines

New England Section



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International Organization of Women Pilots

New England 2025 Spring Section Meeting in Review

At our New England 2025 Spring Section Meeting dinner on April 25 and business meeting on April 26, it was a delight to present two awards: **The New England Scholarship award**, presented by Arlene Myers Alexander, went to CT Chapter member **Laura Doherty**. (Scholarship information is available on the Section website.)



The **Section Award of Merit**, offered every two years, was presented by immediate past winner Lori Plourd and Governor Margot Cheel to ENE Chapter member **Jann Clark**. This award is given in recognition of the spirit and unselfish service given in active participation in the field of aviation and The Ninety-Nines organization. (Full criteria are available on the Section website.)

2025 Section Award of Merit Winner
Jann Clark receiving the award from NE
Governor Margot Cheel and the previous
Award of Merit recipient Lori Plourd.

CONGRATULATIONS JANN!

The Section Award of Merit is the most prestigious award that a section member can receive. It is awarded once every 2 years by the section. Members must be nominated in writing and a selection committee makes the final selection.



You can visit the Section Meeting in a slideshow, now uploaded on our Section website:

<http://www.womenpilotsnewengland.org>

in the "Members Only" section. It's very colorful and informative for review if you were there or for news if you couldn't make it. Thank you, Glenna Blackwell, for this very helpful visual record.



Friday Night Dinner
(Pictures by Glenna Blackwell, CT)



Speaker Sarah Tamar



**CT Chapter Chair Laurie Strand
CT Vice Chair Arianna Strand**



**Bev Jones, Friend of the 99s
Constance Castillo, CT Chapter**



**CT Chapter Newest Members, sponsored by CT Chapter
Amanda Zadnik (guest), Nancy Bajek-Curran, Ellie Powers, Joanna Eichner, Jillian Porter,
Stephanie Kiley, Elena Moffly, son Misha Moffly**



Kathy Wadsworth and Nancy Ramseyer, CT Chapter



Candie Oldham and Arlene Myers Alexander, ENE, husband Jack Alexander



Terry VandenDolder, CT, and Bob Valli



**Section Governor Margot Cheel and Christine Micke, ENE
Pat Chan, International Representative**



Profiles Project Update

Thank you, Arlene Myers Alexander for serving as the initiator and first Chair of the Profiles Project, a project designed to connect members with each other by discovering their aviation aspirations and involvements and sharing their experiences and knowledge.

We welcome Rachel Betlinski as the new Chair. Rachel has currently been serving as the Social Media Liaison, so this project fits well into advancing communication between members. She'll be interviewing members along with photographing them with their airplanes - as Rachel says, "a fun way to continue to showcase what amazing women we have in our Chapter & Section. I'll be developing

more questions to accompany the photos, which I can share online in our social media platforms for those willing. If not, the information can stay internal on our Profiles page. If you are interested, please reach out: rachelbetlinski@gmail.com or 203-437-5279."

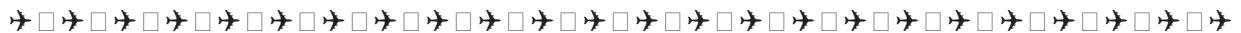
If you are unfamiliar with the Profile Project, take a look at these guidelines:

https://mcusercontent.com/39b97c5a60f6f4ff93b0706bb/files/b0d513d7-4b3a-6981-972b-a86440e69e10/99_039_s_Profile_Project.01.pdf



Member News

ENE member **Kelly Keane** has landed a very unusual new job. She has been chosen to be on a helicopter team for two months in Washington State, where she will fly low over cherry fields to help dry out excess moisture in the cherries, which will keep them from dropping too early. She will be flying a large old Sikorsky S55 helicopter.



Conference Corner

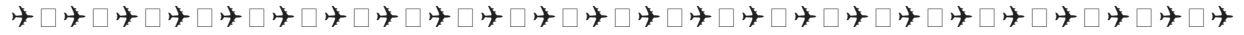
The 2025 Int'l Conference Hospitality Suite Planning Committee needs your help!

As you know the New England Section will be the host of the **July 8-13 Ninety-Nines International Conference** to be held in Burlington, Vermont.

Our Section is coordinating and running the Hospitality Suite from Wednesday through Saturday.

Watch for an online volunteer sign-up link to be circulated to all of you early in June. We'd love to have you join us in making this Conference great!

There is still time to register!
Visit <http://www.99sconference.org>



Happy Spring Flying!

**Margot Cheel
Governor, New England Section
The Ninety-Nines**