

Women aviators find sisterhood in local 'Ninety-Nines'

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A gift of 10 hours' flying time started what has been a life-long love of aviation for Birmingham resident Gini Sutherland.

Her husband, Neal, came up with the unusual present one Christmas. He had no idea then what he was getting into. "I got Neal so excited, he started taking lessons, too," said Sutherland, a member of the Greater Detroit Michigan Chapter of Ninety-Nines, which includes aviators from Farmington Hills, Commerce Township and surrounding communities.

The organization, which held a regional meeting May 16 in Livonia, was founded by Amelia Earhart in 1929. All 117 U.S. women pilots were invited to a meeting in New York and 99 became charter members, which is how the group got its name.

Over the years, Ninety-Nines all over the U.S. and internationally have undertaken a variety of charitable causes, from flying daffodils for the

American Cancer Society in Minnesota to shuttling patients in need of life-saving treatments across the country.

For 25 years, the Detroit chapter has provided "pilot-in-the-sky" courses for people who fly with licensed pilots.

"They don't necessarily want to fly, but want to know what to do if something happens to the pilot," Sutherland said. "It's an intense weekend. We graduate eight to 10 people every year."

Ninety-Nines make presentations on navigation and safety at the Great Lakes Navigation Conference and work with local airports to paint rose compass lines on runways, another safety measure.

In addition to their charitable work, the Ninety-Nines also promote flying as a career for women. Elaine Morrow, North Central governor and international vice president, said the organization's Web site (www.ninety-nines.org) maintains a data base on available jobs in the airline industry all over the world, to help pilots who have been fur-

loughed.

"Members communicate constantly over the Internet," said Morrow, who joined not long after she got her pilot's license.

Morrow, who lives in Minnesota, wanted to fly to help the American Cancer Society deliver daffodils for its annual fund-raiser and deliver blood for the American Red Cross. She joined five Ninety-Nines to work toward scholarships that would give other women a chance to experience what she had.

"Being a pilot changed my life," she said. "Flying gave me a confidence I never had before and a peace. I knew that was me flying from Point A to Point B."

The Ninety-Nines have done a lot to change the world for the better, including a program to deliver toys to needy children that has now expanded into five states. The only thing they don't do, Morrow said, is any lobbying or political activity.

"We have incredible museums," she added. "We have the biggest collection on women

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pilots. The Smithsonian comes to us when they do research." The collegiate events, charitable endeavors, aviation safety programs and classes and just good old-fashioned fun times are all made possible by a large cadre of volunteers, women who are devoted to the world of aviation.

"We're a sisterhood," Sutherland said. "You meet somebody and you're instantly friends."

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.'s international headquarters is located in Oklahoma City, Okla., where the organization



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District Governor Elaine Morrow and member Gini Sutherland share a love of flying and membership in the Ninety-Nines.

maintains a vast array of archival information and an aviation museum. For information, call (800) 994-1929 or (405) 685-7969 or e-mail ihq99s@cs.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cahill
Ryan and Lisa Cahill of Kalamazoo announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Sue, born May 13, 2003 at 5:22 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Grandparents are Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills and Dick and Ruth DeVries of Portage, Mich.



Montefusco
Michael and Amy Montefusco of Farmington Hills announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth Montefusco, born May 7, 2003 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has two big brothers, Matthew and Jason.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

POSTPOURNI

Heritage Concerts
Farmington Community Band will perform as part of the Stars in the Park concert series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

Car Wash
The Farmington High School Cheer Team will hold a car wash noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Motor City Harley Davidson/Buell located at 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

Book Signing
Author Debra Ann Pawlak, takes a historical look at Farmington and Farmington Hills in her latest release *Farmington and Farmington Hills 2-4* p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Borders Books in Farmington Hills.

Health Fair
Sunrise Assisted Living, 29681 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, will host a health care fair for adults and seniors 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 26. Screenings will be offered for blood pressure, cholesterol, bone density, hearing and respiratory function. Lectures on various health care topics will also be presented. Call (248) 538-9200.

Wildlife Photography
Wildlife photography from Ron Meyer will be on display through June 24 at the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls.

Italian Photo Exhibit
Artist Cheryl Kostedt is currently holding a photo exhibition of her trip through Italy through June 30 at the downtown Farmington Library.

Weavers Display
The Michigan Weavers Guild will display a variety of woven items through June 27 at the City Gallery located in the lobby of the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 473-1800.

Art Supplies Needed
Mosaic Church in Farmington Hills is sponsoring an Art Supply Drive. Donations of new or used art supplies such as clay, paint, paper, brushes, craft items and glue are encouraged. Supplies will be donated to the Detroit City Mission's After School Art Program. Pickup is available by calling Mary at (248) 471-0144. Donations will be taken through June.

Bingo
The American Legion Post 345 in Farmington hosts Bingo every Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$1. Six cards for \$1. The post is located at

TEENS

Jeopardy Journey
Teens can compete against their peers and become a Jeopardy champ 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the downtown Farmington Library. The winner will receive a prize. Call (248) 553-0300.

Scrapbooking
Teens can create their own special scrapbook 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at the Farmington Hills Library. The library will provide simple scrapbooks and participants should bring photos and keepsakes.

KID STUFF

Midnight School of Wizardry
Celebrate the release of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* at 10 p.m. Friday, June 20, at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Reserve your copy and join in to count down the minutes to the midnight release. Dress up as your favorite Harry Potter character or in your favorite Hogwarts House colors.

Theatre Camp
Theatre Camp for grades two-seven will be offered 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-27, at the new Farmington Players Barn Theatre. Call (248) 473-1800 to enroll.

Magic Show
Magician Jason Rudy will perform his comedy magic show at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Farmington Hills Library.

Adventure
September Productions will tell stories and sing songs of high adventure at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at the downtown Farmington Library.

Summer Art Camp
Create art from the islands 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday beginning June 16 at the Heritage Park Studios Studio. Classes run two weeks. Call (248) 473-1857.

Picture Framing
Children will create their own artwork and then learn to frame it 10 a.m. to noon Monday, June 23, at the Heritage Park Studios Studio. Call (248) 473-1857.

Summer School
Farmington Public Schools Early Childhood Department is now accepting registration for the Summer School Enrichment Program for children ages 3-5. The program runs 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 16 through Aug. 15. For more information, call Sandra Millman at (248) 489-3373.

GOLF OUTINGS

Chamber Golf Classic
The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber Golf Classic will be held Wednesday, June 18, at the Links of Novi. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Call (248) 474-3440.

Exchange Club Golf
The Farmington Exchange Club will hold its annual golf outing beginning with 6:30 a.m. registration Thursday, June 26, at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 851-8356.

SENIORS

Food Festies
Enjoy food, fun and games at the following special menu days at the Senior Center in Farmington Hills: Father's Day, Monday, June 16, and Strawberry Festival on Wednesday, June 25. For more information, call (248) 473-1830.

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WEATHER AND ARTHRITIS
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Several arthritic conditions change under the influence of the seasons. Lupus arthritis is worse in spring and summer and improves in the fall and winter seasons. The reason is that ultraviolet light entering the skin sets off autoantibodies. Individuals with psoriatic arthritis experience just the opposite effect. The ultraviolet light of spring and summer heat produces and lessens the arthritis. Lack of ultraviolet in fall and winter causes the psoriasis and accompanying arthritis to flare.

For reasons that are unclear, people with a sensitive stomach note an increase in their gastric irritation in the start of spring and the beginning of fall. Many of the medications used in arthritis cause stomach irritation. Thus, doctors need to tailor the medications prescribed to fit the season and the stomach.

In treating patients with arthritis, a physician must keep aware not only of his daily schedule but where he is in the calendar year.

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This project consists of approximately 5,800 linear feet of residential road rehabilitation. Approximate quantities are as follows:

Bituminous Pavement	2,500 Ton
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Aggregate Base Course	600 Ton
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Concrete Curb or Gutter	100 Linear Feet

Plus miscellaneous items necessary for a complete project.

Plans, specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 23, 2003, upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities, and to make the award, that in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

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