## **Press Release**

## Alaska Chapter 99s International Women Pilots Organization

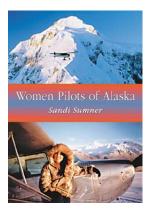
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There are Living Legends in Alaska! There are 37 Alaskan women pilots who are getting the spotlight they deserve!

The Alaska Chapter of the 99s International Women Pilots Organization is proud and pleased to announce a reception and book signing to debut a brand new book on Alaska's women in aviation.

Sandi Sumner, author and Honorary Member of the Alaska Chapter of the 99s, will be signing her new book, <u>Women Pilots of Alaska</u>, on **Saturday, February 26, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum**.

From Marvel Crosson in 1927 through 2000 arrival Audrey Cole, women pilots have been shaping Alaskan aviation history. Sandi has captured their stories, their enthusiasm for flight, the obstacles they overcame and the goals they have achieved.



This evening's gala offers a rare opportunity to meet and talk with some of the women honored in this biographical history of women pilots in Alaska. Margo Cook, Ruth Jefford, Ann Wilbur, Ingrid Pedersen, Ellen Paneok, Roberta Degenhardt, TQ LaClair will be among the featured women in attendance. Never heard of them? It's time you did! Come to our event on Saturday, February 26. Visit Sandi's website to learn more about this historic first book. (www.sandisumner.com).

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Some lucky attendee at the event will be given an opportunity to go flying with one of the book's honorees.

For more information, contact Angie Slingluff at 907 271-3422 or Sandi Sumner at 694-2080

The Ninety Nines, Inc. is a non profit organization founded by Amelia Earhart and 99 other women pilots in 1929. Our mission is to

Promote world fellowship through flight.

Provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community.

Preserve the unique history of women in aviation.

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