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NEWSLETTER FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE
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**The San Fernando Valley Chapter of Ninety-Nines
Founded on February 1, 1952**

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Our Mission

The Ninety-Nines® International Organization Of Women Pilots® promotes the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Established in 1929 by 99 women pilots, the members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.® International Organization Of Women Pilots® are now represented in every area of aviation today. And to quote Amelia, fly “for the fun of it!”





NOTAMs

- Have you registered for this year's International Conference aboard the Queen Mary from July 8 to 12? You won't want to miss this incredible week of meeting 99s from all over the world and partaking in some spectacular events. [Click here to register for the International Conference.](#)
- Need a name badge or a mentor? Please contact our Membership Chair Nina Yates ninayates@pacbell.net.
- Did you know you can always donate to our Chapter? [Click here to make a donation](#) to the SFV99s. Also make sure to designate the The San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. when shopping on <https://smile.amazon.com/>.

FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

A Valentine's Day Inspired Poem

By Kimberly Chan, Chairwoman

Some days I feel afraid to fly
 It's a fear I have, I cannot lie
 But once I start my takeoff roll
 I remember how I love this so
 That feeling where the world falls away
 Vibrant colors where I once saw gray
 Ocean, land and worries beneath my wings
 Clear blue skies ahead as offerings
 And on those special flights when I get to hear
 All female voices from ATC and pilots speaking so clear
 I rock my wings in joy and pride
 Superior are we who are Ninety-Nines!



Upcoming Events

February 22: Fly-In / Drive-In / Walk-Up at Pine Mountain Lake (E45)

April 23: Career Day at the VNY Prop Park

April 30-May 3: SWS Spring 2020 Meeting, hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter

May 15-17: SFV99s Kern Valley Fly-In & Camp-Out

July 8-12: International Conference Aboard the Queen Mary Hotel, Long Beach, CA

Happy Birthday to:

Annelie Hubinette

February 14th

Newest FWP Member

Dana Lee Rodehaver, our newest FWP member, is a flight attendant at Skywest Airlines. Her dream is to work for FedEx. She's flying at Active Pilots, Van Nuys Airport, and has 37 hours and Bertie Duffy is her mentor.

Nina Yates

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Happy Anniversary to:

Doris Minter
February 1963

Madeline Kurrasch
February 1987

Claudia Ferguson
February 1988

Christina Merrick
February 2001

Stacie Vournas
February 2003

FWP Milestones - Petra Janney Passes Private Pilot
Checkride!

On January 25th, Petra completed her long cross-country – Whiteman to Santa Maria, then to Camarillo, where there was a coyote on the runway (!), then back to Whiteman for a total of 239 nm. The weather was beautiful, perfect for cross-country coastal fun!

On Thursday, February 6th, less than two weeks after her long cross-country, Petra passed her Private Pilot Checkride – she’s officially a pilot! She said “It is the best feeling in the world to accomplish a lifelong dream.” On her first flight as a certified pilot, she took her mom and boyfriend (also a pilot) to Catalina.

Congratulations,
Petra, on your
achievement -
our Chapter is so
proud of you!

Nina Yates



Building a Career in Aviation

Happy Anniversary
continued to:

Kathryn Arnote
February 2005

Annelie Hubinette
February 2017

Morgan Gale
February 2018

Shokoufeh Mirzaei
February 2018

SFV 99s are invited to a special talk to be given to the Aviation Explorers on March 23 6:30 pm at Whiteman Airport.

Matt Johnston, President of California Aeronautical University (CAU) in Bakersfield, will be giving a presentation on "Building a Career in Aviation."

Date: March 23

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Vista Aviation Building 2nd floor conference room, Whiteman Airport.

RSVP: cecipilot@sbcglobal.net by March 21.

His talk about how to become an airline pilot or get into another career in aviation can be helpful to those of you interested in pursuing a career in aviation or if you know students who have that goal. I (Ceci) heard him speak at the AOPA Fly in at Livermore last year. He's great! Paula Sandling has asked him to be a speaker at the 99s Conference in July on the Queen Mary.

Matt emphasizes that students need to do a lot of research and make decisions even before they start flying!



Highlights of his presentation:

- Various ways to navigate your journey towards your goal in aviation
- Organizations that can help you
- Costs and various ways to build your career
- Choices (military, local FBO, flight academy, university partner with an airline)
- Certificates and ratings to get and in what sequence
- How to build time
- The difference between Part 61 and Part 141 flight schools
- When looking at flight schools/academies, etc., compare apples to apples regarding price vs. cost, avionics, time in training, what's included, geographics, pathway relationships
- ATP requirements
- Scholarships
- CAU options

Please let Ceci know if you're planning to attend. You'll need a gate code to get into the gate to go up the back stairs to the conference room. We need to know how many chairs and tables to set up, too!

Bring a guest and share this information, especially with student pilots and their parents!

Ceci Stratford and Ruth Logan





Petra Janney (left) receiving her scholarship financial award from our Treasurer, Kim Jenks.

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Eva Lin (left) was introduced to our Future Woman Pilot Program by pilot Shirley Weltman.

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