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NEWSLETTER FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS  
December 2023

### THE NINETY-NINES® MISSION STATEMENT

The Ninety-Nines® International Organization of Women Pilots® promotes 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 represented in all areas of aviation today. And, to quote Amelia, fly "for the fun of it!"

Hello Everyone!

Yay, the Holiday Season is here. 'Tis the season to be jolly! 🎄 with Cookies to the Tower 🍪 and our Holiday Party 🎉. I call this "The Funnest Time of the 99s Year." Well, being a 99 is always awesome and fun but this..It can't be beat. Anyway, at the start of the new year, I would appreciate it if 1 or 2 members will be willing to step up to Plan Fly-ins/Drive-ins. It's fun and easy and a way for us to do what we do best, FLY. Secondly, we need a Scholarship Committee. We want to give and receive scholarships so we will need a couple of members to work together. Two or more members makes the job so much easier so let's do it! Love, Stacie



### CALENDAR

(details at SFV 99s "[Calendars](#)" link)

#### DECEMBER

- 02 - Cookies to the Tower @ CAP (WHP)
- 04 - Chapter Meeting @ VNY FlyAway
- 09 - Holiday Party @ Paula & Michael's
- 15? - Adopt-a-School Donation at Stagg?
- 19 - Board Mtg (Zoom)
- 23 - Young Eagles

#### JANUARY

- 09 - Chapter Meeting (VNY FlyAway)
- 27 - SWS Winter Workshop (Sacramento)
- 27 - Young Eagles
- 30 - Board Mtg (Zoom)

Refer to [SFV 99s website](#) for additional information on [Chapter Info](#) | [Calendars](#) | [Education & Scholarships](#) | [Resources & Support](#)



Danette Lewis, FWP, winner of First Wings Scholarship, with daughters Marguerite and Portia at the Proud Bird Aviation Park near LAX in Summer 2023.  
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The Explorers, EAA, CAP & SFV99s celebrated Halloween with Hors D'oeuvres & Costumes at WHP on October 28, 2023.  
Photo credit: Stacie Vournas



Lisa Fusano & Stacie Vournas heading to Prescott, AZ, on November 19, 2023.  
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Originally opened as Metropolitan Airport on December 17, 1928, the airport became the Van Nuys Army Airfield during World War II, was renamed the San Fernando Valley Airport after the war, before taking its current name, Van Nuys Airport, in 1957. It's become a hub for private and charter flights and continues to be used for movie and TV productions. Today, Van Nuys Airport is the busiest general aviation airport in the world, serving more than 250,000 aircraft operations each year. (<https://tinyurl.com/VNYap>)