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

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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!”





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## NOTAMs

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- 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](mailto: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

Happy New Year, SFV99s!

I hope your 2020 is off to a stellar and high-flying start. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to this year, from your flight training goals, to scholarship deadlines, to Chapter Fly-Ins and 99s events.

This month on January 25 will be the Southwest Winter Workshop in Palmdale, CA. It will focus on mentoring and how to create a solid mentorship foundation in each Chapter.

On February 22, Lynne Orloff from the San Joaquin 99s is hosting a Fly-In / Drive-In Weekend at Pine Mountain Lake (E45) and has invited our Chapter to join in on the fun. Lynne will be hosting a potluck dinner and showing the movie "Breaking Through the Clouds" at her hangar home.

And it is with excitement that we announce our new Chapter Fly-In Chairs: Sarah Weiss and Megan Kojima! Sarah and Megan



have planned a terrific Fly-In and Camp-Out Weekend at Kern Valley Airport from May 15 to May 17. Activities include whitewater rafting, nature walks and/or hiking and fun times around the campfire. Camping spaces are limited, so reserve your place today! Scroll down for more details.

I look forward to a great and exciting year ahead with all of you! Until next time...

Wishing you blue skies,

Kimberly Chan, SFV99s Chairwoman

## Happy Birthday to:

Stephanie Vived

January 1st

Michele Albiez

January 1st

Jeanne Fenimore

January 24th

## Upcoming Events

**January 25:** Southwest Section Winter Workshop, Palmdale, CA

**February 15:** Santa Ynez Fly-In, Sponsored by the Ventura Co. Chapter (Valentine's Day dress & decor suggested!)

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

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

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



## Happy Anniversary to:

Shantal Bustamante  
January 2019

## Atta Girl:

Petre Janney completed  
her short cross country

## FWP Milestones

After accumulating 32 hours of flying time, Petra completed her first short solo cross country from her home airport KWHP (Whiteman) to L45 (Bakersfield Municipal) and back on January 19, 2020. A round trip of 140nm, Petra's flight was delightfully uneventful. She enjoyed a smooth ride with snowy mountain views and landed back home re-energized for her next phase of training.

Nina Yates





## International's Monthly Member Report

International sends a *Monthly Member Report* that lists members who are late on dues:

*Standby* is one month late; *Hold* is two months late. Membership lapses after the second month.

Since International cannot follow-up on all members with late dues, it's up to chapter Membership Chairs to notify members. However, the list may not always reflect member activity. For example, a member might be Standby if she's recently sent in her dues.

Another feature of this report are Southwest Section chapter membership totals. As of the December 12/1/2019 - 12/31/2019 report, our chapter ranked 6<sup>th</sup> for the most members.

Nina Yates



You never know when you'll see a 99 - a chance meeting at the 94th Aero Squadron...

Pam Distaso and I were having lunch when Ceci Stratford and Carly Bidner from Mount Saint Mary's arrived. Although we sat at adjacent tables, we had a photo after eating.

Nina Yates

Left to right Pam Distaso, Carly Bidner, Nina Yates and Ceci Stratford

## Ceci and Chuck's Trip on the Queen Mary



Two portholes let us look out at the Long Beach Marina and the city line. Though old, there were funny cubby holes and quaint little end tables to put our "stuff" on. The bath was modernized but had an old fashioned toilet flush and hot & cold knobs for the shower/tub (they didn't work - we had to use the modern one).

Before our banquet at the Reef, we did some exploring to get our bearings and determine what we wanted to see the next day. The Art Deco Observation Bar was beautiful! And the gallery of ship models and the Lego "Shipyard" amazing! Then off to our event at the Reef - overlooking the water and good food.

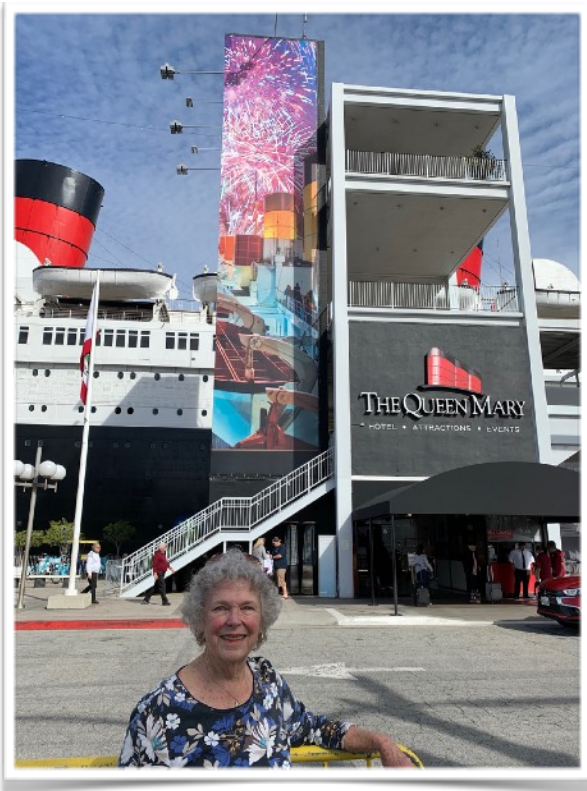
It was so quiet and comfortable while we were in bed. Just a few odd noises and creaks. Much nicer than a modern hotel!

We had breakfast in the Chelsea Chowder House - absolutely delicious and excellent service. A buffet was available in two places on the ship. After eating we packed up and took our luggage to the car so we could take time to easily explore the ship.

It being a beautiful day in Southern California, we wandered around several levels on the ship - the A Deck "Isolation Room" (for found stowaways and sick passengers), up the stairs on the outside of the ship

Chuck and I had an event in Long Beach and dreading the drive there and back we decided to stay overnight. The event was at the Reef Restaurant, close to the Queen Mary, so what better place to visit and spend the night is the Queen Mary. After all, the 99s' International Conference will be there in July.

Saturday afternoon the staff welcomed us warmly, just like they should do when you board a cruise. Our M level stateroom had a scrumptious King bed with a cozy comforter.





to the various places to view the Long Beach shoreline and surrounding harbor cranes, and up to the Sports Deck for the Wheelhouse and officers' quarter. The Captain's stateroom was impressive, with a sitting area to entertain, his bedroom, and a galley and steward's quarters.

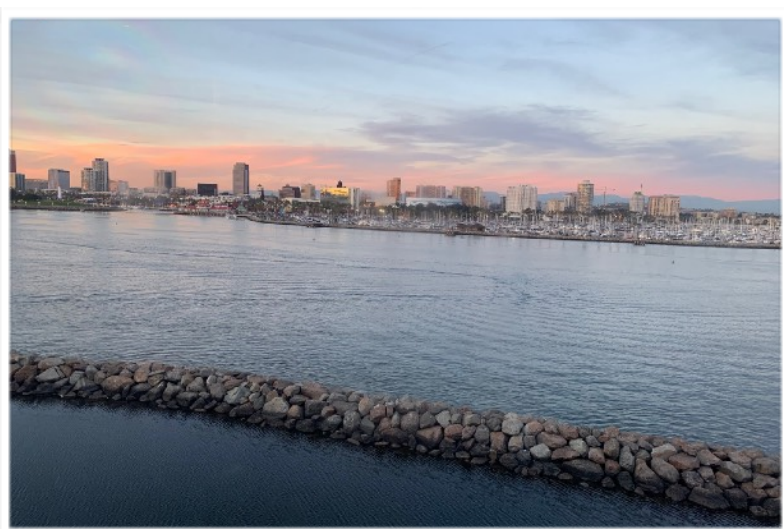


D Deck Stern features "Their Finest Hours", an exhibit on World War II and Churchill and the 4-D Theater. Did you know Churchill was on the Queen Mary back and forth between England & New York 6 times? And the Queen Mary served as a troop transport ship around the world on 70 voyages? I highly recommend you view the movie about the Queen Mary. It gives the history with lots of pictures in 3-D and sound effects, even shaking & misting!

We didn't see everything. There are more exhibits, special tours, events, shopping, all of which can take you several days if you want to see and do it all! Come to the 99s International Conference & Career Fair this summer - July 8 to 11. They have wonderful things planned and you can see more of the Queen Mary. We plan to go so we can experience what we didn't have time for on this trip!

Ceci Stratford







## 99 Fly-In to Bakersfield Muni (L45)

Paula and Michael Sandling and Nora Feddal took the C182 on Jan 11 to Bakersfield Muni to have lunch with sister 99s at the Rocket Café on the field. The fly-in lunch was hosted by the Bakersfield 99s.



Four 99s Chapters represented at the fly-in; Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo, LA and San Fernando Valley. San Fernando Valley attending: Maureen Kenney, Bertie Duffy, Paula and Michael Sandling and Former SFV (now LA), Nora Feddal.

Willow-Willpower was introduced to the group by Dea Cooper Payette. Nora picked up the first challenge to fly Willow-Willpower around Southwest Section. Go to [Willow-Willpower.com](http://Willow-Willpower.com) to read about the challenge. A doll flies around the world. Our Australian Friends started the challenge to encourage young female flyers.



## JOIN THE CHALLENGE!

Willow wants to fly...High in the Sky!!!

And she wants to fly back to her founder, Sarah, in Melbourne (Australia). Who is in? We need girl and women pilots who can bring her along their flights...and if its only for a few kilometers. [See details here](#) or [email us](#) which trip you could offer!



## ABOUT WILLOW WILLPOWER

Inspired by the aviation legend, Amelia Earhart, Willow wants to become a pilot just like her. She wants to discover the world and see some of the most famous places in the world.