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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

- Safer at Home Slideshow: Email us your photos of how you're spending your isolation time! We know some of you are getting really creative at home. We'll publish your photos in April's Aux Tank.
- Still On! The International Conference aboard the Queen Mary is still on schedule from July 8 to 12. [Click here to register for the International Conference.](#)
- Did you know you can always donate to our Chapter? [Click here to make a donation to the SFV 99s.](#) Also make sure to designate the The San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. when shopping on <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Need a name badge or a mentor? Please contact our Membership Chair Nina Yates (ninayates@pacbell.net).

FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

Dear 99s,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones all doing well and staying healthy. This is certainly an unprecedented time in history as the world comes together to fight COVID-19. Like many of you, I'm working from home, desperately searching for toilet paper at Costco, and taking my dog for a surprising amount of daily walks, which she's loving. However you are spending your time, I hope you are safe and taking care.

Despite this challenging month, it is amazing to see so many of our members reaching new heights and achieving their goals. As you'll see from the Atta Girls further down, Megan Kojima, Shokoufeh Mirzaei, and Annelie Hubinette have made our Chapter proud by receiving new ratings and passing exams. I can't think of a better way to honor the spirit of the Ninety-Nines than by celebrating what our incredible members are accomplishing.



We have some challenging weeks and months ahead of us, but I am confident we will get through them together and we'll emerge stronger. Stay tuned for email updates on how we'll be switching upcoming Chapter and Section events to web conferences.

Happy Birthday to:

Ceci Stratford
March 2nd

Kathy Smither
March 11th

Jan Archibald
March 21st

Shokoufeh Mirzaei
March 24th

Sylvia Sanderson
March 24th

Maureen Kenney
March 30th

Please stay safe, wash your hands, don't touch your face, and give a shout-out to the heroes in our healthcare system and first responders if you get a chance.

Wishing you continued good health,
Kimberly Chan, Chairwoman

Upcoming Events

April 14: VIRTUAL Chapter Meeting: To be hosted via Zoom. Details to follow in your emails.

May 2: VIRTUAL SWS Spring 2020 Meeting, hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, held via Zoom commencing at 8:30am PDT. Details to follow in your emails.

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

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



Happy Anniversary to:

Michele Albiez
March 1974

Linda Hernandez
March 2001

Marilyn Perna
March 2003

Charlotte Kaber
March 2012

Jenna Lohneis
March 2016

Echo Liu
March 2020

FWP Milestones & New Member - Megan Sayoko Kojima

Megan Sayoko Kojima began her long cross-country flight at Van Nuys, with a short stop in Camarillo before heading to Santa Maria where she returned to Van Nuys. She said that her nervousness disappeared after she took off – she developed a sense of calm reassurance that she was capable of flying solo! Her flight time was 2 hours 35 minutes. Megan said she was grateful for a “boring,” uneventful flight. Now, she’s studying for her checkride later this month!



Megan demonstrating
her Yoga "airplane pose"



Megan Kojima being pinned
with her Membership badge

New Member - Emma Baker

Emma Baker has her pilot certificate. She inherited her family's pilot genes. Her mother, Susan, served as Chapter Chairman in 2000. Her father, Dennis, is an A320 Captain at American Airlines. Many years ago, he gave me my biennial. Emma is also Paula's cousin. Emma 'serves' as a barista at Starbucks. Currently, she flies at Corsair Aviation in Van Nuys. Her goal is to become an American Airlines pilot like her dad and see the world!

Nina Yates

Photo by Lilian Darling Holt



New Member - Echo Liu

Echo Liu is our newest FWP. In 2010, she came to the U.S. for her Master's program in Educational Technology. After graduating, she moved from Ohio to several places, selecting her favorite, Los Angeles, where she met her husband. Although Echo knew nothing about aviation, she's always dreamed of flying. Her first lesson was scary and exhausting; she panicked and screamed when her instructor had her perform a power-off stall. With practice, she's gained confidence and a feeling of accomplishment. Recently, she met some amazing aviation friends at a Wings Seminar in Van Nuys. Echo is self-employed with International Z-Commerce. She has 30 hours and is transferring from Santa Monica to Hawthorne. Her goal is IFR and further, if she can.



Nina Yates



Dear Southwest Section Members

Considering the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter with the approval of the Southwest Section Board, have agreed to change the venue of the Southwest Section Meeting on May 2nd from the Los Gatos Lodge to a video Conference. At this time, we plan to use Zoom and will keep the same day and time of 8:30 am PDT.

According to the Southwest Section Bylaws we need to give you 60 days' notice. We are not able to do that currently. This will technically be a "Special" meeting.

Section 5. Special meetings may be called by the Governor or by a majority of the Chapters upon a 30-day notice to the Chapters, or by five percent (5%) of the members of the Southwest Section upon written demand to the Governor. In the call for a special meeting the exact purpose of the meeting shall be stated, and no other business shall be transacted at said meeting.

The meeting will be as short as possible, we do have several items that need to be addressed:

- Budget (*this will be posted on website asap*)
- International Report
- Election results and Installation
- 2020 Conference
- Invite to Fall Section in Tucson
- Future Sections.

Atta Girls:

Megan Sayoko Kojima
Passed her check ride

Shokoufeh Mirzaei
Passed her CFI check ride

Annelie Hubinette
Passed her Commercial
written exam



In the next few weeks, you will be receiving an invite to join the Meeting. You do not need a Zoom account but need a camera on your computer, or download the Zoom app from your mobile device, or phone. You will be receiving other emails with directions on refunds, and information.

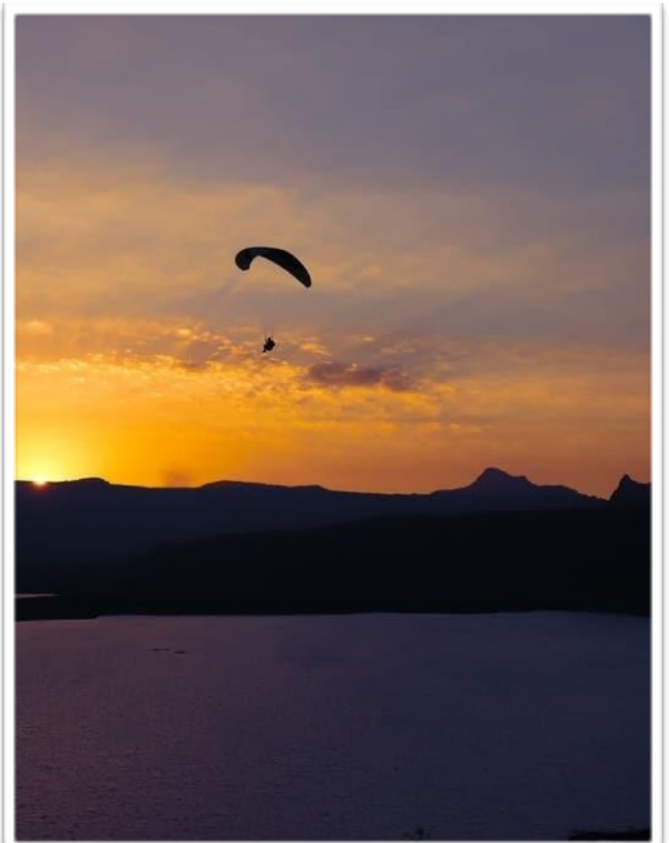
Chapter Chairman, we will not have a Chapter Chairman meeting, or Chapter Reports presented at the meeting. We want you to send your Chapter reports to our Secretary Dea Payette at cooperthepilot@yahoo.com and please copy me at jeannefenimore@earthlink.net. Please submit these before the meeting. We want all other reports sent the same way.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope to SEE you on May 2nd.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay home.

Jeanne Fenimore

Southwest Section Governor



New Horizons - Tracy Lynette Lambert

March 9, 1971 ~ October 13, 2019

Obituary

Tracy Lynette Lambert, 48, passed away suddenly on October 13, 2019. Born in New Haven, CT on March 9, 1971 and a longtime resident of Milford, CT, Tracy has always had an adventurous nature. She joined the U.S. Army Reserve upon graduating high school, where she became certified in multiple languages, and served as a Squad Leader.

She also studied Business, Communications and Languages at both Fairfield University and The University of New Haven.

Early in life, she developed an avid love for travel, and visited several countries throughout Europe with Ireland being her favorite place which she returned to many times. She worked in the Energy and Precious Metals industries for over 22 years, procuring and trading commodities for several Fortune 500 companies. In 2007, Tracy relocated to Pasadena, CA where she was employed at Southern California Edison for 10 years. At the time of her passing, Tracy was months away from obtaining her pilot's license and was studying to become a Certified Specialist within the Renewable Energy and Telecommunications field.



Tracy was loved for her good-hearted and jovial nature and will be deeply missed by her friends and family. Tracy is survived by her parents, Leonard Lambert of West Haven, CT and Peggy Caldwell (Will) of West Haven, CT; sisters, Cheryl (Lambert) Middleton of Niantic, CT; Valerie Lambert of Clinton, CT; brothers, James Newton of West Haven, CT and Allen Newton of Bristol, CT; paternal grandmother, Lucille Lambert of Stamford, CT; several nieces, nephews, great-nephews and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins. Calling hours for Tracy will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10-11:30am with a service to follow at West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. Interment will be private. To plant a tree in memory of Tracy Lynette Lambert, please visit our **tribute store**.

Obituary taken from <https://www.westhavenfuneral.com/obituary/Tracy-Lambert>