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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

- Need to update any personal information? Here's who you need to contact:
 - SFV99s Website and Local Directory - [Pam Distaso](#)
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 - [International 99s Directory](#)
- 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 Members,

It's May and month two of staying at home to stay safe. I know it can be challenging at times, but stay the course and we'll get through this - better days are ahead. Seeing all of your lovely faces on our Zoom Chapter Meetings has been so uplifting and comforting. In a time when many things feel uncertain, being able to still connect and "be" together while we're apart provides a much appreciated sense of normalcy and certainty. Thank you for coming together!

For those of you continuing to fly or planning to resume in the near future, AOPA has a helpful section on the impact of Coronavirus on GA. [Click here to read their briefings.](#)

Lastly, it's not too late to submit your applications and recommendations for our internal Chapter Awards: Pilot of the Year; Rookie Pilot of the Year; and the Mary Glassman Service Award. [Applications are due May 31 and can be found on our website here.](#)



Kim & John Michael in Morro Bay

Looking forward to seeing all of your faces soon on our June Zoom Chapter Meeting. Until then, stay safe and well!

Happy Birthday to:

Megan Volpe

May 6th

Dana Sorenson

May 13th

Charlotte Kaber

May 20th

Kimberly Chan

May 21st

Anne Marie Radel

May 25th

Claudia Ferguson

May 28th

Warmly,

Kimberly Chan, Chairwoman

Upcoming Events

June 9: Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting at 7pm

Newest Member

Star Simpson is founder and CEO of UAS company ThereCraft. She led the development of ThereCraft's Strax autonomous cargo-delivery UAS which has completed a successful flight test program, and proven its capabilities to customers. Simpson attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where



she studied electrical engineering, and is a licensed private glider pilot.

Nina Yates

Coronativities...

Happy Anniversary
to:

Bertie Duffy
May 1983

Stephanie Vived
May 2016

Sarah Weiss
May 2017

Shirley Weltman
May 2017

Jocelyn Esparza
May 2019



I have never been able to sit still for long. So quarantine was difficult at first. But I decided that we as pilots have a little more privilege than

most.... our passion is nothing but isolation!! I've been flying about once a week. I'll bring my little Segway with me so I am able to explore town a



little before heading back. I also have been #vanlife camping, gardening, playing tennis, working on my yard, fixing my plane - myself(!), and many other

things. I miss my fellow aviation ladies and hope you are all safe and well! 🤔

In the garden I'm growing: tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, beets, celery, lettuce, jalapeño, and squash.

Sarah Weiss

Atta Girls:

Echo Liu passed her FAA
Written Exam

Shokoufeh Mirzaei signed
off her first Commercial
student as a CFI

Kimberly Chan was
awarded the Amelia
Earhart Memorial
Scholarship for her
Instrument Rating

Hope you're managing to find some joy in the midst of the house arrest madness!



During quarantine, I have been flying some missions to rescue at-risk dogs from

overcrowded shelters by bringing them here to LA where they can stay with foster families until they can get adopted. Shelters (especially in rural areas) are having trouble finding new homes for animals right now, but luckily plenty of people around here want to foster, so I fly the dogs from A to B. It is the best reason to get out of the house that I can imagine!

Anyway here are a couple of photos from my (socially distanced) flights!



Thank you, and be well!

Petra Janney

Coronativities con't...



Picnicking on our patio every day!



Ceci working in vegetable garden



Ceci working in garden (cactus)



Ceci working in garden (roses)

Ceci & Chuck in the Cherokee - we practiced cross-country flying to Santa Ynez and to Flabob



May's Zoom Chapter Meeting

Anybody else feeling a little bit like we're playing Where's Waldo...?

