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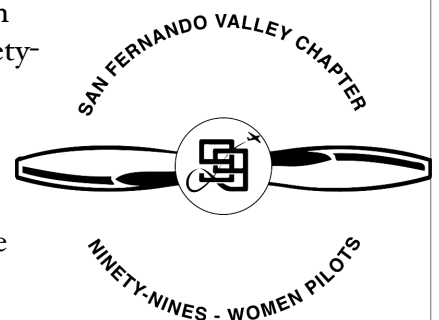


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Our Mission

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

- **New to our Chapter?** Need to update any personal information? Here's who you need to contact:

- SFV99s Website and Local Directory - [Pam Distaso](#)
- Google Groups Email Subscription - [Maureen Kenney](#)
- [International 99s Directory](#)

- **Donations Always Welcome:** 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 San Fernando Valley Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. when shopping on [Amazon](#).

FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

Aloha SFV99s!

I hope you all had a great April. After many, many years of trying, I finally traveled to Hawaii for the first time. Maui is magical and every bit worth the wait. Aside from the majestic scenery, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the newly formed Maui Chapter 99s. Before my trip, I corresponded with the Maui Chapter Chair, Elizabeth L'Heureux. After months of not meeting in person due to Covid, the Maui Chapter held their first in-person meeting now that most of their members had been vaccinated.

We met at Maui 99 Diane Maier's gorgeous home in Spreckelsville, a community located at the end of Kahului Airport's (OGG) runway. For those who haven't traveled to Maui, OGG looks and feels very similar to our own Burbank Airport. Diane and Elizabeth warmly greeted me and introduced me to their chapter of 17 members. Diane welcomed me into her home





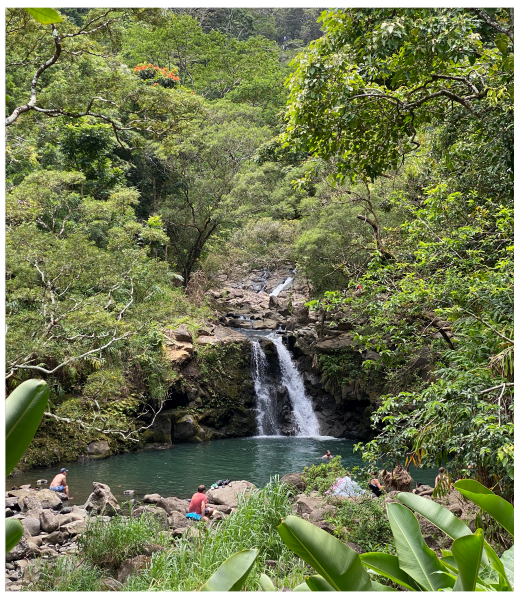
and I got to meet the amazing women pilots of Maui. I chatted with Kerri, a CFI and mentor to many in her chapter; Kimberly, a fellow IFR-pilot-in-training; Shannon, a regional commercial pilot for the islands; and, Mary, a retired American Airlines Captain who flew 777s and 767s all over the world.

After our meet and greet, we all enjoyed a walk from Diane's home to the OGG VOR, old compass rose and an aircraft wreckage, learning about Kahului's Naval Air System, airport identification/runway markings and safety.

I had the BEST afternoon spending time with these incredible women and learning about their aviation *her stories* amongst the most beautiful backdrop in Maui. True to the Ohana spirit, the Maui 99s made me feel at home with their hospitality and kindness. I look forward to returning again (soon) and booking a flight lesson out of OGG.



When next you're able to travel to Maui or anywhere else abroad, I strongly encourage you to look up the local 99s in that area. From Australia to San Francisco to San Fernando Valley to Maui, meeting my sister 99s is always a highlight and treasured memory.



Mahalo,
Kimberly Chan, Chapter Chairwoman

Upcoming Events

Happy Birthday to:

Geny Haase

April 5th

Samantha Davila

April 9th

Doris Minter

April 18th

Sarah Weiss

April 19th

Golda Neuman

April 26th

Nina Yates

April 27th

Bertie Duffy

April 30th

Friday, April 30th @ 10:00am: Virtual Aviation Career Day

Wednesday, May 12th @ 7:00pm: Monthly Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, June 9th @ 7:00pm: Monthly Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting

****No Chapter Meeting in July****

Saturday, July 10th: Virtual International Conference (Details TBD)



How Does a Chapter Work?

The San Fernando Valley Chapter is located within the Southwest Section of the 99s. The Southwest Section is its own entity, and we are both part of the International 99s. The Southwest Section is the umbrella group and holds our 501(c) (3) non-profit tax deductible status.

Happy Anniversary to:

Dolores Mathews
April 1975

Paula Sandling
April 1982

Beverly Butcher
April 1986

Chapters can operate and conduct their meetings as they wish. But they each must operate under the International Bylaws and Standing Rules.

If we decide to change our Chapter Bylaws, we must assure International that we do not conflict with International's Bylaws, and when International changes a Bylaw or Standing Rule, we need to review ours to see if we need to change ours as well.

On July 10th, The Ninety-Nines International Annual Business meeting will be held on online for all members who wish to attend. The International Bylaw Modernization Project will be introducing some new Bylaws and Standing Rules for a vote. These changes might affect our Chapter.

You can find the proposed amendments in the Members Only section on the International website. I would like to suggest that you review them before the July 10th meeting.

I would also suggest you look at our Chapter's Documents. They



are on The SFV Chapter website in Members Only. If you need help with the password for Members Only, please contact a Board Member or you can contact me.

After the International Meeting, we will form a Committee to review the changes we need to make and propose any updates soon after that. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Atta Girls:

Megan Kojima passed
her CFI check ride!

Nicolette Hanson passed
her Commercial check
ride!

These are our Chapter Governing Documents that we must operate from.

Jeanne
Fenimore



Megan Kojima after she passed her CFI check!

Pandemic Pinning for Esther Clark



Esther is a mother of a 4 year old daughter, currently working through her master's degree in Nursing Education, as well as flying around SoCal with one of the wonderful 99s, Annelie Hubinette. She is slowly building time for her future goals and having a blast doing so. Welcome to the SFV 99s, Esther!

Nina Yates



Girl Power!

By Annelie Hubinette



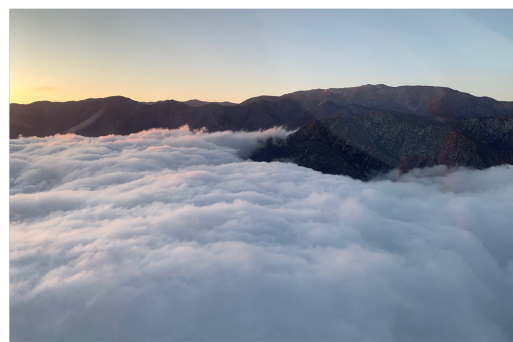
Attending Glendale Community College has had its pros and cons, for sure. Beyond a shadow of doubt it was the fellow students that make the greatest pros. I met Esther Clark during a class several years ago, and then we had a final Airport Management class last spring when COVID hit. The class was moved to Zoom and Esther and I would text back and forth; having fun during class... I tried to persuade her to become a 99s, and then she finally did this spring. She's now pursuing

her IFR. She has been very generous to let me practice my CFI skills on her in prep for checkride. She's a very patient guinea pig... I'll give her a 10/10. I think we both learn an equal amount during each flight.

Out of four flights, the most exciting was our last when we had to divert from KPSP to KONT due to bad weather, and had to park the airplane for the night. Having kids comes in



handy because if you train them right they come to your rescue when you need them...even if it is in the middle of the night (almost). Esther kept up with all the changes and challenges like a pro - in spite of being pregnant. She even took on a gusty takeoff from Palm Springs that involved a couple of rather feisty moments of turbulence.



Talk about Girl Power! Ladies, I wish you could have been with us in that flight above the solid layer of cumulus clouds, watching the sunset on the horizon. It was magic.

