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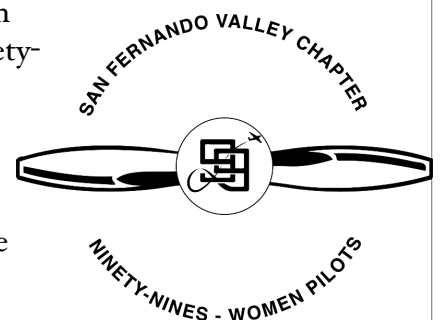


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Our Mission

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

- **eBay Page is coming!** Thanks to our new Treasurer Jenna Lohneis, our Chapter will soon have its own page to post and sell items, where proceeds will go directly to our Chapter. Start pulling your aviation or non-aviation merchandise together and let's raise some much-needed funds for our Chapter! Jenna will blast out an email with details once she's ready to launch.
- **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 - [Petra Janney](#)
 - [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](#).

Put On Your Own Mask First

This is what we hear every time we fly commercially. To put on your own mask first-in case of emergency. The flight attendants explain it patiently every time. The emergency cards in the pockets in front tell the same thing. Put on your own mask first!

So, how does that make you feel? I always feel very uncomfortable with this scenario, and yet I do understand why it is important. As a mother I have to sometimes look to myself first, so that I can look out for my kids best interest, afterwards... It sounds like an oxymoron-really. Recently, I was flying back to Sweden, and I was told again.

During 2020 and half of 2021 I looked out for myself studying for my Certified Flight Instructor checkride and it was draining. I looked out for myself, so that I didn't give up



This picture is of me and Geoffrey who was my very first Young Eagles flight. He and his mother, now a member of our chapter, made it such a wonderful first memory. I am definitely emotionally attached. What a way to make you feel high as a kite! 02/2021

on my dream and made sure that our sacrifices the last six years were not in vain. It did hurt sometimes. There were months I ran on fumes alone. My kids had to look out for themselves more than I care to admit. To look out for yourself means that others might get hurt. Tough

choices to make. But, the rewards are life giving. There really is no other choice to make-if you want to live and save those that you love. Thinking especially of all the first responders, nurses and doctors who have worked tirelessly.

Happy August Birthday to:

Lisa Hineman
August 3rd

Lisa Fusano
August 12th

Kim Jenks
August 19th

Faith Hillman
August 28th

Beverly Butcher
August 31st



I am curious how you put on your own mask first, so that you

could help
someone in
need during
COVID?
How did
you
sacrifice on
behalf of
those

around you,

your family and friends? We would love to hear about it in the Aux Tank. Please, feel free to share your story and send in your pictures. You'll be surprised how your story can inspire and support someone else!

To rebuild what was lost during the last year, I have purposely made new baby-step goals, and have sought out support.

During the next year, I look forward to new opportunities to help our chapter put on our mask first, so that we can help those younger pilots that need our help. What a privilege we have and what a responsibility.

On behalf of your entire (new and inexperienced) Board of Directors, I want to assure you that we are onboard to assist you with your dreams of flight and making every effort to get you to the place where you can put on your own mask first...

Annelie J. Hubinette, Chapter Chairwoman

Happy Anniversaries to:

Sylvia Sanderson

August 1978

Nina Yates

August 1987

Pam Distaso

August 1995

Julieann Sikora

August 2002

Nicolette Hanson

August 2014

Cristina Loga

August 2014

Marjorie Foster

August 2017

Ellie Seung

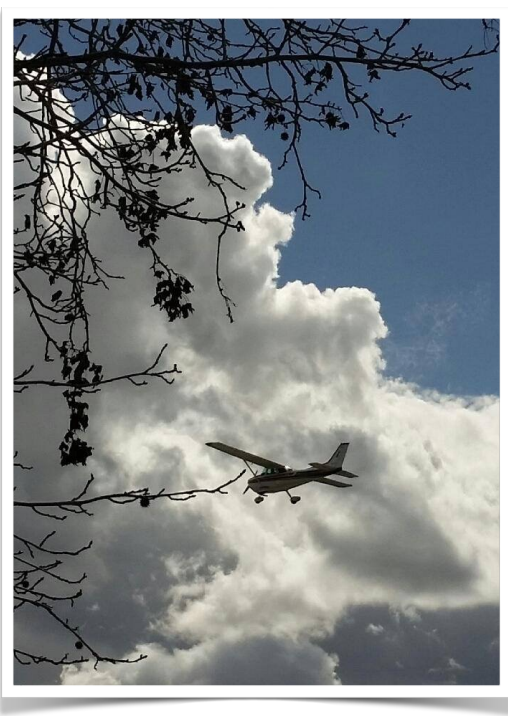
August 2018

Dana Sorensen

August 2019

Upcoming Events

September is the month for everyone to pay their annual donation for the Chapter. We request \$25 per member and it can be paid via PayPal or you can send a check to PO Box 7142, Van Nuys, CA 91409.



My favorite airplane photo is of my 172 taken on a partially cloudy day just after takeoff. Ruth Logan, my mentor and hero, was flying my plane for a Young Eagle flight. Lisa Fusano

Atta Girls and Guys & Awards Luncheon!

We had so many members work hard to achieve their goals during a pretty challenging year. These people caught our eye during meetings. Either by bringing new people in, achieving new ratings, and going out of their way to welcome people into aviation. We recognize everyone's hard work and determination. Congratulations to the recipients of this year's awards!!

Atta girls/guys to:

Echo Liu is a Private Pilot!

Rookie of the Year goes to
Shantal Bustamante!

Mary Glassman Service Award
goes to Lisa Fusano

49 1/2 Award goes to Brian
Weltman!



Faith's New VNY Buddy!

My SFV99 badge worked! I was hired at VNY!!!! What? Really! I am in another world. I passed my G4 type rating and am now flying 135 for a charter company based at VNY! I am SIC learning the ropes in a whole new world of charter. The G4 is so different from airliners and, of course, we do



everything...the flight planning, the fuel, and weight and balance, and we are TSA!

We are simply on call to go anywhere anytime!

I was trying to write my history for the 99s magazine and was so sad that I was no longer flying. I thought about buying a plane, working for the FAA, etc., but most important, I missed being part of a crew on a mission. The one key I saw in my story, after so many rejections, I did not give up. So this time, retired and all, I did not give up! Finally, a job came through, and I am again part of a crew.

As I held short of 16L the other day, I realized I was in the same place where I soloed 50 years ago! So cool! Thanks for the positive thoughts...and thanks for my 99s pin that brought me luck!

Faith Hillman

FL 450 now!!!!

Southwest Section Meeting in Las Vegas



Sara, Annelie's daughter, (16) feeling fancy in the conference area.



Jeanne and Annelie on the first day.



Conference Registration



Nobi Buntin from the Aloha Chapter. Reunion of last WAI Long Beach conference/meeting 2019.



Annelie's daughter, Anna, (12) got sushi @ Zenshin restaurant/South Point Hotel & Casino. Pretty pleased!



Elvis Presley is not dead, and had a great performance lol (a.k.a. Donny Edwards)

Fun with Fusano!



I had a blast flying an Aeronca from WJF to WHP! I am doing tailwheel and spin training in this plane.



This is the Aeronca.



This is my favorite all time photo taken while flying the River Route below Class Bravo from LGB to WHP. I captured this shot looking west just after sunset while on my way home from visiting my father at a Rehab Center after he had a stroke. I knew he was going to pass away soon, so I was a bit weepy and I think this beautiful sunset sky and reflection in my wing was a gift from God to console me. Dad was my inspiration to become a pilot, truly the “wind beneath my wings.” You can see downtown LA and west to Ventura Harbor.

2021 Wings Over Camarillo Airshow by Ceci Stratford

Here are some photos of me on a ride in the CAF Mitchell Bomber at the 2021 Wings Over Camarillo Airshow.



Ceci putting in last screw in 2016 helping finalize restoration

What luck, being at "the right place at the right time"!!! I was just saying "hi" to one of my CAF friends and suddenly I found out I was chosen to fill the last seat on a ride in the So Cal Wing's PBJ/B-25! Here are some photos of that memorable ride Sunday August 22, 2021.

A bit of history - In 1993 when the airplane flew into Camarillo, I was fortunate to fly along side it as it entered the pattern, having flown from Texas to Camarillo. Then, as it was being restored, I helped take off the wing. Would you believe it, 20 years later I put in the last screw on the wing, getting it ready for flight after restoration!

I flew in the PBJ on one of its inaugural flights after restoration in 2016. Then again in 2021 on this flight!



Ceci in PBJ August 22, 2021



For more info on the airplane, go to:

<https://www.cafsocal.com/our-aircrafts/our-aircraft-and-history/north-american-pbj/>

Ceci with PBJ Pilot Marc Russell (wife Stephanie is VC 99)



PBJ