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

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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](#).

STEM Program for Future Women Pilots

I'm so proud to have instigated a STEM program about women pilots for 5th grade girls, by having the SFV99s partner with DIY Girls.org. But I'm even more proud to see that our members Jessica McClintock, Petra Janney and Cathy Ch actually made it happen. They even recruited another female pilot Julia Harrington, to present as well. After Cathy and I had to bow out, they took the project over, preparing a fantastic Zoom presentation to share their aviation experiences with the 10 & 11 year old girls. We hope to have more opportunities to partner with DIY Girls in other San Fernando Valley schools. Keep your eyes open for a chance to participate.

Ceci Stratford



Sylmar Elementary Visit

December 9th, 2021: Our very own San Fernando Valley 99s had an opportunity to speak directly with a room full of 5th graders from Sylmar Elementary School. Not only were they excited to speak with us, but most girls were unaware of the diverse opportunities Aviation truly offers!

Facts from DIY Girls website:

Did you know that less than 15% of girls show an interest in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) between the 4th-8th grades?

How about this: That less than 25% of the STEAM workforce are women? As vocal advocates for aviation gender inclusivity, our 99s decided to create a presentation that highlighted many perspectives, creating a visual representation of what it could look like to jump into an industry role.

Lucky to have a diverse group of backgrounds, we started by sharing some history on the 99s organization and dove into some introductions to the speakers & presenters.

Happy Birthday to:
September

Susan Sloan
September 4th

Alisa Liley
September 13th

Marjorie Foster
September 17th

Gabriella De Asis
September 20th

Coralee Tucker
September 27th



November 2, 1929 Organizational Meeting

Highlights began with Jessica McClintock, a business aviation software executive & student pilot, who currently works toward environmental sustainability and young professionals opportunities. As the presenting group's only student pilot, it was fun to see that anyone at any time can go after their

dreams. We then introduced the amazing Pilot Julia. Due to a few unforeseen circumstances, our list of presenters dwindled down to one person, so even though it was last minute, the famous Pilot

Julia (aka Julia Harrington) was able to join the conversation. She spoke on behalf of being a corporate pilot, aerobatics pilot, advocate for gender equality, and leader in business aviation.



The video she presented was pretty exciting for our audience, being that much of it was seen upside down! Fun fact- Pilot Julia was also able to provide some great insight as a former Young Eagle herself.

Following Julia, Cathy Ch was next up! Cathy wasn't able to join, however, we were able to present her awesome introduction into aviation, highlighting her pathway from when she was a student



pilot, through multi engine ratings, and now on track to become a flight instructor. Her history of being an Aviation Explorer at Whiteman Airport was also a great highlight to add.

Happy Birthday to: October

Shantal Bustamante

October 2nd

Sasha Schotzko-Harris

October 20th

Paula Sandling

October 20th

Dolores Mathews

October 28th

Stacie Vournas

October 29th

Petra Janney's videos were probably some of the most endearing, being that her story includes saving lives of the cute and cuddly kittens & puppies of the world through aviation! Petra's voice was heard through video & a little bit of a 'day in the life' rescuing those adorable animals through Amelia Air, the nonprofit she co-founded. She also was able to be a great advocate for those who share a humanitarian spirit. Kitties, puppies & small humans were all positively affected by her message!

Happy Birthday to: November & December

Christina Merrick
November 3rd

Julieann Sikora
November 12th

Kathryn Arnote
November 30th

Cristina Loga
November 11th

Petra Janney
November 11th

Melinda Lyon
November 27th



Lastly, we were able to showcase some honorable mentions to the presentation, including Genevieve, Mary Lou Johnson & Jenna Cadwallader who have paved the way as fighter jet pilots, mechanics, engine technicians, airline captains, and more. Just to show that ANYTHING is possible!

Happy Anniversary to:

Golda Neuman
September 1991

Jan Archibald
September 1997

Lisa Fusano
September 2013

Gabriella De Asis
September 2014

Geny Haase
September 2014

Katherine Cooper
September 2018

Star Simpson
September 2018



And then comes the big finale, photos, with the group and then a surprise for our 5th grade audience...



GOODIES!
Due to our amazing sponsors and friends, we were able to gift SFV 99s blue bracelets, Women in Aviation pink

SWAG bags, Van Nuys Airport purple bags, little purple airplanes, balsa wood airplanes, & AOPA booklets on airplanes as well. As if that wasn't enough amazing gifts, we also were able to give away

a ticket for FREE DISCOVERY FLIGHTS through EAA's Young Eagles program!!!

The pure energy, joy, and enthusiasm for that special day was priceless. Sharing our own stories and helping encourage the young people to see opportunities in our aviation industry was absolutely amazing.

Thank you to everyone who made this project happen, those

who had donated their time, energy, memories, and goodies to us as well as a special thank you to the DIY Girls team and their inspiring



group of leaders. Being a part of these girls' futures is more than we could've asked for.

Jessica McClintock

Happy Anniversary to:

Coralee Tucker

October 1968

Jeanne Fenimore

October 1973

Susan Sloan

October 1992

Karen Waters

October 2019

Kathy Smither

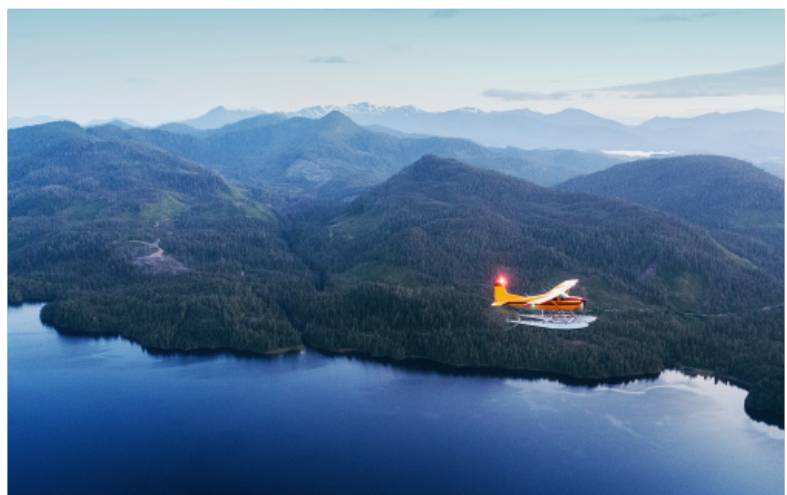
November 1989

Anne Marie Radel

November 2003

Veronika Csanyi

November 2015



“Ride-In & Fly-Out”

The “Ride-In & Fly-Out” event last month (September) was so successful! One of the riders, Shannon, hosted the SFV Chapter to her sewing shop in Valley Village. We learned different embroidery stitches and created beautiful art. Sharry, another

Happy Anniversary to:

Petra Janney
November 2019

Jessica McClintock
November 2020

Bri Idelman
December 2020

Ceci Stratford
December 1976

Lisa Hineman
December 1996

Megan Volpe
December 2011

Yoomi Kim
December 2020

Carol “Delta” DeLilly
December 2020



rider, who is a personal chef made us a divine soup to fill our tummies. We chatted about future fly-in’s we can host and about various ways to raise money.

It was a fabulous event and we look forward to sharing with the chapter about some ideas we have for the near future!

Sarah Weiss



Atta girls/guys to:

Star Simpson passed her
checkride!

Lisa Fusano passed her CFI
written!

Morgan Gale passed her IFR!

Ingrid Lohne passed her
Commercial Check ride!

Ingrid Lohne obtained her
RPC and Instrument rating!



Morgan Gale



Star Simpson



Ingrid Lohne

CFling Around with Annelie

I'm finally doing it!! CFI Backseat flying/training for the G1000 @ KVNY in Septmber 2021.



A Special Flight to Taft - "OILDORADO 2021"

By Ceci Stratford

Chuck and I were invited to accompany B-25 Executive Sweet to Taft's "Oildorado 2021" celebration on October 15-16. This event is held every 5 years to celebrate Taft's history of oil exploration which supported their robust economy over the last 50 plus years!



Concerts, parties, markets, dinners, and opportunities to be put in jail by the Sheriff and his posse were part of the week-long event. The B-25 did fly-overs of the Saturday parade along with a C-47 and T-34. Then the whole community came out to see the airplanes at the Taft Airport.

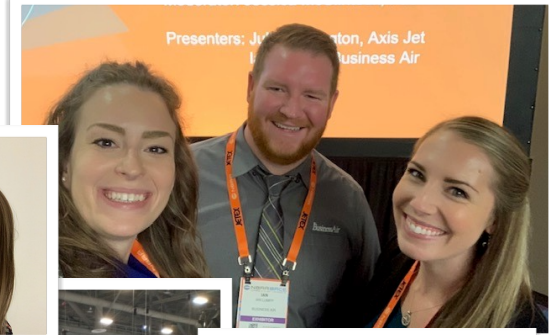


The weather was absolutely perfect for a Fall day in the San Joaquin Valley.

National Business Aviation Association's BACE 2021 Vegas conference

I have a new roll on the Maintenance committee's Environmental Sustainability subcommittee as their Co-Chair with Netflix' Chief Pilot, so I got to feel what it's like to be one of the only (possibly the only) woman pilot in the room. That was fun... hahahah

Also, for the YoPro organization, (my prior role), I was able to participate in the NBAA Collegiate Connect Session that focused on "Beyond the 9 to 5" which was all about getting involved outside of your typical 'day job.' I was proud to speak about the 99s in my intro (I was the moderator for the panel), and all about scholarship opportunities/programs/etc. FAMOUS Julia Harrington (a corporate and aerobatic pilot w/YOUTUBE "[Pilot Julia](#)") was also on the panel along with Ian Lump- the new Vice Chair for the YoPro group.



We also got to participate in the Congressional Fundraiser with Congresswoman Dina Titus (she sits on the General Aviation Caucus), and meet her at the Collegiate Connect as well.

The other photos are mostly of just running into amazing women pilots and people in the industry! For anyone who loves sports (like I do!), MLB Hall of Famer, Ken Griffey Jr. showed up at the event and I tracked him down for a photo. He got his pilot certification at the age of 36 and his dad is also a pilot!

A highlight of my trip was when I got to meet our very own Megan Volpe there and she was SO AMAZING (photo of her in a hat between two other corporate women pilots), and one of my good friend, Fidan Thornburg (99s member & past scholarship winner, corporate/military/commercial pilot!!!)



Jessica McClintock

Farewell sweet Lilian...

*We'll miss you, Lilian.
Until we meet again over
the blue horizon...✈️*