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2006 Awards & Installation Luncheon

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Close to forty members and guests enjoyed visiting with long-time friends and sharing many laughs at the San Fernando Valley 99s' Awards and Installation Luncheon at Marie Callender's in Northridge on June 17, 2006. MC Jaye Howes kept the ceremony lively with her thoughtful and witty program. Leslie Dinius did a nice job organizing and decorating this year's event. The tables looked lovely. A special thank you to both Leslie and Jaye!



The 2005-2006 board members hand symbols of their positions to the new 2006-2007 Board of Directors.

Standing L to R: outgoing Vice Chairman Kathy Crawley; incoming Vice Chairman & outgoing Recording Secretary Jennifer Miller; incoming Recording Secretary Kathryn Presson; outgoing Corresponding Secretary Melinda Lyon; incoming Corresponding Secretary Mary Glassman; incoming Treasurer Anne Marie Radel. Seated L to R: incoming Chairman Jeanne Fenimore; outgoing Chairman Bertie Duffy (not pictured: outgoing Treasurer Maureen Kenney).



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The San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was founded on February 1, 1952. The mission of the Ninety-Nines is:

- To promote world fellowship through flight.
- To provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community.
- To preserve the unique history of women in aviation.

Congratulations to Award Recipients

At the Awards and Installation Luncheon, Melinda Lyon and Jeanne Fenimore announced that this year's winner of the Career Scholarship is Emma Richard. Emma is a pilot for Clay Lacey and, unfortunately, could not attend the luncheon due to a last minute flight. She was thrilled, however, to have been chosen as the SFV99s scholarship winner.



Chuck Kamphausen received the 49-1/2 of the Year Award for his continued dedication to the Chapter.

Chairman Bertie Duffy presented Ivor Dawson with the Friend of the Chapter Award. Ivor was completely surprised by the announcement, as he believed he was attending the luncheon to honor a Chapter member. Chapter members have been volunteering for Ivor at the Traveling Space Museum and in return the Chapter has received donations from the Museum. In a turn of the tables, Ivor surprised the luncheon attendees when he presented Bertie with yet another donation to the Chapter.



Jan Wood was honored for her fifty years as a 99. The Chapter nominated Jan to be inducted into the Forest of Friendship.



Ceci Stratford received a Special Award from the Board for her extraordinary fundraising efforts on behalf of the Chapter and volunteering activities in aviation.



Kathryn Presson receives the Rookie Pilot of the Year Award from Jeanne Kirhofer.



Anne Marie Radel receives Woman Pilot of the Year from Jeanne Kirhofer.



Julieann Sikora receives the Trixie Ann Schubert Memorial Service Award from Jennifer Miller.

Rockin' at Van Nuys

Mother Nature was kind to us on Sunday, June 11, the day of the Van Nuys Airport's Rockin' Airfest. Although the temperature had hovered in the high 90's the week prior, the overcast kept the temperature relatively comfortable on the day of the event.

Chapter members and Explorers were privileged to "catch" the enormous American Flag that was displayed by the Misty Blues All Woman Skydiving Team in their Event Opening Jump. We also "caught" a large colorful banner that they displayed in their afternoon jump.

Our chapter booth was located in the hangar where we sold "Event cups" and "Aviation gifts by Ruth," gave out small prizes to children participating in our airplane flying game, and spoke to attendees about "Who"



Stacie Crowther monitors the airplane game.



we are and "What" we do in and for the community. The Explorers and parents were also present to help and they gave information about Explorer Post 747.

The U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor flyby was breathtaking and the music was great. The Misty Blues, I am sure, inspired little and big girls that women can do anything they set their minds to.

All in all we had a very satisfying fundraising event and a great time!



Above L to R: Jeanne Fenimore, Ruth Logan, Leslie Dinius, Ceci Stratford, Paula Sandling, Kathy Crawley, Mary Lou Neale, Lilian Holt, Linda Worden, Stacie Crowther, and Julieann Sikora

Top Photo: Lorrie Blech "womans" the 99s booth.

June Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV members!

1986	Connie Schurr
1991	Helene Brown
1997	Ruth Logan
2001	Jennifer Miller
2001	Natasha Pavlova-Ferrand
2005	Leslie Dinius



Rose of Achievement

A big congratulations goes to Stacie Crowther for achieving her commercial certificate. Stacie earned a Rose of Achievement at June's Chapter Meeting. Way to go!

Guests

Guests at the June meeting included John Lyon, Julia Rose, Michele O'Neill, Dang Meseure, Pnina Weiser, newly-pinned SFV99 FWP Joanne Davis, and Los Angeles Palms Chapter members Nora Feddal and Dana Schwarzwalter.

Welcome! We hope you can join us again.



Joanne Davis receives her FWP pin from her mentor Kathryn Presson at the Awards Luncheon

Happy Birthday!

June 3	Betty Irwin
June 3	Merlee Levick
June 6	Marilyn Perna
June 19	Madeline Kurrasch
June 24	Lilian Holt

Member of the Month

Kathy Smither received Member of the Month for her work as Chairman of Aerospace Education. The Chapter won the Aerospace Education Award at Spring Section! Congratulations Kathy!

We Are Sorry to Report...

For those of you who know our former member, Misti Vreeland Flashpohler, she wrote saying that her husband, "Flash," died on June 11, 2006 after a long illness. If you would like to send her a card or note her address is:

Misti Flashpohler
31615 Millstone Estates Unit 4
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Turning Base...July

Summer Potluck

Enjoy a summer evening with friends on Saturday, July 15th at the Sikora's home: 13650 Fenton Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342. The party will begin at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. Bring a swim suit, towel, and sunscreen!

Directions: From VNY, take the 405 North to the 118 East. Take the 118 East to the 210 SACRAMENTO. Once on the 210, pass Maclay, pass Hubbard and then exit on Polk. Make a right at the bottom of the off ramp onto Polk. Go up two blocks to the 2nd stop sign - Fenton. Make a right on Fenton. The house is on the left hand side - 13650 Fenton Avenue. (It has a big telephone pole in the front.)

Please contact Julieann Sikora (818) 367-0927 if you have questions.

99s International Conference

July 5 – 9, 2006
Washington, D.C.

Hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Section

July Membership Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our SFV members!

1987	Laura Ricks
1996	Susan Skalla
1998	Merlee Levick
2005	Melanie Stoner

Happy Birthday!

July 6	Linda Hernandez
July 8	Jackie Forsting
July 10	Ruth Logan
July 22	Pam Distaso
July 23	Lois Rifkin
July 26	Jennifer Miller

Public Relations

We have until July 31st to turn in information for the Southwest Section Public Relations Award. This Award is given each year to the chapter that has received the most publicity over the period from June 1st to May 31st. The award winner will be announced at the Southwest Section Meeting in Ashland. We know that a lot of our members have been mentioned in newspapers, newsletters, magazines, on the radio, on TV, and in movies. If any of your publicity mentions the 99s, please send us a copy of your article ASAP. We have received this award several times, and there is no reason why we should not win it again.

Julieann Sikora will be our new Public Relations Chairperson. Send or give anything you have to Julieann Sikora, Mary Glassman, Jennifer Miller or Jeanne Fenimore.

Reminder...

There is no Chapter meeting in July.
Next Meeting: Monday, August 7
Budget Meeting: Monday, August 14

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Reference
July 1	Deadline to update personal information at International for 2006-2007 Membership Directory	International Website
July 5-9	International Conference	Washington DC
July 15	Summer Potluck	Juileann Sikora -- 4:00 pm
July 31	Board Meeting	Rocky's, WHP -- 6:30pm
August 7	Chapter Meeting Dinner in the Main Dining Room	VNY Airtel Plaza -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30
August 14	Budget Meeting / Board Meeting	WHP Pilots Lounge -- 6:00 pm
August 28	Chapter Business Meeting – Closed to Guests Dinner in the Main Dining Room	Airtel Hotel -- 7:00 pm as early as 5:30

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