



# PLANE TALES



THE NINETY NINES INC • ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

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## June 2021

**June** —Non-banquet Zoom meeting 7pm.  
Look for an email invitation!

**June** —Business Meeting 6pm via ZOOM.  
Look for an invitation email.

*OUR MISSION — The NINETY-NINES® INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS® promotes 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 represented in all areas of aviation today. And, to quote Amelia, fly "for the fun of it!"*

## Meet our 2021 OC 99s Scholarship Winners!

### NOTICE -

**NO chapter meetings in July and  
NO Plane Tales. (We all need a rest!)**

## Meet our new (and returning) Orange County Ninety-Nines Board of Directors!

**Chair—Kimmie Yehling:** I began my aviation journey at end of 2013. I was introduced to flying by a friend. I loved it and have stuck with it because I really need a hobby. After several instructor changes, I earned my private pilot's license in December of 2017 and continued on with my instrument rating, which I achieved in 2019. I have a passion for racing and I have had a very successful career as the only woman driver in several off-road and off-shore races. "I've tackled the sea, I've tackled the land, so I might as well tackle the sky". My future aviation goals are uncertain at this time. But, I'm excited to be starting my multi-engine rating this week and I am also excited to see what the future holds.. Blue Skies!! Kimmie

**Vice-Chair—Kelsi Calvillo:** I've always had a love of aviation since my dad was a private pilot. My first flight was when I was a month and a half old, and I spent many weekends in a hangar as a kid. I remember my first time "flying" was through Banning pass in the co-pilot's seat. I'd say aviation was my first love. Back in 2018, I decided to attend OCC's Private Pilot ground school and save some money for flight lessons during that time. I passed my private in July 2019 and discovered the 99s in December. I immediately involved myself in meetings and started managing our Instagram account. I am looking forward to a wonderful year as the Vice Chair for the Orange County 99s chapter. Kelsi



**Secretary—Sofia Nosratabadi:** I came to the U.S. from Russia. I studied Political Science, then went to law school. But I always secretly wanted to be a pilot, starting with listening to my mom read an airport storybook at bedtime. When I grew up, I graduated to listening to the mesmerizing pilot talk on LiveATC Radio, which had the added allure of being incomprehensible – until one day I started talking like that too, thanks to Sunrise Aviation. The school recently assisted me in becoming a private pilot and an instrument student. Eventually, I want to become a cargo pilot and try a Transatlantic crossing. Sofia



**Treasurer—Lena Wilson:** One year before graduating from high school in Mexico, Lena took her first left seat flight while visiting her grandparents. She flew in a TB-9 out of Long Beach. Right after takeoff, she was certain that she would be experiencing flight again. She never doubted she would learn to fly and that challenge became reality. Now, eight years later, she is a private pilot with her instrument certification. Lena received educational and moral support from the OC99s and decided to give back by serving as Treasurer for the past four years. She is delighted to be able to serve another year.





### Happy June Birthdays!



2 Linda Abrams  
2 Janise Lambert  
6 Kelsi Calvillo  
9 Hilda Hill  
12 Lena Wilson  
19 Jacqueline Stokes  
20 Kimberly Yehling  
20 CJ McMullin



### Happy July Birthdays!

8 Pam Hengsteler  
10 Lianne Oakes  
18 Andrea Averyt  
25 Irene Engard  
31 Andrea Hernandez

If we missed your birthday, Happy Belated!  
And, please send the date to Irene Engard — engards@aol.com

**Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue!  
Plane Tales is a collaborative effort. We count on many  
to help make it the wonderful newsletter that it is.**

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**TO A VERY ACCOMPLISHED WOMAN: ALL NINETY-NINES**