

## Chairman's Message

By Kathy Dannecker

December was a fun month for the SLO 99s! We had two wonderful opportunities to share the camaraderie of fellow women pilots and other airport friends.

Thanks to Grace Crittenden for hosting this year's holiday party in her new home! It was a warm setting, with just enough decorations (and wine) to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. What a nice time to visit with friends - old, new, and some we just don't get to see that often.

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We also delivered treats to the tower and to the fire station and administration. We had fewer bakers this year, but still managed to deliver some festive baskets and Christmas cheer to our friends in the tower and around the airport.



2014 Christmas Party at Grace's new home

As we head into 2015, I'd like to suggest a New Year's resolution for us all - make a commitment to do more flying! And make a renewed commitment to the 99s. We need the contributions of all of our members to make this a vibrant organization. Suggest a meeting program or present one yourself! Lead a flyout or plan another activity. Whatever you do, get involved! The SLO 99s will be better for it!  
Happy New Year! Now go fly!

## January Meeting

By Kathy Dannecker

In a world where general aviation jostles for space with commercial flights, student pilots make their way among grizzled veterans, and the winds don't always favor 29, five mortals make it their life's mission to bring order to chaos. Who are these defenders of the skies? The air traffic controllers

## Dates and Schedules

Comments, corrections, and suggestions are welcome. Fly-outs: dates are flexible and we will confirm plans and set times at the chapter meeting before the scheduled fly-out. Seats will be available for non-pilots, students, and pilots without wings. We want every seat to be filled, so let us know if you want to come along.

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Jan 7 Chapter Meeting: **Special Guests from the SLO Tower** (see January Meeting page 1)  
5.30 pm at the Spirit of San Luis

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of San Luis Obispo!

At the next SLO 99s meeting, Dylan (a.k.a Captain Amairica) will be there to answer all your questions, as well as James Thacker, our newest superhero. James developed his powers in the Marine Corp, but has been using them here on the Central Coast since September, giving clearances, issuing taxi instructions, and keeping wayward pilots from running into each other.

So come to the Spirit of San Luis on January 7 to learn how you can help these crusaders in their quest to make San Luis airport a safe haven for all pilots. Socialize from 5:30–6:00pm. The secrets of the tower will be revealed at 6:00pm. You won't even need a decoder ring!



*The cookie crew delivering their wares to the tower and the fire department (article on the next page)*

## Cookies to the Tower

By Tish Allan-Jacobs

Bringing Cookies to the tower and the fire department each year is always a treat for both the 99's who participate, as well as those who receive our good tidings.

This year Camille, Kathy, Grace and Tish showed up at the Spirit with cookies and goodies ready to assemble in lovely baskets that Grace provided. Tangerines and oranges, also brought by Grace, added a heathy taste treat to the homemade cookies. Soon we were ready to make our rounds and to spread a little Christmas Cheer.

As we approached the top of the tower, Grace led us in a Christmas jingle of "We wish you a Merry Christmas." We sang pretty well considering we had just climbed the tower steps with a nice clip. I guess Santa must get a bit breathless at times himself.

Our newest air traffic controller, James, displayed

his expertise in directing and redirecting planes on the ground and in the air. Dylan and Patty were there for support making up quite a power team. After a round of pictures and wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year, the four ladies headed back down the tower steps. The trip down was a lot shorter for some reason.

Our final stop was the Fire station. The huge Crash Trucks were waiting as sentinels in case of trouble on the runway. This year we got the tour of the new rescue vehicle that can actually aid in helping up to 200 people needing medical help in a major airline occurrence. We all concluded that we hope this vehicle never gets used. But it's comforting to know that things are in place.

We hope more of you would join us next year for this very special event to spread Christmas cheer and appreciation for those at San Luis Obispo County Airport who keep us safe hour after hour all year long.

A joyous Christmas to all the 99's. Happy flying in 2015.



*Kathy, Camille, Tish and Grace cooked and delivered the goodies to the tower and the fire department (article on this page)*