

CHAPTER-OF-THE-MONTH for MARCH, 2010

THE KANSAS CITY KIWI CLUB

The Kansas City Kiwi Club was organized on April 8, 1982, at the home of **Peggy (Wright) Lane**. There were 8 former American Airlines stewardesses present, (most of who had flown before the jet age) and **Jerry Ann Piontkowski**, national membership chairman, who presented the charter.

Throughout the following 28 years this small group has built life long friendships and enjoyed taking many fascinating tours in and around the Kansas City area. Since we live on the border of Kansas and Missouri where much history has been made, we continue to look for interesting places to go.

Some of the educational adventures we have been on have taken us to:

- **Arrow Rock, MO** - an historical town on the Missouri River where we saw a play and dined in a quaint, old restaurant
- **Fort Osage** in Sibley, MO - a trading outpost of frontier days
- **Watkins Mill** - America's oldest surviving 1860's woolen mill used during the Civil War
- **President Truman's home and Library** in Independence, MO. Huge mansions there, beautifully decorated during the holidays
- **Stephenson's Apple Farm** - a stop on the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails
- In downtown Kansas City we toured **Nelly Don's**, the first manufacturer of women's housedresses, in the old garment district
- The **TWA Airline Museum** which contains many of the hometown airline's original planes, uniforms, etc...
- **Union Station**, the historic train station where the first Fred Harvey Restaurant is located. Many wonderful national exhibits are shown at the station
- The **Nelson-Atkins Fine Art Museum**
- The **Kemper and Nerman Contemporary Art Museums**
- We support our local **Symphony** by attending their **Designer Showhouse** each year
- A special highlight of the year is our annual "**High Tea**" held at the Intercontinental Hotel overlooking the famous Country Club Plaza Christmas lights

In addition to all these special activities, we also enjoy going to different restaurants for lunch during the year.

Our local charity is the **Rose Brooks Home** for abused women and children.

THE KANSAS CITY KIWIS



In Front: Louise Simmons (in white jacket),
Left to right: Ann Polka, Peggy Lane, Fran Pattarini, Julie Radford, Gwen Shackelford and
Jessye Dunlop