

WASHINGTON, DC KIWI CHAPTER
CHAPTER-of-the-MONTH
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We became members of the Kiwi Club in the early 50's and have been active up to the present day. Our chapter covers a radius of over 100 miles in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Many of our members, like other clubs, have rotated holding an office over the years. With the influx of on-line flight attendants, our membership grew. Today, we have 44 paid members.

Meetings are held at private homes or at local restaurants. We try to offer a variety of venues that members can relate to and find stimulating.

Programs we have hosted in the past:

- A Nutritional Counselor/Dietician spoke of women's health and wellness issues, with a question and answer period. Very informative.
- A neighborhood Ornithologist spoke to us about indigenous birds, their nesting and breeding habits and recognizing different species.
- A professional motivational speaker presented information about networking for "mature" women and surviving in today's world.
- We took a trolley tour of downtown Annapolis (Capital of Maryland), hosted by one of our Annapolis Kiwis.
- Our Anniversary luncheon was a cruise on the Potomac, past all our wonderful monuments.
- Last June, we attended a meeting at a member's house who has a professional garden and all wore their best hats. Prizes were given for best, funniest, and worse hats.
- At one member's house we hosted a "Gold for Cash" party, where part of the proceeds went towards our charity. One of our members is a jeweler and was able to offer the service.
- Christmastime is the only occasion that we invite spouses to join us in celebrating the holidays. The husbands enjoy it as much as our members.

The Washington, D.C. Chapter hosted the **4th National Kiwi Convention in 1960.**

Our on-line international flight attendant stays abreast of the recent retirees and contacts them about membership.

Our current charity is **WINGS of DCA**. We used to wash cars and do bake sales to raise money, but now we just donate money to the charity when dues are due in November.

We have a very diverse, eclectic, and enthusiastic membership. We are always happy to see each other and catch up....somehow we are able to all talk at the same time and understand everything that is going on! Our ages run from the late 40's to the 80's.

Distinguished members (past and present) include **Connie Leighliter Budge, Christine Greenlaw Dolby, and Kathy Joy Minner.**

