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And away we go! Our new Kiwi Club chapter was officially launched with our first meeting and luncheon on April 2, 2008! **Sandy Pagden-Gribaudo** opened her lovely home for 10 gals from our newly formed group.

Looks like there will never be a hungry Kiwi in our group! The food was scrumptious and plentiful! **Karen Thomas** wowed us with her spicy “cerviche” salsa, **Nonnie Owens** brought her incredible Texas Gold Bar cookies and everyone dug into the salad topped off with **Sandy’s** homemade dressing. Bloody Mary’s, mimosa’s, and wine were the drinks of the day.

Our new officers were installed and **Sandy** presented each officer with a flower that represents the responsibility of her office. Treasurer is **Ginny Dougall**. Her flowers were green.....for money...natch! **Kathy Kuzminski** is the secretary and she was given yellow flowers signifying friendly communication. Vice-President is **Nonnie Owens**. A bouquet of red flowers signifying integrity was presented to her. Our “un-officer” position of Social Director belongs to **Bonnie Lindenberg!** She was handed a single red rose because she holds a special position and great things are expected of her. The first President of our new chapter is **Sandy Pagden-Gribaudo!** Couldn’t have a better person for the job! **Sandy** had a gavel engraved with the words **SUNCOAST KIWIS**. The gavel signifies her commitment to guiding and building up our chapter. We wish all of the officers well as they help to make the **SUNCOAST Kiwi chapter** one of the best in the organization!

Mary Paulson had a great suggestion that we all bring some mementos from our flying days to a future meeting. Fun! But, since it was her idea, we can’t do this until Mary returns from the West coast next fall. Hurry back!

Say “Bon Voyage” to **Pat Roche** and her brother, Tom. They booked a last minute cruise on Celebrity to London and will depart on April 11th! We heard that **Pam Murray** is doing well with her physical therapy and her spirits continue to be high. Keep the cards and prayers coming. No flowers though...she’s allergic to them!

Karen Thomas and **Ruth McConnell** have volunteered to place the notices of our meetings in local publication *The Breeze* to attract more members.....thanks ladies and happy hunting!



Mark your calendars! Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 29, at 12:30 pm.** We’ll meet at RUMRUNNERS RESTAURANT in Cape Coral. Discussions will include dates and places for future meetings and which charity we might sponsor. Bring your ideas and your change! See you then! **Kathy Kuzminski**



President's Corner

Sandy Barkel Pagden- Gribaudo

Hi There! Welcome to our new Chapter- **Florida SUNCOAST Chapter** of The Kiwi Club.

Although we are small in number, we all have flown for a long time collectively. We welcome any new member, regardless of the length of service that you have given to American or its merged affiliations. We are a relaxed group in that, we meet once a month on any given day or time and therein lies the greatness of this club....majority rules!

WE will be discussing our designated charity next month so that we can choose with clarity in September of 2008. WOW, this is our PREMIER ISSUE! Our Chapter hopes to continue to meet with our other sister chapters, SWFL and Gulf Coast. **Kathy Schmidt Kuzminski** and her husband, Steve will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on May 12th, so off cruising they will go. **Bonnie Bogan Lindenberg** is still recuperating from her hip replacement surgery of February 5th, but she is amazing! She is the energizer bunny! **Patricia Specht** had emergency surgery and is at home now. Hope that all is going better for her. Time is getting short for **Mary Stuckman Paulson** and hubby Dick to be getting itchy for Seattle. Please don't go! **Jane Finzer** is always so busy with her business of keeping other people in shape, so if you are in need of a professional trainer, do I have the person for you! **Nonnie Cameron Owens** is always traveling and speaking; the last time I caught with her, or rather she with me, she was in Cabos, Mexico and **Nonnie** also sits on the Board of her sorority at FGCU. If you have some creative ideas for fun, recruiting, money-making, e-mail me at hotcargobest1@embarqmail.com. By the way, my new telephone number is 239-768-5314. Hope to see you soon and save your change! **Sandy Pagden-Gribaudo**