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July GG Kiwi Meeting

The Golden Gate Chapter of the Kiwi Club held its monthly meeting at the lovely community of Rossmoor in Walnut Creek. For those of you who are not familiar with Rossmoor, it's an award winning 55+ active community. Situated on 1800 acres of scenic views and pristine landscape.

Special Thanks to Rossmoor residents and GG Kiwi members Linda Lorenz & Marcia Rodger for graciously hosting the event at the Creekside Bar and Grill.



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Board Members present: President Casey Cacioppo Bode, Vice President Carol von Raesfeld, Treasure Kay Middleton, Secretaries Judy Cadet and Paula Grosse.

Members present: Jan Brian, Susan Crawford, Laurie Constable, Sheri Goggans, Julie Griffen Haley, Suzanne Jaynes, Linda Lorenz, Elaine Miller, Kathy Peck, Murphy Robbins, Marcia Rodgers, Rosie Trescott, Caroline Womack, Cindy Simpson, Jan Zeppegno, Lynn Rieger and Guest Barbara Katen.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm.

First on the agenda was recognition and special thanks to hostesses Linda Lorenz & Marcia Rodger from President Casey Cacioppo-Bode for the lovely venue and for the awesome job they did!! Wonderful time enjoyed by all.



Right to Left

Back row: Marcia Rodger, Jan Zeppegno, Judy Cadet, Carolina Womack, Laurie Constable, Sheri Goggans & Julie Griffen Haley

Middle row: Elaine Miller, Paula Grosse, Cindi Simpson, Lynn Rieger & Jan Brian, Carol von Radefeld & Susan Crawford

Front row: Linda Lorenz, Suzanne Jaynes, Kathy Peck, Murphy Robbins, Kay Middleton & Casey Cacioppo Bode

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The Induction of New Officers! GG Kiwi President Casey Cacioppo-Bode graciously thanked the previous Board Members for their extended term due to the Pandemic. She presented both previous and new Board Members with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Judy Cadet spoke about the June Kiwi Gathering in Chico, CA, and thanked the Nine Members who made the long trip to her charming home town. Judy indicated that she would be open to hosting the retreat again next year, possibly in the fall to enjoy the colors in Bidwell Park. What a wonderful idea. Thank you so much Judy!

And a shout out to Julie Griffen Haley for the special edition of the GG Gazette, highlighting the Kiwi fun enjoyed by all. **National loved it!**



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Happy, Happy Birthday too: Shirlee Albrecht, Beverly Chapin, Susan Crawford, Judy Ender, Marcia Rodger and Jan Zeppugno



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Since there was no response to the question of possibly changing the meeting from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday of every month. The meeting will stay on Wednesday with the option to move it back a day if necessary.



The October meeting will be hosted by Rosie Trescott, possibly at Ensalata's in Marin, if she can get a reservation. Final details coming later.

It was decided to purchase a memory brick in honor of GG Kiwi Member Barbara Lawsha (deceased) with the very generous donation from GG Member Nancy Swift. Thank you Nancy.



Next GG Kiwi Meeting is August 10, 2022 at Beautiful Alameda Island. Hosted by Julie Griffen Haley & Jan Zeppegeno. Last year's Alameda Event was fabulous. See you there.



TREASURY REPORT: Balance \$4,825.00



Discussion of charitable donations: options were Doctors without Borders, World Kitchen, and House 4 Hope (H4H) H4H was started by an AAL F/A, Kate Jewell. Kate is an Airline Ambassador International Board Member. H4H will be working to build housing in Poland for Ukranian refugees. Kate's bio follows on the next page.

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Kate Jewell's Bio: I'd like to thank Caroline Womack and the SFO Kiwis for introducing my work and the Home 4 Hope project to help displaced Ukrainians.



I began flying with AA in 1970, first based in ORD and then SAN. In 1978 I was chosen by the Dooley Foundation as a "Stewardess" volunteer to work with an immunization team in Gorkha Nepal. I was thrilled and immediately pulled out my atlas to look for Nepal. Unfortunately, as thoroughly as I scanned the map of AFRICA, I could not find Nepal...(DUH).

A few months later, I landed in Kathmandu and a world I'd never imagined. It was an exciting, frustrating, difficult, uplifting and life-changing experience! I remember one immunization clinic with dozens of people clustered under the Peal tree, children screaming from getting their shot...or the anticipation of getting one. It was complete pandemonium and reminded me of how insane I felt on a full 707 short haul in summer. After thinking about that scenario, I decided I liked the immunization pandemonium better!

I returned to Nepal many times to visit, help, learn, observe and enjoy. And then I became involved with a man... who ended my travels and almost my life! (You can check out "Mortal Danger" by Anne Rule for details....)

In 1999, as part of putting my life back together, I moved to Orcas Island (which seemed like a good place to hide) and returned to flying first out of SEA, then LAX, mostly flying NRT-LAX back to back.

During this period, my father was dealing with cancer and passed away in 2006. I retired in 2007 and then spent 4 years taking care of my mom until she joined Dad in 2012. During this time, I cautiously began working with Airline Ambassadors and Flying Doctors on a few missions to El Salvador and Guatemala. In March 2011, I flew to Japan with an AAI team to help after the earthquake. Our team ended up at the Tokyu Hotel and Steven Samuel (our crew "Maitre'D") came up to me and said "Jewell San...what are you doing here?" I told him and he showed me the 6 foot high wall of suitcases, duffels, boxes and bags of donations crews had donated. Could I help him figure out what to do with all this? I said yes, not having a clue how I would do so!

I returned to NRT late April and met with Hands On Tokyo (HOT) who agreed to take the donations north. Steven gave me the UA crew room (they had moved to the Hilton) and I opened every box, bag, and suitcase and sorted the donations for HOT. They took the donations up to Fukushima. Then, every month, HOT would tell me what was needed and I would put out a call to NRT crews to donate those items. This program lasted until October, when HOT told me the merchants were able to reopen their stores and our donations were no longer needed.

In 2015, the earthquake that devastated Nepal inspired me help. With the support of AAI, Dooley-Intermed and Mission Himalaya, I created the volunteer program at the EcoHome for Orphans. The volunteers who have participated have made such a positive impact and difference for the children. I've been back several times to see the kids, work on the program and, in 2017 help dedicate the Volunteers Cottage generously built by AA FA Romy Skaper in memory of her mother.

In 2016, I flew to Lesbos Island off the coast of Greece to work with a team aiding Syrians crossing treacherous waters to escape their war. It was a heart-breaking and heart-warming experience. When the rubber rafts landed carrying 35 people (rather than the 17 they were built for) it was pure insanity. We received babies first and suddenly I found myself with a screaming baby in each arm, trying to remove six layers of soaking clothes to get them warm, dry and dressed again. The babies were screaming, mothers were screaming for their babies and then...when all were warm, dry and reunited...happiness and gratitude (and a much quieter noise level)!

I've worked with AAI to create the Wellness program that has been presented in the PI, El Salvador, Nepal, and virtually in Haiti and Sierra Leone. Early in the pandemic, I flew to Ecuador to present the program in the newly formed community of San Raymundo and another small village.

And then Covid took over the world and travel stopped. I continued to work with AAI to present programs through virtual "missions" and other ways to support AAI projects.

This year, just when we thought we could start getting back to "normal", Putin's War began and I felt compelled to help...somehow. So I flew to Poland, went to Osweicim and after many attempts and much frustration, I found Krzysztof...and decided to help him build the Home 4 Hope.

I appreciate your consideration in helping this project and hope to be able to come to one of your meetings and meet you all! If any of you are interested in our 2022 AI Nepal mission or going to Osweicim to help...please let me know.

Thank you.