



35th Biennial Kiwi Convention

Celebrating 71 Years of the Kiwi Club

April 23-25, 2024

Savannah, Georgia

Greetings Kiwis,

The 35th Biennial Kiwi Convention, *Savannah Sojourn*, takes us to the charming and historic city of Savannah.

We, your Team Savannah, are extending an invitation to all Kiwis to join us for a fabulous experience in this lovely Southern Hospitality city. Our 2024 Convention offers us the opportunity to attend to Kiwi business, catch up with old friends, make new ones, and just have fun!

You will find in this Convention packet forms for both Registration and Banquet Seating, an event schedule, and information on booking a room.

The registration fee is \$210. The fee covers our *Fete des Peaches n Cream*, opening luncheon and *Magnolia Soiree* closing banquet. Only paid members of The Kiwi Club are eligible to attend our convention. You must be registered to participate in these events; your guests are welcome at the closing banquet and our optional event.

If you plan on attending, please be sure to complete all information on both the registration and banquet forms. Your deadline to submit these forms with your check is April 10, 2024. Please make all checks payable to The Kiwi Club and mail them to our Convention Treasurer at the address shown on the form.

We look forward to seeing you in April and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you and to provide a memorable experience at our 35th Convention *Savannah Sojourn 2024*.

Caroline Ballachey Womack Chairman,
Savannah Sojourn

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A bird's eye view of what awaits you at: *Savannah Sojourn 2024*

The **DeSoto Savannah** on Liberty Street is our host hotel...a boutique-style hotel that includes many amenities and is home to a SCAD art gallery. Reservations can be made on the Convention website: thekiwiclub.org or by calling 866 810-5325. Rooms are available April 22-27, \$229 per night for 2 doubles or 1 King bed. All rooms have hairdryers, coffee machines, and data ports with complimentary Wi-Fi access. You will find 2 excellent restaurants in the Hotel along with an exercise room, swimming pool, and more. Just a few steps outside our front door, restaurants, and shopping are plentiful.

The small and easy-to-navigate Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport is approximately 20 minutes from the hotel. Taxis, town cars, Lyft, and Uber are easily booked when you arrive in the baggage claim area or by preplanned reservation. If you are planning to drive, the hotel has in-and-out valet parking for \$38/day. There are several other garages in the area. We suggest you check in with the hotel about reserving a spot for the days of your booking.

Following your hotel check-in, you will find the Kiwi Convention Registration and Welcome Center in the Foyer, where you will receive your registration materials, optional event wristband, and a surprise or two.

Located in The Pulaski Room, the Hospitality/Memorabilia Center will include a variety of items of interest, including a tribute to the graduating classes of 1973-74 and a very special Stewardess/Flight Attendant uniform Auction, compiled by Traveling Uniform Coordinator Christine Strommer Moeckel. Chris has arranged a special Auction of Uniforms, in their entirety---look for them in Hospitality and by the Reservation/Welcome Desk. More information regarding the Uniform Auction may be found in the Kiwi Kaleidoscope and on the website.

Adjacent you will find the popular Kiwi Boutique available for purchasing an assortment of items. If you or your chapter wishes to reserve a table for your sale items, please contact Chairman Christine Strommer Moeckel, cgmattqa@gmail.com and complete the Boutique form found on the website thekiwiclub.org.

As in the past, an Auction of AA and Kiwi-related items will benefit NKF and Wings. If you would like to donate auction items, please email Chairman Cindi Youts Sanders, cindisanderskiwi@gmail.com. She will contact you regarding what she is accepting. An address will be provided where to send them, or you can bring them to the Convention.

Tuesday, April 23rd will kick off our activities for arriving Kiwi attendees. The Past Presidents Luncheon will be held at 11:30, and an early evening invitational reception for Delegates and Officer Candidates will be held on the 15th floor in the Harborview Room.

The Members at Large (MAL) will caucus on Wednesday, April 24th at 10 am in the Lafayette Suite.

Our pre-luncheon cash-bar cocktail reception begins at 11 am in the foyer of the Cumberland Dining Room. *Fete des Peaches n Cream* opening luncheon will begin at noon with the introduction of the classes of 1973-74, who are celebrating their *50th Anniversary*. This will be an open-seating affair where you will draw a table number as you enter the dining room. This allows us to meet former and new friends while sharing our stories and fun experiences.

A very special *Gentry Gumbo & Ghosts* Optional Event will take place from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. Hop aboard the famous Savannah trolley where your guide will share Savannah's historical past en route to "Lady & Sons" restaurant. This landmark property is owned and operated by celebrity chef Paula Deen, where her hospitality reigns and appetites are entertained. Our return to the hotel will be spirited and thrill your senses on our very own Kiwi Ghost Tour. This exceptional optional evening is offered at \$75 pp and can include guests...be sure to include their names on the reservation form.

Preceding the Delegates' Business meeting on Thursday, April 25th, attendees are encouraged to join special breakout sessions beginning at 8:30 am. The topics will enrich your knowledge of The Kiwi Club and our long-term philanthropy. At noon, immediately following the Delegate Business Session, the Installation of 2024-26 Officers will be held. All attendees are welcome to attend and raise a glass of bubbly to the success of the incoming board and The Kiwi Club.

Our last evening together will be shared at our *Magnolia Soiree* closing banquet. We will listen, dance, and jive to the sounds of the *17 South Band*. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a cash bar reception in the foyer of the Magnolia Ballroom. At 7:00 pm you will be welcomed into the elegance and warmth of the candlelit Magnolia Dining room.

Thanks to the generosity of American Airlines, the evening will include the drawing of AAdvantage miles tickets. The winning tickets are for 50,000 AAdvantage miles, 100,000 AAdvantage miles, and the Grand award of 200,000 AAdvantage miles. All Kiwis should have received a supply of tickets. Sales at \$10 per ticket will continue throughout the convention. Proceeds enable us to support the programs and goals of The Kiwi Club. Winners need not be present.

Your \$210 Registration fee includes our *Fete des Peaches n Cream* opening luncheon, *Magnolia Soiree* closing banquet, and 2024-26 officers installation *Champagne Reception* following the business meeting. Registration and Banquet Seating forms are included in this packet and must be completed with all information. **All 1973-74 Graduate Class attendees please be sure to provide class and uniform information.** Guests are most welcome to join us for our Closing Banquet and the Optional Event and must be included on both the Registration and Banquet Seating forms.

WELCOME TO THE ULTIMATE CONVENTION COMPANION

We're excited to bring you the 2024 Convention App, specially designed specifically for Kiwis' smartphones, delivering instant access to all the essential convention details. The app ensures that you have the necessary details in the palm of your hand.

To access the app: Open your preferred web browser on your phone. (Safari on iPhones). Enter the URL: kiwi24.glideapp.io in the browser bar or search field. **Or** open your camera and point it to the QR code to the right. Then install as instructed below.

Installing the app: On the screen that opens on an iPhone, you will see an option to "Add to Home Screen". If you are using an Android, tap the three dots in the top right corner for this feature. **Do this now!**



Using the app:

Once added, tap the app icon from your home screen to open it. Navigate using the menu button at the bottom of the screen. Simply tap an icon to visit a page and select individual items for more details.

"Savannah Sojourn" includes Southern cuisine, "sipping and strolling", the arts, culture, shopping, sightseeing, and catching up with dear friends. "Sip and Stroll" means just that---all are welcome to take their liquid refreshments along the streets, trolleys, and tours. Savannah is a sophisticated Southern city. Dress to your comfortable, elegant style. Luncheon is always a little more casual and Banquet is---well, dressier and a bit more elegant! The temperatures in April are a low of 54 and creep up further to an average high of 78 F. A beautiful time to enjoy the spring foliage and flowers in the neighborhoods – evenings may require a light jacket---especially on an open-air trolley ride. For those who wish to dine in one of the well-known and interesting restaurants or pre-plan some sightseeing, you will find a wonderful array on VisitSavannah.com and our Convention tab on thekiwiclub.org. Reservations are always something to take into consideration.



Monday April 22

Board Meeting	9:00 AM	Noon
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Tuesday April 23

Registration	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Hospitality	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
Boutique & Memorabilia	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
Past Presidents' Luncheon	11:30 AM	2:00 PM
Delegate/Candidate Reception	4:30 PM	6:00 PM

Wednesday April 24

Registration	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Hospitality	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Boutique & Memorabilia	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
MAL Caucus	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
Cocktail Reception	11:00 AM	Noon
Opening Luncheon / Fete Des Peaches n Cream	Noon	3:00 PM
Optional Event / Gentry Gumbo & Ghosts	5:30 PM	9:15 PM

Thursday April 25

Registration	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
Hospitality	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
Boutique & Memorabilia	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
Delegates' Meeting	8:30 AM	Noon
2024- 2026 Officer Installation	Noon	12:30 PM
Cocktail Reception	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Closing Banquet / Magnolia Soiree	7:00 PM	10:00 PM



Registration Form Convention 2024

Deadline for Submission: April 10, 2024

Make your check payable to: **The Kiwi Club** and remit to:

Polly Toll Goodman
5700 Tanner Ridge Ave.
Westlake Village, CA 91362

Name _____
Last
First
Maiden or Airline Name

Address: _____
Street/Apt.
City
State/Zip

Phone with area code: _____ Cell/emergency phone: _____

Email _____ Graduation year _____ Class or Month # _____

Current Chapter or MAL: _____

Check if applicable: _____ Delegate _____ Alternate

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee \$210 \$ 210.00

Opening Luncheon included in Registration fee: Will attend _____

Closing Banquet included in Registration fee: Will attend _____

Optional Event

Gentry Gumbo & Ghosts \$75 \$ _____

GUESTS

Optional Event how many _____

Closing Banquet how many _____

\$ 75. each \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

\$ 125. each \$ _____

NOTE: Registration fees are not refundable after April 15, 2024. Your check in the total amount must accompany this form. It is recommended you make a copy of your completed form and bring it to the convention.

My Entrée choice for the Banquet is: Sliced Beef Filet Roasted Red Snapper Cauliflower Steak

My Guest(S) choice for the Banquet is: Sliced Beef Filet Roasted Red Snapper Cauliflower Steak

Please circle your entrée choices above. If more than one guest, please indicate the number of each choice

IS THIS YOUR FIRST CONVENTION: Yes _____ No _____

HOW MANY CONVENTIONS HAVE YOU ATTENDED: _____

1973 – 74 GRADUATE

Circle One: Graduating Year: 1973 1974

Circle One: My uniform was a FIELD FLOWERS dress - - red, white, or blue----with a banded yolk
 My uniform was a BILL BLASS suit.

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Banquet Seating Instructions

April 24, 2024

Reservation Deadline is April 10, 2024

Please follow the instructions below for completing the attached Banquet Seating Form. Each table will seat eight (8) persons. This form is needed for **each** attending Kiwi by the deadline – no exceptions. This form must accompany your registration form and check.

- 1.** Chapter Members: In addition to returning this form, give your name and the names of any guests to your chapter president if you wish to sit at your chapter table. If more than ten people wish to be seated together, we will do our best to accommodate the overflow at a nearby table. If you prefer to sit with a chapter other than your own, be sure your name is on their list. If sitting with a friend, indicate the friend's name or names. Make sure this information appears on the forms of all parties.
- 2.** Members at Large: If you wish to be seated with friends at their chapter table, please indicate which chapter. Remember to make sure your name is included on their chapter list. If you have a particular person with whom you wish to be seated, please put that person's name on your form – and make sure your name is on that person's form. We will accommodate where possible.
- 3.** Current National Board and Support Staff: You will be seated at reserved tables unless otherwise noted. Be sure to include guest names. In addition to submitting this form, please advise National President, Stephanie McCauley Butler, of your seating choice.
- 4.** National Officer Candidates: ***If you are elected*** to a national office, you will be seated at reserved tables unless otherwise noted. Be sure to include guest names. In addition to this form, please advise National President Stephanie McCauley Butler of your seating choice following your election.
- 5.** Past National Presidents and Honorary Members: You have the option of being seated at a specially reserved table. If you prefer sitting elsewhere, please note on this form. Be sure to include guest names.

Seating assignments will be included in the Registration Welcome Packets

ANYONE WHO HAS NOT SUBMITTED A BANQUET RESERVATION FORM AND WISHES TO ATTEND THE BANQUET – OR MAKE ANY LAST-MINUTE CHANGES – MUST DO SO AT THE KIWI REGISTRATION DESK NO LATER THAN NOON ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 23rd.



Magnolia Soiree Banquet Seating Form

Please print legibly and furnish all information pertinent to your seating requests. When submitting, **attach this form to your registration form.** We will do everything possible to accommodate you and your guests.

Please retain a copy of this form for your files.

Name: _____
Last First Maiden

Number of guests: _____ Name(s): _____

Chapter Name: _____

_____ I will not be sitting with my chapter but with _____ Chapter

_____ I am a Member at Large and wish to be seated with _____ Chapter

I have given my name to the chapter president with whom I wish to be seated _____ Yes _____ No

Current National Board and Support Staff

I wish to be seated at the Board's reserved tables: _____ Yes _____ No

If no, indicate with whom you will be seated (chapter or name): _____

I have _____ guest(s): Name(s): _____

Past National Presidents and Honorary Members

_____ I wish to be seated at the Past Presidents' reserved tables.

_____ I do not wish to be seated at the Past Presidents' tables. I will be sitting at another table with

(chapter or names(s): _____

I have _____ guest(s): Name(s): _____

Please ensure that you have indicated the choice of entrée on the registration form for you and your guests for your preference to be accommodated.

Guest banquet fee of \$ 125. must be included on the reservation form.