

# Kiwi Kaleidoscope

## Pre-Convention Issue

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## Savannah, here we come!



**Editor's Note:** As of this writing we are less than a month away from convention! Your kiwi crew has been working hard for the past two years to bring you the best convention yet! A beautiful city, a wonderful hotel, friends, laughter. We have it all. There will be many "first timers" so seasoned veterans, let's make them feel welcome! Let's hope Savannah is ready for the "invasion of the kiwis."

**Registration:** The deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>. There have been some major mail delays, should your reservation arrive after April 10, it will be accepted. However, attendance at the Gentry, Gumbo and Ghosts cannot be assured. So, if you want to attend this event get your registration in now.

**Hotel Reservations:** There have been a few and cancelations we were able to place Kiwis that were on the standby list. If you need to cancel your reservation, please do not cancel with the hotel directly. Email Polly Goodman ([ptgkiwi@aol.com](mailto:ptgkiwi@aol.com)) who will cancel it for you and place another waitlisted Kiwi. Cancellations after April 17<sup>th</sup> should be handled directly with the hotel.

### Opportunity Tickets:

Have you purchased yours yet? AAdvantage Miles are the prizes (winners need not be present to win).

First Prize: 250,000 AAdvantage Miles

Second Prize: 150,000 AAdvantage Miles

Third Prize: 100,000 AAdvantage Miles

Contact Jane Fullen Haag ([thekiwiclub1@gmail.com](mailto:thekiwiclub1@gmail.com)) if you require tickets.

Purchased ticket stubs must be returned to Jane no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>. However, tickets will be available convention. Winners will be announced at closing banquet.

### Photo Booth:

Through the generosity of American Airlines Credit Union there will be a photo booth available Wednesday morning (prior to the luncheon) from 8AM to 12PM. Grab your best Kiwi friend and make a memory!

### Silent Auction:

For those of you are donating kiwi items that have gathered dust or lingering in a drawer or closet here is an address that you can ship the merchandise for the silent auction. *Merchandise must be shipped prior to April 10<sup>th</sup>*. The package cannot weigh more than 20lbs. and must be labeled AUCTION. Please notify Audrey that the package is on its way via email. Send shipments to: **Audrey Vasher**, 210 Davies Road, Bluffton, SC 29910.

Email: [audreyvash@gmail.com](mailto:audreyvash@gmail.com)

Another convention surprise: **Chris Moeckel** (ATL chapter) who manages our traveling collection has graciously donated six uniforms (from her private collection) to the silent auction. The uniforms will be on display on mannequins for your inspection. *Please note that the uniforms do not include wings, gloves, or shoes.*

The uniforms to be auctioned:



#### 1946-1953 Winter

Fitted navy jacket and matching skirt. Collarless jacket has single row of three buttons. The long skirt is slightly flared at the bottom. A white short sleeved blouse is worn open at the neck. It was worn with a navy overseas cap.

*Photo: Courtesy of Joni Hayes Buck*



#### 1964-1966 Summer

Powder blue with a triangular front closure with 3 cloth covered buttons. Three quarter length sleeves and a peplum flare in the back. It was worn with a white blouse, darted front with pearl buttons.

*Photo: courtesy of Joni Hayes Buck*



#### 1966-1967 Summer

Double breasted jacket with eight covered cloth buttons. A flared skirt worn with a crinkle knit blouse and pill box hat. The color was called Summer Sea Island Blue.

*Photo: Mary Thrasher*



### 1967-1969 American Beauty (Red Dress)

The first one-piece uniform and a shorter hemline (initially above the knee). Regulation hairbows replaced a hat, white “Go-Go” boots which could be worn off the aircraft, but white patent leather shoes were required inflight. The dress was available in red, white, and blue and could be worn with an optional red, white, and blue vinyl belt. White vinyl bag to transport stewardess manual and personal items.

*Photo: file*



### 1969-1971 Americana (Plaid)

The uniform came in two solid colors, blue and red as well as the plaid. The skirt elastic waistband and included a vest and white blouse with ascot. It was worn with navy blue hose and special navy shoes with red accent band. An optional “Davy Crockett” style raccoon hat complete with tail.

*Photo: file convention 2022*



### 1971-1973 American Field Flower (Navy)

Introduced in three colors, red, white, and blue. It included a matching jacket, color trim on the collars, hems sleeves and neck. They were mini skirt length and often worn with bell bottom pants or, later hot pants underneath.

*Photo: Courtesy of Paulette Grayson King*

Seeing these uniforms will be a trip down memory lane. Our thanks to **Chris** for her generosity, donating and coordinating this event.

Also...a window and part of the fuselage of a B757-200 will be part of the silent auction. It is wired and ready to hang! And...a fabulous donation from WINGS. Two service carts-the winning bid would include shipment to the winner’s home within the lower 48. **All auctions require that you must be present to win.**

### **Savannah Sojourn Committee:**

These ladies are working hard to bring you the best convention ever. They have donated their time and talents to The Kiwi Club. If you see them at convention, offer your thanks for a job well done!

#### *Convention Chairman*

**Caroline Ballachey Womack**

Golden Gate & Nashville Music City Chapter

#### *Prize Opportunity Drawing*

**Jane Fullen Haag**

O'Hare Chapter

#### *Hospitality*

**Casey Cacioppo Bode**

Golden Gate Chapter

**Paula Brodnick Schmickrath**

Nashville Music City Chapter

#### *Registration*

**Kay Middleton**

Golden Gate Chapter

#### *Welcome Desk*

**Jo Sharp McFadden**

Denver & Oklahoma City Chapter

#### *Decorations*

**Maureen Dormin DiCola**

Atlanta Chapter

#### *Jill of All Trades*

**Audrey Magee Vasher**

Low Country Chapter

#### *Boutique & Uniform Auction*

**Christine Strommer Moeckel**

Atlanta Chapter

#### *Silent Auction*

**Cindi Youts Sanders**

Anaheim & San Diego Chapter

#### *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Editorial Assist*

**Kim White Peterson**

Los Angeles Chapter

#### *Optional Event*

**Eileen Vacquilar Clifford**

Long Island Chapter

#### *Receiving*

**Connie Leighliter Budge**

Low Country Chapter

#### *Meeting Site Coordinator*

**Polly Toll Goodman**

Los Angeles Chapter

#### *Art & Logo Design*

**Mary Richter Thrasher**

O'Hare Chapter

**Highlights of Savannah Sojourn:** Round table-introduction of new kiwi data base presented by Melissa Williams McGrath and how to create a newsletter by Jill Richey Rohan. Cocktail reception for delegates to meet potential officers. Optional Event-Gentry, Gumbo & Ghosts Tour, Voting and installation of new officers at Delegates meeting. Opening luncheon, Closing banquet, Boutique! Silent auctions.

