

Kiwi Kaleidoscope

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TIME MARCHES ON

Many of you may remember the old movie short subject “Time Marches On” which was followed by an animated cartoon in theatres. It is true of The Kiwi Club. Although we aren’t being followed by a cartoon, we are in the march of time. Not many organizations such as ours hold the record of 70 years in existence. We do!

The Kiwi Club is gathering in Ft. Worth, Texas – where we began – to celebrate our 70th birthday. Although Ft. Worth was the first venue, it wasn’t the last. Every two years, members gather together to celebrate. We talk, laugh, hug, eat, drink, and just have fun getting together to catch up on our lives and reminisce about the past – and look forward to the future.

We remember the laughs we had when chapters put on skits. Who could forget Margot Ries prancing through the audience in Scottsdale/Phoenix dressed as a large black bear. Riding the Ferris Wheel on Santa Monica Beach. Or the Chicago Chapter with their “Spirit of Chicago” cruise filled with dancing the polka and line dancing and just showing off. Or the Atlanta and Nashville Chapters taking us back in time to the era of Scarlett. Boots and Barb doing their thing to roars of laughter. Kiwis attracting most of the passengers aboard our convention ship that should have been renamed *The Kiwi*. Having sore arms from the slots in Vegas. Paul Revere riding through the streets of Boston shouting “The Kiwis are coming, the Kiwis are coming!” Being entertained at a theatre in San Francisco, laughing til we cried. The wonderful speaker in LA, Francis Weaver, who took us on an outing to “fly kites” and telling us that a woman who has no new interest of her own has no interest for anyone else. San Diego and having none other than Walter Cronkite welcoming us. He and Bob Considine had performed on Skit Night in NYC in 1962 (they were the first males to be invited to Skit Night). Sun and fun in St. Pete FL. And in Philly when the City of Brotherly Love became the City of Sisterly Love

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Kiwis!

We are entering the home stretch for The Kiwi Club's 70th Anniversary celebration and convention. The convention is being held at the Worthington Renaissance Hotel in Ft. Worth, Texas, the same hotel where we stayed and celebrated our 50th Anniversary. Don't expect the same hotel, as the hotel has had a beautiful renovation and is waiting to welcome us to the place "Where the Best Began" on April 26th. You should have received your Convention Packet by now; if not, please contact Connie Leighliter Budge, Second Vice President, at kiwiclb@aol.com.



Celebrating their 50th Anniversary will be *both* the graduating classes of 1969-70 and 71-72. (The dread virus caused our last convention to be canceled and, of course, the 50th Anniversary of 1969-70 classes.) Please visit our website – thekiwiclub.org – for information. You will find that several of our links are password protected for security purposes. If you don't remember the password or never had it, contact your chapter president; members at large should contact K.Lynn Hoffmann Yelvington, Vice President and MAL liaison, for the information.

Now, as the National President of The Kiwi Club (and the *first* male National President) for the last two years, let me say that it has been quite a ride, challenging and rewarding at the same time. At the time of my election, I was a full-time flight attendant. In the middle of my term I built a new home in the Nashville area, moved, took over the reins of the Club presidency, and retired from flying, all while coping with Covid and the many restrictions.

The National Board and I had to reinvent how quarterly meetings could be held. Some were in person, some were on Zoom, and some a combination. We made it work! The NEB accomplished many issues this term, but nothing that it couldn't handle in spite of conflicts. During this time, the NEB and Support Staff made keeping in touch with chapters and members a priority to see if we could help and find out how they were coping.

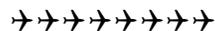
As my parting request to you as your President, I strongly encourage *all* members, both chapter members and members at large, to consider becoming an officer on the National Executive Board. It takes a team to run this organization and make it work. Becoming an officer – or a member of our Support Staff that does yeoman's work for us – ensures that all Kiwis' voices are heard. The Support Staff members publish the *Kiwi Kaleidoscope*, keep the website viable, interesting, and up to date, take care of our uniform collections, make sure our conventions are run properly, act as a liaison between the Club and American Airlines, and keep our history and archives in a professional way. And, like all elections, we welcome more than one person running for a particular office.

It has been my pleasure serving as The Kiwi Club's National President for the 2020-2022 term. I cannot wait to see you again or meet those of you whom I haven't met.

XOXO

Sam

Sam



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as we celebrated with the Mummer's String Band and their love for Ernie Reis. Dancing the Texas Two Step in Oklahoma City. In Houston, hearing someone say "I've never seen such a bunch of good-looking broads in one room! I wonder who they are and where they came from." The Dallas, Richardson, Ft. Worth, DFW/Mid-Cities Chapters giving us a Texas welcome for our 50th Anniversary celebration in Ft. Worth at the...Worthington Hotel!

I could go on and on about "the good old days," but don't forget, there are many more days to come. We have new eras of flight attendants as members who will make their memories the "good old days" as time marches on. And do it Kiwi Style!

If you haven't made your plans to join us in Ft. Worth, get busy. Help us make history for another 70 years while having fun.



“WHERE THE BEST BEGAN!”

“Where the Best Began,” our 70th Anniversary celebration, is just two months away. If you haven’t made plans to join us, don’t hesitate any longer. This celebration will be a very special time for all Kiwis. Our Hospitality Room will have wonderful memorabilia from our Archives on display, fun photos from past conventions, and a few special surprises. It will be the perfect place to gather with friends to reminisce, pay tribute to our amazing charter members, be amused by some of the events of the past, all while celebrating being together again.

Members of the graduating classes of 1969-1970 and 1971-1972 should have received information regarding their 50th Anniversary celebrations to be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 26th. If you are a member of one of these classes and have not yet received that info, please check The Kiwi Club website or contact Polly Toll Goodman, ptgkiwi@aol.com.

We have been asked about The Kiwi Club’s protocols regarding Covid 19. We adhere to the guidelines of the CDC that are in place now and/or during our convention. All indications at this time are that the infection rates are decreasing and will continue to do so, and that the variants are becoming less severe. We encourage members to adhere to the guidelines. Additionally, any members who are more comfortable wearing a mask, whether vaccinated or not, are encouraged to do what makes you comfortable. The hotel has strict guidelines in place for their entire staff.



The CR Smith Museum Optional Event is not to be missed. Many of us have been there in the past, but there is always something new to marvel at, especially while enjoying it with other Kiwis. Kiwis have been a part of what the Museum is all about from its beginning and played a huge part in getting it started.

And, of course, enjoying cocktails and dinner alongside the DC3 and saying a silent thank-you to Mr. CR, the man who made a difference in every one of our lives, is a must.

C.R. Smith Enroute to the Museum we will make a brief stop at the 9/11 Memorial to pay tribute to our hero colleagues who gave the ultimate sacrifice on that historic, earth-shattering day.

Our two principal events, the “Come Fly With Us” Opening Luncheon and “The Way We Were” Closing Banquet will be very special. Come to the luncheon in hats and gloves if you’re in a glamorous mood, or just come casual in “business” attire if you prefer – whatever makes you feel good. And, if you want to pull out all the stops at the banquet and pour on the glamor, do it. Whether you want to be glamorous as many of us were in the past, or if you want to dress down a little, either are acceptable. We just want you to be comfortable and enjoy the evening.

This 70th Anniversary is all about celebrating who we are and who we will be for the next 70 years.

ALERT ALERT ALERT ALERT

There is an error in the convention packet regarding deadlines.

Hotel reservation deadline is **April 4, 2022.**

Convention Registration and Banquet Table reservation forms due by

April 10, 2022

Registration checks should be made payable to The Kiwi Club.

CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

2022-2024 Term

The following members of The Kiwi Club have submitted their applications for office on the National Executive Board.



STEPHANIE MCCAULEY BUTLER
Candidate for National President

Stephanie McCauley Butler graduated from Stewardess School in Class 71-8 and was sent to New York LGA immediately after training. In 1973, she transferred to Los Angeles. After sixteen years in LAX, she transferred to IOR to fly international trips where she typically flew purser and galley positions. While at IOR, she volunteered her time to the APFA Union, working with Professional Standards. She finished her career with American in 2008, having flown over 37 years.

In 1994, Stephanie joined The Kiwi Club, Chicago Chapter. In 2004, eight Kiwis formed a new chapter in the Chicago area, the O'Hare Chapter, named after the airport serving Chicago and around. The chapter covered the Northwest suburbs and Stephanie became a member. She has served on the chapter's Executive Board in many positions, and has taken pleasure in watching the chapter grow from the original eight members to over 130 members. Additionally, Stephanie served a term on the National Executive Board as National Secretary.

The impact that Stephanie would like to have on The Kiwi Club is to inspire Kiwis to become more involved with their local chapters, bringing new ideas, plans, suggestions, and solutions, and wants to emphasize that the success of TKC depends on active participation in chapters, serving on the boards and committees, and furthering charity endeavors. Although members at large may not join a chapter possibly due to distance, transportation, health issues, etc., they need to feel included. The Club offers several ways that members at large can keep involved: The Kiwi Kaleidoscope, The website thekiwiclub.org, Facebook (The Kiwi Club-AA), attending conventions. Where possible, chapters need to reach out to the members at large in their areas. These members are an important part of this organization and that needs to be enforced.

Stephanie emphasized that chapter leaders become national board members. It's important to find those Kiwis within our ranks who have the ability, skills, talents, creativity, and the willingness to serve, whether in chapters or our members at large. They are out there, we just have to find them.



VICKI VALENCIANO KUBAL
Candidate for Vice President

Vicki and her brother were raised on a horse ranch in mid-Michigan where they played lots of sports – golf, sailing, racquetball, and more. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1969 with a double major in math and science, and then from AA's stewardess school the same year. While with AA, Vicki served as an AA First F/A, No. 1, Premium, and Purser. She received the American Airlines Star Award for saving a life outside of an airplane.

Since one of her passions is baking, her all-niter crews were delighted to see Vicki come bearing cup cakes, cookies, cakes, bread, whatever had hit her fancy before the flight.

Her involvement in organizations has been extensive: She served as secretary, treasurer, and president of the Detroit Interline Club, and on the advisory board of the World Airline Club Association, and is a member of PEO, Rotary, and WACA. Mergers and acquisitions were part

of her experiences which she enjoyed. Vicki was involved with travel agencies (7 in Michigan), and was the first Master Cruise Councilor in the Midwest. She has been on hundreds of cruises.

Vicki has been a Kiwi for 12 years. She belongs to the O'Hare Chapter where she has served as secretary, treasurer, president, and membership chair, and also did the annual tax accounting for the chapter. Additionally, she is a member of the SW Florida, Florida Suncoast, and Florida Gulf Coast Chapters and is currently serving as Treasurer on The Kiwi Club's National Executive Board.

Candidates for the National Executive Board continued



KATHRYN "KAT" APPLGATE WALTON Candidate for Secretary

Kat was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She attended the University of Cincinnati, but did not graduate as American Airlines knocked on her door and was answered. Kat was based in NYC for five months before being transferred to DFW when the new airport opened. She continued flying with AA for two years before marrying.

Kat met her husband-to-be Bruce while in training to become a flight attendant. She says one of the joys of her marriage to Bruce is daughter Jennifer who is happily married and has two boys. (Kat will be delighted to show you pictures.) Second husband, Bill, and Kat raised two foster children – Kaleigh, who is working on her doctorate and Josh, who is successfully working in the financial world.

Kat worked for Comair Airlines for fourteen years. She was a jack-of-all trades and worked as an instructor, check airman, and supervisor. She considers this a wonderful time in her life. Volunteering is a huge part of Kat's life. She volunteers at the Sarasota Players Theatre, making props, fundraising, and actual acting on stage. She organized many fundraiser events. Kat is a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter and was once a member of the Cincinnati Chapter. She has served as president of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter for several years, served as the chapter's treasurer, and was National Treasurer on the National Executive Board for a year before resigning for personal reasons. Kat keeps busy with Kiwis and is looking forward to serving once more on the NEB and supporting recruitment.

GINGER MCDONOUGH PAUL

Candidate for Second Vice President

Ginger was born in Dallas, Texas, the only girl between two brothers. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1966 with a triple major: French, English, and Philosophy.



In the fall of 1966, Ginger was hired by American Airlines for training to be a flight attendant; she received her wings in the class of 66-21. Her first base was Dallas, but she transferred to San Francisco in 1968 where she met her future husband, Chris Paul. They were married in Dallas in 1970, Ginger continued flying and received her gold wings. In 1972, Ginger and Chris moved to Atlanta, and she joined the Atlanta Chapter and has been a member ever since. Ginger has two children, Peyton who lives in Breckenridge CO, and Michael who lives in Chicago. She spends six months in Atlanta, three months in Florida, and three months in CO where she enjoys her grandson, Turner, the love of her life. No matter where she is, Ginger is available to Kiwis and keeping the website up to date and interesting.

Ginger has held various offices in the Atlanta Chapter, including serving as president in 1988. On the National level, she has been a Support Staff member since she took over the Kiwi

website and totally revamped it. She is an avid bridge player, playing competitive duplicate bridge as well as social bridge. She is the president of the Dunwoody Women's Golf Association, Communications Director-Vestry at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, and enjoys being a member of the Spalding Garden Club.

Ginger says the biggest honor she has received is the Polly Toll Goodman Award bestowed on her at convention in OKC.



MELISSA WILLIAMS MCGRATH Candidate for Treasurer

Melissa is an American Airlines flight attendant just completing 35 years of service. She is currently a purser and flies international when possible. She has been based in LGA, DFW, BNA, IDF, ORD, and back to DFW. Her family moved to Nashville in the early 90's so she commutes to DFW.

Melissa has been a Kiwi since 1989 when she joined the Richardson Chapter where she made many friends. She says it was this connection that, years later, enabled her to help start a new Kiwi chapter in Nashville. The Nashville Music City Chapter was chartered just prior to the pandemic making recruitment challenging, but Melissa looks forward to helping grow the chapter in the future.

The Kiwi Club, Melissa says, is not as well known to the active flight attendant community as she would like. She believes many people still think the Club is for retirees only. She would like to focus on expanding the visibility of the Club to flight attendants currently online so they can make those life-long connections off the airplane just as she has done.

BACK IN TIME . . . Martha Freeman Cunningham, Memphis Chapter, has taken on the task of organizing three chapter scrapbooks. She found early newspaper articles and photos while organizing. These memories show our beginning and how Time has marched on.



—Star-Telegram Photo.

MISS KAY HANSEN of New York, an honorary Kiwi, presided at the silver service Monday at a tea in her honor at Western Hills Hotel, where Kiwis from all over the United States gathered Monday to organize a national association. The meeting will close Wednesday. Left to right are MISS HANSEN, MRS. JOHN CRAIG of Sherman Oaks, Cal., the former Miss Frances Keyes, and MRS. M. R. BAUGH of Hurst, the former Miss Sally Bascom. Kiwis are former American Airlines stewardesses grounded by marriage. Mrs. Geo. Kahak, Fort Worth, was elected temporary chairman Monday.

Kiwis Meet In Fort Worth May 5-7 To Set Up National Organization

Kiwis from across the nation will meet for the first time, May 5, 6 and 7, at the Western Hills Hotel in Fort Worth to set up their national organization. At that time

voting delegates will select a slate of officers for the national organization, set up by-laws, investigate the possibility of holding a national convention, and decide where to establish their permanent national headquarters.

There will be one voting delegate from each of the 13 organized Kiwi chapters, in Chicago, Fort Worth, Tulsa, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Dallas, New York, New Jersey, Nashville, Boston, Houston, Washington, Memphis, Indianapolis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Detroit, Phoenix and San Diego.

The voting delegates and other Kiwi representatives who can attend will also discuss suggestions for local activities and exchange

ideas on how they can benefit themselves and their communities.

The meeting culminates almost a year of effort on the part of a committee of eight in New York, spearheaded by Pat Green Benson. The delegates are meeting in FTW at the invitation of Mary Hays Kahak, FTW chapter president.

Registration, formal opening ceremonies and the election of a temporary chairman to preside over the sessions will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to business.

Among the social events will be a reception given by Amon G. Carter, AA Director and Publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and a dinner to be given by AA with the FTW Kiwis as hostesses.

The FTW Kiwis will also hold a barbecue party for the delegates and representatives.

R. E. S. Deichler, Vice-President-Sales, and Walter H. Johnson, Jr., AA Secretary, will address the delegates. Other company officials have been invited to attend.

Among those attending as voting delegates are Jean Houser Peterson, DCA; Alice Ostmark Drummond, BNA; Phyllis Eustice Patton, YIP; Pat Green Benson, HOU; Marie Ward Stocking, TUL; Nell Micham Mitchell, MEM; Virginia Woodby Conrad, CHI; Pat Powers Washington, DAL; Doyle Derry Scott, FTW; Louise Mirabel Bodwell, IND; Evelyn Leedy McCormick, LGA; Lee Eckhardt Rau, New Jersey; and Muriel Wells Ashman, CLE.

Representatives will include Pat Patterson Olsen, BNA; Joanne Tucker Sperry, TUL; Marguerite Bladow Bittner, Ann Clegg Conner, Virginia Ellis Taylor and Lynn Adams, MEM; and Margaret Hove Macleran, Tina Herman Irving, Boots Johnson Hogate and Ann Falkedahl Larsen, CHI; Marcelle



—Dallas News Staff Photo.

MULE TEAM!

A team of mules, whose mother was a Shetland mare, is driven into the Hotel Baker's Crystal Ballroom Wednesday night for the chuck wagon supper of The Kiwi Club. The club, made up of former American Airlines stewardesses, is holding its second annual

Ex-Stewardesses to Hold 10th Meeting

It all began here 20 years ago and for the KIWI's it's been "A Score to Remember."

That will be the theme of the 10th national convention of this organization of grounded or retired American Airlines stewardesses meeting Wednesday through Friday at the Sheraton-Fort Worth.

It was 20 years ago in Fort Worth that the KIWI's had their first organizational meeting. Mrs. George J. Kahak of 2235 Windsor Place was the chairman of that meeting.

fashion show, tour of the city and visits to the American Airlines Flight Service College and Flight Academy.

A western barbecue dinner will be held Wednesday night at the Pate Museum of Transportation. The entertainment will include an air show featuring a winged KIWI, Mrs. Kahak, who moved from the galley to the cockpit by becoming a corporate pilot.

STAR OF the show will be Charlie Hillard Jr., president of the Aerobatics Club of America and four-time member of the U.S. Aerobatics Olympic team. Other air

show performers will include Capt. Walter P. Moran, director of flying training at American's Flight Academy.

C. R. Smith, former chief executive officer of American and deputy commander of the Air Transport Command in World War II will be a special guest at a skit night on Thursday.

The program, to be held in the Scott Theater, will feature members of 15 KIWI chapters performing in skits. The winning chapter will perform at the final night's banquet at the Sheraton.

Mrs. Maxwell will preside at the anniversary banquet.

Special guests will be recognized, achievement awards presented and new officers installed.

BEING grounded by marriage, the group, now with more than 2,300 members, adopted the name KIWI after New Zealand's wingless bird.

Over the past 20 years the KIWI's have combined philanthropic endeavors with social functions. Chapters across the country have donated thousands of dollars to such worthy causes as scholarship funds, children's hospitals and organizations for the blind and mentally retarded.



Article excerpt for above photo:

“During a recent fashion show put on by the delightful American Airlines stewardesses...known as Kiwis, the girls looked anything but retired. Their show which they staged at the Brooklyn Museum for the New York Sunday Mirror Magazine brought home the everlasting interest in and beauty of the Art of Couture.” [From the magazine article.]

As you can see from the old photos and articles (and there are more), The Kiwi Club has been a huge success from Day One! Wouldn't it be great if 300 members attended convention in Ft. Worth to celebrate our 70th Anniversary?

Will you be there to make more memories?



ALOHA!

Welcome to our newest chapter located in one of the most beautiful sites on earth – the Hawaiian Islands! The new chapter chose the name Na Manu O Honolulu Chapter to identify its location.

The Kiwi Club welcomes:

Laurel L. Campbell
Roanne Chee-Yamasaki
Mariko Tahara

Geri Mateo Guss
Leilani Suzuki Paul
Mary Vann Faria

Imelda Maneja Teets
Gordon Scott Kim
Vilma Via Mendoza



NEW MEMBERS

Linda Jenzen, O'Hare
 Paul Hubbard Schmickrath, Nashville Music
 Barbara Hennings Ruffolo, O'Hare
 Libby Keller Parks, Memphis
 Marianne Marik Rancic, O'Hare
 Joyce Vechiola Bergard, O'Hare
 Julie Fredrick, DFW/Mid-Cities
 Robert Hofmann, Long Island
 Bonnie Wicklund Smith, DFW/Mid-Cities
 Britt-Lee Westergren Hennigan, O'Hare
 Karen Grugler, O'Hare
 Patty Dedrie Arthur, SW Florida
 Sara Pallus Brandt, DFW/Mid-Cities
 Colleen Rose Campion, FL Gulf Coast
 Brenda Patrick, Member at Large
 Lucie Perez Fassnacht, O'Hare
 Gene Hofmann Medema, O'Hare
 Zoe Cortopassi, O'Hare
 Doug Gromer, O'Hare

Vilma Mendoza, Hawaii
 Anne Schmidt Barnes, O'Hare
 Elizabeth Weller, Nashville Music
 Elizabeth Maloney, Member at Large
 Tonya Thurman Rodgers, Washington DC
 Penelope M. Piskor, Member at Large
 Lynn Klein Loring, Member at Large
 Lynn Bartell, Dallas
 Anne Schmidt Barnes, O'Hare
 Cindy Ingwalson Anderson, O'Hare
 Mary Vann Faria, Hawaii
 Laurel L. Campbell, Hawaii
 Roanne Chee-Yamasaki, Hawaii
 Geri Mateo Guss, Hawaii
 Gordon Scott Kim, Hawaii
 Leilani Suzuki Paul, Hawaii
 Mariko Tahara, Hawaii,
 Imelda Maneja Teets, Hawaii

OOPS! In the last edition of the *Kaleidoscope*, **Barney Karnik Holton Speechley** was given a “new” name: Bonnie. Sorry ‘bout that, Barney.

SPAIN? ENGLAND? CHINA? WHEREVER?

You might have the opportunity to visit these countries or more if you purchase Opportunity Tickets. American Airlines has once again graciously given the Club mileage allowing us to sell the tickets to help fund convention. All you have to do is purchase the tickets at \$10 each to put your name in the barrel for a chance to win. If you need more tickets, contact Polly Toll Goodman or your chapter president. Take a chance...the winner could be you.

First Prize: 200,000 AAdvantage miles
Second Prize: 100,000 AAdvantage miles
Third Prize: 50,000 Aadvantage miles



NATIONAL ENDEAVOR

Kathy Poppenberg Kridel, Endeavor Coordinator, reports that of January of this Kiwi term, Kiwis have donated \$65,705 to Wings Foundation, bringing our total donations since Wings Foundation became the official Endeavor of The Kiwi Club to \$660,425. Way to go, Kiwis!

On May 1, Barclays concluded the AAdvantage® Cash “Spread Your Wings” promotion and announced a \$100,000 donation to the Wings Foundation, supporting its crucial work to provide financial assistance to our flight attendants.

Wings reported to President Sam that over 900 Kiwis and/or chapters have donated to Wings!



CONVENTION MADE EASY!

The 2022 Convention has been made easy thanks to National Secretary Jill Rohan. Jill used her many skills to create an app for Kiwis’ smartphones which provides all the information needed for the 2022 convention.

Jill is sure an app is the easiest and handiest way to have convention information at your fingertips. Since very few people are without a smart phone, this will make it easy to be at meetings and events on time and in the correct place: hotel and convention registration links, banquet seating instructions, and any information you will need prior to and during convention. Here are her instructions:

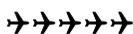
LET’S GO!

1. Type **kiwiconvention22.glideapp.io** into your browser bar or the search box (where you would normally type in a website address).
2. Look for a prompt to: **“add to home screen”** or the three dots at the top right of an Android.
3. Now open the app and start using it.
4. The menu is at the bottom of the screen. Click on any of the icons at the bottom to go to that page. Once you are on a page, click on each individual item to open it further.

There is a lot of information here and I hope you will find this is the easiest way to get to it. Now and at Convention! Any questions, comments, suggestions? Call me at 203-232-1406 or email kiwisecretaryrohan@gmail.com. I’m available any time.

Jill

Jill Richey Rohan



THE KIWI WEBSITE



In the early 1990’s there was a kiwi website managed by then president Mary Lu Schmitt Keyser. So Atlanta Chapter Kiwi, Ginger McDonough Paul, noticed that it needed a complete “do-over” and took steps to have the site transferred to her in 2004.

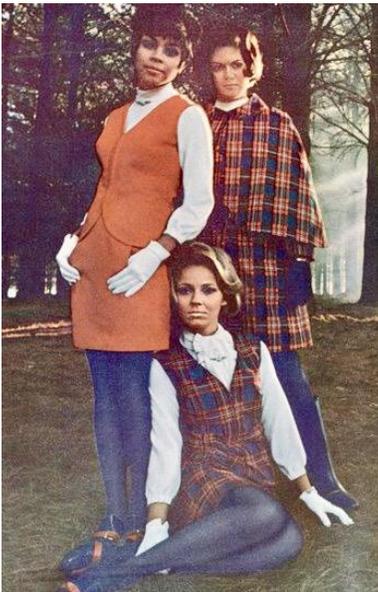
Ginger took her idea of a revamped website to the National Executive Board and they quickly approved her ideas and new design

Over the years the website has undergone several design changes and additions – one, a list of all forms used by the Club, another has photos of the NEB and Support Staff. Then newsletters from chapters. A map showing where chapters are located in the USA. News and memories of Kiwis. An up-to-date list of Kiwis who have flown west. Our history, both in detail and timeline. Photos of our uniforms over the years (thanks to Linda Timberlake). There is even a link to Wings Foundation.

Ginger keeps the site current and calls managing the site “a labor of love.” The Kiwi Club owes Ginger a huge thanks. And now, she is ready to get out of the website barrel and jump into Kiwi business, taking care of the Kiwi’s database.

Ginger is a candidate for Second Vice President on the National Executive Board.

You are invited to a Reunion Party!
Not one, but two!



Do these uniforms look familiar? Do you remember wearing them and thinking how fantastic you looked? And how special you were? Well...you did and are! Join us to laugh and reminisce about those days.

The Classes of 1969 and 1970 are belatedly celebrating their 50th anniversary at Convention 2022 in Ft. Worth, Texas. The Classes of 71-72 are also celebrating their 50th anniversary at Convention 2022. This looks like double-trouble!

Join us for a light “Picnic in the Sky,” AA uniforms, “Stew talk,” prizes and more. You will even get a special keepsake!

Tuesday evening, April 26th, 6:30P

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Same time, same place.

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SKY HIGH GREETINGS, MEMBERS AT LARGE!

As the convention dates approach, we’re hoping you’re making plans to attend our 70th Anniversary celebration. Last month, the National Board met at the Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel for a board meeting and tour of the hotel. We all agreed that everyone will enjoy the accommodations along with the nonstop fun and festivities.

Two 50th reunions (one from classes 1969-1970 and one from classes 1971-1972) promise an evening filled with memories and camaraderie. If you graduated during these four years, grab some class photos or flying photos, don your uniform hat – or even your 50-year-old uniform – because you won’t want to miss this event!

Although we will attend the luncheon and banquet night, we’ll also take care of business during the delegates meeting, and we’ll meet during the Member at Large Caucus on Wednesday, April 27, 9A-11A. As an enticement, all MALs attending the caucus will depart the gathering with at least one surprise. Actually, you’ll find surprise happenings throughout the convention, from the registration desk, to the sale of boutique items, to the silent auction items, and in the hospitality room.

And don’t forget, MALs are eligible to run for office on the National Executive Board. My recommendations for being an officer are to think of the role of an officer as though you’re working a flight:

Maintain the high standards set by predecessors.

Follow the manual while preparing for takeoff.

Respect and appreciate your crew.

Focus your attention on a positive attitude and you’ll automatically soar to higher altitudes.

Welcome new members while supporting long-time members.

Strive for understanding through open-mindedness.

Seek creative, realistic solutions.

Concentrate on the betterment of the organization.

Provide necessary assistance to the inbound crew.

Say buh-bye knowing you provided first-class service!

Since I haven’t met most of you in person, I can’t wait to officially meet you! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Your Kiwi head cheerleader,

K. Lynn



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