



70th ANNIVERSARY KIWIS CONVENTION

“WHERE THE BEST BEGAN”

Ft. Worth, Texas
April 25-28, 2022

Dear Kiwis,

The DFW/Mid-Cities Kiwi Chapter is so excited to host our 70th Anniversary 2022 Convention “Where the Best Began” at the Worthington Hotel in Ft. Worth, TX. We are extending an invitation to all Kiwis to please come and join us and return to those glamor days of years past when people dressed up to travel and hats and gloves were the norm. Wouldn't it be fun to see everyone all glammed up in their best, most elegant attire for our luncheon and banquet? How about dragging out your hats and gloves for lunch; men can wear suits and ties. Dinner would be red carpet worthy in sparkles and sophisticated elegance, whether it is a long gown or evening pants, anything goes. Just make it a fun evening and wear something glamorous. You will catch up with old roommates, friends, and people who you buddy bid with and make new life-long friends. All paid members in good standing with The Kiwi Club are eligible to attend.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Worthington Hotel is accepting reservations through their reservations line: 800-433-5677 and reference the Kiwi Club Biennial National Convention, or on our direct link: [Book your group rate for The Kiwi Club Biennial National Convention](#) to receive your discounted rate of \$189 per night. There are no suites offered. The rates are good from April 21 through May 3, 2022. The last day to book is April 4, 2022. All rooms offer free Wi-Fi, coffee makers, hair dryers, swimming pool plus fitness center, and spa.

If you **did not** make your reservation through The Kiwi Club reservation link or did not advise the reservation agent that you were a part of The Kiwi Club, please email the following: your confirmation number, the name on the reservation, the name(s) of person(s) sharing your room and your arrival date to Polly Toll Goodman at ptgkiwi@aol.com.

Be sure to sign up at Marriott.com for a Bon Voy account to qualify for free Wi-Fi. Include your Bon Voy number in your hotel reservation. Nonmember rate is \$14.95 per day. The hotel is within walking distance of Sundance Square which offers plenty of restaurant options and shopping. On-site parking fee is \$25 daily or \$32 for valet parking.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Your choice of transportation is taxi, Uber, or Lyft. The trip is approximately 28 miles from the airport and takes about 30-45 minutes, depending on the day and traffic. The approximate rate is between \$45 and \$60.

WEATHER AND ATTIRE

April in Ft. Worth is usually very comfortable with the daily high temperatures between 73 to 80 degrees and the nighttime between 53-61 degrees. We can also have some crazy thunderstorms, so bring an umbrella and a light sweater or jacket. Comfortable walking shoes are a must to explore the Stockyards or to just wander around Sundance Square. Ft. Worth is very laid back and casual.

Our Luncheon, “Come Fly with Us,” will be Business Casual, but if you want to glam it up go for those hats and gloves. For our Closing Banquet, “The Way We Were,” we wanted to bring back the glamor and elegance of a truly marvelous and professional career, so formal, semi-formal, or fancy evening attire will be perfect. We may even have some Paparazzi on hand to take pictures as you pose before going into the ballroom on a red carpet.

Don't worry if all this “dressing up” isn't to your liking, we promise not to report you to the “Fashion Police.” Just come wearing whatever makes you comfortable for a good time reminiscent of a bygone era.

OPTIONAL EVENT – 9-11 MEMORIAL MONUMENT AND C.R. SMITH MUSEUM

We will start loading our buses at 4 pm for the 9-11 Memorial Monument located in Grapevine. This memorial is dedicated to the 33 flight crew members who were lost and those who courageously continue to be the ever-vigilant professionals in the airline industry. It also recognizes the firefighters and law enforcement officers who lost their lives protecting others after the attack on the Twin Towers. The bronze sculptures include two pilots, two flight attendants, and a child to represent the traveling public.

From there, we will continue over to the C.R. Smith Museum, a museum dedicated to our Mr. CR, the innovative aviation pioneer and beloved former President/CEO of American Airlines. The signature piece of the museum is the 1940 DC-3 aircraft which was purchased by the Grey Eagles organization.

The DC-3 area is where we will have our cocktail reception and dinner buffet. Take some time, have a photo taken on the DC-3 stairs, see the old uniforms, dinner place settings, plus other artifacts. Then peruse the gift shop! You can never have too many “things” with an old AA logo on it. .

To everyone’s dismay, the new exhibit featuring our hallowed stairs that we all stood on at our graduation will not be completed. Depending upon the progress we may get a peek, but no promises. They will be an important part of the museum extension in the future.

“THEY’VE GOT AN APP FOR THAT”

Yes, we do! Our very own app, developed by National Secretary Jill Richey Rohan for your smart phone. This app will place all the information you need at your fingertips: convention data, schedules, hotel information, local attractions, and more.

To get started you will need to install the app on your phone. Don’t worry, it doesn’t take up any storage space as everything is stored in the cloud. To get the app Type: **kiwiconvention22.glideapp.io** into your browser window (Safari on iPhone, Chrome on Android). Now, **you must save it to your home screen!** On the iPhone, follow the onscreen instructions, and on the Android, click on the three vertical dots on the top right and follow instructions. **Do not skip this step!** Once the app is open, you can navigate around by using the tabs at the bottom of the screen. You’ll find a calendar of events, as well as other valuable information about the convention and The Kiwi Club.

BOUTIQUE AND SILENT AUCTION

The **Boutique** will be open for the three days of the scheduled convention. If you have a sales item, please contact Susie Allen for information , i-shopper@tx.rr.com. To reserve your Boutique table, please complete the Boutique form found on the website and send to Susie.

The Silent Auction, featuring AA and Kiwi memorabilia items sold in support of the Wings Foundation and the National Kiwi Fund will be handled again by Cindi Youts Sanders. If you have items to donate, please contact Cindi at cindisanderskiwi@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITY TICKETS

Our Opportunity Tickets are the *only* fundraiser we have for our convention with proceeds supporting the convention expenses and the ongoing activities of the organization. The tickets are \$10 each, and you do not need to be present to win. The drawing will be at the Awards luncheon on April 27, 2022. Once again, American Airlines has generously donated the following AAdvantage miles:

1 st Prize	200,000 AAdvantage mileage award certificate
2 nd Prize	100,000 AAdvantage mileage award certificate
3 rd Prize	50,000 AAdvantage mileage award certificate

Please make all checks payable to The Kiwi Club
Mail all checks and subs to Polly Toll Goodman
5700 Tanner Ridge Avenue
Westlake Village, CA 91261

If you need more tickets, contact Polly at ptgkiwi@aol.com.

DONATIONS

The convention committee gratefully accepts all chapter and individual donations toward the production of the 2022 Kiwi convention, "**Where the Best Began.**" Please make checks payable to The Kiwi Club, noting DFW 22, and send to

Kay Middleton, Convention Treasurer
601 El Capitan Drive
Danville, CA 94526.

Please come join Kiwis from across the country for our Anniversary celebration. There is plenty to do in Ft. Worth! Plan your trip to make the most of your spare time while making memories as we celebrate **70 incredible years** of friendship and philanthropy.

I'll be waiting to greet you!

Marge Coulson Holmes, Convention Chairman
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70TH ANNIVERSARY KIWI CONVENTION

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, April 25 th	8AM – 5PM	National Board Meeting
	8AM – 6PM	Early Registration
Tuesday, April 26 th	8AM – 6PM	Registration
	8AM – 6PM	Boutique
	9AM – 6PM	Hospitality Room, Exhibits
	4PM – 6PM	Delegate Cocktail Reception
	6:30PM – 8:30PM	1969-70 50 th Anniversary Reception
	6:30PM – 8:30PM	1971-72 50 th Anniversary Reception
Wednesday, April 27 th	8AM – 4PM	Registration
	8AM – 4PM	Boutique
	8AM – 4PM	Hospitality Room, Exhibits
	9AM – 10AM	Members at Large Meeting
	11AM – 12PM	“Come Fly With Us” Cocktail Reception
	12N – 2PM	Luncheon and Awards
	4PM – 10PM	Optional Event 9/11 Monument/C.R. Smith Museum
Thursday, April 28 th	8AM – 2PM	Delegates Meeting, Officer Installation
	8AM – 2PM	Registration
	8AM – 2PM	Boutique
	8AM – 2PM	Hospitality Room, Exhibits
	6:30PM – 7:30PM	“The Way We Were” Cocktail Reception
	7:30PM – 10PM	Dinner and Entertainment



REGISTRATION FORM CONVENTION 2022

Name: _____
Last First Maiden

Address: _____
Street/Apt. City State Zip Code

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell/Emergency No: (_____) _____

Email: _____ Class (year and/or number): _____

Current Chapter or MAL: _____ Airline: _____

Check if applicable: Delegate _____ Alternate _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 195.00

OPENING LUNCHEON (included in registration fee): Will attend: _____

CLOSING BANQUET (included in registration fee): Will attend: _____

If you will have guests, how many? _____ \$125.00 each \$ _____

OPTIONAL EVENT \$70.00 each \$ _____

If you will have guests, how many: _____ \$70.00 each \$ _____

50TH REUNION EVENT for 1969-70: Will attend: _____ \$48.00 \$ _____

50TH REUNION EVENT FOR 1971-1972: Will attend: _____ \$48.00 \$ _____

Reunion event attendees, please indicate year and in which uniform you graduated:

Graduation Year _____

_____ Plaid, blue, or red and coon skin hat

_____ Red, white, and blue pants, skirt, matching jacket

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please send your check for the **total amount** along with this form to:

Kay Middleton, Convention Treasurer
601 El Capitan Drive
Danville, CA 94526

Banquet Entrée choice (please indicate how many you are ordering):

Beef Tenderloin _____ Fish _____ Vegan _____

Is this your first convention: Yes ___ No ___ If "Yes," how many have you attended? _____

What year was the first convention that you attended? _____

NOTE: Registration deadline April 10. Registration fees are not refundable after April 22, 2022



“THE WAY WE WERE” BANQUET SEATING INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline for submitting is April 10, 2022

Please follow the instructions below for completing the attached Banquet Seating Form. Each table will seat ten (10) persons. This form is needed for each attending Kiwi by the deadline – no exceptions! The form must accompany your Registration Form and check.

1. **CHAPTER MEMBERS:** Give your name and the names of any guests to your chapter president if you wish to sit at your 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 are going to be seated with friends at a particular 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:** Submit your form to National President Sam Gooch. You will all be seated at a reserved table(s) unless otherwise noted.
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 the National President Sam Gooch of your seating choice following the 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 the form and include guest name(s).

Seating Assignments will be included in the Registration Packets.

ANYONE WHO HAS NOT SUBMITTED A BANQUET RESERVATION FORM AND WISHES TO ATTEND THE BANQUET OR MAKE LAST-MINUTE CHANGES MUST DO SO AT THE KIWI REGISTRATION DESK **NO LATER THAN NOON ON APRIL 27, 2022.**

We suggest that you make a copy of the form, as well as, a copy of your registration form, for reference.

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“THE WAY WE WERE” BANQUET SEATING FORM

Deadline for submitting this form is April 10, 2022

Please print legibly and furnish all information pertinent to your seating requests. When submitting, attach this form to your Registration Form, retaining a copy for yourself. We will do everything possible to accommodate you and your guests.

Name: _____
Last First Maiden

Number of guests: _____ Names: _____

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 National Board's reserved tables: Yes _____ No _____

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

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

I wish to be seated at the Past President's reserved tables: _____

I do not wish to be seated at the Past President's tables as I will be sitting at another table: _____

Chapter or name(s): _____

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

NOTE: The cost is \$125.00 for each guest and the total amount **must** accompany your Registration Form. Please indicate the choice of entrée on the Registration Form for you and each of your guests in order for your preference to be accommodated.

Please reconfirm your menu preferences by indicating the number of choices here:

Beef Tenderloin _____ Fish _____ Vegan _____



WHAT TO DO IN FT. WORTH, TEXAS!

You are now in Ft. Worth and there is always something to do! Do you want to visit a museum? Ft. Worth has outstanding options:

Kimbell Art Museum
Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History
Modern Art Museum of Ft. Worth
Amon Carter Museum of Modern Art
Ft. Worth Aviation Museum

Don't forget the [Ft. Worth Zoo](#), the [Ft. Worth Botanic Garden](#), and the [Ft. Worth Water Gardens](#).

And, of course, you have wonderful restaurants available in [Sundance Square](#). Here are a few:

The [Reata Restaurant](#) offers Southwestern American ranch-themed, upscale hot spot, has an awesome rooftop bar with incredible views of Ft. Worth.

[Simply Fondue](#) is an unpretentious eatery offering dinner and dessert fondues via table-top pots – and the best martinis!

The [Capital Grille](#) is well-known for its expertly prepared steaks that are dry-aged in house for 18-24 days then hand-cut by their on-premises butcher. Reservations are recommended.

[Little Red Wasp](#) is a relaxed eatery and bar with brews galore. Brisket pot stickers, burgers, and chicken-fried chicken are on the menu.

How can you come to Ft. Worth and not visit the [Stockyard](#)? Uber or Lyft down to [Joe T Garcia's Tex-Mex](#) icon restaurant serving fajitas, the very best Margaritas, and more, plus the very best family style dining on a sprawling outdoor patio. If you don't want to eat at Joe T's, then try [Risky's Steakhouse](#), [Lonesome Dove](#), and [Provender Hall](#) where you can try some of their famous oysters and fancy cocktails.

From wherever, head on down to the Stockyards and walk around [Mule Alley](#). Spend your loot on authentic cowboy gear, vintage records, and in the fashion boutiques. There are plenty of "grandchildren" souvenirs everywhere! [Cavender's Stockyard Boots](#), [Cross-Eyed Moose](#), [GJ's Home on the Range](#). And [Billy Bob's Gift Shop](#). You must go to [Billy Bob's](#) place where you can spend your time thinking back to the days of "The Urban Cowboy," or try your hand – or butt – on the famous mechanical bull.

There is plenty to do in Ft. Worth! So, plan your trip to make the most of your spare time while making memories at the 70th Anniversary 2022 Kiwi Convention!

The DFW/Mid-Cities Chapter Welcomes You to Ft. Worth, Texas!