

FOR THE BIRDS

Denver Kiwi Newsletter

And Now

A Few Words

From Our President



It is already June, one of the prettiest months in Colorado. However, it means that the year is already half over!! Seems impossible. We have been very involved in a close family member's death. Because we are the closest to family we have had the obligation of making final plans and clearing out his apartment. Going through someone else's things is very emotional and challenging. Memories must be attached to various things, but what? How can I just get rid of this part of someone's life? A small pocketknife from Kirkwood, MO , a matchbook from a hotel in Las Vegas, hotel key from Sanabel Island, FL. They all meant something to him. What story would your mementos tell? What have you saved and why? It made me think about what I save and who to tell about it.

Julie

Meeting Minutes for May 20th, 2026

• Location

Julie Gionet's home

Julie called the meeting to order at 11:52

The April minutes were approved

• In attendance;

Nancy Uszko, Julie, Gionet, Jo McFadden, Bonnie Morgan, Pam Bradley, Chris Carlson, Linda O'Claire, Jan Hanson, Paula Freeman and Melinda Leal.

• Treasurers' report

Our chapter's balance is \$1424.87

Dues are due in September 2026. Kiwi Club is now banking at PNC bank. Nancy Uszko still remains another signee to the KIWI bank account. PNC Bank will not have a monthly charge for our bank account. We will still be able to use Zelle at the PNC bank.

• National Update/ Convention Report

Julie informed us that recruiting new members was a major topic of discussion at the convention officer's meeting. National is exploring different recruitment ideas, including using Wings, business cards, and a small mesh bag, containing a business card and a Chapstick. Please send any additional recruitment ideas you may have to Melissa McGrath, president@thekiwiclub.org

Jo informed us that if you join a Kiwi Club in January of a convention year, your dues will be half price.

At the convention luncheon, Beverly Bass gave a compelling speech, accompanied by a visual presentation.



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At the convention dinner, the music was excellent, and Julie's husband, Bob, was recognized in honor of his 85th birthday. Since Bob was not present, Julie was presented with a birthday cake on his behalf.

At the National Convention, Jo McFadden was presented with the Polly Toll Goodman Award by Kiwi National. OKC and DEN chapters nominated Jo for the PTG Award. Julie Gionet had written to National Kiwi describing how invaluable Jo has been to the Denver Kiwi Club.

American Airlines celebrated it's 100th anniversary, and a commemorative coin is available for purchase through the American Airlines website, the Jet Net website, and the CR Smith Museum. Julie circulated the commemorative American Airlines coin for everybody to see.

Our next national convention will take place at the Omni rancho, Las Palmas resort and Spa in Palm springs. This resort has a rich historical background. The following is an excerpt from their website, describing their history.

“ Hollywood, stars, heads of state and tourists alike, descended on the Palm Springs area back in the 1950s to stay at the storied Desert Air Hotel and Resort. Visionary Los Angeles architect HL Hank Gogarty had transformed 320 acres of desert into an ideal sanctuary complete with a private airstrip. Cary Grant, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, and Bob Hope appeared at the 1977 groundbreaking.”

For more details on this historically rich resort, please visit;

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/palm-springs-rancho-las-palmas/property-details/history>

- **SafeHouse**

Pam Bradley invited the Safehouse reps but they were unable to attend our luncheon/meeting.

- **Hostess Review**

June 17

Jan Hanson will host as the meeting at her home and she will be serving chicken salad and croissants. Jan is planning on selling her Colorado home and making Florida her full-time home.

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July 15

Jo McFadden will host our the luncheon/meeting at her mountain cabin home.

July 25

KIWI and Friends Bingo will take place at 12 noon at Melinda Leal's home. Details to follow. Bring a \$40 wrapped bingo gift.

- **Sunshine Update**

Nancy sent a thank you card to SafeHouse for hostessing our April luncheon.

- **Items Auctioned**

Jan auctioned a small kiwi made from paua shell. It was purchased by Nancy for \$10

Nancy auctioned Texas star suede coasters. Melinda bought these for \$10.

- **Meeting Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30





Happy June Birthdays
Lisa Linnebur
and
Cheri Nelsen

A Few of Our Denver Kiwis At the National San Antonio Convention





Denver Kiwi Officers

Julie Gionet-President

Chris Carlson-Vice President

Jo McFadden-Treasurer

Melinda Leal-Secretary/Newsletter

Nancy Uszko-Sunshine Coordinator