

Orange County
**The Beak
Speaks**
Long Beach

Dana Point Yacht Club



June 2026

**Kiwi
Calendar**

**Upcoming
Luncheons**

June 18th

Dana Point Yacht Club
Janie Fretz
Barbara Gray

September 16th

TBD

**Happy June
Birthday!**

Judy Carroll - 6th

Barbara Finley-Quinn - 6th

Ann Delaney - 11th

Debbie Wilterink - 25th



President's Message

Well, what a fun time we had on the 20th! I love it when we do different things! Thanks go out to Barbara Gray & Janie Fretz for organizing our "Field Trip". There were 9 of us, including a guest, Jeri Proudfoot, a former AA flight attendant (68-18) and friend of Barbara Gray.

All the ladies came down on the train, boarding in different cities. Barbara and I were their Ubers and met them at the Oceanside Station! (Still haven't seen a tip!) We went over to Panda Express for a quick lunch, then over to the Canine Companions facility. I know I just don't speak for myself when I say I was so impressed and blown away by what they do! What a fabulous organization. I think we all agreed we need to have more FUN outings, so keep the ideas coming!

Our next meeting features the installation of the new board. It should be a special meeting and I hope you all can make it. I have a lot to tell you about the convention. As usual, a good time was had by all who attended. Our next convention, in 2028, will be in Palm Desert at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa! We were all so excited to hear this and look forward to helping with the planning!

See you at the Dana Point Yacht Club next month on Thursday, the 18th!

Calley



The Kiwi Club - Founded in 1952

A Social and Charitable Organization of former and current American Airlines Stewardesses/Flight Attendants, and former and current Stewardesses/Flight Attendants of airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines.

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Celebrate!

Calley and Dan O'Henley's 50th Wedding Anniversary



April 24th, 1976



Congratulations Kids!

Kiwi Club National Convention

San Antonio, Texas - April 28 - May 2, 2026

The Celebration Continues!



Buc-see the Beaver welcomes Calley and Dan to Texas



The lobby of the Contessa Hotel and site of the National Convention



Keynote Speaker, retired AA Captain Beverly Bass



Calley O'Henley (center) at the Past Presidents Luncheon



A canal tour of the scenic River Walk



OC/LB Kiwi (right), Mary Kay O'Neill

Officer Installation Luncheon
Thursday June 18th - 11:00am-2:00pm



24399 Dana Dr, Dana Point, CA 92629

Hosts: Barbara Gray & Janie Fretz

Menu

Greek Salad

Fresh romaine lettuce tossed with tomatoes, cucumber, feta cheese and Kalamata olives. Lightly dressed in a zesty lemon vinaigrette.

Your choice of grilled chicken or grilled salmon.

Cheeseburger Sliders

Twin premium beef sliders, American cheese, shaved sweet onion and house-crafted comeback sauce.

Served with with crisp golden fries.

Fish Tacos

Mahi Mahi fillets (choice of beer-battered or blackened seasoning) topped with cabbage slaw, chipotle aioli and fresh cilantro. Presented with house-recipe refried beans and cilantro rice.

The cost of the luncheon is \$37 and checks should be made out to: Calley O'Henley.

Mail them to Calley at: 6 Chelsea Point, Dana Point, CA 92629

Please include your choice of entree on the check as we need to inform the kitchen of our meal count in advance.

RSVP to Calley by June 12th for the final headcount. 949-322-1147



"All Aboard" for a Tour of the Canine Companions Facility in Oceanside



Janie Fretz and Sandy Burns hop on board in Irvine



Nancy Bonner relaxing on the "Pacific Surfliner"



Destination Oceanside: Barbara Gray and Calley O'Henley greet the group to drive everyone to the facility. From left: Linda Barker, Barbara Gray, Linda Polese, Krystyna Kisting, Calley O'Henley, Nancy Bonner, Janie Fretz and Sandy Burns. (Photo taken by guest, Jeri Proudfoot Fonte)



We arrived at Canine Companions in Oceanside, one of the charities the OC/LB Kiwis sponsored this term. (Stock photo, dogs weren't actually posing for us. For legal purposes we weren't allowed to take photographs of the of the grounds or training demonstrations).



We were able to take a group picture after the tour. The young couple who joined us were private pilots here to pick up puppy to transport to PHX to be "pre-trained" and socialized in private home before returning to Oceanside for formal training.



After the tour and before returning to the train depot, we strolled through the California Mission, San Luis Rey, which is right up the street from Canine Companions.

Charity Nominations for This Year

This year, our members have nominated four outstanding organizations to be considered as recipients of our charitable donations. Each nomination reflects a cause that holds special meaning to the Kiwi who submitted it, and are all worthy of consideration. Please review the following descriptions of each organization and select two charities you'd most like to support. Voting will take place by ballot at the Installation Luncheon this month and results will be tallied and announced following the vote. Thank you for taking time to learn about these organizations.

The nominated charities are presented below in alphabetical order for your consideration

Nomination from Pat Cross -At the Door Ministry-

Although I am an active member of the OC/LB Kiwi Chapter, due to Ministry travels, I've been unable to attend in a while. Please consider At the Door Ministries for a 2026 donation. Our website below will give you an idea of what we do. I just returned January 2026 from a two month Missions trip in South Africa and the Country of Zambia.



[HTTPS://www.atthEDOORministry.org](https://www.atthEDOORministry.org)



Our organization shipped a full 40ft container by sea. !5,000 pounds of goods went to Lusaka, Zambia to a local church in Lusaka. The items included clothing for men, women and children, along with medical equipment and supplies. The 40ft container will be used for a medical clinic in the area.

Blessings, Pat Cross



Canine Companions

Nomination by Barbara Gray:

Canine Companions is an organization we supported this year and I would like to continue that support by nominating them once again this year. Their mission is to provide expertly trained service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities, as well as facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings. Since it's founding, Canine Companions has placed more than 8,500 graduate teams, transforming lives through greater independence, confidence and companionship. During our recent tour of their facility we learned that the cost of training one service dog is approximately \$50,000, yet there is no cost to the recipient. Each recipient participates in a two-week on-site training program that includes personalized instruction, lodging and meals, all provided at no cost to the client. Canine Companions relies entirely on donations and fundraising efforts to make these life-changing partnerships possible.

The Southwest Canine Companions Training Center is located in Oceanside, CA.

CC website: <https://canine.org>

Thank You for your consideration,
Barbara



Trauma Intervention Program



Orange County

Nominated by Calley O'Henley:

I would like to again nominate TIP (Trauma Intervention Program) as one of our charities. This is a non-profit organization comprised of 100 volunteers who go through training and complete vetting. When an Emergency crisis happens, they are there 24/7 365 days a year to help. They coordinate with the police and fire department and also train hospitals, firms and such how to deal with tragedies. They give brokers to those who need guideline and the cost for those can be extensive. For those of you who remember, last year the Executive Director came to our luncheon to give us information on the organization.' TIP has been in Orange County since 1995.

tiporangecounty.org

Calley



Bev Lewis -
TIP Executive Director





XLH Network

Nomination from Krystyna Kisting:

Dear OC/LB Kiwis,

Imagine facing the future where every step is painful, your bones are weak, and your energy is constantly drained. This is the daily reality for the approximately one in 20,000 people living with X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH).

XLH is a rare genetic disorder that impacts bones, teeth, and muscle function due to low phosphorus levels in the blood. It's a whole-life, whole body condition which can significantly restrict daily activities and result in a heavy physical, mental, and financial burden.

My grandson, Logan, was born with this rare genetic disease. XLH is transferred genetically, however in Logan's case it appeared spontaneously with no known family history. My son and his family were unaware of this disease and it took many months of heartache and investigating to learn of his condition. Fortunately they ran across the XLH Network which offered hope and a chance for a healthier life for Logan.

The XLH Network is the only organization dedicated to supporting families and individuals worldwide who are affected by this rare condition. Their mission is to promote awareness and education, provide opportunities for connection and community, and foster the search for a cure. They provide funding for these programs for affected families and medical professionals leading to an earlier accurate diagnosis and better treatment. This organization provides resources and a community where individuals can connect, share experiences and cope with the complications of the disease. The XLH Network also supports research into improved treatment and the ultimate search for a cure.

Please consider making a donation to the XLH network so they can sustain their work and provide help to those affected by this rare disease.

XLH Network
911 Central Ave #161
Albany, New York 12206-1350

<https://xlhnetwork.org>

Thank you for your consideration,
Submitted by: Vice President OC/LB Kiwi Club