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The Kiwi Club is a unique philanthropic, social group made up of current and former Flight Attendants. FLIGHT ATTENDANTS SHARE A BOND THAT LASTS A LIFETIME . We bring you together-The Kiwi Club.



Happy August



A very special thank you, to our Co-Hostesses Lynne Rieger and Joyce Adkins for providing such a beautifully decorated venue, complete lovely linens and table scaped with diamond-shaped yellow floral napkins on top of light blue tablecloths. Beautiful bud vases of pink and yellow alstroemeria lilies from Joyce's garden punctuated the table at gentle intervals which looked great in our colorful private room.

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Luncheon Photos



Happy Birthday
Anne Fatooh
Celebrating her 80th!



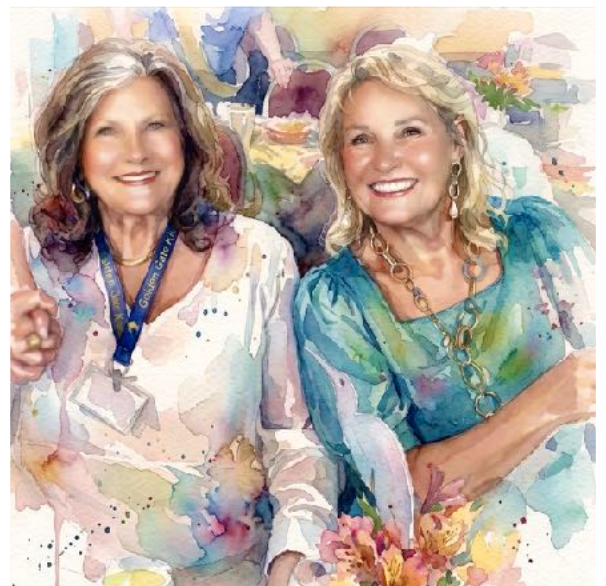
Raffle Bouquet



Co-Hostess Lynne Rieger,
Co-Hostess Joyce Adkins
with Rachel Pemberton.



Casey Bode-GG President and
Kay Middleton-GG Treasure

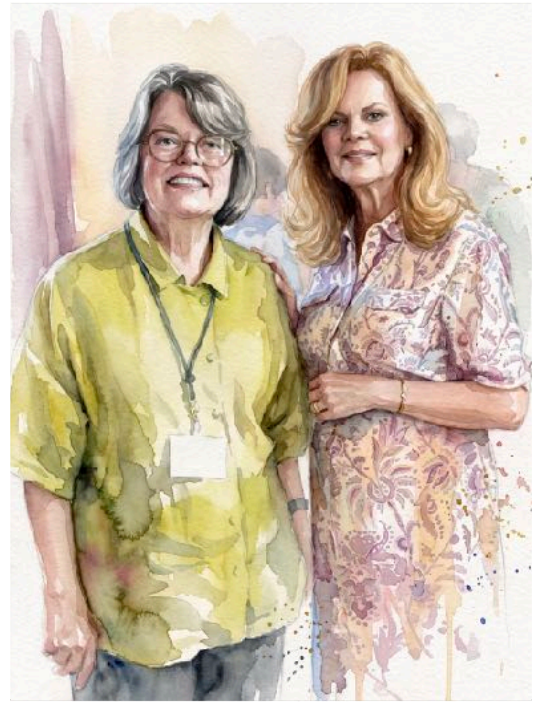


Sheri Goggans and Judy Cadet

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Rachel Pemberton and Paula Gross



Carol von Raesfeld and Emily Garvik

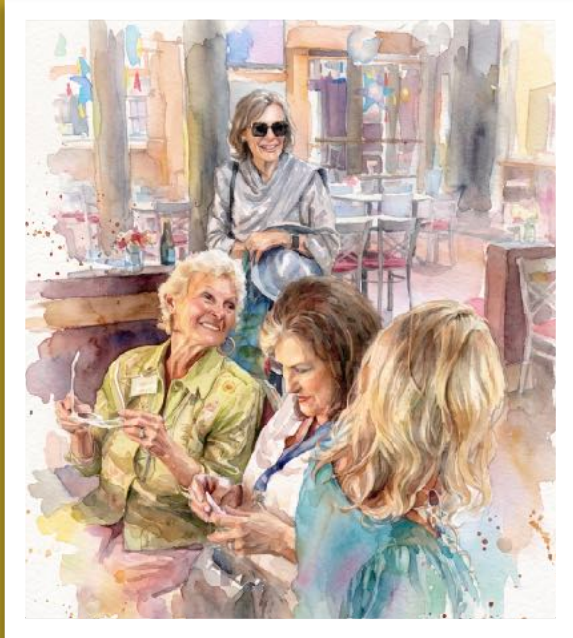


Junior Turpen and Sheri Goggans



Beth Norris, Anne Fatooh and Gladys Kupper

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Jo Policastro, Sheri Goggans
and the backside of Judy Cadet



Casey Bode GG-President
Linda Lorens and Marcia Rodger



Co-Hostess Joyce Adkins
and Karen Snyder



Cassandra Spittler, Carol von Raesfeld,
Beth Norris and Co-Hostess Lynne Rieger

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Julie Griffen Haley
GG-Editor and Maui



Liz Hawkinson



Gladys Kupper
GG-Secretary and Willie



Jo Policastro,
Sheri Goggans and Judy Cadet



Lynne Reiger, Paula Gross, Linda Lorenz,
Jo Policastro and Sheri Goggans



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Golden Gate Annual Fiesta & Trash to Treasure

Buenos Dias Kiwis. It's time to pick out your favorite sombrero, dust off that serape and join the Golden Gate Kiwis for Kay's annual fiesta.

The meeting will be held at the home of Kay Middleton, 601 El Capitan Drive, Danville on
Wednesday September 09,2026 FROM 11AM 'TIL 2:30PM.

Yummy home made Chicken Enchiladas and assorted salads are on the menu. We are asking each member who plans to attend to contribute **\$20** to offset the cost of renting tables, chairs, umbrellas and the expense of food and drinks. Your check will serve as your RSVP.

Please send your \$20 check to arrive in the mail by August 31,2026 Make the check payable to Kay Middleton and mail it to her at: 601 El Capitan Drive, Danville, CA 94526. If you prefer to use Zelle send \$20 to DIANA Middleton 925.408.8730

*****IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET YOUR CHECK/RSVP IN BY August 31,2026 SO KAY WILL BE ABLE TO PLAN FOR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF FOOD AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

We will have our *Trash or Treasure* Auction and ask each member who attends to bring two gift wrapped items. One "*trash*" gift as well as one "*treasure*" gift. We'll have some laughs auctioning off the items while raising money for charity.

A "*Trash*" item could be a joke type item that you would like to re-gift. A "*Treasure*" could be a gently loved item that you would like to send on it's way. These beautifully gift-wrapped items will be difficult to resist. Remember: no peeking or shaking of packages before the auction.

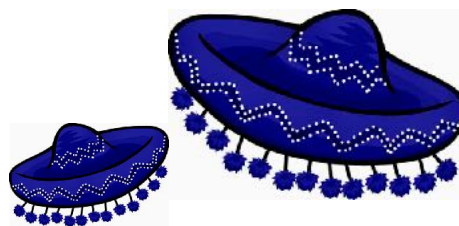
Our auctioneer will auction off the items and will accept either cash or check for your purchase. One of our members will keep a tally of what everyone has purchased and what they owe so we can settle up at the end of the auction. **Please bring cash or checks for the T&T.**

Come to mix and mingle with your pals at Kay's Kiwi Fiesta. Hope to see you Wednesday, September 9. Contact information for Kay: Phone: Home: 925-831-9097. Cell/text 925-408-8730.
Email:imwingless@yahoo.com.

Please note: Since this is a Trash to Treasure event, there will be **no book exchange or raffle.**

Hope you can join the Kiwis for a fun afternoon.

Kay



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Hero Flight Attendants



January 15, 2009 everyone remembers Captain “Sully” Sullenberger for heroically Landing Flight #1549 on the Hudson River. But no-body remembers the three Flight Attendants, the “first responders” who actually saved 150 lives.



[Sheila Dail](#), 57, joined US Airways in 1980 with more than 28 years of flying, on January 15, 2009, Sheila was in the cabin when a bird strike disabling both engines. She had less than four minutes from impact to evacuate 150 people. She got them into lifejackets, opened emergency slides, and guided everyone to safety, all while the plane was sinking into the freezing water.

[Doreen Welsh](#), 58, joined US Airways in 1970. With nearly 40 years of experience Doreen was the most Senior of the three flight attendants on duty that day. While passengers panicked, she stayed calm, directed people forward, blocked passengers from opening rear doors under water (pressure would not allow them to open) and kept the evacuation moving. After this flight, she retired. She couldn't fly again after that day.

[Donna Dent](#), also part of the crew, also unsung, also heroic. She worked alongside Dail and Welsh, coordinating precise teamwork, in order to evacuate 150 people out of a sinking aircraft in minutes. One of the Flight Attendants was cut on the leg during impact, a serious injury requiring surgery, but that didn't stop anyone from their duties until everyone was safe.

Captain Sully walked the cabin twice after the evacuation to make sure no one was forgotten. But it was these three women who trained for this exact nightmare, who made it possible slowly got the book deals. The movie the talk shows the fame these three got a footnote in history. But on January 15, 20209 100 people survived because Sheila doll Doreen Wells and Donna knew exactly what to do under impossible pressure.

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Getting to Know You

Getting to Know You” is a featured article highlighting a new Golden Gate Kiwi member each month. This month the Gazette is delighted to highlight Julie Griffen Haley, the Editor/Photographer of the Golden Gate Gazette herself.

How many years did you fly? Where were you based? Which base was your favorite?

You can say I was a late bloomer. I was almost 30 years old when I started my flying career. Switching careers from the dry Banking World to the exciting World of Travel and I never looked back.

I graduated from the American Airlines Flight Attendant Training Program in 1985, or class of 85-13 and retired in 2013 after 27 years flying.

My first five years with American, I was flying the domestic routes. The next 22 years, I switched to International flying.

After graduating from training, I was awarded LAX as my first base. We were four Flight Attendants sharing a furnished rental home at Manhattan Beach, was a blast. We got to hang out at the beautiful Pacific Ocean with our beepers next to us, playing in the sand and surf.

Being that I'm a Northern California, after I completed my probationary period, I transferred to SFO. I loved being based in SFO/SJC, for the next four years, I flew all the routes north/south and east to west that AA had at that time.

Then I heard through the grape vine that AA might open a F/A base in Seattle, WA. Loving that area, I traveled to Seattle and bought a house in Gig Harbor, Wa., not knowing a sole who lived there or even if the F/A base would open. I started commuting from SEA to SJC.



AA F/A Julie Griffen Class 85-13

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Soon I met my Dan my husband through Great Expectations, an exclusive, private dating service, which very progressive for the 1990. We were married in 1992.

About a year later the Seattle Base opened and was off to a new adventure, Narita Japan. Some of my fondest memories come from that close knit community of F/A's and the gatherings and layovers we shared. Unfortunately, AA closed the Seattle base, so I went back to SFO/I.

I flew out of SFO/I until it closed it's international flying. I wasn't interested in switching back to SFO/D (domestic) flying, so I transferred back to LAX/I where it all started and started commuting again, up until I retired in 2013. I was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer in 2011 and made the difficult decision to retire in 2013 after 27 years of service...

What was your favorite flying memory?

I will never forget my first work trip ever, I was called out on reserve to cover the LAX to JFK route, during the 4th of July celebrations. As we approached for our landing, I could see the fireworks shooting off from the separate boroughs, (It was my first time in New York) it was spectacular, something

What was your favorite layover and why?

The Hawaiian Islands, especially Oahu, Hawaii, it's my happy place. Having a Hawaiian lineage, it was a dream come true to visit my family on my layovers. I couldn't believe that I was being paid to layover in "Waikiki" Honolulu, Hawaii.

Have you recently traveled near or far?

What did you see? What did you do?

Yes, Dan, Maui and I we enjoy week-end getaways.

We recently went to South Lake Tahoe in a rented **Noovo** (luxury) camping van. It was a wonderful glamping getaway. We haven't camped in ages, and haven't used a RV before, it was like an Air B&B on wheels, simply amazing. Taking the time to be in nature with all our creature comforts, was a wonderful experience.



Julie, Dan & Maui

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Do you have a hobby or sport, old or new, that you enjoy?

Yes, so many hobbies and interests.



One of my longest running hobbies must be sewing. My mother taught me to sew when I was in Jr. High, by High school I was designing my own outfits to wear to school. I liked sewing so much that I majored in Fashion Design and Retail Merchandising. I still use sewing skills by altering clothing in wardrobe and making home decor. I'm good with a glue gun too.

I majored in fashion but I minored in photography. Back then, we used dark rooms and developed our own photos. How far we have come. I'm still passionate about Photography, and the use of Editing/Filtering Programs. I am amazed by what I can create with these new technologies. Storytelling though the use of photography is a creative powerful tool of communication. It can capture a moment in time, that easily could be overlooked, had it not been for the photo immortalizing it.

Some of you might not know that I'm a bay area Actress,/Model signed with NYLO Acting/Modeling Agency. My biggest role was on the TV Series The Mentalist, starring Simon Baker. I was in season 2, episode 2 and 3, which filmed at the State Capitol,

Sacramento, California. When I came out on DVD, I watched it with my father without telling him I was in it, his reaction was priceless. He was blown away.

I have performed Hula off on on for years, covid interrupted my in person classes, but I have found a fun Zoom Hula Class that keeps my body moving. GG Kiwi member Gladys Kupper takes it with me.

Gladys Kupper introduced Dan & I to the game of Mahjong. We attend monthly classes in the Sunset District of San Francisco, it's open to all. It took a while to learn as it's a fast paced game, but now that we have the hang of it, we love it.

Do you have any Health tips to pass on.

As a two time Cancer Survivor, my advise is.

Live in the Moment, tomorrow is not guaranteed.

Be Grateful, look for the "Positive" in life's experiences.



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Dear Kiwi Club Member,

It's time to renew your 2026–2028 Kiwi Club National Membership!

National membership dues for the 2026–2028 term will be collected **September 1 through November 30, 2026**. To remain an active member of The Kiwi Club, each member pays \$50 every two years. A 30-day grace period is provided, but renewals received **after December 31, 2026** will include a **\$5 late fee**.

Please note: National membership dues are completely separate from your local chapter dues.

The Easiest Way to Renew

Renewing couldn't be easier. Most members can renew in less than a minute! The online renewal link is active now, so you do not need to wait until September 1 to renew your membership. Simply click the Square payment link below and you will be taken directly to our secure payment portal. You may pay using a credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. That's it! Your membership will be renewed through December 31, 2028.

DUES Payment Link

<https://square.link/u/CMbHhQiL>

Prefer to Pay by Check?

If you are not comfortable renewing online, you may still pay by check. Please make your \$50 check payable to The Kiwi Club.

Or you may either:

- *Give your check to your chapter treasurer, who will mail it for you, or
- *Mail it directly to:

The Kiwi Club National Treasurer
Wanda Kromer
129 Northlake Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075



Special Note

If you joined The Kiwi Club during the \$25 introductory dues promotion, your membership is paid only through December 31, 2026. You will need to renew now for the 2026–2028 membership term.

Questions?

If you have any questions or need assistance renewing online, please don't hesitate to contact Wanda or Kathy. We are always happy to help and want to make the renewal process as easy as possible.

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Thank you for your continued membership and support of **The Kiwi Club!**

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2025 Donations

In 2025, the GG Kiwi Chapter is delighted to be able to make a substantial donation to Project Night Night, which fills a child's brand new backpack with a blanket, a book and a plushie animal for kids going to foster homes who never had anything brand new. 100% of donations go to the kids which is run by one of our longtime member's DIL.



Another substantial donation in 2025 was given to Muttville which fosters and rehomes Mutts 7 years and older. Gladys fostered little Willie for a week in mid 2022. To ensure a happy family, Gladys volunteered to coach two dads who had never owned a dog before adopting her. Here we are in 2026, Willie expertly holds 2 loving dads and a fairy godmother (moi) wrapped around her paws. How sweet is that?

Jean Danielson adopted little Skylar from Muttville about 2 years ago because Julie and Gladys loudly sang the praises of Muttville. And there goes another happy family!

The super spacious living room is painted in happy primary colors with storybook designs that resemble Disneyland for little puppers. The room embraces comfy chairs and sofas covered with a rainbow of colored blankets and towels that encourage sweet conversations between people and puppers alike.

I ask you...What could be better?

Visit Muttville in person at:

750 Florida Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
P: 415 272 4172
<https://muttvile.org>

You gotta meet the Mutts!
It can be life changing!



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Our Biennial National Board Membership Renewal Campaign begins on September 1, 2026.

(National HQ is closed down for July and August.)
National President Melissa McGrath tapped Casey and Kay to announce “There’s a big push for membership; the numbers are going down”.
Meetings are going to be held this month for all chapter presidents and treasurers. You can support the Membership Campaign by inviting a current or retired F/A to a meeting!

Thank You for Your Service

We would like to share our immense gratitude to Carol von Raesfeld for her years of service as the GG Kiwi Meeting Coordinator. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, a job well done!

Give a big round of applause to Linda Lorenz who has graciously volunteered to assume Carol von Raesfeld’s role as Kiwi Meeting Coordinator, but needs an assistant to address technical issues. Please offer any support to Linda, if you have tech knowledge.
Thanks for stepping up, Linda!

Susan Crawford’s Book Club continues to provide quality entertainment when you adopt one. Bring a book that you would like to share with the group.
Thank you Susan.

August Kiwi Meeting
had 22 Attendees:

Joyce Adkins
Casey Cacioppo
Judy Cadet
Susan Crawford
Anne Fatooh
Emily Garvik
Sheri Goggins
Julie Griffen Haley
Paula Grosse
Liz Hawkinson
Gladys Kupper
Linda Lorenz
Kay Middleton
Beth Norris
Rachel Pemberton
Jo Policastro
Lynne Reiger
Marcia Rodger
Karen Snyder
Cassandra Spittler
Junior Turpen
Carol von Raesfeld



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August Birthday Wishes to:

Elaine Miller
Cindy Simpson
Anne Fatooh
celebrating the 80th birthday

Our Annie always does things right...So she brought and wore her own Princess 80th Tiara and "Fabulous" Sash.

Members and guests wore fashionable "Happy 80th" recyclable paper glasses as we celebrated with her yummy cake.

[Annie, You Rock!](#)

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