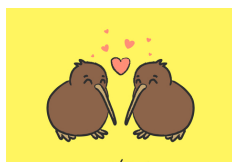


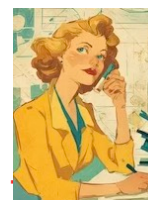
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HAPPY MOTHER'S



APRIL MEETING



THINGS TO KNOW....

FOR THE BIRDS Denver Kiwi Newsletter

And Now
A Few
Words
From Our
President



Welcome Spring! Although we have had mini-spring all winter, it is officially here and just about time to fill your planters with colorful blooms! I love this time of the year, fresh greens, birds welcoming each morning, and a little baby bunny outside of my kitchen window. Many of us are headed to San Antonio for the KIWI convention. What a great time of connections and friendships. I am hostess for May, so we can recall and report on all of our convention and adventures then. May meeting will likely be held at Bucatino's in Lafayette!!

Julie

Meeting Minutes for April 12th, 2026

• Location:

SafeHouse Administrative offices, SafeHouse hosting

Julie called the meeting to order at 12:39

The March minutes were approved

• In attendance;

Nancy Uszko, Julie, Gionet, Jo McFadden, Bonnie Morgan, Pam Bradley, Sandy Gibbons, Lisa Linnebur, Chris Carlson, Ellen Wright, Cheryl Zack and Melinda Leal

• April Newsletter Corrections

Pam and Bonnie *donated* the Christmas cake to SafeHouse.

Our new members are Cheryl Zack and Ellen Wright

Attire for the National Kiwi Convention luncheon are white slacks or a white skirt with a colorful top and our jean jacket with the Kiwi patch.

• Treasurers' report;

Our chapter's balance is \$1364.87.

Dues are due in September 2026 in the amount of \$75. If paying by check make it out to The Denver Kiwi Chapter. Jo will make the Venmo and Zelle QR codes available to us.

• National Convention update:

Our Denver chapter has 14 attending. We have 12 Denver Kiwi members attending and two guests.

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At Our April Meeting

Seated left to right we are; Cheryl Zack, Melinda Leal, Bonnie Morgan, Pam Bradley, Ellen Wright, Chris Carlson, Safehouse, Dana Roberts and Susan Duncombe, Lisa Linnenbur, Sandy Gibbons, Nancy Uszko, Jo McFadden, and Julie Gionet



(Minutes cont.)

• **SafeHouse:**

Since July 2025, Safehouse has experienced several changes in leadership. We were introduced to the current staff. They are as follows:

Dana Roberts – Program Resource Coordinator

Heather Schrek- Community Engagement Manager

Mary Glittenberg- DVA

Susan Duncombe- Director of Operations and HR

Lizette Waters- Accountant

Precious Larry – DVA/Intake coordinator

Amber Havkost- LPC, BCCN Director of survivor services

Sarah Poulain- CEO

Tina Robinson – CFO

Jameson Kapinos- Operation Specialist

Aims Babich- Chief Program Officer

Bertha Garza – DVA

Carlos Hess – Facilities Contractor

Maddie Sutton- Individual Giving Manager

Amy Sarrazin- Grants Manager, IC

Several of the SafeHouse staff members expressed their thanks to the Denver Kiwi Club for all of their generosity.

The Kiwi Club was informed that due to leadership changes at SafeHouse, the gala would be updated in both presentation and pricing. The event, titled *Raising Our Voices for Hope*, will take place on September 26, 2026, at the Asterisk, 1075 Park Ave. W., Denver, CO. The format will shift from a seated dinner to a more casual reception featuring sample platters and appetizers. Entertainment will include a bagpipe group as a headliner, karaoke and a message board for attendees. A live survivor speaker, an auctioneer and an MC will also be part of the program as well. Additional features include a cake auction and valet service.

(Minutes cont.)

Dress attire for the gala will be non-formal. Ticket pricing is as follows: \$110 for seated participants, \$75 for standing admission, and \$800 per table of eight.

A delicious lunch was served! The centerpiece was a creation of cupcakes in the form of a flower bouquet, and the table was set with beautiful floral arrangements which were given to our Kiwi Club members.

Chris inquired of a typical day for a staff member at Safehouse and Chris suggested they do a sit down dinner for the mothers on Mother's Day.

Sunshine Update:

Nancy sent a comfort sympathy box to Linda and we received a thank you on our group text.

Nancy also sent a card to Virginia Hardy, our EWR president who passed in March.

Judy Ramsay sold her home and is now living in Strasburg Arizona. Her husband Chuck is on new medications. Judy will not be able to attend the convention but thanks us all for including her on our Kiwi updates and sends her love.

Jo met with Gail and her husband Don while they were visiting in Fort Collins. Gail and Don are both doing well.

Nancy checked on Iris and was informed that she was on her way to Puerto Rico.

• Items Auctioned:

Jo donated a baby kiwi stuffed ornament and Ellen bought it for ten dollars.

• Meeting Adjourned: 1:20





Things to Know

- ★ National KIWI convention will take place Tuesday April 28 through Saturday May 2, with the main events; Thursday, April 30 through Friday, May 1. Plenty of info included in your registration packet. Melinda can help you download the KIWI Convention app on your phone.
- ★ Attire for the convention luncheon; white slacks or white skirt and a colorful top with your KIWI denim jacket.
- ★ The 2026 hostess list is as follows:
 - ✓ May 20th - Julie Gionet
 - ✓ June 17th - Jan Hanson
 - ✓ July 15 - Jo McFadden's cabin
 - ✓ August 19th - Pam Bradley and Bonnie Morgan and Linda O'Clair and Lisa Linnebur
 - ✓ September 16th - Ellen Wright





For All The Moms In The Room

You are the early mornings, and the keepers of everything that matters – the hugs, the laughter, the second chances, the makers of magic out of leftovers. You carry the weight of the world-and still remember snack day.

You have mastered the art of doing everything while wondering if you've done enough...(you have.. more than you know!) You've survived sleepless nights, to do lists, and missing socks – and still show up with love. Today, we celebrate you – not for being perfect, but for being exactly what your families need. And honestly... if patience we're an Olympic sport, you'd have all the metals – and probably would still be carrying someone's water bottle.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you wondrous and loving mothers.

Denver Kiwi Officers

Julie Gionet-President

Chris Carlson-Vice President

Jo McFadden-Treasurer

Melinda Leal-Secretary/Newsletter

Nancy Uszko-Sunshine Coordinator