



# The Carefree Times

Caring Kiwis With A Carefree Attitude



November & December 2025  
January 2026

Proud members of The Kiwi Club

Edition #75

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### The Kiwi Club est.1952

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### The Kiwi Club Eligibility Includes:

Current & previous flight  
attendants from:

**American Airlines**

### Envoy

**American Eagle**  
(non contracted)

**Trans Caribbean**

**Air Cal - Reno Air - TWA  
America West - US Airways**

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### The Kiwi Club's National Officers & Support Staff:

[thekiwiclub.org](http://thekiwiclub.org)

Click: Business

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### National Endeavor:

### Wings Foundation:

[wingsfoundation.com](http://wingsfoundation.com)

## A Message From President - Lisa Nelson Sgambati

Hello Kiwis...

*Our fall season has arrived!!! We get to celebrate our chapter's 20th anniversary in November!!!  
Two decades of gathering, growing, and giving back in our community!!!  
The best part of 20 years, are the people that made it happen!!! Caring Carefree Kiwis!!!*

xoxo, Lisa

Carefree Cheers  
To  
20 Years!



## The Carefree Kiwi Chapter's 20th Anniversary

**Tuesday, November 11 @ 11:30 am**  
**Arizona Country Club**

**Please RSVP by deadline Saturday, November 1**  
**to Lori Fill Liguori**

*(Sorry, but no cancelations or reservations accepted after this date.)*

Please **bring \$40 cash** for this special celebratory luncheon,  
along with a National Endeavor contribution  
**cash or a check to "Wings Foundation"**

## Extra: Fun, Interesting, & Educational Outing

### Queen Creek Olive Mill Tour & Lunch

**Tuesday, November 18 @ 10:30 am**

Please RSVP by **Saturday November 1** to **Rhonda Lewis**

The Queen Creek Olive Mill's also celebrating its 20th anniversary!

*"The Queen Creek Olive Mill estate is an agri-tourism destination  
where visitors can experience the flavors of Arizona and reconnect with the  
traditions that high-quality extra virgin olive oil inspires."*



## It's Time To Celebrate & Support Toys For Tots

**Tuesday, December 9 @ 11:30 am**

Please arrive with, at least, one unwrapped  
children's gift. Once again, Lisa's generously  
providing a catered luncheon. This event's always  
lovely and filled with the season's generous spirit.

Please RSVP by **December 2** to **Lori Fill Liguori**

## Extra: Fun & Competitive Outing: Getting into the 2026 Swing... Topgolf @ Talking Stick Tuesday, January 13 @ 11:00 am

Please RSVP to **Rhonda** by January 6



## The Kiwi Clubhouse - California Pizza Kitchen

**B-I-N-G-O Theme: Travel**

**Tuesday, January 20 @ 11:30 am**

It's all about post holiday Kiwi chatter, mingled with another round  
of Bingo, and another yummy meal. Please arrive with a  
wrapped, travel themed worth \$15.

Please RSVP by **January 13** to **Lori Fill Liguori**



## Upcoming Gatherings

February 17  
**Jan Johnson**  
**Sica's home**

March 17  
The Kiwi  
Clubhouse:  
California Pizza  
Kitchen

April 21  
**Karen Morrison**  
**Phillips' home**

April 28-May 2



Kiwi Convention

May 19  
The Kiwi  
Clubhouse:  
California Pizza  
Kitchen  
Installation  
Of Officers

Watch for a  
potential email  
regarding  
summertime  
fun

## Carefree Kiwi Chapter Business, Fun & Silliness

Birthday Wishes, Butterfly Kisses, & May Your Dreams Take Flight

November  
*Bertie Rubush Psarakis 11/24*

December  
*Stephanie Beard Webster 12/3*  
*Jan Johnson Sica 12/19*  
*Carol Piccoli Klain 12/25*

January  
*Nan Dorsen 1/22*  
*Susan Corsaro Johnson 1/24*



*The moment you doubt  
whether you can fly,  
you cease forever  
to be able to do it.*

J.M. Barrie - Peter Pan



**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

**A basic law:  
the more you practice  
the art of  
thankfulness, the  
more you have to be  
thankful for.**

*Norman Vincent Peale*

### Happy, Healthy 2026 Wishes

*New things to see.  
New things to do.  
It's a whole new year  
Of new ways to be you!*

*You'll never get bored when you try  
something new. There's really no limit  
to what you can do.*

*Dr. Seuss*



Heartfelt condolences to **Lynda Beck Woodson** and  
her husband, Bill Woodson, while they  
process the recent loss of his son, after a sort illness.

During the September gathering, Lynda expressed  
her overwhelming gratitude for the support from the  
Carefree Kiwis, during this most challenging time.



### Welcome Aboard, Nan Dorsen

Thirty-six years ago,  
Nan joined the America West  
Airlines flight attendant corps,  
followed by US Airways, and culminating with  
American Airlines, where she recently retired.



The Carefree Kiwis awaits Nan's presence at an  
upcoming gathering!



 **Merry Christmas** 

Do all the good you can,  
by all the means you can,  
in all ways you can,  
in all places you can,  
to all people you can,  
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

 **Happy Hanukkah** 

Look at how a single candle  
can both  
defy and define the darkness.



Do You Need  
TKC's website password?



All members should have  
the password for full access  
to the website. If not, contact  
one of the chapter officers  
for the secret, members' only  
code.

**Mega Thanks To Those Who've Paid Local Dues!**  
**If anyone hasn't paid local dues? Please do so ASAP!**

Please send a \$20 check: **Carefree Kiwi Chapter**  
to  
**Carefree Treasurer Linda McConnell Lonergan**

**Impressive contributions to Purse- Impressions**

**Carefree Kiwis defy the limits by always going above and beyond!**

Members heeded the call, arriving at **Carol Piccoli Klain's**, with new and gently used donations totaling over 100 purses, wallets, and totes, plus a large variety of belts and jewelry.



**Consider The  
Cute Frog Mascot**

Initially, a determined tadpole emerges from its egg, gaining strength as it swims through the water.

As it continues growing, it sprouts legs, eventually becoming a young frog, with increased mobility, including hopping on the ground, climbing trees, and circumventing rocks. When it finally reaches adulthood, its boundless energy increases with each giant leap, defying gravity, and boundaries of limitations.

Purse- Impressions  
7171 E Cave Creek Rd,  
Unit Q  
Cave Creek, AZ 85331  
(602) 814-6679  
Tuesday - Saturday  
10:00am - 4:00pm



Leap into the happy shop;  
you may return home with one or more  
irresistible items..for a great cause!



Rivet-Rivet



In September, Carefree members heeded the

**2026 San Antonio Kiwi Convention**

**thekiwiclub.org:**

*The website provides all the information regarding the convention, including a hotel booking link, and although space is limited, the hotel offers a flexible cancellation policy.*

Several convention bound Carefree Chapter members volunteered to provide first class service at the convention's reception desk. Their duties not only include welcome aboard greetings, they'll also provide the arriving Kiwis with their convention packets, and answer various questions.



**President Lisa Nelson Sgambati** asked **Elaine Pisczor Stephaniak**, and **Jan Johnson Sica** to create a cute identifiable uniform, within parameters, such as, inexpensive, packable, and in keeping with the convention's theme, which not only reflects the hotel's name - Hotel Contessa, but also the rich, south of the border cultural influences. Of course, even the registration desk's name highlights the influential culture: Hot Tamale Junction. And, these hot tamale Kiwis are ready to share the joy with all of the arriving Hot Tamales Kiwis!

During the September gathering, Lisa and Jan revealed the creative ideas, and continuously referred to Elaine's incredible input. Unfortunately, Elaine couldn't attend the meeting, because she continues recovering after a recent surgery, but non-stop Elaine, continued searching for potential ideas, and ordering items online. Just prior to the September gathering, the feisty Elaine, utilizing a walker, met Lisa and Jan at local retail store, sharing and handing over her creative finds. Mega kudos to all of these enthusiastic Kiwis, but especially to the unstoppable, unflappable Elaine.

**Bueno, bueno, bueno to Señora Elaine, Señora Jan, & Señora Lisa! Muchas gracias!**

### **Jump Onboard!**

Everyone in The Kiwi Club knows the reasons airlines hired the most qualified candidates, therefore, there's no reason to list the qualifications, while considering becoming a chapter officer...

#### **You've Got What It Takes To Serve**

The current board's term ends in May, with the installation of the 2026 - 2028 board.

Any member who's interested in more information, please contact any member of the current board members.

If anyone from the nominating committee contacts you, please remain openminded.

Each office offers creative avenues while assuring the chapter's longevity.

#### **President**

previously served on the chapter's board

#### **Vice President**

coordinates with the president to determine the months required for meetings and the open months, for fun gatherings - secures member homes, restaurants reservations, and programs (ie - games, book club, discussion...)

#### **Secretary**

records minutes during meetings - creates a computer copy for the president's review - corrects errors, if any - presents minutes to the members for review and approval.

#### **Treasurer**

collects money for national and local dues & the Wings Foundation - completes the forms involved - maintains spreadsheets - deposits and deduct money from two bank accounts (operational & charitable)

**Peggy Lienau  
Graham...**

arrived at the  
September  
gathering, with a  
delicious & easy to  
prepare appetizer.  
Enjoy!

**Boursin Cheese Dip**

(Adjust the ingredients to the size of the group & the serving dish)

Spread a thin layer of the Boursin Caramelized Onion and Herbs.

Spread a thin layer of fig jam over the cheese.

Top with chopped pistachios.

Serve with crackers, sliced baguettes, and/or freshly sliced vegetables.

(There are many online variations to this recipe.)



Looking for fun,  
inflight-themed gifts?

✈️ Ya' gotta check it out! ✈️  
[nutsonaplane.com](https://nutsonaplane.com)

iPad cover with a blue airplane,  
imprinted with  
'Inflight Manual'

Crew base tags & other cute  
message

'Still on Reserve'

" This is an Airbus,  
not a Greyhound Bus"

Fun lanyards & Key Chains  
one style: a mini seat belt clasp  
Lifesty themed zippered pouches  
in two sizes



Hidden In The Hills  
Artist Studio Tour

<https://sonoranartsleague.org/hidden-in-the-hills>

**2025 Hidden in the Hills Artist  
Studio Tour:  
November 21, 22 & 23 and 28,  
29, 30 ~ 2025**

...watch with  
glittering eyes the  
whole world around  
you because the  
greatest secrets are  
always hidden in the  
most unlikely  
places.

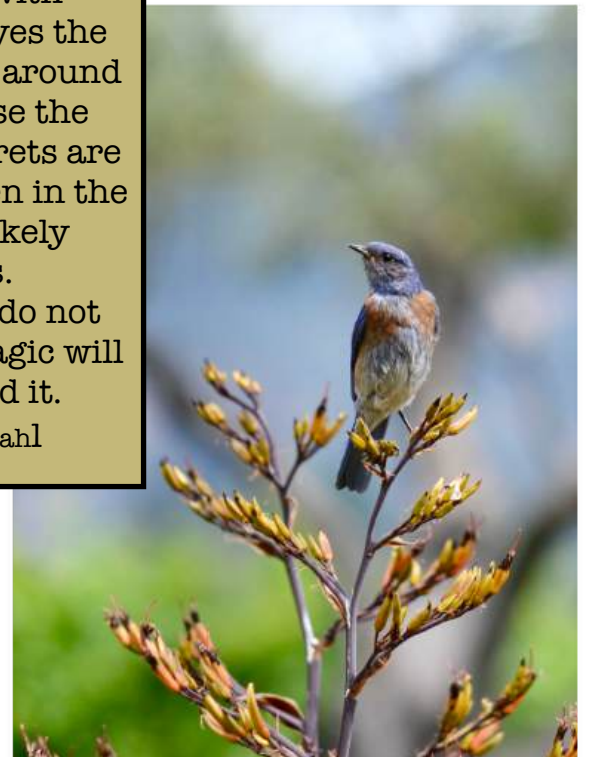
Those who do not  
believe in magic will  
never find it.

- Roald Dahl

Wanna quick fix for eliminating  
irritating thoughts?

Simply inhale & exhale a few times  
while focusing  
on pleasant thoughts

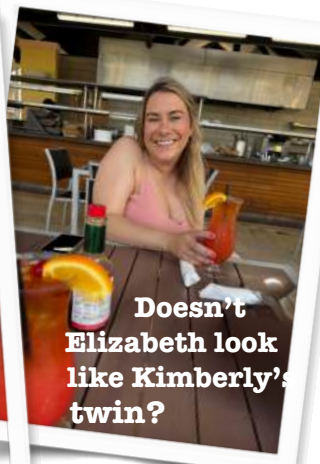
Poof: the stress subsides



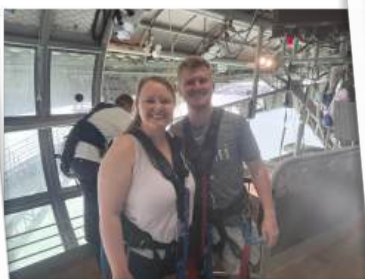
### It's Never Too Late To Celebrate, Especially in St.Kitts and Nevis

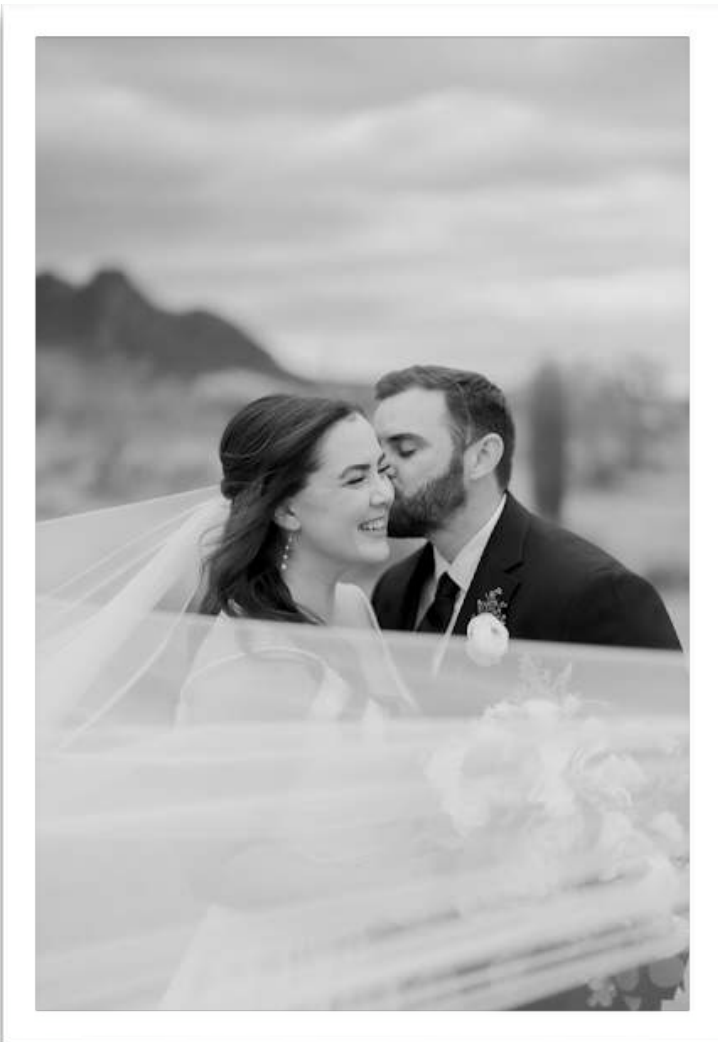
**Kimberly Vickers-Martin's** daughter, Elizabeth, finally took time off from her busy legal work schedule, and joined her parents, and her boyfriend, Connor, for a few days in paradise.

**Kimberly** highly recommends the Four Seasons Hotel in Nevis, and she **sends her best wishes to the chapter, and hopes to join the Carefree fun soon.** She's working for another corporate carrier, and she's loving it!



Earlier this year, Laura Lynch Gallagher and family vacationed in beautiful Auckland, New Zealand.





## ♥ Love Is In The Air ♥

During the past recent months, **Lisa Nelson Sgambati** and her husband, Glen celebrated the unions of Glen's daughter, Karly, and Lisa's daughter, Kathryn (Kat).

The photos, show both beautiful brides, joyfully receiving affectionate kisses from their handsome grooms.

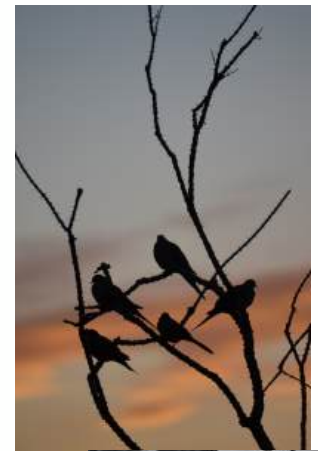
May both couples enjoy a long, fulfilling, & healthy, loving journey together...



Karly & Cody, residing in Phoenix

Kat & Lucas, residing in Lancaster, OH





May you...  
remain healthy while  
discovering many  
magical moments within  
the beauty of the  
Sonoran Desert,  
&  
may you know peace  
as you fly  
with joyful wings,  
throughout 2026,  
and beyond...

