

The Mini Kiwi EXTRA



TWENTY NINTH EDITION SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE KIWI CLUB VOL. 26-5 May 2026



CLUB PRESIDENT

Message

Thank you to our SWFL Kiwis for a truly memorable 2025–2026 season filled with smiles, laughter, and wonderful camaraderie. Special recognition goes to our hosts for your first-class service, helping us achieve record attendance throughout the season.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our Board members and support crew for your time, dedication, and commitment behind the scenes. The memories we continue to create together through our unique flying experiences are what keep our Kiwi Club soaring high.

Recognition and Congratulations Eileen, on the Blue Pencil Award for your spirited Newsletter. Enjoy your summer, stay healthy, and safe travels to all. We look forward to another blessed season together! I love us!!

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The Kiwi Club is now on Facebook. The link is The Kiwi Club-AA.
This is not the official site of the Kiwi Club. The official site is
www.thekiwiclub.org. If you go onto the official site you can see the
rules and regulations for the facebook page.



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EDITOR'S

Message

Dearest Kiwi Sisters,

Saturday, May 9 was jubilant as our S.W. Florida Kiwis gathered at the Ridgeway Bar and Grille Restaurant for our final luncheon of the season. A Big "Thank You" to hostesses Nancy Moylan, Lisa Suydam, Peggy Walrod, and Barbara Mulcahy. Thanks for making this day special.

My heart is full of joy after another beautiful season with successful fundraising and fellowship with our faithful Kiwis.

Thank you to Convention 2026 Chairperson Sherri Engel Lowe & Staff. It was perfect!!!

Our next luncheon will be October 24 at Lujacks Restaurant in Naples with our theme **IN THE PINK!!!!!!** Bringing Awareness to Breast Cancer.

GET YOUR CREATIVE THINKING CAPS ON LADIES to win SOME WONDERFUL PRIZES!

Stay safe and heathy Kiwis and enjoy your summer.

Happy Trails To You, Till We Meet Again,

Love, Eileen

KIWI SUPPORT CHARITIES



THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES:

*MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CENTER OF
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA/
CENTERS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

*FUN TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD
(PAST CHARITY)

*WINGS

*BRICK IN HONOR OF THOSE
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN 911

BRICK IS LOCATED AT FREEDOM PARK

*ST MATTHEW'S HOUSE FOOD BANK

*TOYS FOR TOTS

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UPCOMING KIWI SCHEDULE LUNCHEONS/MEETINGS 2026-2027

REVEAL

Happy Birthday Kiwis

May Birthdays

Marilyn Post 18

June Birthdays

Dee Hansen 1

Judi Franz 13

Beth Boyd 17

Randy Gauntt 24

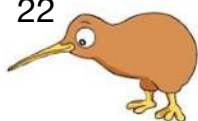
July Birthdays

Lisa Suydam 7

Marilou Barton 8

Marta Copland 15

Linda "Kaye" Sims 22



August Birthdays

Barbara Traci 4

Lynn Daly 6

Keryl Ball 15

Linda Fisher 19

September Birthdays

Sandy Cappas 10

Jane Buenz 14

Connie Nemes 18

Peggy Walrod 19

Gerry Egan 26

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2026

IN THE PINK

October 24

Eileen Pearson & Debbie Solon
Lujacks Restaurant Naples

November 14

Gerry Egan & Lynn Molinari

December 3

Keryl Ball & Connie Nemes
Christmas Luncheon Party
Ridgeways Naples

2027

January

Fran Busch & Debbie Solon
Hideaway Beach Club Marco Island

February

Keryl Ball, Connie Nemes, Eileen Pearson, & Debbie Solon
Awesome Fundraiser

March

Lynn Daly & Diane Palmer

April 28

Shadow Wood Country Club
Trish Thomas

May

Judi Franz & Susan Jackson

CONVENTION 2026 FIESTA FLIGHT ROYALE

April 28- May 1 San Antonio, Texas

Eleven Southwest Florida Kiwis traveled to San Antonio, Texas to attend the 2026 Kiwi Convention. Those attending included: Charles Beck, Lynn Daly, Gerry Egan, Susan Jackson, Lynnie Molinari, Connie Nemes, Diane Palmer, Eileen Pearson, Linda "Kaye" Sims, Kay Sutter, & Jesse Weyand.. We had an unforgettable time meeting old friends, renewing friendships, and bringing joy to one another. Kudos and grateful thanks to Sherri Lowe Engle, Polly Toll Goodman, Caroline Ballachey Womack & Committee for making this event Memorable and Stellar.



Kay Sutter & Connie Nemes



Connie Nemes, Eileen Pearson
Hotel Contessa



Gerry Egan & Jesse Weyand



Eileen Pearson &
Lisa Sgambati

Lisa is President of Carefree Chapter and organized the Welcome Desk at Convention



Eileen Pearson, Connie Nemes, Kay Sutter, & Lynn Daly. Picture taken at San Antonio Airport on April 28. Arrival day for Convention 2026

CONVENTION 2026 FIESTA FLIGHT ROYALE

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Front Row Connie Nemes, Eileen Pearson
Second Row Lynn Daly, Charlene Beck, Diane Palmer,
Kay Sutter, & Lynnie Molinari



Lynnie Molinari & Linda "Kaye" Sims



Eileen Pearson, Susan Jackson
& Lynnie Molinari



Kay Sutter, Hank & Eileen Pearson
& Connie Nemes River Walk
San Antonio,



Kay Sutter, Connie Nemes,
Eileen Pearson & Charlene Beck



Susan Jackson

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Lynnie Molinari & Gerry Egan



Kay Sutter



Gerrie McAlhany & Eileen Pearson With
Bigotes (mustache)s at Delegates
Reception. .

Gerrie was Eileen's "little sister" at
Stewardess College, March 1966



Eileen Pearson with
Blue Pencil Award



Connie Nemes Delegates reception
wearing a Bigote (mustache). We were all
given one to wear!



Jill Rohan, National Kiwi's
Webmaster, hugging LEFTY the sweet
Alpaca before boat ride to Mexican
restaurant on Riverwalk.

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Eileen & LEFTY
the darling Alpaca



Kay Sutter's
Fiesta Earrings



American Airlines
Credit Union

Kay Sutter, Connie Nemes, Charlene Beck, Diane Palmer,
Eileen Pearson, Susan Jackson,
Lynnie Molinari & Linda "Kay" Sims
Not pictured: Lynn Daly, Gerry Egan & Jesse Weyand



Jerry Willis & Charlene Beck
Gala Evening at Convention!



Lynnie Molinari
Gala Evening at Convention



Sombrero Hats that were
part of Centerpieces on
Gala Evening.



Lynn Daly with AA Captain Calvin on
flight back to Florida

LET'S GET KIWI'D

RIDGEWAY BAR AND GRILLE RESTAURANT MAY 9



Keryl Ball holding Commemorative
Pin given to each Kiwi Club
President
Commemorating American Airlines
100 years in Service



Susan Jackson



Connie Nemes in beautiful
Cowgirl outfit



Barbara Mulcahy & Peggy Walrod



Connie Nemes & Eileen Pearson



Lynnie Molinari & Gerry Egan



Jean Smith, Terry Archer,
Patricia Arthur, & Jana Stein

LET'S GET KIWI'D

RIDGEWAY BAR AND GRILL



Kate Santa Maria, Jana Stein & Connie Nemes



Nancy Moylan, Peggy Walrod,
& Jean Smith



Nancy Moylan, Lynnne Molinari, Debbie Solon
Seated, Connie Nemes
& Barbara Mulcahy at Raffle Table



Barbara Petrarca & Connie Nemes
Connie holding book "Me and The Sky" written
by Captain Beverly Bass

LET'S GET KIWI'D

RIDGEWAY BAR AND GRILLE



Keryl Ball, President,
Bringing
Meeting to Order



Commemorative Pin
Celebrating American
Airline's 100 Years



Holly Elefante, Gail Walton & Linda Rollings



Linda Mullen, Gerry Egan, & Charlene Beck



Connie Nemes & Eileen Pearson



Keryl Ball, Kay Sutter, Judi Franz, Eileen Pearson, & Charlene Beck

LET'S GET KIWI'D

RIDGEWAY BAR AND GRILLE



Kate Santa Maria, Anne Welton
(prospective Kiwi, & Lisa Suydam



Lynnie Molinari & Keryl Ball



Barbara Mulcahy & Peggy Walrod



Barbara Mulcahy, Lisa Suydam,
Peggy Walrod, & Nancy Moylan
Hostesses for Luncheon



Patricia Arthur & Kate Santa Maria



Linda Rollings, Holly Elefante
(Guests) & Gail Walton

TREASURER'S REPORT May 2026

State of the Union



Checking Balance: \$2048

Raffle Proceeds May 9 440

Total Balance \$2488



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

Author~ Dale Carnegie



Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.

~
Henry David Thoreau

NATIONAL KIWI NEWS

Locate information on National's website: Chapter Newsletters

- Kiwi Forms
- Message from National President
- e-mail addresses for Board and Staff
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www.thekiwiclub.org

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Welcome Aboard Poster
American Airlines
Circa 1959



Happy 250th Anniversary
United States of America!
We Love you!

Special Celebration Dates

Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 21



BITS AND PIECES



Our new National Board 2026-2028

Stephanie McCauley Butler, Advisor, Linda Hessler Radke, VP, Melissa McCarthy Williams, President, Kathy Schmitt Kuzminski, 2nd VP, Martha Freeman Cunningham, Secretary, Wanda Barry Kromer, Treasurer, Vicki Valenciano Kubal, Past President/Parliamentarian.

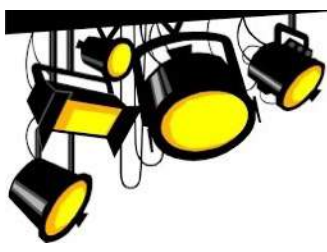
Did you know there are 27 Chapters of Kiwis Organizations in the U.S. There is a total of 1073 Kiwi Members. Wings is our National Endeavors. It is a Non Profit Organization.. Kiwis and Flight Attendants helping Flight Attendants in need for health and natural disaster reasons. Check Kiwi website at www.thekiwiclub.org on how to donate.



Sherri Lowe Engle & Kazumi Chopra, Sherris was Convention Chair person & Kazumi is the Wings liaison and on line Flight Attendant.



Beverly Bass, Captain on American Airlines flight that landed in Gander on 9/11. Beverly is a star in every way. The play "Come From Away" was written about her. She is a hero!



RECAP OF KIWI YEAR 2025-2026

It's been a most wonderful season for
our South West Florida Kiwis!!

We were Champions! Thanks to all of You and Your
Generosity in reaching all of our Charitable and Social Goals!



October - **Babes, Bags & boobs Contest** - Connie Nemes & Eileen Pearson *Ridgeway Restaurant*

November - Lynn timer Molinari, Dee Hansen, & Gerry Egan *Sam Snead Restaurant Lely Resorts*

December - Pat MacAniff, Keryl Ball & Connie Nemes - *Colliers Reserve Christmas Luncheon*

January - Awesome Auction Island Walk - Keryl Ball, Connie Nemes, Eileen Pearson & Debbie Solon with great helpers - Fran Busch, Valerie Rooney, Linda Fisher, Gerry Egan, & Lynn timer Molinari & Beth Boyd - *Bonita Valencia*

February - Becca Azzone & Marta Copland - *Bayside Restaurant Venetian Village*

March - Fran Busch & Debbie Solon - *Hideaway Beach Country Club*

April - *Convention 2026 San Antonio, Texas*

May - Nancy Moylan, Lisa Suydam, Peggy Walrod, & Barbara Mulcahy - *Ridgeway Restaurant*



5 Ingredient Tomato Avocado Salad

Recipe from the Ina Garten Cookbook

Chef's Best



1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons freshly
squeezed lemon juice divided (2 lemons)

2 firm, ripe Hass avocados

2 pints cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
through the stem

1/2 cup medium -diced red onion

Good olive oil

Kosher salt and freshly ground black
pepper

3 ounces of baby arugula

Pour 1/4 cup of the lemon juice into a mixing bowl. Cut the avocados in half, remove the pit, peel them (or scoop them out with a spoon), and cut in 1/2-inch dice. Immediately add the avocados to the lemon juice and toss carefully. Add the cherry tomatoes and red onion and toss again.

In a small glass measuring cup, whisk together the remaining 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, 1/4 cup olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

Pour enough of the vinaigrette over the tomato and avocado mixture to moisten completely. Add the arugula, add more vinaigrette, sprinkle with 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper, and toss well. Taste for seasonings (you want the salad well seasoned!) and serve at room temperature.