



SUMMER
June 2026

The Kiwi Kackle

Newsletter of the South Bay Chapter of The Kiwi Club



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Greetings from your President...

Hello, Kiwis!

Well...we've recently returned from Convention '26 in San Antonio and all I can say is WOW! I'm truly sorry for those who couldn't make it because it was absolutely FABULOUS! From the moment Kiwis stepped off the elevator leading to the Registration area, you could immediately feel the excitement, energy and warm Kiwi hospitality that carried throughout the entire week. The suites at the Hotel Contessa were lovely, and the San Antonio Riverwalk quickly became a favorite gathering place for Kiwis enjoying walks, laughter, sightseeing and lots of memorable conversations together.

The Opening Luncheon, featuring Captain Beverley Bass, was both inspiring and unforgettable. And the Closing Banquet? What a perfect ending to an extraordinary week! The live band was honestly one of the best I've ever heard, and the dance floor stayed busy all evening long. But perhaps the very best part of Convention was simply the joy of spending time together. Exploring the city with fellow Kiwis, sharing meals, stories and laughter, and creating new memories reminded all of us why Kiwi friendships are so special.

If you'd like to enjoy some of the wonderful photos taken throughout the week, go to the National website, click on CONVENTION, then choose Convention Photos from the dropdown menu.

And now..... where will Kiwis gather in 2028? It's going to be in Southern California...**PALM SPRINGS!** We'll be at the beautiful Omni Rancho Mirage Resort in May of '28! Hope everyone will plan to be there!

As a reminder, Linda C. is now collecting donations for our charity, The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Society. If you've not yet sent your check, please bring it to the June luncheon or mail it to Linda C. (her address is on page 2). Make the check out to 'South Bay Kiwi Club' and note 'Alzheimer's' on the memo line.

It will be lovely to see everyone again in June! Stay well and enjoy the week!

Hugs!
Linda

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 25...Happy Memorial Day!

June 10...Meeting...**LOTUS** Chinese Restaurant (**12:30**)

July and August...Summer Break

September 8...Luncheon...TBD

December 8...Luncheon...TBD



JUNE:

5-Georgia Davis

JULY:

14-Jill Corba

15-Deirdre Rinehart-Nicholls*

31-Suzann Sako

AUGUST:

6-Denise Hebden

10-Mary McCloskey

*** "Decades Birthday"**

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JUNE LUNCHEON and MEETING

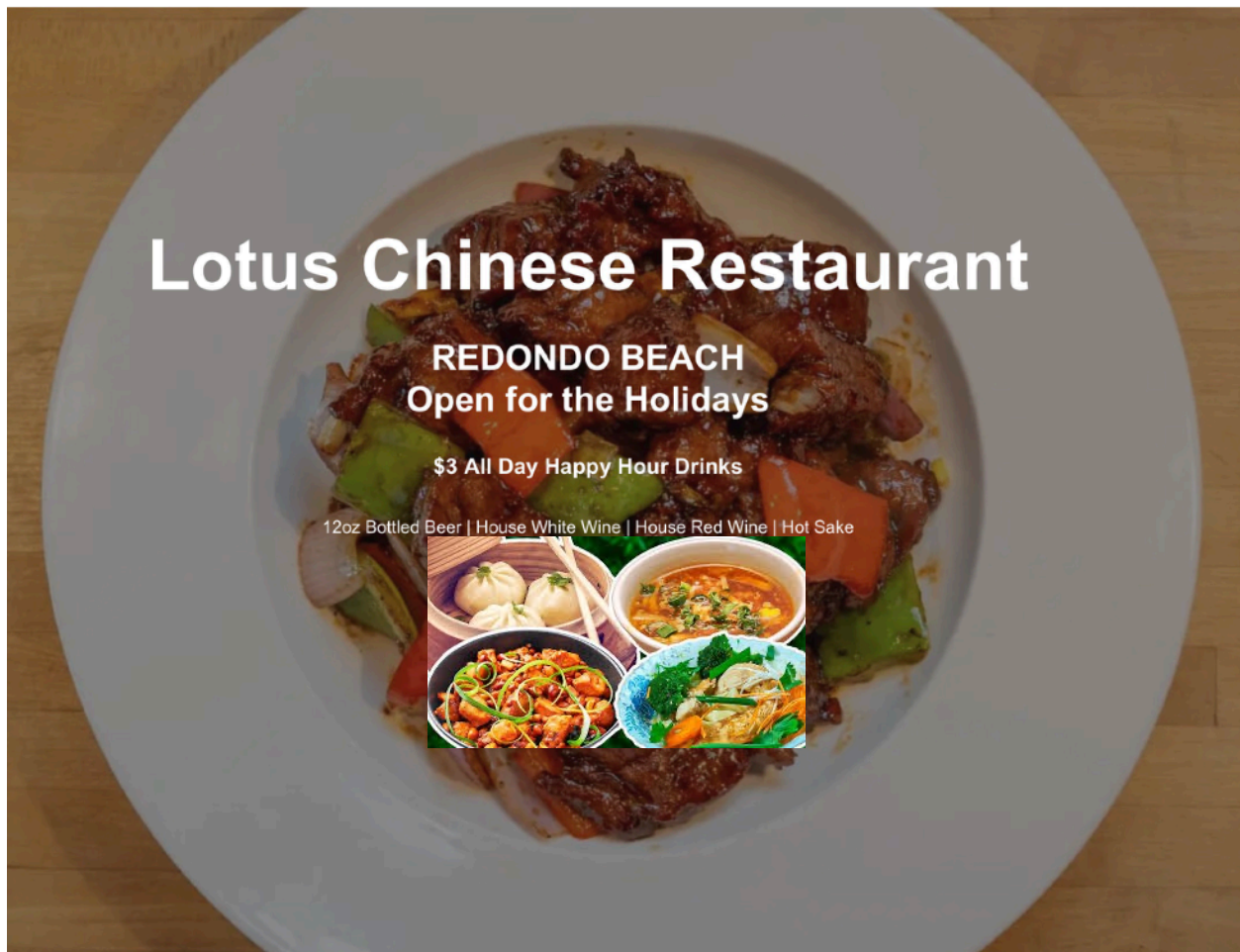
Tuesday, June 9, 2026

LOTUS CHINESE RESTAURANT

1410 South Pacific Coast Hwy. ~ Redondo Beach
310-921-8650

RSVP: PAM BARRETT-HILL at pamandjim2@cox.net

~ Luncheon Specials and full menu available online and on site ~





Pam
Barrett-Hill



Linda Corvan and Linda Radke

(Just a random photo from the past... we were at the luncheon but forgot to get a shot.)



Gerry Stark
and
Lori Foley



Denise Hebden
and
Dianne Wilson

Billie Hamrick,
Suzann Sako
and
Pam
Barrett-Hill

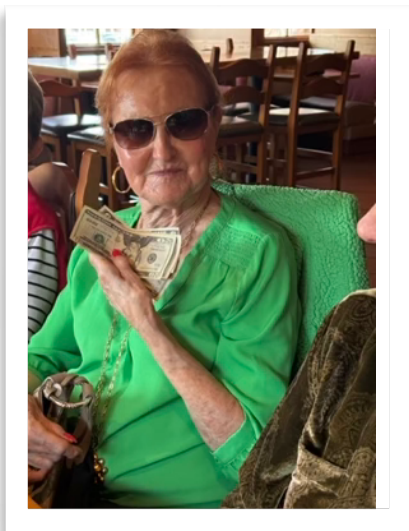




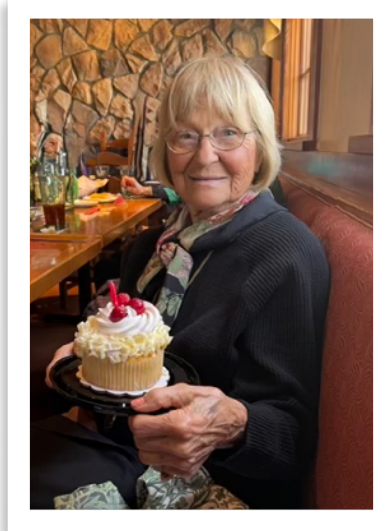
Jill Corba and Sherry Graham



Jean Maxey and
Deirdre Rinehart-Nicholls



50/50 WINNER!
Billie Hamrick



Gerry Stark got a special treat for
her "Decades Birthday"....



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH BAY KIWI CLUB



Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2026
The Olive Garden ~ Manhattan Beach

MEETING was called to order by Linda Radke who thanked Pam Barrett-Hill for arranging the our venue.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

CHAPTER BUSINESS: Convention

We're looking forward to a wonderful time in San Antonio next month. For those unable to attend, photos will be posted on the National website under the tab, 'Convention'. We voted on the slate of officer candidates as well as a proposed change to a National by-law. Both were passed.

ANNUAL CHARITY DONATION :

We are now taking donations for our fundraiser...this year will be for Alzheimer's. We ask that each member donate as this is part of who we are as a social/charitable organization. Any amount will be appreciated. Make the check out to 'South Bay Kiwi Club' and give/mail to Treasurer, Linda Corvan. (Note 'fundraiser' on memo line. Linda's address is on page 2.)

LUNCH

BIRTHDAYS:

We celebrated with cards and candy for those birthday babies present...Lori Foley, Dianne Wilson and Pam Barrett-Hill. Gerry Stark was recognized for her February 'Decades Birthday'. Absent B-Day Babes were Lynne Variano, Lois Sutherland and Karen Uhlberg.

50/50 RAFFLE was won by Billie Hamrick

Next Luncheon will be held on June 9 at Lotus Chinese Restaurant. We will plan to meet there at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Radke, President

 Convention 2026!
Some of our 'personal' favorites...



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2026-2028



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WE LOVE BEING INVOLVED!

Fundraiser 2026-27 WINGS

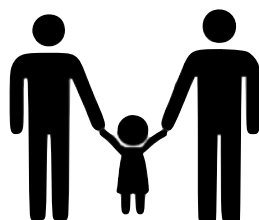
Providing urgent and critical financial support to AA Flight Attendants who find themselves in need due to illness or tragic circumstance.



Forget not those
who cannot remember

Fundraiser 2025-26 The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Society

...whose mission is to accelerate finding a cure, or a way to delay the onset and advancement of Alzheimer's disease, by funding innovative research in new areas of discovery.



2026 ADOPT-A-FAMILY Holiday Caring

We look forward to 'adopting' veterans' families at Christmastime and providing gifts and holiday treats that will add some cheer to their celebrations.