

Orange County
**The Beak
 Speaks**
 Long Beach



**Upcoming
 Luncheons:**

March 18th

Stadium Brew Co

Aliso Viejo

Nancy Bonner
 Calley O'Henley

April

**National Convention
 San Antonio, TX**

May 21st

**Canine Companion Tour
 Oceanside**

Janie Fretz
 Barbara Gray

June 17th

**Dana Point Yacht Club
 Officers Installation**

Janie Fretz
 Barbara Gray

Happy Birthday!

March

Connie Leifheit
 March 3rd



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March 2026

President's Message

Well, what a great new place! El Cholo in Anaheim Hills! Thank you Krystyna, Sandy (Birthday Girl) and Janine for hosting! Also for the yummy chocolate chip cookies & the luscious cheesecake!

It was great to meet Krystyna's friend, Moe Ponsford. Please know we love to have guests at our luncheons, so please invite you friends if you'd like. The more the merrier!

I have to say, though our club has gotten smaller, however, I believe it's now stronger. We have had great attendance at the last few luncheons. I also love the new & different ideas for our upcoming luncheons/outings. New venues,tours, etc.....keep them coming! Our possible trip in May to tour the Canine Companions facility sounds like a great time! Invite your friends/future Kiwis(?) to share the day.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our gathering at the Stadium Brew Co this month.

Remember those in our club who need our prayers due to illness or illness of a family member

Calley



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Nominations for 2026 Charity Donations

May is the month we'll be voting for the charities we'd like to support for this term. According to the club by-laws, before voting, the nominations must be printed in the newsletter enabling the membership to be better informed regarding the mission of each organization. The deadline for submitting a suggestion for a charity you think worthy is March 31st as the nominations will be printed in the April newsletter. Send your nomination to Barbara Gray's email: 4barbfgray@gmail.com Please include the charity website and the reason you think their cause is one we should support.

Please send healing thoughts and prayers to Joann Prendergast as she continues to recover from surgery resulting from a recent fall. . .



Remember to Mail in your Opportunity Tickets!

It's not too late to support our National Convention and have the chance to win AAdvantage miles for travel on American Airlines!

1st Prize: 250,000 AAL AAdvantage mileage award certificate

2nd Prize: 150,000 AAL AAdvantage mileage award certificate

3rd Prize: 100,000 AAL AAdvantage mileage award certificate

You don't need to be present to win!!

Need more tickets? Contact Sandy Burns, our Convention Co-coordinator.



March 2026 Kiwi Luncheon at The Stadium Brew Company



Wednesday, March 18th - 11:30 am

26731 Aliso Creek Road
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656



Located in: Aliso Creek Town Center, the restaurant is on the left of the
Aliso Viejo Regal Theater

*Hosts Linda Barker and Nancy Bonner invite you to a St. Patrick's Day celebration
for our March luncheon. Join us in "The Wearing of the Green".
Menus will be provided at our tables.*



The cost of the luncheon is \$29 and checks should
be made out to Nancy Bonner. Please send them to:

Nancy Bonner
221 Narcissus
Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

Please RSVP by Friday, March 13th for their headcount.
Email, call or text Nancy at 949-675-6147.



February Luncheon



President Calley O'Henley
& Judy Carroll



OC/LB Kiwis



Host Krystyna Kisting
with Linda Barker &
Janie Fretz



Karen Ford



Host & Birthday Girl
Sandy Burns



Guest Mo Pondsford with Krystyna



Linda Polese & Pat Jones



Minutes for OC/LB Kiwi Club

February 18, 2026

The February luncheon meeting was held at El Cholo Mexican Cafe in Anaheim. President Calley O'Henley welcomed 12 members and one guest, Mo Pondsford, friend of Krystyna Kisting. Calley thanked the hosts Krystyna, Sandy Burns, and Janine Harris, who was unable to attend.

Calley presented a Birthday Tiara to Sandy Burns whose birthday was February 5th. Sandy was wearing a red jacket with an "AA (DC-10 Luxury Liner)" emblem on the front.

Linda Barker reported on progress of Joann Prendergast since her fall/surgery. She has sold her home and will be buying a home to live with daughter's family but may need to rent a room for a month in between moves and asked if anyone might know of any availability.

No corrections or additions were required to the January minutes.

Calley reminded the members that any suggestion by a member for our club charity must be presented in writing and sent to Barbara Gray for publishing in the newsletter before voting by the club in May. Anyone doing so needs to state her reasons why she believes it would be a good choice for us.

The nominating committee is working on election of officers to be held in May, also. New member, Karen Wittig, has offered to do The Beak Speaks. We need a volunteer to take over as Treasurer. Judy Doyle, our photographer, asked about replacing her and it was suggested that any of the other members could just assist or fill in at the meeting as we all have cell phones.

Nancy Bonner and Linda Barker will be hosting the March meeting at the Stadium Brew Company in Aliso Viejo.

Members attending the National Kiwi Convention in April in San Antonio are President Calley and Krystyna Kisting. There will be no meeting of the OC/LB club.

The May meeting will be on Thursday the 21st and will be our trip to Oceanside to visit the Canine Companions, a charity we currently support. Some are considering taking the train from Irvine to Oceanside. The OC/LB Kiwi Club will pay \$25.00 towards your ticket. If you take the train, there will be transportation provided from the rail station to the Canine Companions site. Some members may choose to drive. There was a suggestion that we could have lunch at Panda Express nearby. There will be more details regarding pricing, etc. at the March meeting.

The June meeting of the Kiwis will be held at the Dana Point Yacht Club in June. Jane Fretz and Barbara Gray will host. This will be the Installation of the new Board for 2026-2028.

Calley stated that the club now has 21 members.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Jones, Secretary

36th Biennial Kiwi Convention



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*San Antonio Riverwalk
Tuesday April 28th - Saturday, May 1*

The Registration Packets for the 36th BIENNIAL KIWİ CONVENTION have arrived!

Included in the packet: *The Whole Enchilada Flight Plan of Events, A Kiwi Bird's-Eye Preview of Convention, Your Fiesta Crew List, and Registration and Banquet Seating Forms/Fee needed to board.*

Hotel Reservations Deadline: Monday April 6th

210-229-9222 Res Kiwi Rate \$229, \$254 Triple, \$279 Quad++
Available April 27th thru departure date May 2nd.

Registration Forms Deadline: Friday April 10th

The convention will start on Wednesday, April 29 and conclude on Friday May 1. Look for updated postings on the National Kiwi website.