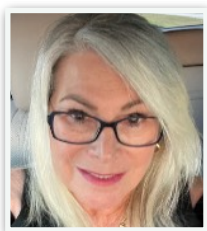




The Mini Kiwi EXTRA



THIRTIETH EDITION SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE KIWICLUB VOL. 26-10 OCTOBER 2026



CLUB PRESIDENT



Message

Welcome back, Kiwis! 🌞✈️🌴

The sun is shining, the palm trees are swaying, and it's time to kick off another fabulous Southwest Florida Kiwi Club season!

We're so excited to see everyone back in Naples and ready for another year of friendship, fun, laughter and a whole lot of Kiwi camaraderie! 🇺🇸✈️

If you need a little help getting settled back into Naples after your northern summer adventures, please let us know. And, of course, we can't wait to hear all about your summer adventures, travels, and favorite events! 🍷✈️🌞

Our October kickoff luncheon is just around the corner! 🍷
Get ready to reconnect with our flight crew, and enjoy some good old-fashioned Kiwi fun.

Here's to a fantastic new season of making memories, supporting each other and supporting our wonderful charities. ❤️

Bring your sunshine, your in-flight stories, and your Kiwi spirit—we'll see you in October!

👤 Keryl



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October 2023, 2024 & 2025**

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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.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Kiwi Club is a social and charitable organization of present and former stewardesses and flight attendants of American Airlines, Trans World Airlines, and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines.





EDITOR'S

Message

BUCKLE UP KIWI SISTERS

Welcome Back Kiwis and Welcome Fall.

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing summer vacation.

Now that the Fall Season is upon us, let us make our Autumn theme one of Joy, Contentment and Gratitude with so much to be thankful for and appreciate.

Our love of giving and volunteering is indwelled within our Kiwi Spirit. We are looking forward to a memorable year of being together and accomplishing all our charitable and social endeavors.

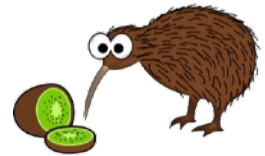
Our next luncheon will be October 24, Lujacks Restaurant in Naples where we will have **"The GREAT THINK PINK"** Contest for Pumpkin Decorating!

Let's have some fun Kiwis!

PUT YOUR CREATIVE THINKING CAPS ON LADIES FOR "THE GREAT PINK PUMPKIN" DECORATING CONTEST TO WIN SOME WONDERFUL PRIZES AS WE BRING AWARENESS TO BREAST CANCER.

COME ONE COME ALL TO "THE GREAT THINK PINK" CONTEST. WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS of the Best Decorated Pumpkin?

Directions and information for Luncheon on next page.
Happy Trails to you till we meet again,
Love, Eileen



KIWI SUPPORT 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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Keryl Ball
PRESIDENT



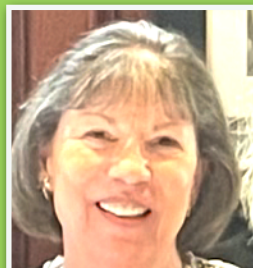
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OCTOBER SOUTH WEST FLORIDA KIWI KICKOFF LUNCHEON

AT LUJACKS RESTAURANT

Please join our Hostesses:

Debbie Solon & Eileen Pearson

"In The Pink Bringing Awareness to Breast Cancer with our Pumpkin Decorating Contest"



BUCKLE UP KIWIS

When: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Where: Lujacks Restaurant

7935 Airport Road North # 20 Naples, FL 239-216-8873

Time: 12 High Noon

RSVP to Debbie Solon by October 16 debbiesolon@aol.com **or text 561-289-9438**

We will gather at Lujacks - 12 Noon. The staff is providing us with a private room and U shaped table which is convenient where we can all see one another. The Chef is providing special Kiwi entrees that you can choose and we will order off the menu and pay by cash or credit cards..

BUCKLE UP KIWIS for some FUN! We will have a pumpkin decorating contest with the theme being Breast Cancer. Prizes given for the **Pinkiest**, **Most Creative**, and **Original Decorated Pumpkin** that brings awareness to breast cancer.

We can decorate small, large or a few pumpkins put together as a Breast Cancer theme.

We will have First, Second and Third place prizes and Honorable mention for everyone participating. Who will the winners be?? Great prizes await you. See you there!!!

Directions to Lujacks

7935 Airport Pulling Road (Lujacks is in the location of the former Stonewood Restaurant) There is lots of available parking here.

From Vanderbilt Beach Road go West. You will pass over Vineyards, Oakes, Livingston Road. After Livingston, (Tiberon Golf and Resort will be on the right). When you arrive at Airport Pulling Road, light here, turn left and stay in right lane and turn into shopping Center. Lujacks will be in back area with other restaurants and stores.. Lujacks is located on the right corner of strip center. Upon entering restaurant go to back where we will have a private room.

From Marco Island you can go up 951 (Collier Blvd) and turn left on Vanderbilt and follow the above directions.

From 41 North or South take Vanderbilt East to Airport Pulling Road. Landmarks on Vanderbilt are Mercado on Left, cross over Goodlette Frank, (light here)) Next light is Airport Pulling Road. Turn right here and turn right into shopping center.

I'M TICKLED PINK

READ THE FOLLOWING NEWS AND REQUEST FROM KATELYN, GENERAL MANAGER AT LUJACKS!

"Lujacks' social media team will be taking photos and short videos during our upcoming gathering to capture the celebration. We'd love to share some of those moments on Lujacks' social media pages. If you'd prefer not to be photographed or filmed, please let Eileen know ahead of time or tell a Lujacks team member when you arrive. We'll be happy to respect your wishes."

We're looking forward to celebrating with everyone!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KIWIS

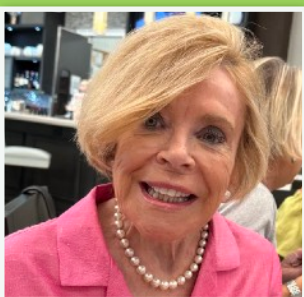


OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Moylan	06
Gail Walton	10
Deborah Cantarella	21
Linda Mullen	27
Jana Stein	27
Valerie Rooney	28

SUPPORT STAFF:

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Parliamentarian



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Roster Organizer



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UPCOMING KIWI SCHEDULE LUNCHEONS/MEETINGS 2026-2027

2026

IN THE PINK PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

October 24

Eileen Pearson & Debbie Solon
Lujacks Restaurant Naples

November 7

Lynnie Molinari & Gerry Egan
Casa Cotzelli East Naples

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, , Debbie Solon, & Eileen Pearson
Awesome Fundraiser

March

Lynn Daly & Diane Palmer

April

Trish Thomas
Shadow Wood Country Club

May

Judi Franz & Susan Jackson

OCTOBER

Columbus Day Sweetest Day

HALLOWEEN



The Pink Witches Contest for the Most Pinkiest, Creatiest and the Kiwi who promotes the most Awareness to Breast Cancer with their Pumpkin display.

THE COVENS MEET AGAIN!

ALL TREATS! NO TRICKS!!



If you want to be a Kiwi, we would love for you to join our organization. Please read the renewal information on the following page to remit your National Dues.

NATIONAL KIWI NEWS

Locate information on National's website: Chapter Newsletters

- Kiwi Forms
- Message from National President
- e-mail addresses for Board and Staff
- Boutique Section
- Pictures
- MAL
- Convention 2026 Pictures
- Remembrance

www.thekiwiclub.org

Password= birds

**RENEW
MEMBERSHIP**



DUES ARE DUE FOR NATIONAL

Remember Kiwis this is an even numbered year which means dues go to National in the amount of \$50 which covers 2 years. Starting September 1 through November 30, you may pay your dues through National's Website www.thekiwiclub.org. Password is birds.

All you need is a credit card and fill out the information. This is a seamless and easy process. Please read the following page for exact information on how to remit your National Dues.



Dear Kiwi Club Member,

It's time to renew your 2026–2028 Kiwi Club National Membership!

National membership dues for the 2026–2028 term will be collected **September 1 through November 30, 2026**. To remain an active member of The Kiwi Club, each member pays \$50 every two years. A 30-day grace period is provided, but renewals received **after December 31, 2026** will include a **\$5 late fee**.

Please Note: National membership dues are completely separate from your local chapter dues.

The Easiest Way to Renew

Renewing couldn't be easier. Most members can renew in less than a minute! The online renewal link is active now, so you do not need to wait until September 1 to renew your membership. Simply click the Square payment link below and you will be taken directly to our secure payment portal. You may pay using a credit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. That's it! Your membership will be renewed through December 31, 2028.

DUES Payment Link

<https://square.link/u/CMbHhQiL>

Prefer to Pay by Check?

If you are not comfortable renewing online, you may still pay by check.

Please make your \$50 check payable to The Kiwi Club.



*Mail it directly to:

The Kiwi Club National Treasurer
Wanda Kromer
129 Northlake Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075

Special Note

If you joined The Kiwi Club during the \$25 introductory dues promotion, your membership is paid only through December 31, 2026. You will need to renew now for the 2026–2028 membership term.

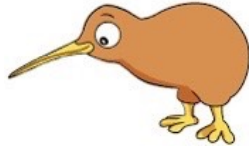
Questions?

If you have any questions or need assistance renewing online, please don't hesitate to contact Wanda or Kathy. They are always happy to help and want to make the renewal process as easy as possible.

Kathy Schmidt Kuzminski - 2ndvp@thekiwiclub.org 239-770-2493
Wanda Barry Kromer - treasurer@thekiwiclub.org 615-497-7284



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY



On Sisterhood and Togetherness

- "Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
— *Helen Keller*
- "Sisterhood is powerful."
— *Robin Morgan*
- "Lift her up and you rise too."
— *Maya Angelou*

Love

One's best friend is someone who,
when he wishes for good things
for a person, does so for that
person's sake.

~
Aristotle

The beautiful thing about
learning is nobody can take it
away from you.

`B.B.King
Born Sept 16, 1925

Chef's Best



Sautéed Apples

Recipe given to Eileen Pearson from Mary
Russo Carson

4-6 Fuji , or Honey Crisp apples

peeled and sliced

2 TBSP pure vanilla or vanilla paste

2TBSP cinnamon -1/2 orange peel & flesh

1/2 cup sugar or a little more if apples are tart
(taste)

Raisins

1/2 tsp salt if butter is unsalted.

4 TBSP butter unsalted

Maple syrup or honey

If you have some jam 1/3 cup (strawberry,
pineapple, apricot)



DIRECTIONS

Place all ingredients in sauce pan or
large skillet and cook till apples are soft
but not
too mushy. You can add cornstarch to
thicken.

This is a delicious side dish for any meal
but especially nice for Thanksgiving. The
cinnamon adds to the beautiful aroma of
the Thanksgiving festivities.

LET'S GET KIWI'D

LA TAVOLTA RESTAURANT MARCO ISLAND OCTOBER 2023 & 2024
RIDGEWAY RESTAURANT NAPLES 2025

Previous Winners

Southwest Florida Kiwis bringing awareness to Breast Cancer.

The winners of Parade from **2023** are:

Most Creative.. **Connie Nemes**

The Witchiest... **Keryl Ball**

The Pinkiest... **Lynnie Molinari**



Connie Nemes



Keryl Ball

Keryl's socks



Lynnie Molinari



Linda Fisher

The Winners of 2024 Parade

The Witchiest.. **Linda Fisher**

The Pinkiest.. **Lynnie Molinari**

The Most Creative.. **Connie Nemes**, Dot, The Pink Polka Dot Witch!

All Kiwis Received Honorable Mention!



Lynnie Molinari



Connie Nemes

BABES, BAGS, & BOOBS

Winners of the 2025 Kiwis Boobs Purse Contest
Ridgeway Restaurant, Naples, FL



Connie Nemes



Keryl Ball



Linda Fisher



First Prize

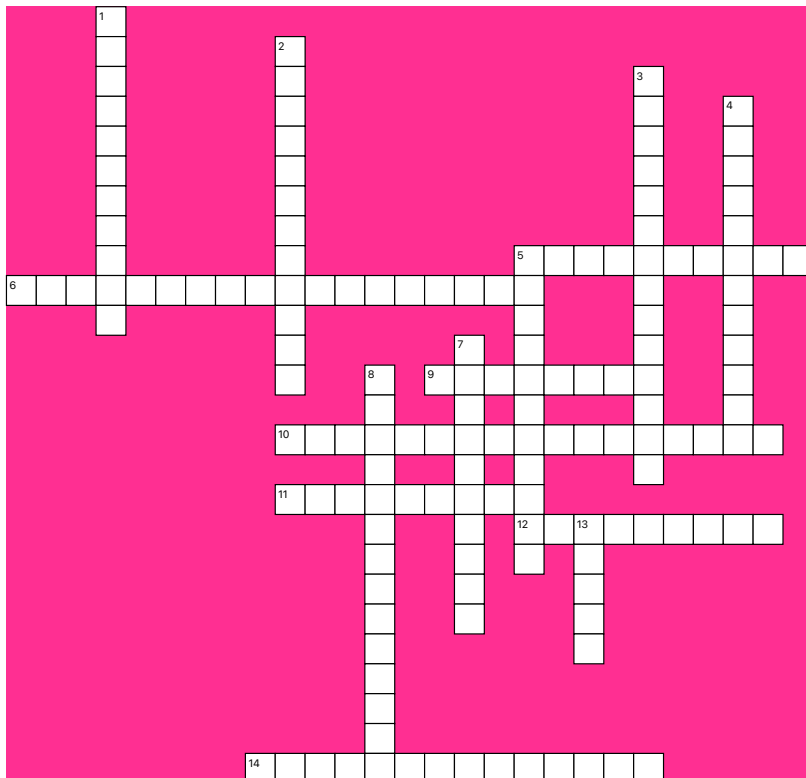


Second Prize



Third Prize

Kiwi Puzzle October 2026



ACROSS

- 5. CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION
- 6. Location of Kiwi Christmas Party
- 9. Famous Musical about Alexander?
- 10. S.W. FL Charity 2026
- 11. S.W. Florida President
- 12. DAY OF S.W. FL FIRST KIWI Luncheon
- 14. White House Location

DOWN

- 1. Kiwi Convention Location 2028
- 2. Kiwi Convention co Hostesses -first names
- 3. S.W. FL. Kiwi Sunshine Lady and Photographer
- 4. Kiwi whose husband was a movie star
- 5. Treasurer S.W. Florida
- 7. Newest Kiwi year 2025
- 8. Kiwi 2nd vice President of National
- 13. US. President



BITS AND PIECES

New Address

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Good News Kiwis

Jane Buenz has recovered from her medical issues. She looks forward to joining her Kiwi Sisters at our upcoming luncheons.

Sonja Williams and Terri Hartel

will join us again this year for our Pumpkin Themed Decorating Contest as Judges Extraordinaire!

"Bringing Awareness to Breast Cancer"

BLAST FROM THE PAST



AMERICANA UNIFORMS

Circa 1980's

We wore these pretty red, white, and blue dresses and had a beautiful blue cape coat with a fur "Davy Crockett" Hat! And White Go Go Boots!!!!



New Member Alert!

Anne Oppenheime Welton

We are so glad you joined our Chapter. Anne's information for your roster is the following:

Tel: 508-330-5927

Address: 2416 Florida Ave., Naples, FL 34112

email: kirby307@yahoo.com

Birthday December 23

LADIES LUNCH

★ A Flight Full of Delightful Stories ★

Featuring
Lynn Molinari
Retired Airline Stewardess / Flight Attendant

★ Wednesday, September 30th ★

Thesen Asian Noodle Bar
6821 Collier Blvd., Unit 102
Naples, FL 34114

Arrive 11:45 AM
Lunch at NOON
1:00 PM Presentation

Lynn Molinari

S.W. FL Kiwi Extraordinaire gave a lecture on September 30 describing what it was like to be a Stewardess "back in the day."



OCTOBER



MORE 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.



Literary Recommendations

“Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi. A heart warming novel that has been a New York Times best seller and is now being made into a movie with Tom Hanks. One of the best books I have ever read!

“The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans. Written in Epistle Form. A wonderful book where the author engages beautifully in life through letters and emails.

