Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter
November 2026

"Sometimes the smallest act of kindness can become someone's biggest reason to keep going."

Our next meeting is on Thurdsay, November 12th at 12:30 at the Big Cypress Recreation Center. We have a wonderful speaker, Linda Krupski, who will share her story of the group she founded called LovExtension.

Their mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors and disabled adults in Lake County and The Villages whose families are lacking or deficient in their resources by providing support for their emotional, nutritional, and social needs. You will be amazed at all they do! Learn more about this wonderful service at loveextension.com.

And we also have a lot of upcoming events and opportunities to share with you – and, as usual, a few surprises up our sleeve.

And while you have your calendar in your hand, add all our other meetings through June of 2027. We have some amazing speakers and fun activities along with many chances for you to put your kindness to work. Our meetings are on the second Thursday each month at 12:30 at Big Cypress.

Our December 10th meeting will be our Christmas party with food and fun, a special gift for you, and a chance to see first-hand our Bee Kind program for local schools.

MAKs - Monthly Acknowledgements of Kindness

Our monthly acknowledgements of kindness are one of our most heart-warming events. We try to acknowledge someone who has shown extraordinary kindness and is nominated through our website. We have several planned in the next few months and are always looking for members to help with these presentations. They consume little of your time and are a lot of fun to boot.

Our VP, Cathi Coy, handles these and we have one coming up on Friday Nov 13th at 6pm in the area just north of 466A. Let Cathi know if you would like to be involved (cathi@coy.org).

If you would like to nominate someone, just go to our website, click on the "nominate" tab and fill out the form. While you are there check out all the people we have honored (programs/acknowledgments) – you will be impressed.

Christmas Parade

This year we will again participate in The Villages Christmas parade at the Polo Grounds on Friday, December 4th at noon. We've put in for

8 carts and a dozen walkers and will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting, and want to participate, just send me a note (lindsaycollier@comcast.net) and let me know and whether you will walk or go by cart.

Project SOS Christmas Party

For years we have had a close relationship with Project SOS that

helps families of Veterans that live in the forest. They do some incredible work, and each year have a Christmas party for the families at their location in Ocala.

The party will take place on Saturday, December 12th at 1:00. We'd love to have a good showing of our members attend and will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting. Lunch is provided!

Wreaths Across America

This year Wreaths Across America day is Saturday, December 19th. Our club is purchasing 20 wreaths through Tri-County Women's Veterans. If you would like to purchase wreaths ($17 ea.) go to wreathsacrossamerica.org/Flo252. These wreaths will be placed at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

If you would like to sponsor wreaths at designated local cemeteries you can do that at their site too.

Honor Flight Guardian

If you are interested in becoming an Honor Flight Guardian, we would like to sponsor your trip! (the cost is $250). You can apply to be a Guardian on the Honor Flight website. Or use this direct link

VHF New Guardian Online Application

Bee Kind Program

Our "Bee Kind" program with local schools has been a great success. In October they visited the second-grade classrooms at Middleton Charter School and Fruitland Park Elementary School. The students loved the presentation.

In November they will be presenting the program to the Women's Christian Ministry at New Covenant United Methodist Church.

They will also be featured in an upcoming Villages Magazine!

Our heartfelt thanks to Pearl Seavitte for her wonderful leadership of this program.

Fundraiser Coordinator?

We are looking at the possibility of having a fundraiser in April. Our fundraisers have been very successful and have put us in a good financial position to carry out our mission and to donate to worthy groups that help spread kindness in our community.

Francoise Hansen has been a great help to us but needs to move on following our October event. Thank you, Francoise! But now we need someone to take her place. The job is not terribly time-consuming, and our Board will give you lots of support!

Some Volunteer Kindness Activities

The Wildwood Soup Kitchen provides an amazing amount of food for those in need in the community. They are looking for volunteers to help in some areas. If you are interested, go to this site and check out the opportunities:

Wildwood Soup Kitchen - Current Openings

Our Butterfly Garden is our club's opportunity to show kindness to our earth. If you would like to help us maintain the garden we tend to in the Fred Funk Butterfly Garden, let me know. If you would like to know more, please go to their website.

AAOK Club Merchandise

Our club merchandise is supplied locally through Custom Apparel. Their original store is in the Wedgewood Plaza, and they have opened their second one in Middleton. They have our logo and can apply it to any number of items (shirts, hats, sweaters, tote bags etc.)

You can order on line at Acts of Kindess | Custom Apparel.

See you this week - November 12th at Big Cypress

Stay Healthy, Happy, and Kind,

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