



Thank you for your kindness.

Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter – October 2025

*“Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to
change a person’s life.”* Jackie Chan

We apologize to anyone who missed our meeting last month due to a very last-minute location change. Our regular meeting place was closed for cleaning, so we had to meet at Tiera DelSol, where they were very accommodating. This month we are back at Bacall Rec. Our September speaker, Marc Langroth, had a wonderful message about the work he and his wife, Su, are doing with Friends of the Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranch. This group does so much to help at-risk young people with their creative programs.

Welcome to our new members

Andrea Flanigan – Village of Bonita

Martin Van Luven – Village of Poinciana

Marietta Mandracchia – Village of Poinciana

Karen Heinen – Village of Collier

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Christine Pena who will discuss the work she is doing through "It Takes a Village" and the Humane Society. We honored Christine a couple of years ago for her kindness and I think you will see why.

And, as usual, we have a lot of exciting things to discuss and a few surprises as well.



Acknowledging Acts of Kindness (AOK) Events

We are on track to acknowledge an exceptional person every month! On September 20th we honored Pam Stineman at the Franklin Recreation Center. Pam is on the Board of Celebrate Differences, coaches Special Olympics, helps children with special needs, and gives her time and heart to others without hesitation.

We like to have four or more Club members take part in these events which are fun and take only 15 minutes. Each honoree gets a framed

Certificate of Kindness, a gift certificate to a restaurant, flowers or chocolates, and a copy of "Kindness Rocks! How to Live a Life of Kindness". If you have never attended one of these acknowledgements, please give it a try. You'll be glad you did.

To see all of the people we have honored, go to our website under Programs and then click Acknowledgments Or click here [Acknowledgements](#)

Do you know someone who is exceptionally kind? You can nominate them by completing the form on our website under Nominate, or click here to [Nominate](#).



Himalayan Golf

We had another Himalayan Golf social on Saturday, September 27th. Great fun as usual! And several enjoyed lunch at Arnold Palmer's following golf.

We would like to have more purely social events for our club members. Any of you have any ideas for this? Let me know.



Educational Outreach Program

Four caring and outgoing women, Pearl Seavitte, Geri Faynor, Peggy Cunningham and Jeri Fraser have made some great progress in bringing our message of kindness to our local schools with their "Bee Kind Program". There are now 9 schools that will be visited in this new school year! Come to our meeting to hear more about this exciting program. Peggy and Jeri recently brought the program to The Villages Middle School in Middleton where they received a standing ovation from the students. No surprise - these two are just wonderful!



Giving Clubs Showcase

Our fall Showcase is coming on October 25th, from 10-2 at the Everglades Recreation Center. This is an opportunity for everyone from our community to learn about area clubs. We have more than 50 giving clubs and organizations represented. We expect a big crowd but anything you can do to tell your friends about it will help.

We have several new groups represented to include Villages Shriners, Celebrate Differences, Friends of the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, Common Threads Ministry, Patriot Service Dogs, Peyton Heart Project, and the Africa Club.

We still have space for one person to be at our AOK table from 11:15 till 12:15. Let me know if you are interested.



Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser tickets are on sale now! Bring your checkbook to buy tickets to *Petrina's Outrageous Music Trivia*. Her show has received rave reviews and promises to be a great night out. From Yelp: "British performer Petrina moved to Florida from England in 2008 and became an American Citizen in 2014. Petrina is a comedic performer with skilled vocals and an impish heart, she has been likened

to the funny Lucille Ball and looks of Pink, she brings a lot of boundless energy to any event along with audience participation, she teases the audience with her playfulness, a true humorist. She can whip up your audience ensuring everyone has a great time. Petrina has a most delightful personality. She works her magic to create an atmosphere that is special and one you'll remember. Petrina has 5* ratings since 2010 and has performed for hundreds of clubs and private parties."

Tickets are just \$20 per person. Tables of 8 are reserved (not open seating) so buy tickets together to sit together. For those who have never seen Petrina perform, you will be in for a real treat, it's an interactive show with prizes!

The date is Saturday, November 8th from 6:00-8:30pm at the Colony Recreation Center. Our fundraiser allows us carry out our kindness recognition events, and spread kindness throughout our community.

Attached is a flyer for the event. Please share with friends and neighbors – everyone is welcome with a Villages ID.

We could really use a few volunteers to help us with this. Please let me know if you can help. We'll have a sign-up at our meeting.



Club Sites to Visit

- **Our website - <https://aaokclub.org>**
- **Our Facebook page**
- **AAOK Store for logo'ed shirts, hats, bags, and more!**

See you on October 9th!

Stay Healthy, Happy and Kind,

Lindsay Collier, President, lindsaycollier@comcast.net

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KINDNESS IS WORTH MORE
THAN THE GREATEST
INTENTION."

- KAHLIL GIBRAN

