



Thank you for your kindness.

Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter – September 2025

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

I hope you all are having a great summer spreading and receiving kindness. We will be starting our meeting year on Thursday, September 11th at 12:30 at the Bacall Recreation Center as usual. We have an exciting year ahead with all sorts of great activities, so let’s start the year off with a bang and see a lot of you there.

In addition to learning about all these upcoming activities we have a wonderful speaker, Marc Langroth, with Friends of the Florida Youth Ranches. He will share with us some of the wonderful things they do to help kids in need.

Feed My Starving Children Program

One of our most successful outreach programs is our participation in this program for the past couple of years. Those who have been involved have given rave reviews and the events are lots of fun and incredibly rewarding. FMSC feeds thousands of children all over the world with nutritious Manna Packs, and each 2-hour packing event creates nearly 40,000 of these. We have 28 members participating this year on Wednesday, September 10th from 12 to 2 at Live Oaks Church behind Walmart in the Wedgewood area, and Jen Smith will be sending the particulars out soon.

If any of you would like to participate, Jen may have some openings with Abundance of Love. Contact her at ipsmith5@comcast.net or 352-250-3431.



Acknowledging Acts of Kindness (AAOK) Events ^u

Our VP and Candidate Selection and Event Coordination Leader, Cathi Coy, has put together a list of upcoming AAOK's through October so there will be lots of opportunities to join us in these events. These are fun and consume very little of your time (a normal AAOK takes about 15 minutes). We promise you will leave feeling good all over.

If you would like to be involved in one of these events you can sign up at our meetings. If you have someone you would like to nominate you can get the form at our website at [Nominate](#).

On August 5th we honored Jeff Hamlin for his work with the VHA Helping Hands Program and also with Villages Honor Flight. VHA Helping Hands has assisted over 9000 Villages residents with free medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, and much more). Jeff works tirelessly to stock and maintain this equipment. He also works with Honor Flight to supply this equipment for their events. He is truly the epitome of kindness.



Himalayan Golf

Every now and then we like to have social events that are just for fun. We've had several Himalayan Golf events and our members loved them! Jen Smith has setup a time for this event which is 10 am on Saturday, September 27th. This 9-hole putting course is located adjacent to the golf cart path in front of Arnold Palmers.

All you need is a ball and a putter (we will have these available if you don't have your own). You don't even need any golf skills – if you have never played the game you will still have a great time.

We will have a sign-up at our meeting or you can contact Jen Smith at jpsmith5@comcast.net or 352-250-3431.



Educational Focus Group

This Focus Group led by Pearl Seavitte has 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 the new school year! Come to our meeting to hear more about this exciting program.

Fred Funk Butterfly Garden

On July 23rd the Villages Butterfly Club held a Butterfly Fest at the Fred Funk Butterfly Garden and our club was well represented. Jen Smith, Brenda Heim, and myself updated our garden for the event and Peggy Cunningham and Martin Wool greeted visitors at our table.



Giving Clubs Showcase

Our fall showcase is coming on October 25th, from 10-2 at the Everglades Recreation Center. We plan on having about 60 giving clubs and organizations represented. We normally have 2 members at the table each hour so let me know if you would like to be involved. This bi-annual event has become very popular and draws a big crowd. Put it on your calendar and help us if you can.



Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser tickets will be on sale at our meeting.

Petrina's Outrageous Music Trivia has received rave reviews and promises to be a great night out. Tickets are just \$20 PP and you can reserve a table of eight just in case you have some friends to bring along. For those who have never seen Petrina perform, you will be in for a real treat. The date is Saturday, November 8th at 6:00 pm at the Colony Recreation Center. Our fundraiser will help us carry out our events and also contribute to other groups we support such as Project SOS, Honor Flight, and more.

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 club's website – aaokclub.org
- Our Facebook page
- Custom Apparel

See you on September 11th

Stay Healthy, Happy and Kind!

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