



Thank you for your kindness.

Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter

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“Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends. It softens hearts and molds relationships that can last lifetimes. – Joseph B. Wirthlin

We are on the way to an incredible year with some very exciting things happening. I hope you are as excited as I am with the direction in which we are going.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 13th at 12:30 at the Bacall Recreation Center. We have an exciting speaker, Joanne Rittenhouse, from Paws Therapy Dogs along with Andrew the Boxer who is one of their 5 dogs. It's always so great to hear about, and

meet, these amazing dogs. Sometimes I wish I was as smart as some of them.



But there's lots more! Our Educational Focus Group with Pearl Seavitte and her group has some great things to report about the work they are doing to bring kindness into our local schools. I guarantee you will love this and may even want to join in the process. Our mission is to create a culture of kindness in our community, and what a great place to start.

We will also discuss some of the interesting events in January and the kindness opportunities coming up to include the March 17th St. Pat's Day Parade.

And our Outreach Coordinator, Jen Smith, will tell you about some of the upcoming events for our members to spread kindness.

And if that's not enough we will be celebrating our 6th birthday with a birthday cake and other goodies!

You must be crazy if you miss this meeting! Besides that, it's Random Acts of Kindness week so everyone there will be getting a gift.

Welcome to Our New Members

In our Giving Clubs Showcase there were over 30 folks that said they were interested in joining our club. You will be receiving this newsletter, and I hope to see you at our meeting. If you come, we will sign you up as members if you desire (all free of course)

A warm welcome to our new members, Helena Halitzer from Moultrie Creek, Dianna Soll from Charlotte, Sam Malewitz from Sabel Chase, Diana Soll from Charlotte, Jan Britton from Creekside Landing, and Karen Heinen from Collier.

Giving Clubs Showcase

Our February 1st Giving Clubs Showcase was a spectacular success! Some 53 clubs and organizations were there to show off how they promote kindness in our community, and we had great crowds for the entire event. Our fall showcase is scheduled for Oct 25th at the Everglades Recreation Center.





Acknowledging Acts of Kindness (AAOK) Events

We had the privilege of honoring John Scott from the Woodworkers Clubs for the exceptional kindness he has shown in his work with this group. This took place at their monthly meeting at Rohan.



Educational Focus Group

One of the most exciting things we have going on now is our Educational Focus group led by Pearl Seavitte. Pearl has assembled a

small team (The Bee Kind Team) consisting of Peggy Cunningham, Cathi Coy, Jeri Fraser, and Geri Faynor who will be working with several local schools with a very innovative program of kindness.

Come to our meeting to see what they will be doing.

January Kindness Events

We began the New Year with our participation, along with Abundance of Love and others, in the Feed My Starving Children event at the Live Oaks Church. This 2-hour event resulted in the packing of just short of 40,000 Manna Packs of food that will feed starving children across the world! We plan on doing this every year. Thanks to all of you who were involved.



There were some pretty cold days in January and our club along with Abundance of Love held a warm clothes drive to help the homeless. This was quite successful, and Jen Smith will share some

information about it and let us know about upcoming kindness opportunities in our meeting.



Our Kindness Cards

When we started our club 6 years ago, we were all about handing out our kindness cards to people we spotted doing kind acts. This is still one of our strengths. Every time you acknowledge someone increases the chance they will continue their kind acts. People love to be recognized, and it makes you feel great too.

We always have plenty of cards at the meeting and, if you can't make the meeting, let me know how many you want, and we will figure out how to get them to you.



Areas Where We Need Your Help.

We could use your help in a couple of areas. I know many of you are busy, but we could really use some help in these areas. None of them will take a lot of your time.

- Social Director – Help organize events involving food and social activities. You won't be alone – a lot of us will help you out.
- Newsletter Editor – I've been doing this for 6 years. Time for someone else to take over.

Let me know if you are interested or would like to know more about a position. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Club Sites to Visit

- **Our club's website**
- **[Our Facebook page](#)**
- **Our Facebook group**
- **Custom Apparel** (go to businesses/groups A-L for our catalogue of shirts and other AAOK stuff)

See you on February 13th

Stay Healthy, Happy and Kind!

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Love doesn't make the world go round.
but it makes the ride worthwhile.

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