



Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter

January 2021

This has been a tough year for most of us and our club lost a lot of momentum as well. Starting today we are going to get that momentum back! Welcome to 2021! Here's the good news:

**At 12:01 am on Jan 1,
for the first time ever,
Hind Sight will actually
be 2020.**

Our January meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th at 12:30 at the Bacall Recreation Center. The plan is to meet outside at the Picnic Pavilion. If it's a bad weather day we will meet inside in our room. Whether we are inside or out, we will follow CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe.

January Fund Raiser

Plans are going well for our January fund raiser on January 16, 2021 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This will be held at La Hacienda Recreation Center. All CDC guidelines

will be followed so this will be a great way to kick off the New Year. **In addition, we are offering tables for two for those who would be more comfortable having your own table. Just let Jen Smith know when you order tickets.**

Proceeds from this will give us the opportunity to carry out all the programs we are planning. Please support us if you can and **pass it on to friends**. Tickets are just \$10 pp and it is a BYOB and snacks event.

The event is “An Evening of Song with Suzie Casta”. If you have never seen Suzie perform, you are in for a real treat. She has one of the most beautiful voices and her performances are infectious. You will leave feeling good all over – guaranteed.



Attached is a flyer to share with friends. Thanks for your help and support.

Also, please **bring any “repurposed gifts’ or other items you feel we can auction off** at this event to our next meeting.

Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Events

The **Candidate Selection and Event Coordination Focus Group** is working on have 3 monthly celebration events and our plan is to try to have one of these each month. We have a plan that will take us through March and are always looking for new candidates. So, if you know of someone who has shown exceptional kindness, please let us know via our “Candidate Nomination Form” (on our website).

Most of us have shied away from handing out our **Kindness Cards** during the pandemic. If you are comfortable it may be a good time to get back to this. And, if you do, please share your experiences with us at the meeting. We will have cards available at our meeting if you need them.

Our Certificates of Kindness are another very easy way we use to acknowledge acts of kindness. If you have someone you know that has shown exceptional kindness you can use this to show your appreciation. **Attached is a copy of the certificate that you can use.** Print your own or, if you would prefer, we can provide you with a framed version and work with you to make a presentation.



Our November Meeting

In November we had a guest speaker, Jack Davis, who shared his story of kindness. Jack cares for his wife, Eileen, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He designed pins that he hands out to recognize people in the act of a good deed. He calls these pins "Little Acts of Love". Such a nice story!

Do you know of anyone we could have as a speaker at our meeting? If so, please let us know.



Upcoming Events

The 3rd annual **Giving Clubs Showcase** is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th from 9-12 at Lake Miona. We will again have a table to showcase our club. This is a wonderful event that just gets better each year. Plan on attending - or even helping us out if you can.

In 2019 we had a "**Himalayan Golf**" event that was very successful, and we are looking to have another in early 2021. This is a real blast, and you don't need to be a golfer to play. As a matter of fact, the only hole in one last time was someone who had never played golf! We are thinking of February as a good time for this. **We need someone to volunteer to orchestrate this event.** This involves making the arrangements with Palmer's Legends and reservations for lunch (at Sonny's BBQ).

Do you have any ideas for other opportunities for future events? If so, let us know.

Members Teaching at The Villages Enrichment Academy

Our club has a pretty good presence of members teaching courses at The Enrichment Academy:

Tweet Coleman teaches a course called 'Flying Without Fear'.

John Maiorino has a popular course, 'Master the Essential Habits for Sustained Happiness'.

Lindsay Collier has several courses to include 'How To Live a Life of Kindness', 'Add Humor To Your Life; Add Life To Your Humor', 'How To Deal With the Loss of a Loved One', and 'Living Your Life To the Fullest'.



I hope I haven't left anyone out. If so, let me know. You can see the Enrichment Academy catalog [here](#).

Our Website and Facebook sites

We have an exciting new website that comes with the ability to easily make changes and additions. Explore it when you get a chance, and share it with your friends. If you have any suggestions for changes and additions please let us know

at (aaokclub@gmail.com). Also, feel free to contribute any thoughts you may have on kindness to our blog by sending them to this address. All of our newsletters will also appear on this website.

We also have a Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AcknowledgingActsOfKindness>

and a Facebook group at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2392926004127163>

Check them out, give a big like, post some good stuff, and share it with as many as you can! You will find a lot of interesting examples of kindness on these sites.

Club Merchandise

Custom Apparel in the Publix Plaza on 466 now has a catalog of products with our club logo. This includes men's and women's Tee and polo shirts, full zipper fleeces, nametags, masks, totes, and hats. And the prices are very reasonable. Our catalogue can be seen at [aaokclub merchandise](#) and you can order on line if desired.

Stay Healthy and Have a Wonderful New Year

*A kind heart is a fountain of gladness making everything in its vicinity
freshen into smiles. - Washington Irving*

