



## Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter

**December 2022**

Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 8th at 12:30 at the Bacall Recreation Center. This will be our annual Christmas party and, of course, it involves food. **If you can, bring along a food item to share. We will supply a cake and other dessert items as well as drinks and other eating accessories so bring an appetizer or hors-d'oeuvres of your choice.** I will be sending out a flier on this as well. We have a number of fun things planned and some include some very nice prizes left over from our fundraiser.

The only business we will conduct will be a quick election of club officers since we couldn't do this at our November meeting which was cancelled because of the storm.

### Elections

Our Board consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership and they agree to serve for 2 years. In our October meeting we nominated:

Lindsay Collier - President

Jen Smith – Vice President

Linda Martin – Treasurer

Peggy Cunningham – Secretary

Becky Nehring has agree to run for Membership Chair.

## Club Activities

In the past few weeks we have had some amazing events. Our Jukebox Bingo fundraiser with over 240 people attending (all who had a blast) put us in a good financial position to carry out our mission of creating a culture of kindness in The Villages and beyond. We are already thinking of planning another one in November 2023.

This year we really upped our involvement in the annual Project SOS Christmas party, and the results were wonderful. Fourteen club member along with 4 Tall Trees neighbors' provided gifts for 22 kids from 12 families. The kindness and generosity of these folks was simply awesome!



And we again made our presence known by marching in December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas parade. This year we had 5 golf carts and 11 walkers who passed out our kindness cards and rocks. About 1600 cards were handed out and over 150 rocks for the kids along the route. Our thanks to Linda Martin, Jan Masterson, Shirley Knight, and “The Rock Painting Villagers” for supply these amazing rocks. And thanks to Peg Cunningham for snapping a few pictures along the way.





So, why the fundraisers? There is no membership fee to join our group. The cost of our events is quite minimal, but a while back we decided to lend support to selected groups that are carrying out acts of kindness. This gives us added opportunity to carry out our mission to ***Create a Culture of Kindness***. Some of the groups that we have helped include:

- Project SOS (Support Our Soldiers)
- Tri-County Women's Veterans
- Villagers for Vets
- Ashley's House
- Carpenter House
- iSpakle Foundation
- Salvation Army Soup Off

Our Board is looking into other possibilities (and there are a lot of them). If you know of one, please let us know.

## **A Couple of Dates to Save**

We are planning another fundraiser with Petrina's "One Women Show" on February 4, 2023 at 6pm at the Mulberry Grove Rec Cener. This is a truly amazing show from one of the best entertainers in The Villages.

We are also co-sponsoring the 2023 Giving Clubs Showcase on the same day from 9-2. This event will be at Lake Miona Rec Center and showcase over 60 clubs that carry out acts of kindness.

## **Club Shirts, Hats, Nametags, and More**

**Custom Apparel** in the Publix Plaza on 466 has a catalog of products with our club logo. This includes men's and women's Tees and polo shirts, full zipper fleeces, nametags, totes, and hats. And the prices are very reasonable. Their catalogue can be seen at [aokclub merchandise](https://www.aokclub.com/merchandise) and you can order on line if desired. Visit

them today and checkout their great selections so you can show our AAOK Club colors. **Show off your club colors and logo!**

## Our Website and Facebook Sites

Website - <https://aaokclub.org>

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/AcknowledgingActsOfKindness>

Facebook group - <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.

**See you on December 8th**

Stay Healthy, Happy and Kind!

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