



Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter

May 2021

Our April meeting was a huge success! We were able to have our meeting in the Key Largo Room which worked well for us. We had about 38 people to include some guests and 18 new members! We also had the pleasure of hearing about the “*Helping Hands*” Program of the New Covenant Church from Carl and Laurie Pearson. Carl gave a wonderful presentation of how they are building and restoring homes for those in need. We will continue having speakers at our meetings. We haven’t determined one for our May meeting, but it will likely be Veteran oriented.

Our May meeting is on May 13th in the Key Largo Room at the Bacall Recreation Center at 12:30. Masks are optional at this point since most of us have had our vaccines, so do what feels comfortable to you. We expect a pretty good crowd to include some new people and have a lot of interesting things to cover. **Bring some \$1 bills for our happy/sad opener.**

We are making a very strong comeback from the pandemic and the future looks very exciting for our club.

Fund raiser

Our Fun(d)raiser will take place on **Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 pm**. This will be at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center and begin at 6:30. The event is “An Evening of Song (and dance) 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!

We will have a 50-50 drawing and prize raffle. **We will also begin sales for a drawing for a week at a beautiful condo in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on the Pacific Ocean!** These tickets are \$20 and we will only be selling 100 of them, so your chances are pretty good. Ticket sales will continue up through our June 10th meeting where we will have a drawing. Fliers are attached for this and the fun(d)raising event. You can also go to the YouTube site, ‘**PV Condo**’ to see a 6 minute piece on the condo. Thank you to our new member, Kathie Dieter, for making this available to us.

There are just a few tickets left for his event so contact Jen Smith at jpsmith5@comcast.net or 250-3431 right this minute!



Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to our new members:

Martha Marcel – Mallory Square

Carroll Allen – Sunset Pointe

Karen Geckler – Calumet Grove

Lois Hart – Lake Deaton

Shirley Slater – Polo Ridge

Nancy Rowland

Carol and Jim Watson –Bonnybrook

Dot Turner –Springdale

Monica Mooney – Polo Ridge

Dot Rheinhardt – Tamarind Grove

Nancy Hartshoen – Buttonwood

Greg Kargula – Chitty Chatty

Kathie Dieter – Poinciana

Francesco Domenica

Judy Dugan – St James

Cathy Cirocco

Jim Esch – Sana Domingo

Janis Barnard

And we also wish our snowbird members a safe, enjoyable summer!

Events

Our ***Candidate Selection and Event Coordination Focus Group*** has several acknowledgement events in the planning stage. On April 26th we honored Gary Gariepy at a gathering of the Bridgeport Lake Miona neighbors at the Lake Miona Recreation Center. This was a wonderful event with over 200 people who all seemed very excited about what our club does. We have another event coming up on May 3rd which will be extremely exciting and you can hear more about this at our meeting.



As usual, you are invited to recommend any candidates you feel are worthy of special recognition. So, if you know of someone who has shown exceptional kindness, please let us know via our "Candidate Nomination Form" (on our website).

On Saturday, April 24th we had our second "**Himalayan Golf**" event with 28 members and some gorgeous weather. The team of Jeri Fraser, John Cornell, Barbara Reynolds, and Ellen Knowles were the winners and I believe the prize was a glass of iced tea. Twenty or so of us met for a nice lunch at Sonny's following the

event. Fun was had by all! Let us know if you have any ideas for future social events.



We would like to continue with these social events from time to time so, if have any ideas for these, please let us know.

Kindness Cards and Certificates

Many 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 plenty of cards available at our meeting if you need them.

You can always pick up as many cards as you need at our meetings. If you can't make the meeting the cards are always available for pickup at my front porch at 383 Awendaw Loop in the Village of Tall Trees.

Our Certificates of Kindness are another very easy way we use to acknowledge acts of kindness. If you have someone you know who has shown exceptional kindness you can use this to acknowledge them. If you would like to do this let me know (lindsaycollier@comcast.net) and I will work with you to make it happen.



Website and Facebook Sites

We have a terrific website (AAOKCub.org) and our Website Advisor, Tweet Coleman, is doing a wonderful job keeping this up to date. Visit this often to see the latest events and news. Our blog is a way of sharing interesting articles on kindness, and we invite you all to contribute to this. The latest blogs include articles from two of our members and a story of kindness that will bring tears to your eyes. If you have something you would like to share sent it to aaokclub@gmail.com and we will make sure it is added (with your name of course). While you are on the site check out the latest blogs and enjoy.

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.

See you on the 13th!

Stay healthy, happy and kind!

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