



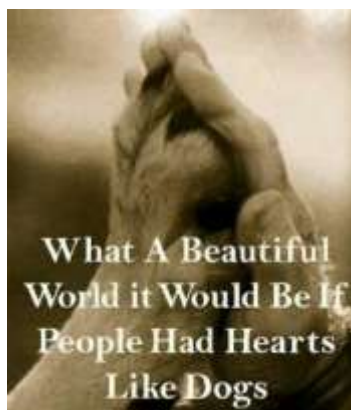
Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter

November 2022

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 10th at 12:30 at the Bacall Recreation Center. We will have our first ever elections for the Board of Officers that will guide us for the next two years. Please join us for this important meeting!

We will discuss some exciting upcoming events, share some stories of kindness, discuss some kindness opportunities, and have a few laughs. We will also have an exciting speaker on a topic that often gets overlooked, kindness shown to pets. Susan Gross will be telling us about her work with **Poodle and Pooch Rescue of Florida**. This is a story you don't want to miss!

You will also have a chance to sign up for some great upcoming activities.



October Meeting

In our October meeting we had a very nice presentation from Nancy Larger on The Villages Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. This is a wonderful program and, if you would like to know more about it you can contact Nancy at nancy@bbbstampabay.org. Nancy suggested one of their Big Sisters, Terri MacArthur, who was deserving of one of our special AOK's, and we were able to carry out this event at Edna's On the Green at the Big Brother/Big Sister Ribbon Cutting on October 27th.

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

We didn't have a nomination for Membership Chair and Carol Cholette needs to step down. So if you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) please let me know.

Fundrasiers

Our second Jukebox Bingo fundraiser featuring Ric Mitchell will take place the day after our meeting, November 11th at 6 pm at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center. This event is sold out again, but we have another event planned on

February 4th, 2023 featuring **Petrina in her One Women Show**. We will get you more information on that later.

We are in need of more gifts for Jukebox Bingo. If you can, please bring your gift to our meeting. There is no need to wrap or basket the gift, and it should have a value of just \$10 or so (wine, chocolates, books, kindness do-dads etc.)

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.

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 [aaokclub 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 November 10th

Stay Healthy, Happy and Kind!

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