



Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club Newsletter

February 2023

We are off to a very strong start for 2023 when we celebrate our 4th anniversary. There have been a few great events already and many more planned. More about that soon, but first here is some info on our next meeting:

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 12:30 – 2:00 at the Bacall Rec Center. We have a lot of things to cover, some special guests, and a great speaker. Chris Shepard from Vitas Health Care will give us an overview of how this group helps those in need of hospice services. You will need to show up to see who our special guests are.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome these 3 new members:

- John Davis – Santo Domingo
- Lorna Etchinson – Hillsborough
- Gina Rotermond – Chatham

We currently have over 200 members but will be revising this soon since there are many on our list who we have not seen or heard from.

Club Activities

February 4th was a busy day for us. This year we co-sponsored the Giving Clubs Showcase and were able to double its size to 62 participants. The event, which took place at Lake Miona Rec Center from 10-2, was a resounding success and we are looking forward to an even more successful Showcase next year with more than 80 participants.



And on the same evening we had our bi-annual fundraiser with Petrina. This was just amazing! And Petrina is amazing! Our member, Jeri Fraser kicked things off by singing the song she co-wrote about kindness and wowed the crowd. And then Petrina took over and just blew the house down! We have other fundraisers in the offing and I am sure one of them will again be with Petrina.

Raising funds has become a part of our mission as a club. Just so you know, our Board has decided we will maintain a balance of about \$2000 in our account, the rest being distributed to various groups that are spreading kindness. I don't know about you, but that makes me feel great!

We are planning another fundraiser in November which will be with Ric Mitchell who will be doing his very popular trivia game. More about that later.



Upcoming Meetings

In our March 9th meeting we are planning something very different. We will be painting Kindness Rocks! We will have all the materials available and some expert training as well. These rocks will all be given away in our march in the St. Pat's day Parade. Of course, you will also be able to keep some for yourself.

We will have a speaker from the Patriot Service Dogs on April 13th that will include some of these amazing dogs. We are still planning our May 11th and June 8th meeting, so now's the time to put these on your calendar. As usual, we will be taking July and August off.

A Couple of Dates to Save

On Friday, March 17th, we will be participating in the St Patrick's Day parade in Spanish Springs at 3:15. We currently have 7 walkers and 5 golf carts and should be approved for 8 golf carts and 12 walkers. We will have a sign-up at our meeting for those who would like to part of this fun event. If you can't come to the meeting, let me know if you are interested.

On Saturday, April 1st, we are planning our annual Himalayan Golf event. This is a 9 hole putting course at Arnold Palmer's that is just a blast to play. The holes are

as challenging as it gets, and you don't have to be a golfer to be a part of this. A lot of laughs are guaranteed, and of course there will be food involved as well. More about this at our meeting, but put it on your calendar now. We can take up to 36 people – bring a spouse, partner, or friend.

Condo in Mexico

As a part of our fundraising our member, Kathy Dieter, has offered a week at her ocean condo in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We are selling just 100 tickets at \$20 each for a chance to win a week at this beautiful location, so your chances are quite good. It will be available between May and October, 2023 or 2024, and all you have to do is get yourself there. This is a very safe, beautiful resort town. There are 2 bedrooms and accommodations for 2 more, as well as maid service, kitchen, pool, and much more.

If interested, we will have tickets at our meeting this Thursday. If you can't be there let me know at aaokclub@gmail.com and we'll figure out how to get one to you. This is open to anyone so, if you have friends that may be interested, let them know.

The following YouTube site gives you a virtual tour.

[PV condo - YouTube](#)



Acknowledging Acts of Kindness

We have several ways to acknowledge acts of kindness. We have our kindness cards that are available to all of you as well as people who request them through our website. We estimate that we have handed out over 40,000 of these!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE & KINDNESS

To promote a culture of kindness in your community please pass on this card.

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CONTACT US AT**
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We also have a Certificate of Kindness available if you know of someone who deserves special recognition.

And we try to have an acknowledgement each month of someone who was suggested to us for their exceptional acts of kindness. Our Candidate Selection and Event Coordination Focus Groups takes these recommendations and creates an event to honor them. We present them with a variety of gifts, and do it in a very creative way, and we would love to have your involvement in this.



Club Shirts, Hats, Nametags, and More

Custom Apparel in the Publix Plaza on 466 has a catalog of products with our logo and their prices are very reasonable. Their catalogue can be seen at [aaokclub merchandise](#). This includes men's and women's Tees and polo shirts, full zipper fleeces, nametags, totes, and hats. And you can order online if desired. Visit them today and checkout their great selections. **Show off your club colors and logo!**

Our Website and Facebook Sites

Our website has been recently updated so you should check it out and share it with your friends.

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.

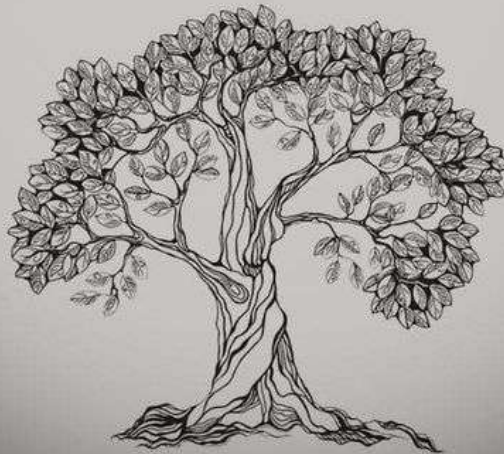
See you on February 9th

Stay Healthy, Happy and Kind!

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One tree can give life to a forest,
One smile can start a friendship,
One hand can uplift a soul,
One idea can shape the future,
One candle can wipe out darkness,
One laugh can conquer gloom,
One ray of hope can lift your spirits,
One touch can show that you care,
One life can make a difference,
Be that 'one' today.



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