



# King's Daughters Circular

June 2024

*"Our circles of friendship are committed to the support and well-being of seniors in our community."*

## From the "new" President's Desk

"Look up and not down, Look forward and not back, Look out and not in, And lend a hand." This is the motto that the **King's Daughters Organization** was founded on. However, as we look forward, let us recall our re-engagement under the leadership of **Kim Cochran**. It is because of her direction that we will soon see the new website roll-out and the first New Member Orientation come to fruition in August. This coming year, we will be recognized for the first-time during **Women's History Awareness Month** in March by the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum**. Kim's initiatives will continue as we live out this motto that came before us.



With your support, we plan on expanding from re-engagement to **community engagement**. Our mission makes it possible to have further outreach than we have tapped into. As we receive additional guidance on the ins and outs, we will keep everyone apprised of our trailblazing efforts. The **Ambassador Program** will

be reintroduced, and the **KDO Standing Committees** will be asked to resume regularly. We will be using the information from the **SWOT Analysis** in our upcoming Strategic Planning. Our current and potential members will be our top priority as we aim to expand our presence in **Sangamon County**. It is an exciting time for us as there will be many new opportunities to explore within our community and organization, not to mention our current relationships with the **Illinois Presbyterian Home Communities**.

It all comes down to engagement – engagement with our Circles, our Board of Directors, the General Membership, the Seniors, and the Non-profits who serve those seniors. We would not be where we are today without our **KDO** members! Many of you have spent countless hours of dedication to keep **KDO** strong. You are appreciated! So, let me be the first to say, "Congratulations on your Engagement!" Our future looks promising!

Best regards,

*Cathy Boerke*

## Introducing the 2024-2025 KDO Executive Committee



L to R: **Sally Cray** (PR) Assist. Treasurer, **Mary Ann Smith** (ML) Assist. Secretary, **Kathy Mihelich** (PR) Treasurer, **Sally Cadagin** (MG) Secretary, **Christie Goleman** (MB) 2nd VP, **Brownie Anderson** (GD) 1st VP, **Cathy Boerke** (MP/N) President

## 2024 KDO Traditional Grant Recipients



Front Row L to R: **Terri Enno, Peggy Dyson, Brenda Staab, Deana Corbin, Leslie Sgro, Jean Scherer**

Back Row L to R: **Dave MacDonna, Denise Schainker, Bridgett Hammen, Patrick McConnell, Major Jeff Eddy, Justin Yurhoff, Gil Opferman, Eve Fischberg, Jarid Brown, Steven Koch**

Not pictured: **Carolyn Austin, Susan Woodman, Paul Davis**

2024-2025

**Executive Committee**

- President:** Cathy Boerke (MP/N)
- 1st Vice President:** Brownie Anderson (GD)
- 2nd Vice President:** Christie Goleman (MB)
- Secretary:** Sally Cadagin (MG)
- Assistant Secretary:** Mary Ann Smith (ML)
- Treasurer:** Kathy Mihelich (PR)
- Assist Treasurer:** Sally Cray (PR)
- Past President :** Kim Cochran (WI) (Non-Voting)

**Board of Directors**

*Friendship*

Sharon Heflin

*Grateful Daughters*

Brownie Anderson  
Sandy Bellatti  
Connie Locher-Bussard

*Margaret Garfield*

Sally Cadagin  
Eve Fischberg  
Teresa McElwee  
Nance Woodward

*Marjorie Post-Nightingale*

Cathy Boerke  
Yolonda Rice

*Mary A. Lawrence*

Beverly Collins  
Mary Ann Smith

*Mary H. Blackstock*

Lisa Coakley  
Christie Goleman  
Ruth Kopec  
Brenda Staab  
Patti Thompson

*Polly Roesch*

Kathy LaCamera  
Sue Shevlin

*Progress*

Sally Cray  
Kelly Griffin  
Susan Fulks  
Terri Hempstead  
Kathy Mihelich

*Willing*

Karen Alexander  
Lesa Branham  
Susie Risser  
Chiffonia White

*Immediate Past President's Message*

On June 06, 2024, **KDO** celebrated 131 years of being incorporated in **Sangamon County**. It is truly amazing that we are still growing and giving more than ever before. All based on one woman's wish to break barriers between the rich and the poor.



What an honor it has been to be selected to guide and steer this historic organization. I am forever grateful to my predecessors for providing their wisdom and guidance over the last several years. They are the key to the ongoing success of **KDO**.

We are so blessed to have some very talented, caring and energetic women as part of our membership. Thank you to the Board Members and Circle Leaders who continue to lead, as well as the amazing 2023-2024 Executive Committee: **Cathy Boerke, Christie Goleman, Sally Cadagin, Colleen Stone, Carol Sobeck** and **Mary Ann Smith**. They are the backbone of **KDO** and they worked tirelessly to support Seniors and assist in the development of the following ongoing initiatives: re-engagement of the Membership; participation in the **Sangamon County Triad**; re-imagining the KDO Web Page; enhancing communication inside and outside the organization; instituting New Membership Orientation; and creation of the SWOT Analysis for Strategic Planning ... to name a few!

It has truly been a wonderful experience being President of **KDO**. I learned so much not only about **KDO**, but also about the impact we have and will continue to have on the Senior population in our community ... in **perpetuity!**

I have now turned over the gavel to your new president, **Cathy Boerke**. She is passionate, extremely knowledgeable and committed to making **KDO** soar! Cathy will undoubtedly lead with integrity and will continue to inspire greatness. To quote **Dr. Martin Luther King**, "We have come a long way but not half as far as we will go."

Rising Up

*Kim Cochran*

**Kim Cochran (WI) thanking the 2023 - 2024 KDO Executive Committee at the May 13, 2024 Annual Corporation Meeting.**



(L to R):

- Mary Ann Smith (ML)**
- Sally Cadagin (MG)**
- Carol Sobeck (PR)**
- Cathy Boerke (MP/N)**
- Colleen Stone (WI)**
- Christie Goleman (MB)**

## 2024-2025 KDO Executive Committee

**Welcome Back and Thank You for your continued service!**

**Cathy Boerke** (MP/N) -- **President** (Moved Up from First Vice President)

**Christie Goleman** (MB) -- **2nd Vice President** (Public Relations Chair)

**Sally Cadagin** (MG) -- **Secretary**

**Mary Ann Smith** (ML) -- **Assistant Secretary** (Membership Chair)

**Welcome new Committee members:**

**Brownie Anderson** (GD) -- **First Vice President** (Mission Chair)



**M. Brownell (Brownie) Anderson** was born in **Urbana, IL**, but raised in **Springfield** where her father was **Curator of Historic Sites for Illinois** (in Springfield this included the **Old State Capitol** and the **Governor's Mansion** as well as the **Vachel Lindsay Home**) and her mother was a piano teacher and part-time church organist. She is the oldest of four children – two brothers who live with their families in **Cobden, IL** and a sister who lives in **Spokane, WA**. She has four nieces, two nephews, a great niece and a great nephew. Brownie's parents moved to a small farm in **New Mexico** in the early 1980s, and the whole family worked for many years to renovate the house that was built in 1860. The farm is still in the family.

Brownie has had a career in medical education – first at **SIU School of Medicine**, then the **Association of American Medical Colleges** in **Washington, DC**, and recently retired from the **National Board of Medical Examiners** (NBME) in **Philadelphia** where she worked internationally. Her interests include music, travel, volunteer work, gardening, cooking, good books, and people.

**Kathy Mihelich** (PR) -- **Executive Treasurer** (Finance Chair)



Upon retiring as an executive director of a nonprofit, **Kathy** felt a strong desire to use her knowledge and experience to give back to the community. This led to the founding of **Events for a Cause**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to managing and delivering fundraising events for community service organizations that lack the expertise or resources to organize these events on their own.

Since its inception in 2010, **Events for a Cause** has delivered numerous successful fundraisers, including the largest annual fundraiser in **Will County**, "**Witches Night Out**," which she also founded.

Driven by a commitment to community service, **Kathy** was honored to join the **KDO Progress Circle**. This opportunity was particularly valuable as she had recently relocated to **Springfield** from **Joliet**. The friendships and connections she made through **Progress Circle** greatly facilitated her transition as a new

**Springfield** resident.

Now, as she approached seven years since her move, she is integrated into the community and looks forward to continuing her service as the **KDO Treasurer**. She remains actively involved in **Progress Circle** activities and is excited about the future contributions we can make together.

If she happens to miss a meeting, that's because she's in **Portland, OR** visiting her daughter and family. She has three granddaughters in **Portland** and one grandson in **Springfield**.

**Sally Cray** (PR) -- **Executive Assistant Treasurer** (Endowment Chair)



**Sally** has lived in the **Springfield** area since 1993. Originally from **Fort Madison, Iowa**, she recognized **King's Daughters** as an organization she knew from back home! Much like our **Springfield** organization, serving senior ladies and the community is their mission, too, so joining **Progress Circle** in 2019 was an easy decision.

She also volunteers her time with the **Sangamon County Association for Home and Community Education** and the **Illinois State Genealogical Society**. After retiring from the **Illinois State Board of Education**, Sally enjoys helping others and working as a free-lance genealogist.

**2024-2025  
CIRCLE OFFICERS**

**Friendship**

Co-Leaders: Cindy Lash  
Mary Harney  
Secretary: Karol Young  
Treasurer: Mary Harney

**Grateful Daughters**

Co-Leaders: Sandy Bellatti  
Brownie Anderson  
Secretary: Carolyn Stone  
Treasurer: Amanda  
Kemper-Spoor

**Margaret Garfield**

Co-Leaders: Nance Woodward  
Mary Renner  
Secretary: Sally Cadagin  
Treasurer: Pilar Mayorga

**Marjorie Post/Nightingale**

Leader: Cathy Boerke  
Secretary: Yolonda Rice  
Asst. Secretary: Julie  
Alessandrini-Costa  
Treasurer: Nancy Colantino  
Asst. Treasurer: Vicki McHenry

**Mary A. Lawrence**

Co-Leaders: Mary Ann Smith  
Mindy Semple  
Secretary: Rebecca Keck  
Treasurer: Kandy Grafton

**Mary H. Blackstock**

Co-Leaders: Kim McDonald  
Terry Kolaz  
Co-Secretaries: Anne Haaker  
Ann Opferman  
Treasurer: Brenda Staab

**Polly Roesch**

Co-Leader: Sue Shevlin  
Lori Midden  
Secretary: *shared duty, none  
elected*  
Treasurer: Jennifer Midden

**Progress**

Co-Leaders: Terri Hempstead  
Alice Nelle  
Secretary: Sally Cray  
Treasurer: Carolyn Bjorkback  
York

**Willing**

Co-Leaders: Jane Locascio  
Molly Berns  
Secretary: Chiffonia White  
Treasurer: Diana Hetherington

**Thank you for your service to  
your circles and to KDO!**

*KDO Grants Report*

Cathy Boerke (2023-2024 Mission Chair)

It has been another year of breaking records and the most competitive year yet, with a total of 37 applications for the **2024 KDO Traditional Grants**. That is a 10% increase over last year. Additionally, we received the highest monetary ask to date of \$542,000, which is nearly \$100,000 more than what was requested last year. It seems that our organization is no longer the "best-kept secret," as we have gained more visibility and attention from our audience. However, it was a challenging task for the committee members to figure out how to reduce the financial amount from the submissions to the allocated \$185,000.

Fortunately, our committee was comprised of some of the most dynamic, diverse, and perceptive minds to evaluate which applicants BEST suited the needs of our seniors in **Sangamon County**. This committee was not only able to dissect and evaluate how each application would make the most impact, but they also did it swiftly and with great intent.

The committee members were in for a surprise as lightning was about to strike for a second time. Last year, the first strike was from a one-time pass-through of \$50,000 increasing the **Traditional Grant** allocation to \$225,000. This year, due to the unique circumstances that have been accumulating since COVID and the success of last year's **Luncheon and Style Show**, that one-time pass-through struck again raising this year's allocation to **\$230,000**. We have been extremely fortunate to exceed all expectations over these past two years.

This year's **Traditional Grants** were awarded to 19 agencies (21 grants) that are clearly dedicated to the well-being of seniors. These agencies are the front line of people who bring solutions to the many obstacles that seniors face. Our organization has once again had the great privilege of helping them make that happen.

Our most recent **Blackstock Grant** recipient has also been making a significant impact on our community. We have allotted an additional \$30,000 this year for **Senior Services of Central Illinois** to continue with bed bug eradication. Their services have expanded from treating tenant's residences to now including homeowners.

Between the **Traditional** and **Blackstock Grants**, we are awarding an unprecedented **\$260,000**. It has been inspiring to see how both committees came together to make a difference through philanthropy, helping seniors avoid hunger, displacement, and meeting their medical needs. I would like to recognize and thank all the members of both committees.

**2023 - 2024 Blackstock Grant Committee**

**Committee Chair: Cindy Denby (WI)**

**Friendship: Michelle Tebrugge, Mary Harney**

**Grateful Daughters: Jennifer Rahn, Sandy Bellatti**

**Margaret Garfield: Nance Woodward, Teresa McElwee**

**Marjorie Post Nightingale: Mary Jo Rappe, Yolonda Rice**

**Mary A Lawrence: Mary Ann Smith**

**Mary H Blackstock: Christie Goleman, Brenda Staab**

**Polly Roesch: Sue Shevlin, Barb Killian, Frances Tomashavich**

**Progress: Sally Cray**

**Willing: Lesa Branham, Karen Alexander**

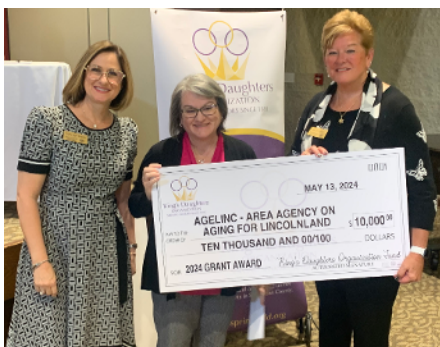
## 2023 - 2024 KDO Traditional Grant Committee



Standing L to R: **Karol Young** (FR), **KDO President**  
**Kim Cochran** (WI), **Brownie Anderson** (GD),  
**Mary Jo Rappe** (MP/N), **Chair Cathy Boerke** (MP/N),  
**Molly Berns** (WI), **Janet Allison** (PR)  
 Seated L to R: **Frances Tomashavich** (PRo),  
**Sarah Goleman** (MG), **Kim McDonald** (MB)  
 Not in photo: **Debbie Coontz** (ML)

## 2024 KDO Traditional Grant Awards

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### AgeLinc - Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland \$10,000

To pay for glasses, hearing aids, and dental care for seniors.  
 Accepting check: **Carolyn Austin**



### Animal Protective League of Springfield and Sangamon County \$5,250

To provide surrender prevention services to seniors, such as veterinary care and food for companion dogs and cats.  
 Accepting check: **Deana Corbin**



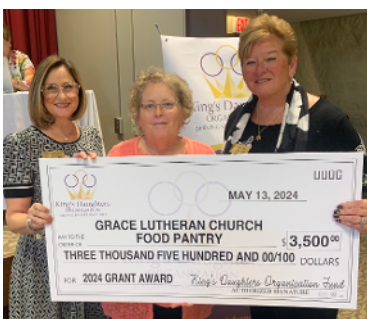
### Catholic Charities Diocese of Springfield in IL \$5,000

To support seniors experiencing financial hardship and challenges with paying their utility bill  
 Accepting check: **Patrick McConnell**



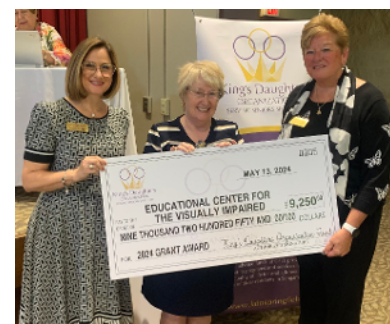
### Contact Ministries \$21,000

To support seniors with payment/co-payment on prescription medications, exams and eyeglasses, rent including deposit and first month and/or utility assistance, and adaptive equipment.  
 Accepting check: **Susan Woodman**



### Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry \$3,500

To provide senior clients an extra protein-rich item.  
 Accepting check: **Jean Scherer**



### Educational Center for the Visually Impaired \$9,250

To support Health & Wellness and Cooking with Confidence workshops for visually impaired seniors.  
 Accepting check: **Peggy Dyson**

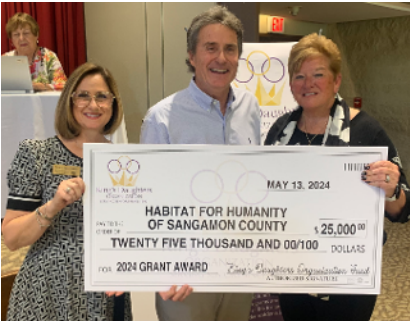
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**Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church of God in Christ**  
**\$13,500**

To support the cost of meals served at the monthly community senior luncheons.  
 Accepting check: **Paul Davis**



Accepting check: **Steven Koch**

**Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County**

**\$25,000**

To support the critical home repair program, offering health and safety repairs for senior clients.

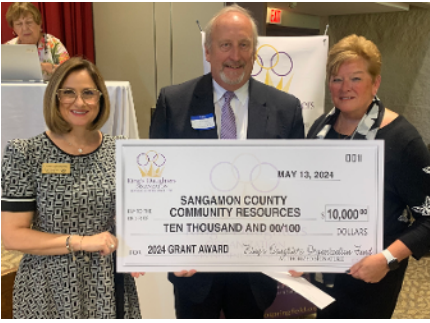
**\$15,000**

To support the wheelchair ramp installation program, allowing seniors to age-in-place.



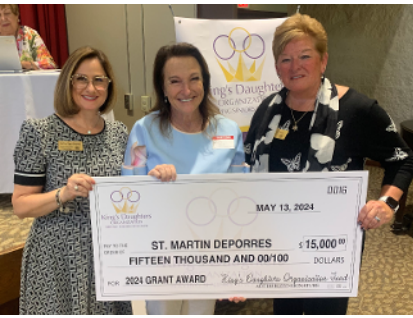
**Helping Hands of Springfield**  
**\$20,000**

To support and expand the medical respite services for seniors clients.  
 Accepting check: **Brenda Staab**



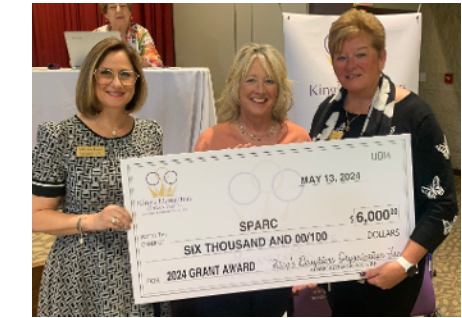
**Sangamon County Community Resources**  
**\$10,000**

To assist seniors who need help with their utility bills, but who do not meet the guidelines for the federal poverty level.  
 Accepting check: **Dave MacDonna**



**St. Martin DePorres**  
**\$15,000**

To purchases fruits, vegetables, proteins, and other food items as well as hygiene products for senior clients.  
 Accepting check: **Leslie Sgro**



**Sparc**  
**\$6,000**

To support three, one-hour classes per week, taught by a Certified Recreational Therapy Specialist.  
 Accepting check: **Denise Schainker**



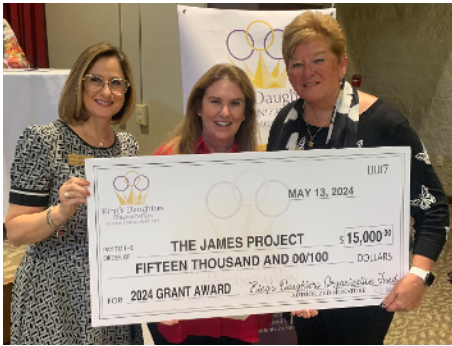
Accepting check: **Gil Opferman**

**Springfield Municipal Opera**  
**\$7,500**

To support the Senior Bus Program for the four *Senior Nights*, providing bus transportation from Sangamon County senior residences.

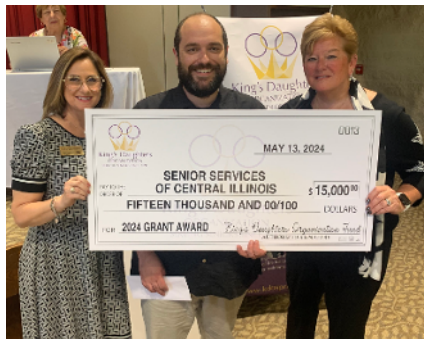
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## The James Project \$15,000

To provide supplemental, bi-quarterly grocery expenditures for grandparents and other seniors fostering children.  
Accepting check: **Terri Enno**



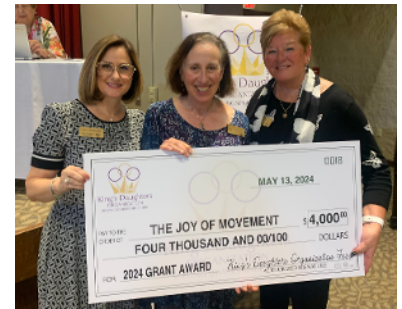
## Senior Services of Central IL \$15,500

To support the Senior Transport Program.

## \$5,000

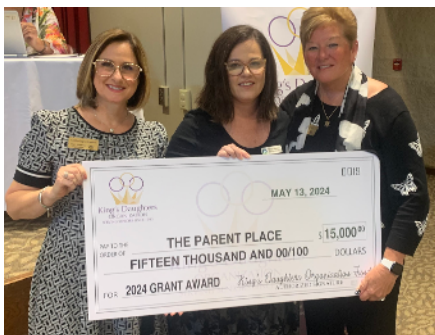
To support the Emergency Fund Program, which assists seniors in paying rent or utility payments to avoid eviction/shut-off.

Accepting check: **Justin Yurhoff**



## The Joy of Movement \$4,000

To support weekly adapted group dance classes for older adults with Parkinson's Disease and their care partners.  
Accepting the check: **Eve Fischberg**



## The Parent Place \$15,000

To provide support to grandparents raising grandchildren, including guardianship assistance, support meetings two times a month, and three workshops focusing on healthy family relationships.  
Accepting check: **Bridgett Hammen**



## The Salvation Army Clearlake Corps & Community Center \$6,500

To be used for seniors who are raising their grandchildren. The funds will cover basic needs, such as housing costs and utilities, but also allow provision of other essentials such as food, medication, and costs associated with the children, such as school uniforms, books, and supplies.

Accepting check: **Major Jeff Eddy**



## Washington Street Mission \$3,500

To provide resource navigation and comprehensive case management for residents over the age of 55 who are living in poverty, homeless, or suffering from substance abuse or alcoholism.

Accepting check: **Jarid Brown**

**TOTAL TRADITIONAL GRANTS AWARDED -- \$230,000**

# 131st KDO Annual Corporation Luncheon and Meeting

The **Annual Corporation Meeting and Luncheon** was held on May 13, 2024, in the Parish Hall at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**. The meeting was well attended by 134 members, executive staff from the **Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln**, four members of the **KDO Advisory Board**, and at least one representative from each of the nineteen grantee organizations.

The **Margaret Garfield Circle** hosted the luncheon. Members of the circle beautifully arranged flowers to make unique and elegant centerpieces for the table decorations. **DeeDee Gain** (GD) shared her musical talent by playing background piano music as guests arrived.

**Turasky Catering** served a delicious buffet luncheon consisting of herb marinated grilled chicken, 3-cheese baked Mostaccioli, garlic herb potatoes, seasoned green beans, classic tossed salad and rolls and butter. Dessert included a choice of double chocolate cake or yellow cake with white icing.

After the presentation of grant awards, President **Kim Cochran** called the Annual Corporation Meeting to order. At the conclusion of the business meeting, newly installed KDO President **Cathy Boerke** invited **Mary Ann Smith** (ML), Assistant Secretary/Membership Chair, to conduct a moving Memorial Service. The ceremony, accompanied by pianist **DeeDee Gain** (GD), was highlighted by a video power point presentation, created by **Jane Locascio** (WI), featuring the names, dates of birth and death, circle affiliations, and pictures of the memorialized members.

Annual Corporation Meeting Committee:

**Sally Cadagin** (MG), **Jane Locascio** (WI), **Mary Ann Smith** (ML-Chair), **Nance Woodward** (MG)



Seated L to R: **Kathy Mihelich** (PR), **Cindy Coffman** (PR), **Shawn Andrews** (PR), **Sarah Delano Pavlik** (PR)



Seated L to R: **Wanda Keil** (MG), **Nance Woodward** (MG), **Sarah Goleman** (MG), **Teresa McElwee** (MG), **Jean Scherer** (grant recipient)



**Carolyn Stone** (GD) accepting her 50 Year Membership Certificate from **Cathy Boerke** (MP/N)



Seated L to R: **Carol Harms** (ML), **Jennifer Buhlig** (ML), **Mary Ann Risser** (ML), **Barb Bolin** (guest)  
Standing behind L to R: **Kathy LaCamera** (PRo), **Brenda Staab** (MB), **Jan Sables** (MB)



Seated L to R: **Kelly Griffin** (PR), **Carolyn York** (PR), **Susan Gleason** (guest), **Carol Sobeck** (PR)  
Standing L to R: **Susan Fulks** (PR), **Sally Cray** (PR), **Terri Hempstead** (PR)



# A Proper English Tea Party

**Mary Ann Smith** (ML) Membership Committee Chair

On April 20th, the **King's Daughters Organization** held a *Proper English Tea Party* at the **Brinkerhoff Mansion**. The event was well attended, and the ladies arrived in their beautiful hats. "Stunning" is the proper wording for the attire. The room was beautifully decorated. The tables were perfectly set with china, teacups and tea pots and three tiered dishes full of tempting foods. Each place setting had a special party favor. The menu followed the English Tea Theme. The 3-tiered dishes held assortments of finger sandwiches consisting of pecan & walnut chicken salad, pimento cheese salad, egg salad and traditional cucumber dill sandwiches. The dreamy desserts were chocolate covered strawberries, berry berry yummy bars (KDO *Dining with the Daughters* recipe), assorted Petit Fours, and Mimosas.

The day was very special, and all who attended had a great time!

Thank you to the **Tea Committee: Jo Bunn** (WI), **Sally Cadagin** (MG), **Kim Cochran** (WI), **Cindy Denby** (WI), **Suzie Duff** (MB), **Amy Rasing** (MB), **Mary Ann Smith** (ML), **Brenda Staab** (MB), and **Frances Tomashavich** (PRO).



Artful and tasteful decor, elegant tables, and stylish guests. Most certainly an afternoon to remember.



L to R: **Judith Barringer** (WI), **Jane Locascio** (WI), **Ellen Kuntzi** (WI), **Carrie Becker** (guest)



**Kim Cochran** (WI) modeling her whimsically decorated Illinois State Trooper's Hat, with **Amy Rasing** (MB).



**Mary Ann Smith** (ML), **Kim Cochran** (WI)



**In Remembrance of members who are gone but not forgotten.**

March 2024 through May 2024

## Current Members

### **Grateful Daughters Circle**

Ellen Murray

### **Marjorie Post / Nightingale**

Norma Altman  
Nancy Beatty  
Judy Harman

## Past Members

### **Progress Circle**

Linda Dillard  
Claire Gale Fixmer\*

### **Circle Unknown**

Evelyn Weber

## Welcome New

### **Members!**

March 2024 through May 2024

### **Mary A. Lawrence Circle**

Tammy Fiddler

### **Mary H. Blackstock Circle**

Cheryl Wise\*

### **Polly Roesch Circle**

Rebecca Jones

### **Progress Circle**

Cindy Coffman  
Melissa Coulter\*  
Mitzi Loftus  
Lorri Lawton  
Theresa Waters\*

## **Returning Members**

### **Mary H. Blackstock Circle**

Ruth Kopec  
Paula Ryan\*

### **Progress Circle**

Jan Wilson

\* Missed in previous Newsletter

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**What is a Mizpah?** (pronounced MIZ pah)

**"The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."**

A tradition, carried over from the time when **King's Daughters** was first brought to **Springfield** as a Christian organization, is the closing of meetings by members holding hands and reciting the **Mizpah**. In this context, it is a promise, covenant, a sacred agreement.

Origin: *It is an agreement between two people that requires more solemnity than a human promise. The implications is that God is the witness ("The Lord watch between me and thee"). A pillar or heap of stones is built to stand as a permanent symbol of the commitment each party makes. The two parties are going separate ways ("while we are absent, one from the other") and won't see each other again for a very long time or ever, therefore will not be able to hold each other accountable and are depending on God to endorse their agreement. -- Genesis 31:43-54*

Other meanings: Watchtower, or lookout tower. A heap of stones signifying a pillar or tower.

While **KDO** is no longer classified as a Christian organization and welcomes those of all faiths, the use of the **Mizpah** continues as a parting wish and blessing passed from member to member to show care and camaraderie.

Thank you to **Terri Hempstead** of **Progress Circle** for researching the meaning.

# Annual KDO Luncheon & Style Show

## Cheers to 76 Years!

The **Luncheon & Style Show** will be held on **October 7, 2024**, at the **Crowne Plaza**. Funds from this event are used to support the **KDO Mission**, including grants to organizations that assist with services to senior citizens in our community. The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with a variety of shopping experiences followed by a fantastic lunch and style show featuring the latest fall-inspired designs. Any **KDO** members interested in **modeling** may contact **Becky Glazier** (PR) 217-725-4372.

**Sponsorships** are still needed. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or know of a business that might be, there are several commitment levels available. Sponsorships received by August 15 will receive priority seating. For any questions, contact **Diane Brinkman** (PR) 217-725-9181.

**Split-the-Pot** tickets are now on sale! The price is \$5 per ticket. We hope members are busy selling the tickets they received. There will also be tickets available to purchase at the Luncheon & Style Show. To get more tickets or if you have any questions, contact **Mary Ann Smith** (ML) (217) 891-9896.

**The KDO Gourmet Shoppe** will appreciate handcrafted treats as well as canned goods and gourmet items. Perishable items may be dropped off the morning of the Luncheon & Style Show. Please affix a label identifying what it is and the price. If you wish to donate and need advance pickup, contact **Susie Risser** (WI) 217-494-0440.

Your help will make this event a success! Items you would like to donate can be brought to the **Collection Coffee at Illini Country Club** on **August 22, 2024**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend the Collection Coffee and have donations that fall into various categories, you may contact the respective coordinators, or you may contact **Kelly Griffin** (PR) 217-299-0747, and she will coordinate pick up.

### Don't forget the Silent Auction!

This summer, please ask businesses you frequent for donations to our **Silent Auction**. It doesn't have to be a whole basket or package. Gift cards or items that can be added with other donations to create a fun and bid-getting package are great! Donation forms and a list of ideas will be sent to circle leaders this summer so they can begin thinking of their contribution. Items must be received by August 30.

Contact: **Brenda Staab** (MB) 217-725-6465

- We would love to have your gently used **purses, wallets, card cases, and sunglasses**.
  - Contact: **Shawn Andrews** (PR) 217-741-8877 or **Diane Brinkman** (PR) 217-725-9181
- Entertaining at home is back in style! We are seeking **tablecloths** in multiple sizes and designs suitable for any occasion.
  - Contact: **Kathy Mihelich** (PR) 815-416-8794
- If you have **kitchen and dining essentials** that you no longer use, but are still in good shape, we would be happy to receive them.
  - Contact: **Katie Marinelli** (MB) 217-971-4812
- Spring cleaning? Please let us know if you have any new or gently used **home, patio, or garden décor** you would like to donate.
  - Contact: **Carolyn York** (PR) 217-899-3933
- We are looking for donations of any **holiday items**. If you are crafty and can make wreaths, centerpieces, or decorations, they would be greatly appreciated! Gently used items will also be accepted.
  - Contact: **Michele Cimarossa** (PR) 217-41-5199
- Please consider donating any **jewelry** items you no longer wear. The jewelry chairs would like to work on pricing them over the summer, so don't hesitate to get in touch.
  - Contact: **Karen Moffat** (PR) 217-622-9095 or **Alice Nelle** (PR) 217-891-9385

Follow **King's Daughters Organization** on **Facebook** to keep abreast of the latest information.

# Volunteerism

**Opening Minds through Art** (OMA) is an award-winning, evidence-based intergenerational art-making program for people with dementia, developed at **Miami University in Ohio** in 2007. People living with dementia are paired with volunteers, who assist them in learning to rely on imagination instead of memory, and focus on remaining skills instead of lost skills, while building genuine friendships with the volunteers as they engage in the art-making. OMA enables people living with dementia to assume new roles as artists leaving a legacy of beautiful artwork.

**The Kings Daughters Organization**, utilizing the **Blackstock Fund**, sponsored the **Springfield Art Association's** OMA project from 2017 to 2019. **Judy Rader** (FR) was one of the **KDO** members who served as a volunteer. This year when she was notified that the **Art Association** was beginning a new **OMA Program** (funded by a grant from the **St. Joseph Home Legacy of Care Fund** at **CFL**), she quickly volunteered again.



**Sr. Samuella** ("Artist") with volunteer **Judy Rader** (FR)

The program consisted of three sessions of training to refresh skills in the ways of communicating with people with dementia, followed by eight weeks of art making with thirteen participants, twelve of whom were nuns from the **Springfield Diocese**. While the volunteers gave the participants choices throughout the program, the art work was strictly the creation of the "artists." These beautiful works of art were on display at a reception honoring the students held at **Springfield Art Association**, on May 31, 2024.

*"We are so proud of Judy's volunteerism." -- Cindy Lash, Friendship Circle Leader*

## Activities at Illinois Presbyterian Home Communities Fair Hills Residence

### Margaret Garfield Circle Activity

On March 15, 2024, **Margaret Garfield Circle** members continued the circle's tradition of holding a **St. Patrick's Day** party for the residents of **IPH's Fair Hills Residence**. Punch and snacks were provided, along with "themed" party favors. **Beth Ogilvy's** dance students from the **St. Andrews Dancers** performed, and the residents played a fun game of "St. Pat's" Bingo .



L to R: **Nance Woodward, Wanda Keil, Marlys Knox, Barb Wolfson, Eve Fischberg, Janet Plohr, Donna Jean Gibney, Pilar Mayorga, Patsy Lozosky**



L-R: **Roslyn Brookens, Jane Snyder, Susan Helms** (Master gardener), **Carolyn Randall, Diana Hetherington, Jane Locascio, Rita King, Judith Barringer**

### Willing Circle Activity

**Susan Helms**, a master gardener, gave a video presentation on **Pollinator Gardening** on February 21, 2024. **Willing Circle** provided refreshments after the presentation.

**Thank You to these generous KDO members and friends who have made contributions to the King's Daughters Organization.**

### GIFTS TO KDO TREASURY

March 2024 to May 2024

#### *Gifts in Memory of:*

**Norma Altman**  
**Nancy Beatty**  
**Judy Harman**

Marjorie Post/Nightingale Circle

**Cassie Burnett**

Mary H. Blackstock Circle

**George Fairchild**

Progress Circle

**Bill Lash**

Friendship Circle

**Ellen Murray**

**Pat Shafer**

Grateful Daughters Circle

### GIFTS TO CFL-KDO DONOR ADVISED FUND

March 2024 to May 2024

#### *Gifts in Memory of:*

**Bill Parr**

Margaret Garfield Circle

**Brad Siddens**

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Staab

**Pat Shafer**

Carolyn Stone

#### *Donation Gifts:*

Sandy Bellatti

Sally Cadagin

Terri Hempstead

Jackie Price

If you are interested in providing support for **KDO** and its **Mission**, you may make donations to either the **KDO Treasury** or the **CFL-KDO Donor Advised Fund**.

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**Important: KDO Membership Roster**

Contact Teresa McElwee if you want a a copy of the roster. Also, unless you **indicate otherwise**, your contact information will be included on the **Roster** in the **Members Only** section of the **KDO Website** .

**Upcoming Events**

**Luncheon & Style Show Collection Coffee  
Illini Country Club**  
Thursday, August 22nd, beginning at 10 a.m.

**76th Annual Luncheon and Style Show  
Crowne Plaza**  
Tuesday, October 7, 2024  
Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Lunch served at noon

**New Member Orientation**  
Tuesday, August 20th, 6:00 p.m.  
**Villas at Pine Creek**

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