



King's Daughters Circular

June 2023

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

From the President's Desk

Happy Anniversary **KDO!**

On June 06, 2023, **King's Daughters** celebrated 130 years of supporting **Seniors in Sangamon County**. It's truly amazing that 130 years after its formation, one woman's wish to break barriers between the rich and the poor would have evolved into this incredible organization. As those women from the past look down upon us today, I think they would be pleased. Maybe we are not doing exactly what was imagined, but the intended purpose lives strong.



The **Annual Corporation Meeting** was held on May 22, 2023, at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**. It was an exciting day celebrating our 2023 grant recipients and reflecting on **KDO** accomplishments over the last year.

Awarding a total of **\$255,000** ... the greatest single year amount awarded in **KDO** history ... to sixteen non-profit organizations in **Sangamon County**, was definitely the highlight! It might be hard to believe, but COVID actually contributed to this success. Due to enhanced budgets during and after COVID, frugal spending, and the huge success of the 74th Annual Luncheon and Style Show, the **KDO Board of Directors** was able to approve a "pass through" of an additional \$45,000 from **KDO** to the **Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln** to supplement its original \$180,000 grant allocation from **KDO's Donor Advised Fund**. **KDO** had received the largest request for funding to date, over \$450,000 from 33 applicants. The approval of these additional funds, will definitely help the recipient organizations recover.

Re-engagement of our membership remains a priority. "Getting back together again" resonated loudly in every event that transpired over the last year. It is and was important to allow for some "self care" ... to bring people back together and hopefully enhance our membership. **KDO** had three social events throughout the last year. Members were encouraged to bring guests to each of these functions. As a result of these

efforts, 42 new members have been added to our roster! We plan on continuing these types of events throughout this next year with hopes for generating even more interest in **KDO!**

Community Awareness will remain a priority for 2023 and 2024. Articles about **KDO** were published several times, trying to keep us from being the "best kept secret in Springfield." Our new brochure is almost ready, and we are hoping to roll out a new and enhanced web page very soon. All of these efforts will definitely help our exposure.

There are so many things to look forward to in the upcoming year, including **KDO Socials**, Activities at the **IPH**, delivery of **Daily Bread**, field trips to grantee facilities, grant committees and of course the **75th Annual Luncheon and Style Show**. We have our running shoes on and ready to take on the Marathon ... stay tuned.

Rising Up
Kim Cochran



KDO Past Presidents

May 23, 2023 Annual Corporation Meeting
With appreciation for their many years of service.

Standing L to R: **Sandy Bellatti** (GD), **Cindy Lash** (FR), **Cindy Denby** (WI), **Suzie Duff** (MB), **Teresa McElwee** (MG), **Donna Jean Gibney** (MG).

Seated L to R: **Shirley Stoldt** (ML), **Brenda Staab** (MB)

In attendance but missing from photo: **Cathy Schwartz** (MB), **Sue Shevlin** (PRo)

First Vice President - Grants Report

2023-2024

Executive Committee

President: Kim Cochran
1st Vice President: Cathy Boerke
2nd Vice President: Christie Goleman
Secretary: Terry Kolaz
Assistant Secretary: Amy Rasing
Treasurer: Colleen Stone
Assist Treasurer: Sally Cadagin

Board of Directors

Friendship

Sharon Heflin

Grateful Daughters

Brownie Anderson
Sandy Bellatti
Karen Little

Margaret Garfield

Sally Cadagin
Donna Jean Gibney
Teresa McElwee
Nance Woodward

Marjorie Post-Nightingale

Cathy Boerke
Angela Capranica

Mary A. Lawrence

Stephanie Kent
Mary Ann Smith

Mary H. Blackstock

Christie Goleman
Terry Kolaz
Amy Rasing
Brenda Staab

Polly Roesch

Jennifer Sylvia
Frances Tomashavich

Progress

Sally Cray
Diana Dedrick
Terri Hempstead
Carol Sobeck

Willing

Kim Cochran
Colleen Stone
Chiffonia White

Traditional and Blackstock Grants



After 130 years, it finally happened ... again! We made HISTORY!! It was a milestone year where for the first time our accumulated grant funding of \$2,200,000 surpassed our original deposit to our **CFL-Donor Advised Fund**.

Yet, there were many other firsts for this grant cycle. It started with contacting the most potential candidates ever. The **Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln** (CFL) went above and beyond by finding additional avenues of resources that touch the senior population. We

held our very first Grant Information session at **Innovate Springfield** to let applicants know the criteria, priorities, and **KDO** history, as told by Past President **Brenda Staab** (MB). It became our most competitive year when we received 33 applications -- the highest number in a single year to date.

Many of the requests were upwards of \$25,000. This resulted in the highest combined request of \$451,286 for **Traditional Grants** alone. With this year's allocated Traditional Grant amount totaling \$180,000, it quickly became evident that this cycle could be challenging and interesting to see unfold. Because of the great influx, the committee made the decision to strictly consider awards based on aligning to our mission. To our benefit, we were able to receive an additional \$45,000 "pass through" for the **Traditional Grant** allowing us to award the most money to date, \$255,000, including \$30,000 of **Blackstock Grant** funding, to 16 non-profits in **Sangamon County**.

Thank you to the Traditional and Blackstock Committee members for their dedication and hard work. (Please see Page 7 for **Blackstock Grant** details.)

Traditional Grant Committee:



Standing Left to Right:

Karol Young (FR), **Mary Ann Smith** (ML), **Brownie Anderson** (GD), **Susie Risser** (WI), **Pam Walters** (MP/N), **Sally Cray** (PR), **Lisa Coakley** (MB), **Dianne Cycholl** (MG)

Seated Left to Right:

Lori Midden (PPro), **Cathy Boerke** (MP/N) Chair, **Kim Cochran** (WI) President
Not in photo: **Christie Goleman** (MB), **Jeri Waldeck** (WI)

Blackstock Grant Committee:



Standing Left to Right:

Sally Cray (PR)
Mary Ann Smith (ML)
Barb Killian (PPro)
Cathy Boerke (MP/N) Chair
Cindy Denby (WI) Co-Chair
Kim Cochran (WI) President
Christie Goleman (MB)

Seated Left to Right:

Sandy Bellatti (GD)
Joan Rothfuss (ML)
Brenda Staab (MB)
Diana Hetherington (WI)
Michelle Tebrugge (FR)

Not in photo: **Karen Alexander** (WI), **Dianne Cycholl** (MG), **Mary Harney** (FR), **Wanda Keil** (MG), **Alice Nelle** (PR), **Jennifer Rahn** (GD), **Mary Jo Rappe** (MP/N), **Susie Risser** (WI), **Sue Shevlin** (PPro)

KDO Leadership



Thank you to the 2022 - 2023 Executive Committee

Laura Carmody (MB) Secretary
Cathy Boerke (MP/N) 1st VP
Sandy Bellatti (GD) Immediate Past President
Colleen Stone (WI) Treasurer
Christie Goleman (MB) 2nd VP
Sally Cadagin (MG) Assist. Treasurer
Jane Locascio (WI) Assist. Secretary
Kim Cochran (WI) President

The 2023 - 2024 KDO Executive Committee

Welcome to two new members:

Terry Kolaz (MB) -- **Executive Secretary**



Terry Kolaz is a "northender," having grown up just three blocks from the **King's Daughters' Home**. She is a graduate of **St. Joseph Grade School** and **Ursuline Academy**. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from **Illinois State University**, but spent just two years teaching before going into the eldercare services profession. She began her career as a nursing home administrator in **Tennessee** and later in **Chicago**. She then was blessed to find the non-profit, faith-based sector where she would serve as **President/CEO** for **Catholic** and **Lutheran** sponsored corporations in **Chicagoland** and **Pennsylvania**. She returned "home" to Springfield in 2013 to serve as Executive Director of **Concordia Village** and then at **Sacred Heart Convent**. She has been involved in community service her entire adult life via the **Junior Chamber International** (aka Jaycees), and currently serves on the board of directors for the **JCI USA Foundation** and **PA Jaycee Foundation**.

Amy Rasing (MB) -- **Executive Assistant Secretary**

(Membership Chair)



Amy has served seniors as the **Director of Development** for **Illinois Presbyterian Home Communities** since 2018. Her career has spanned more than three decades of non-profit agency leadership on the local, state and national levels including: **Girl Scouts**, **Arthritis Foundation**, **Children's Organ Transplant Association**, and the **Schultz Foundation for Advancing Counseling**. She and her husband of 33 years have lived in **Springfield** since 2000 and have two now adult sons.

Welcome Back and Thank You for your continued service:

Kim Cochran (WI) -- **Executive President**

Cathy Boerke (MP/N) -- **1st Vice President** (Mission Chair)

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

Colleen Stone (WI) -- **Treasurer** (Finance Chair)

Sally Cadagin (MG) -- **Assistant Treasurer** (Development Chair)

CIRCLE OFFICERS

Friendship

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

Grateful Daughters

Leader: Sandy Bellatti
Co-Leader: Karen Little
Secretary: Carolyn Stone
Treasurer: Amanda Kemper-Spoor

Margaret Garfield

Leader: Nance Woodward
Co-Leader: Wanda Keil
Secretary: Sally Cadagin
Treasurer: Pilar Mayorga
Assist. Treas.: Donna Jean Gibney

Marjorie Post/Nightingale

Leader: Angela Capranica
Co-Leader: Cathy Boerke
Secretary: Alex Schaper
Treasurer: Nancy Colantino

Mary A. Lawrence

Leader: Mary Ann Smith
Co-Leader: Sharon Nation
Secretary-Recording: Stephanie Kent
Secretary-Corresponding: Mary Ann Risser
Treasurer: Joan Rothfuss

Mary H. Blackstock

Leader: Cathy Schwartz
Co-Leader: Kim McDonald
Secretary: Anne Haaker
Co-Secretary: Ann Opfermann
Treasurer: Brenda Staab
Social: Kathy Badger
Co-Social: Cindy Milner
Alt. Secretary: Amy Rasing

Polly Roesch

Leader: Jennifer Sylvia
Co-Leader: Barb Killian
Secretary: Paula Kaplan
Treasurer: Kathy Cour

Progress

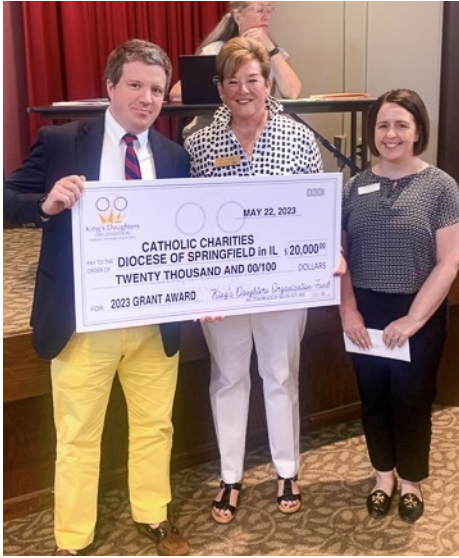
Leader: Terri Hempstead
Co-Leader: Alice Nelle
Secretary: Sally Cray
Treasurer: Marsha Selvagio

Willing

Leader: Molly Berns
Co-Leader: Jane Locascio
Secretary: Judith Barringer
Treasurer: Diane Hetherington

2023 KDO Traditional Grant Awards

presented by KDO President Kim Cochran



Catholic Charities Diocese of Springfield in IL \$20,000

To provide those 55 and older with emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical prescriptions.

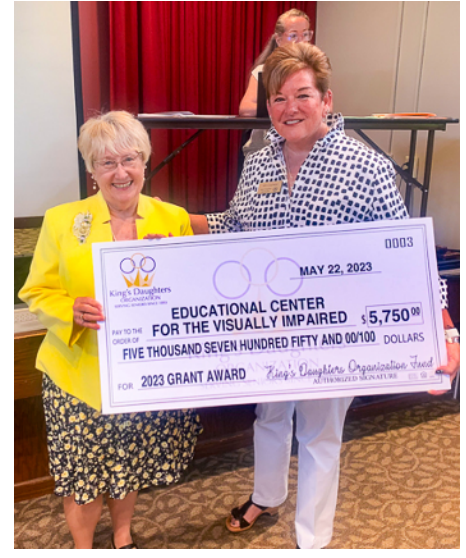
Accepting check: **Patrick McConnell**
Also presenting: **Stacy Reed, CFLL**



Contact Ministries \$16,000

To assist individuals, 55 years old and over, with \$10,000 in medication co-pay assistance and with \$6,000 in eye exam and glasses assistance through partnerships with local pharmacies and eye care centers.

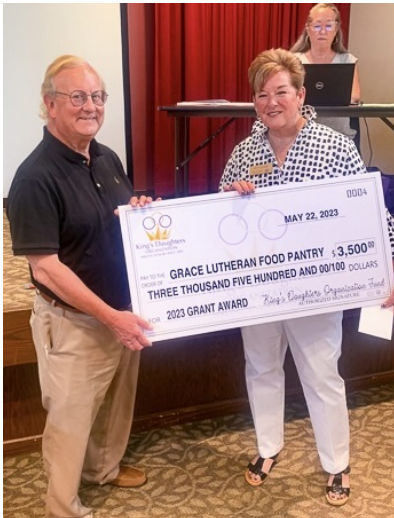
Accepting the check: **Cindy Drum**
Also presenting: **Stacy Reed, CFLL**



Educational Center for the Visually Impaired \$5,750

To offer workshops for all visually impaired seniors who can benefit from education and accessibility tools in order to be proactive in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

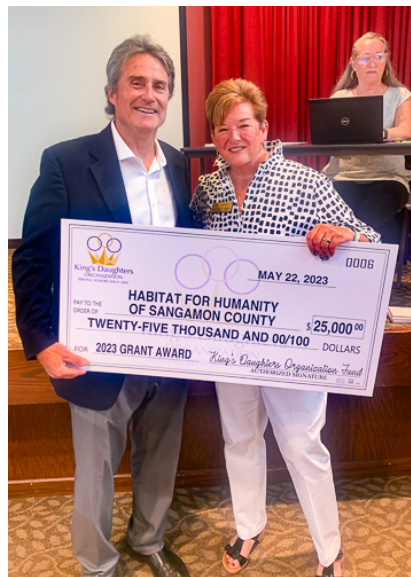
Accepting the check: **Peggy Dyson**



Grace Lutheran Food Pantry \$3,500

To provide senior clients with additional protein-rich items. Of the 16,917 individuals provided with fresh and non-perishable foods in 2022, 21% were over age 55.

Accepting the check: **Doug McFarlan**



Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County \$25,000

for its **Critical Home Repair Program**
This includes health & safety home repairs such as roof replacement/repairs, HVAC work (air conditioning/heating), interior accessibility aides, foundation work, insulation installation for energy efficiency, replacement windows and doors, and other needed repairs.

\$15,000

for its **Wheelchair Ramp Installation Program**

To install, utilizing volunteer labor, ADA and code compliant ramps to allow low-income homeowners to safely get in and out of their home allowing them to "age-in-place" which has been shown to improve quality of life.

Accepting the check: **Steve Koch**

2023 KDO Traditional Grant Awards

presented by KDO President Kim Cochran



Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church of God in Christ \$12,500

In addition to hosting monthly senior luncheons, Greater All Nations Senior Ministry is establishing a resource program to temporarily assist seniors needing help in purchasing groceries because of cost increases resulting from inflation.

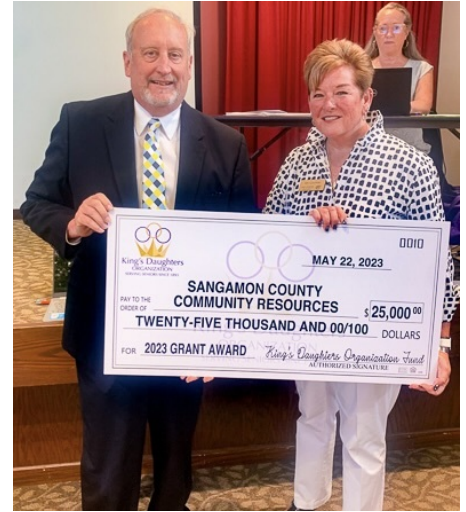
Accepting the check: **Tina Lathan**



Helping Hands of Springfield \$10,000

To fund medical or health needs and adaptive equipment for seniors in its emergency shelter, payee program, permanent supportive housing program, and rapid re-housing program.

Accepting the check: **Laura Davis**



Sangamon County Community Resources \$25,000

To assist Senior Citizens 60 years of age and older who do not meet the Federal Income Guidelines for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This grant will be an alternative to LIHEAP assistance. Accepting the check: **Dave McDonna**



Senior Services of Central Illinois - Senior Transport \$15,500

To assist with the Senior Transport program in repairing a wheelchair lift, supporting operational costs, and subsidizing the cost of one additional driver.

Senior Services of Central Illinois - Emergency Fund \$5,000

For the Emergency Fund which is used to help seniors in times of financial emergency make rent or utility payments to avoid eviction or shut-off.



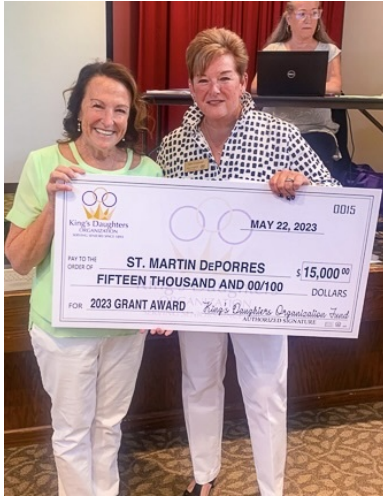
Springfield Municipal Opera \$7,500

To assist with Muni's Senior Bus Program for four *Senior Nights*, providing bus transportation for Seniors who no longer drive and scholarships for low-income Seniors.

Accepting the check: **Gil Opferman**

2023 KDO Traditional Grant Awards

presented by KDO President Kim Cochran



St. Martin DePorres \$15,000

To provide families, headed by a senior citizen or having a senior living with them, with food and clothing at no cost with no requirements or restrictions. Essential hygiene products and household items may also be provided.

Accepting the check: **Leslie Sgro**

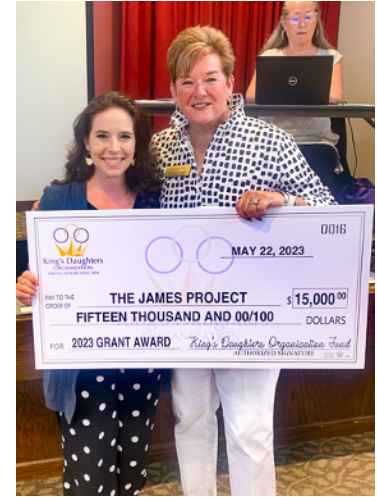


The Joy of Movement \$4,200

To support weekly adapted group dance classes for older adults with Parkinson disease (PD) and their care partners.

Funding would pay for an instructor for the class and for advertising to recruit new dancers and volunteers.

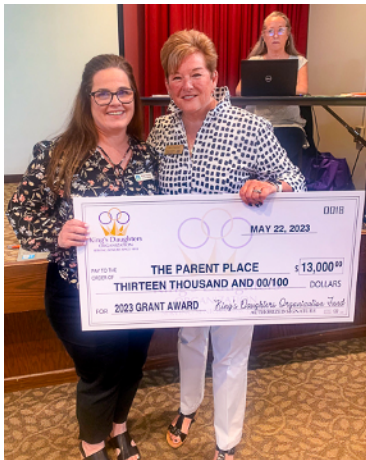
Accepting the check: **Eve Fischberg**



The James Project \$15,000

To provide supplemental, bi-quarterly grocery expenditures for grandparents and other relatives who are 55+ and find themselves in the role of foster parent for children.

Accepting the check: **Olivia Havse**



The Parent Place \$13,000

To provide guardianship assistance, support meetings two times a month, and three workshops focusing on healthy family relationships for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Accepting the check: **Bridgett Hammen**

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Loami Area Community Pantry \$5,000

To enable the pantry to purchase and provide items that would not typically be available for seniors in the area. Items purchased would include (but are not limited to) soaps, lotions, detergents for sensitive skin, blood pressure cuffs, and incontinence products.

**TOTAL TRADITIONAL GRANTS
AWARDED -- \$225,000**



The Salvation Army Clearlake Corps & Community Center \$12,000

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 the check: **Major Jeff Eddy**

KDO Supports Our Senior Community

KDO TRADITIONAL GRANTS



Left to right: **Bridgett Hammen** (The Parent Place), **Steve Koch** (Habitat for Humanity), **Tina Lathan** (Greater All Nation Tabernacle Church), **Sandra Douglas** (Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church), **Doug McFarlan** (Grace Lutheran Food Pantry), **Gil Opferman** (Springfield Municipal Opera), **Leslie Sgro** (St. Martin DePorres), **Olivia Havse** (James Project), **Cindy Drum** (Contact Ministries), **Patrick McConnell** (Catholic Charities), **Peggy Dyson** (Educational Center for the Visually Impaired), **Major Jeff Eddy** (Springfield Salvation Army Corps and Community Center), **Justin Yurhoff** (Senior Services of Central Illinois), **Dave McDonna** (Sangamon County Community Resources)

KDO BLACKSTOCK GRANT

by KDO 1st VP Cathy Boerke

The general purpose of the **Blackstock Grant** is to do something proactive for the unmet needs of the seniors in **Sangamon County**. To get a better feel for what is currently most at stake, KDO President **Kim Cochran**, 1st VP **Cathy Boerke**, and 2nd VP **Christie Goleman** met with **Senior Services of Central Illinois** Executive Director **Carol Harms** (ML) and other SSCI staff members. To all of our surprise, the most overwhelming issue is the need to eradicate bedbug infestations in senior homes.

As a result of these discussions, the **Blackstock Grant Committee** and the **KDO Board of Directors** voted to award **\$30,000** to **Senior Services of Central Illinois** to aid in treatment for bedbugs and to assist with conducting a Bed Bug Symposium. This symposium, which offered Continuing Educational Credits, was held on June 13 at the **Dove Conference Center** at **Prairie Heart Institute**.

I think we can all agree with **President Kim Cochran** in asking "Who Knew?"



Justin Yurhoff (SSCI) with KDO President **Kim Cochran**

23rd Annual Central Illinois Senior Celebration

KDO had a table at the May 17, 2023 **Senior Celebration** in the **Orr Building** at the **State Fairgrounds**. The event had an attendance of more than 1000. **KDO** members managed the table and handed out literature and tootsie rolls.

Pictured Left to Right: **Diana Dedrick** (PR), **Cathy Schwartz** (MB), **Carol Sobeck** (PR), **Maryann Walker** (FR)



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

GIFTS TO CFLL-KDO DONOR ADVISED FUND

February 2023 to May 2023

Gifts in Memory of:

Kathryn Baer

Margaret Garfield Circle

Grace de Carvalho

Sally Jo Britney

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Butler

Kerri Morthland

Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Shevlin

Marilyn "Lyn" Kennedy

Roy & Mary Lou Booker

Grateful Daughters Circle

Brad Siddens

Brenda & Mark Staab

Marjorie Strano

Roy & Mary Lou Booker

Grateful Daughters Circle

Dr. Wallace Strow

Margaret Garfield Circle

Jacqueline Woodruff

Roy & Mary Lou Booker

Donation Gifts:

Sandy Bellatti

Sally Cadagin

Terri Hempstead

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

(mail to KDO, P.O. Box 2087, Springfield, IL 62705)

130th KDO Annual Corporation Luncheon and Meeting

The **Annual Corporation Meeting and Luncheon** was held on May 22, 2023, in the Parish Hall at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**. The meeting was well attended by 119 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 sixteen grantee organizations.

The **Grateful Daughters Circle** hosted the luncheon. **Diana Hetherington, Susie Risser, Jo Bunn, and Joni Vujovich** – all members of **Willing Circle** – beautifully arranged fresh garden 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. The serving table centerpiece was loaned for our use by **Nikki Sperry** of **Homescapes**.

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 from “The Hill,” 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, she invited **Jane Locascio** (WI), Assistant Secretary/Membership Chair, to conduct a beautiful Memorial Service. The ceremony, accompanied by pianist **DeeDee Gain** (GD), was highlighted by a video power point presentation featuring the names, dates of birth and death, circle affiliation, and a picture of the memorialized member.



L to R: **Jane Locascio** (WI), **Kim Cochran** (WI), **Colleen Stone** (WI)



L to R: **Donald O'Neal** (KDO Advisory Board), **Carolyn Stone** (GD)



L to R: **Laura Carls** (MB), **Lisa Coakley** (MB), **Mayor Misty Buscher** (MB)



L to R: **Stacy Reed** (CFLL VP of Programs & Marketing), **John Stremsterfer** (CFLL President and CEO), **Suzie Duff** (MB)

Mary A. Lawrence Circle



Friendship Circle



Mary H. Blackstock Circle



Margaret Garfield Circle



KDO at IPH Fair Hills Residence

Illinois Presbyterian Home Communities "KDO" Cart

We are pleased to "roll-out" a gift and opportunity for the residents at the **Fair Hills Residence**. It has been an evolving process from conception to creation of a conveniently located place for residents to have access to personal and "novel" items for purchase at minimal cost. We knew that we also wanted something special in a cart that could adapt to different product sizes and could be decorated for different occasions of the year. After searching high and low, we found an over sized rolling cart that had adjustable shelves and accessories to help keep items separated and orderly. The cart was then filled with personal hygiene items, puzzles, and many snacks.



However, we felt we could do more for the residents on an on-going basis. Each month, a **Circle of Friendship** will now have the opportunity



to donate additional items and volunteer time staffing the cart. We are delighted to have this opportunity to "roll-in" this mini convenience store supply! For those long time members, this will bring back memories of "The Cart" at the **King's Daughters' Home** on Black Avenue.

On March 17, 2023, **Margaret Garfield Circle** hosted a **St. Patrick's Day** party at **IPH's Fair Hills Residence**. Circle members provided punch, cookies, and treat bags. The party was well attended, and everyone present was entertained by **Beth Ogilvy** and her Celtic dance students.



St. Andrews Dancers

Beth and Tom Ogilvy at far right



L to R: **Vickie Howard, Susie Price, Nancy Blunk, Nance Woodward, Janet Plohr, Sue Davis, Mary Renner, Wanda Keil, Jill Aiello, Dianne Cycholl, Donna Jean Gibney**



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GIFTS TO KDO TREASURY

February 2023 through May 2023

Gifts in Memory of:

Alice Joanne Roderick
Donna Jean Gibney
Marjorie Post/Nightingale Circle

Grace de Carvalho

Brian Blasco
Maureen Clark
Sherrie Elzinga
Laurell Farrell
Donna Jean Gibney
Susan Glintborg
Mary Hammel
Jeannette Hasebrock
Tracey Hopkins
Paula Kaplan
Barbara Lanham
Donna Meester
Mary A. Lawrence Circle
Nora & Fred Puglia

Terry Rogers
Ryan Electric
Jan & Roger Sables
Mark & Mary Selvaggio
Linda Smith
Robert & Linda Storey
Pei-I Wang

Tracy & Troy Watson & Family
Mary Frances Welters
Mary Jean Western
Georgia & Terry Winson

Marcus Lucas

Progress Circle

Jim Moore

Friendship Circle

KDO and Circle News

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

The KDO Social Committee hosted its third and final event, Coffee with Friends, on March 9, 2023, at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**. Nearly 50 members and guests attended and enjoyed a morning of sweet treats and lively conversation, amid a number of door prizes donated by **Sue Shevlin** (PRo) and **Brenda Staab** (MB).



L to R: **Debbie Shelton** (PR), **Cindy Denby** (WI), **Marsha Shomidie** (PR)

Decorations focused on the upcoming St. Patrick's Day celebration, and members were encouraged to wear green! Several local bakeries and coffee shops graciously donated a wide variety of baked goods and coffees. We encourage our



L to R: **Jo Bunn** (WI), **Kim Cochran** (WI), **Jane Rosa** (WI)

members to patronize these businesses, and we look forward to partnering with them for future events.

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Seated L to R: **Ellen Kuntzi** (WI), **Lesla Branham** (WI), **Marilyn Eggers** (FR), **Susie Risser** (WI), **Mary Ann Risser** (ML)
Standing L to R: **Joni Vujovich** (WI), **Diana Hetherington** (WI), **Jane Locascio** (WI)



Clockwise from the front: **Judith Barringer** (WI), **Sharon Zook** (WI), **Shirley Stoldt** (ML), **Carol Harms** (ML), **Debbie Crowe** (ML), **Janet Plohr** (MG), **Connie Miller** (guest), **Nance Woodward** (MG)

A Special Thank You to the following businesses for supporting KDO's Coffee with Friends!

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Grab a Java | Papo's Cafe |
| Incredibly Delicious | Scooter's Coffee |
| Nothing Bundt Cakes | Scoop Du Jour |
| Mel-O-Cream | Yellow Bird Coffee House |

The **Mary H. Blackstock Circle** held its April circle meeting in the **Fair Hills Tower Apartment Community Room** on the **IPH Communities' Campus**. Their KDO Lady, **Joy Beath**, was able to join them for the luncheon. **Joy** is shown here with circle member **Cindy Milner**.



Celebration of Life

In Remembrance of members who are gone but not forgotten.

(February 2023 through May 2023)

Current Members

Grateful Daughters Circle

Marilyn "Lyn" Kennedy
Marjorie Strano
Jackie Woodruff

Margaret Garfield Circle

Laurie Maddox

Mary A. Lawrence Circle

Grace de Carvalho
Maureen Early

Marjorie Post / Nightingale

Joanne Roderick



Welcome New Members!

(February 2023 through May 2023)

Friendship Circle

Angela Fyans

Grateful Daughters Circle

Kathy Kenyon

Mary H. Blackstock

Laura Carls

Marjorie Post/Nightingale Circle

Isabella Sgro
Yolanda Rice

Progress Circle

Janet Allison
Bobbi Claypool
Karla Crews
Debbie VanScooter
Jan Wilson
Carolyn York

Willing Circle

Lesla Branham
Julie Hale Miller

KDO Membership Roster

Members wishing to receive a **digital copy** of the roster may contact **Teresa McElwee**, KDO Database Manager, at tmcelwee5@comcast.net.

REMEMBER: This roster is for **members' personal use only** and is **not** to be used or shared for any other purpose.

Annual KDO Luncheon & Style Show Diamond Jubilee Celebration

KDO members and community supporters will celebrate together on **Tuesday, October 3rd** at our **75th Annual Luncheon & Style Show**. It is amazing to realize that we have served seniors in **Sangamon County** with profits from this fundraising event for 75 years! Please join us! This event will raise funds to assist in providing grants to organizations who serve seniors in **Sangamon County**. It will feature a run-way parade of models from local boutiques and retailers wearing fashionable apparel and accessories. Lunch will be served throughout the show, and classic cocktails will be available at a cash bar.

The cost of an individual ticket is \$40. If available, individual event tickets will go on sale in mid-late September. (Please be advised that in the past, because of our many sponsorships, there has been limited individual ticket availability.)

A unique **"White Elephant"** shopping experience will open the event at 10:30 am. Articles for sale will include new and gently used items, including jewelry, purses, home décor, kitchen essentials, cookware, linens and holiday decorations. Our **KDO Bakery** will be back with a full selection of homemade delights for sale.

A plethora of attractive **Silent Auction** items and baskets will be available for bidding. A **Split-the-Pot Raffle** will also be held, with tickets (\$5 each) available for purchase prior to and on the day of the event.

If you are interested in raffle tickets, please contact

Mary Ann Smith (ML) -- 217-891-9896, mas1848@hotmail.com

SPONSORS

We are very excited that our two primary sponsors will support us again for this **Diamond Jubilee Year**.

Title Sponsor: Concordia Village

Concordia is a retirement community at 4101 West Iles, offering a variety of living options with high quality services and life-enriching amenities for seniors.

Event Sponsor: Spavia

Spavia is an award-winning, resort-quality day spa that provides an exceptional experience for all members and guests. It is located at 3110 West Iles.

More sponsors are needed to ensure our event's success!

Sponsorships are available in a range of commitment levels. **Priority seating is given to sponsors on a first-come, first-served basis.**

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, learning more, or have any questions regarding the event, please contact one of the co-chairs below:

Laura Carmody (MB) 217-725-0405, laura@spaviaspringfield.com

Cathy Schwartz (MB) 217-836-1137, schwartz.cathy@outlook.com

Save the Date

75th annual
Luncheon &
Style Show

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

at The Crown Plaza
Doors open at 10:30



New and gently used **"White Elephant"** items are now being accepted. These include kitchen essentials, cookware, linens and holiday decorations, as well as jewelry and purses.

You may bring items to the August 24th **Collection Coffee** at **Illini Country Club** (8:30-noon) or contact Event Co-Chair **Kelly Griffin** (PR) to arrange for pick up.

Kelly Griffin (PR) -- 217-299-0747
thegrif1@yahoo.com

Silent Auction Baskets

Circle Leaders, talk to your circle members about joining in on the fun and creating a "circle basket" for the Silent Auction.

Contact Silent Auction
Co-Chairs

Amy Rasing -- 217-685-7236,
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Constant Contact is the primary way **KDO** keeps in direct touch with its membership. It is **critical** that ALL KDO **email addresses** are **up-to-date**. Please notify your **circle leader** of any changes to your contact information, or contact the KDO Database Manager, **Teresa McElwee** (see below).

Important: Unless you indicate otherwise, your contact information will be included on the **KDO Membership Roster** in the **Members Only** section of the **KDO Website**.

Upcoming Events

Collection Coffee

Thursday, August 24th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Illini Country Club

75th Annual Luncheon and Style Show

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Crowne Plaza

Doors open at 10:30 am, Lunch served at noon

and please note: *KDO SOCIAL*

Thursday, September 21, 2023
Island Bay Yacht Cub (more details to come)

IMPORTANT: In addition to receiving the Newsletter through **CONSTANT CONTACT** you may view it on the **KDO WEBSITE** (www.kdospringfield.org).

If you wish to continue receiving a **PRINTED version**, please notify your **circle leader** or contact **Teresa McElwee** at tmcelwee5@comcast.net or through CFLL at 217-523-4332.

In addition to notifying Teresa if you have a NEW MAILING or EMAIL ADDRESS, please inform her if you will be **temporarily away** or if you wish to be **removed** from the mailing list.

Be aware that if you are removed from the email list, you will miss notifications from KDO.

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