

SEDONAKIND MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 17, Sedona Public Library

*Attending today's meeting was Sandy Brandvold, Patty Broad, Mary Feeney, Pam Hollenbach, Katie Hamilton, Kari Lee Hertzberg, Ruti Lovitt, Gail Mann, Jawn McKinley, Heather Molans, Gail Moore, Judy Neiman, Sally Plauche, Lucy Paradise, and Carol Wallens.

And three new visitors: Kathy Turano, Linda Brechr and Victoria Park.

*Update on Laurie, Franny, Joan, Heidi. Joan would not give Sandy her address in order to honor with flowers. Flowers were sent to Laurie. Jawn passed around a get-well card for all of us to sign for Laurie.

*Kindness stories were shared from the members.

*Meeting place change. In the immediate future we will be meeting at the Community Center. They have agreed to charge us only \$40 for 2 hours for the meeting space. Ruti Lovitt volunteered to pay for April.

*Thanks to Astara from the Wish List, for filming our puppet video and posting it on line.

*Heather Molans is writing club news for the RRN.

*Kindness Kudos of the month are gathered automatically through the website and sent to Lucy. One is chosen each month to post as "Kudos of the Month".

*Gail gave us an idea of how we can best utilize social media to spread the word about SedonaKind and give others an awareness of kindness opportunities. She said we are having good traffic at this time but could definitely improve. The website has been undated to reflect the mission of the organization. A softer, friendlier look. A list of kindness books can be found on the website.

*Jawn asked for volunteers to write a monthly essay for the website. She still needed commitments for July and August. Mary Feeney volunteered to do August so now just July needs to be covered.

*Dog & Pony show will be at OLLI on May 3rd starring JAWN. This is a "lunch-and-learn" session.

*Brief treasurer report- JAWN (as Joy). We are going for more grants in 2017. Jawn and John are writing the grants. Our budget for 2017 is \$6,200 and we have approximately \$3,000 in the treasury.

*We will stay affiliated with the Sedona Community Foundation.

*KIS Committee report-Kindness in Schools has now expanded to K-3rd grades. The principal is enthusiastic about the project but not terribly organized. Contact Pam if you have interest in volunteering on this committee. The committee is looking for volunteers for the “Summer Activity Fair” on 5/5/17. Contact Gloria for this school activity.

*Report on Boxes of Love and a thank you note from Accord Hospice was read. NEARLY 200 BOXES WERE DELIVERED TO VERDE VALLEY CAREGIVERS, HOSPICE AND THE MEDICAL CENTER’S CANCER CENTER. PICTURES ARE ONLINE.

*Blessings Bags in November during Kindness Week. World Kindness Day and Sedona Kindness Day is November 13th. The goal is to fill 100 Blessing Bags to give to the homeless. Heather and Stephanie are working on this project. Katie showed examples of the types of items we should be collecting over the summer. The bags will be put together at the October meeting. The Homeless Alliance will speak at our April meeting.

Activities tentatively scheduled for November, 2017 - Speaker in school, Gratitude Trees, Blessing Bags, Kindness movie at the Mary Fisher.

*Easter FUN! We filled 12 baskets to take to the Cottonwood Hospice for Easter. Only the staff baskets had candy. Stuffed bunnies and cards were put in the baskets for the patients. “Guess the Jellybeans” game was won by Carol Wallen.