

SedonaKind General Meeting – 2018 Planning Session  
Sedona Community Center  
January 19, 2017

**Attendees:** Laurie Dawe, Joy Sinnott, Sandy Brandvold, Jawn McKinley, Katie Hamilton, Kari Lee Hertzberg, Cheri Baldwin, Gail Mann, Gail Moore, Ruthie Parsons, Pat Priore, Lucy Paradise, Mary Feeney, Debra Geddie, Donna Newcomb, Janet Marshall, Katy Huffstetler, Karen Scott, Ruti Lovitt, Kim Corey, Sally Plauche, Tamara Van Gorden

Joy Sinnott, in leading the meeting, gave opening remarks and reported that fund raising, donations, and grants made 2017 a financial success.

**Kindness Stories:**

Jawn told about giving a bracelet out in the grocery store; and Sandy told of Wendy Jacobsen sharing our story of spreading kindness while teaching her twin granddaughters to charm. It is their plan to start a school charm project in Illinois.

**2017 Wrap Up**

- \* Kathy Huffstetler read a thank you letter for the "care" packages we sent to survivors of the Texas Tragedy. She learned about the family from Debra Geddie.
- \* Thank you to Heather Molan for Wish List and Club News entries.
- \* Thank you to Carol Wallen for the success of the Gratitude Tree Project.
- \* Kari Lee shared her inspiration for writing to the Kind Co. about the difference of being Nice Vs KIND. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that her essay is a winner!
- \* Jawn asked for column contributions for missing months in 2018, and encouraged forwarding of the Newsletters and columns to friends.  
Karen Scott took November and Lucy Paradise took August.
- \* Joy reviewed accomplishments and beneficiaries of 2017.

**PLANS/COMMITTEES ALREADY IN PROGRESS**

1. **Kindness In Schools:** Jawn McKinley read a report supplied by Gloria Woody telling us that the hat delivery was successful and appreciated by students, teachers and the parents. Gloria has been communicating with Rotary about further partnering on projects. Teachers and Administration have been asked what they'd like to see in the way of programs or our involvement next year. Sally Plauche and Karen Scott volunteered to be on the KIS Committee.

Donna Newcomb and her husband are mentoring an orphanage in Haiti. Perhaps we can have a "Kids to Kids Kindness" event to send clothing (pillowcase dresses), French books, or

handwritten letters/cards. Gloria, please coordinate with Donna Newcomb on this. Maybe invite Donna to a meeting to discuss in detail with your team.

2. **Charming** will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Alma de Sedona, 50 Hozoni, from 11:00 - 1:00. A big thank you to Lori Reinhold for making this possible!

3. **Meals on Wheels** - Thank you cards and charms will be given to the 60+ drivers. The cards will be assembled after our February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Charmers finished up their 60 charm!

4. **Operation Special Delivery** has partnered with Kim Corey/Random Acts of Gardening to create flower pots commemorating Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All interested members to meet at Cheri Baldwin's home on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 for assembly of the 50 pots. Cheri graciously offered the work space and her greenhouse to accommodate the plants until we make our deliveries. Start thinking of who you want the recipients to be. More information to follow at our February meeting.

5. **Kindness Blooms** Art Auction to be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at SAC from 1-4. Katie and Pam co-chair this committee if you'd like more information. Pictures and pricing are up on our website at <https://www.sedonakind.org/art-sale.html>. With 70 watercolors and oils - there is sure to be something You Must Have!! In addition there will be other Silent Auction items to bid on (with both a minimum and buy-now price). Mark your calendars now to attend (we will need lots of helper bees) and more info will follow. Five of the watercolors will be chosen to be reprinted for future card sales.

6. **The Knitting Program** is running smoothly. In 2017 we gave 100 hats to the Veterans and homeless; supplied all the KIS students with hats of their choice; and donated the remainder to Buena Vista Children's Services in Cottonwood. Knitters have plenty of donated yarn and are continuing to build up stash for 2018 giveaways!

7. **Greeting Card Sales** have been a money maker for us so we will continue to print, and add the selection of Kindness Blooms cards.

## **B. REPEATS OF PAST PROJECTS**

1. **Boxes of Love:** We decided to plan another play date once Laurie purchases more boxes (YIPPEE to Laurie) and Sandy can find appropriate paper and ribbons.

2. **Kindness Week:** Jawn gave the history of this November 13<sup>th</sup> Sedona Kind Day and World Kindness Day. Jawn and Joy will co-chair. Committee members: Laurie Dawe, Ruthie Parsons, Ruti Lovitt, Debra Geddie and Karen Scott.

3. **Gratitude Trees:** Cheri Baldwin will chair. Committee members will be Carol Wallen, Fran Jackson, Brenda Cosse, Stephanie Peed, Joy & Sandy as backup. Trees and hearts are stored at Dottie Webster's (Thank You, Dottie) and all venues from last year want to repeat this year.

4. **Blessing Bags:** All members are encouraged to save items (especially travel-sized shampoos, etc.), and be on the lookout for sales of socks or gloves. The Knitting Group will be contributing 100 hats. Items will be stored at Cheri's house until October when we will bag and distribute our collection. Try to get as many fragrance free items as you can - last year the Irish Spring soap permeated the granola bars!

## C. NEW PROJECTS

1. It was enthusiastically decided that teachers will be our outreach recipient for film and fund raising for this year. We all need to be on the lookout for an appropriate movie to show on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We have been approached by Gretchen Vorbeck of We Value our Teachers Foundation to partner with them by purchasing grocery gift cards for teachers...give it some thought and check out their webpage: <https://www.wevalueourteachers.org>. They have a very impressive Board committed to helping teachers. **EVERYONE COME PREPARED WITH IDEAS TO OUR FEBRUARY MEETING AS IT WILL BE A MAJOR DISCUSSION.**

Tuesday May 8 is National Teachers Appreciation day. Sandy will chair and create cards (with help) to give teachers. Cards will be assembled at our April meeting.

2. It is our overwhelming desire to build a Kindness wall and eventually benches (think Memorial Benches all over town!!). Sandy came up with one possible tagline: Sedona...one of a kind. Joy and Lucy will co-chair with Laurie, Cheri, Kari Lee, Mary Feeney and Katie on the committee.

### Closing:

Next Charming Date Feb. 8

Next General Meeting Feb. 16