

SedonaKind General Meeting  
10/18/2019

Attendees:

Janet Marshall  
Gail Moore  
Barbara Lewis  
Heather Molans  
Laurie Dawe  
Joy Sinnott  
Cheri Baldwin  
Christine Scheider  
Jawn McKinley  
Linda Brecher

LouAnn Brunk  
Connie Levinson  
Katie Hamilton  
Sandy Brandvold  
Jill Jepson  
Pam Hollenbach  
Mary Feeney  
Lucy Paradise  
Marsee Skidmore  
Mary Ellen Hadley

New Member/Guests:

Judy Poe  
Melissa Brammer  
Grace Thomas  
Priscilla French

**Jawn McKinley** opened the meeting by welcoming back existing members and introducing new 4 new members/guests. She let everyone know that cards, boxes of love and jewelry were all available on the table by the door. We then shared wonderful Kindness stories and Heather Molans won a price for having the first story. Heather also shared Janet's beautifully created Heart book.

**Heart Stones Update - Lucy Paradise:**

Lucy gave an overview of the Heart Stones project. She described the assembly process and passed around a sign up sheet. The team is making 100 Heart Stones and they will be priced at \$75 each.

- Work begins at the Gandolfo's studio on Monday 10/21 at 220 Goodrow Lane, Sedona AZ 86336. Monday - Friday 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
- Feel free to stop by and bring snacks.
- There will be a preview sale at the same location on 10/30 4:00p.m - 6:00p.m. Feel free to bring a guest. Plan to carpool as parking is tight.
- Cheri offered to coordinate refreshments for the preview sale and Sandy offered to bring something.
- We discussed press and right now there are no plans. We may do a story after the fact. Lenore has contacted the newspaper about the possibility of sending a photographer.

**Kindness in Schools - Pam Hollenbach:**

Pam gave an overview of Kindness in Schools.

- Their first visit to the West Sedona School took place on 10/2 and went well.
- The KIS team visited the Oak Creek School and they are very excited to participate on the 2nd Friday of each month.
- Pam thanked the knitters for the hats and scarves and asked for scarves for the Oak Creek teachers to be delivered 11/22.
- Anyone interested in helping to hand out hats in all three schools should contact Pam. Pam will also have Gail send a notice to members via e-mail.
- We are still collecting old cell phones for the Oak Creek School ongoing fundraising project.
- Any new earbuds should go to Pam.
- KIS is working on Holiday gift ideas for the teachers.

### **Gratitude Trees - Cheri Baldwin:**

Cheri gave an overview of the Gratitude trees.

- Locations
  - Alma de Sedona - Year round!
  - Sedona Community Center
  - Library - Main room and children's room.
  - Sedona Winds - Independent and Assisted Living
  - West Sedona School
  - Oak Creek School
  - Oak Creek Country Club
  - Charter School - TBD
- Cheri is looking for volunteers to help deliver trees. This year they all will need to be transported by truck.
- Connie Levinson has agreed to store the trees and materials.

### **Knitters - Jawn McKinley:**

Jawnie showed us all the beautiful scarves that Mary Ellen has lovingly knitted as well as the adorable hats created by our team of knitters.

- Mary Ellen has knitted 83 scarves so far and feels that she can do another 10 in time for gifting to the teachers. We need 100 so we are very close.
- Jawnie suggested that we have a "Thank You" event for the knitters after the first of the year.
- There will be a photographer from the RRN at the next meeting to take a photo of the beautiful massive mound of 739 hats. Jawnie has invited the knitters to be present for the photograph.
- Katie offered to continue to coordinate our knitting supplies and will continue to let Heather know when we need more yarn.

### **Charming - Jawn McKinley and Sandy Brandvold:**

Sandy and Jawnie gave an overview of Charming and Joy read a heartwarming response from a woman who found a charm at exactly the right time. Not a dry eye in sight.

- As a reminder Charming takes place at Alma de Sedona on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
- Joy reminded us that as a result of the Kindness of all who donate materials our Charming efforts are self-sustaining.
- Laurie has agreed to coordinate Charming including letting Heather know when we need more jewelry.

### **Sedona Kindness Day - Season of Kindness - Jawn McKinley:**

Jawnie covered the history of Sedona Kindness day and our plans for this year's Season of Kindness which will include our Kindness Movie, Blessing Bags and Gratitude Trees. This year the proceeds of the Kindness movie will be going to the Oak Creek Educational Foundation.

- Kindness Movie:
  - This year we will be showing The First Grader on 11/13 at the Mary Fisher Theatre at 4:00p.m. & 7:00p.m. Joy had tickets at the meeting and tickets can be purchased on line at [sedonafilmfestival.com](http://sedonafilmfestival.com)
  - Connie Levinson and Sandy Brandvold offered to help out at the 4:00 p.m. showing
  - Joy Sinnott and Lou Ann Bruck offered to help out at the 7:00 p.m. showing
  - Jawnie handed out movie flyers asking us all to post them where ever possible
- Our webpage for this year's Season of Kindness will be up soon.

### **Vets Breakfast - Laurie Dawe:**

We will be providing breakfast for the monthly Coffee With a Vet on 11/8 at the Sedona Library. Laurie Dawe is coordinating all the volunteers.

- The event begins at 10:00 a.m. but the volunteers bringing food can get in at 9:00 a.m. through the kitchen entrance.
- Laurie is asking all volunteers to wear red, white and blue.
- It was suggested that we give John, at the library, a thank you gift for all he has done to help us. Jawnie offered to pick up a Natural Grocers gift certificate.

### **Website and Roster - Sandy Brandvold and Gail Moore:**

Sandy conducted a contest to see who remembers how to access the roster on our website. Heather had the correct answer and won yet another well-earned prize. Gail demonstrated how to access the events calendar on the website.

### **Closing - Jawnie**

Jawnie closed with a beautiful poem by Danusha Laneris

Kindnesses

By Danusha Laneris

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you" when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly we don't want to hurt each other. We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat," "Go ahead- you first," "I like your hat."