

SedonaKind General Meeting  
October 19, 2018, 2:00 pm  
Sedona Community Center

Attendees: Jawn McKinley, Gloria Woody, Pat Priore, Lenore Hemingway, Lucy Paradise, Joy Sinnott, Katie Hamilton, Linda Berthelsenn, Heather Molans, Janet Marshall, Cheri Baldwin, Linda Brecher, Gail Mann, Sandy Brandvold, Judy Neiman, Dottie Webster, Gail Moore. New members Peg Schlichtemeier, Ellen Wilcox and Mary Ellen Hadley.

The meeting was opened and a welcoming by Joy Sinnott. Kindness Stories were told and enjoyed by all. Committee Reports followed up:

**KIS – notes in blue** submitted by absentee Pam Hollenbach and delivered by Gail Mann co-chair of the KIS committee.

\*In an effort to bridge the gap of merging two schools, the district has decided to change the name of West Sedona Elementary School to **Thunder Mountain Elementary School**.

\*There is a full committee of eager ladies in a holding pattern. The current plan is to go into the classrooms November 9<sup>th</sup>, assuming enough of the committee is cleared from the fingerprinting process to “field a team!” Everyone except Sally (still out of town) has completed the process, so now we are just waiting for final approval. The teachers, students and even the principal are looking forward to our return.

\*For our December meeting we will again pass out hats to the primary grades. This year, hopefully we will have scarves for all the teachers. We have heard many great comments of how much the hats were appreciated last year.

\*The money raised from our film during Sedona Kindness Week has been designated to teachers. We are in the process of deciding how best to use that money. One of the ideas from Lou Anne was to give each teacher/staff a gift bag this holiday season, which would include a money donation to help with classroom or holiday expenses. Lou Anne knew that even a small donation would be very helpful and much appreciated!

\*There are other ideas in the works; we’ll keep you posted on any decisions. Your suggestions are also very welcome.

\*The ladies who have been cleared to be on campus are able to start volunteering in the classrooms or library. Yvonne Sheer has already donated many hours helping with the new library setup. It is a huge job and her support is very much appreciated by the librarian.

\*The PTA carnival and silent auction was a great success, despite the rainy weather. SedonaKind and KIS made a huge contribution to the total amount of quality items

donated for the auction. Thank you so much to everyone who donated! A personal thank you from me to each member of the KIS committee who volunteered to help oversee the auction. We had a fun time and were very grateful our job this year was indoors! I will report the final tally when it is available.

\*The KIS committee would love to thank all of SedonaKind for your great support as we move forward with "**Sharing Kindness**" with our schools.  
(Submitted October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Pam Hollenbach)

\*There was discussion regarding what might be done for the approximately forty teachers and teaching staff. Everyone felt that a goody bag with a gift card of \$50.00 each would be a great idea.

\*For everyone and anyone cleaning out closets, there will be a Rummage Sale for the Thunder Mountain Elementary School on Nov. 3, 2018. Donations can be dropped off at the school office from 2-4 each day now thru November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Sedona Rotary, Red Rock High Booster Club and Thunder Mountain Elementary School are putting on sale.

## **BENCHES**

\*Lucy Paradise spoke about the Kindness Bench project, which is right on schedule. Sir Moves-A-Lot is scheduled to move the benches to Gandolfo Studio where Lucy and Lenore will set the edges on the benches. Sixteen benches will be built and many have dedicated places for them. A final meeting is set to decide where on City property the remaining will be placed. The City will be helping us move them to their sites. Each bench will have something about Kindness on them and a heart with SedonaKind on it. Professional Photographer Larry Kane will be taking pictures of the process and the final works of art for promotions.

\*Sandy suggested the possibility of a walking tour of the benches when they are all in place. A committee was formed and Sandy will coordinate the first meeting to discuss all the possibilities presented. The time line might be around Valentines Day to coincide with our presentation at TSW. Mary Ellen has connections with the Program Director of two TV Channels who might cover the project; and Dottie also suggested Linda Goldenstein's channel. Sedona Monthly would be another possible site to promote, as we would have professional pictures to use.

## **KINDNESS WEEK** - Jawn discussed Sedona Kindness week:

\*There will be red white and blue charms handed out at the Heritage Museum on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

\*On the 13<sup>th</sup> the movie Liyana will be shown at Mary Fisher Theatre at 4p and 7pm for only \$5.00, with all proceeds to benefit the teachers this year. There will be a donation fish bowl and an anonymous donor will match all donations. Volunteers to assist at the table and hand out Kind Bars were noted. (Dottie both shows, Judy at 7pm, Heather at

4pm, Peg at 4pm, Pat at 7pm, Sandy at 4pm and Joy at both shows.) Additional flyers were passed out to help promote the show.

\*Kindness Conversations will be at the Library Nov 17, 2-4pm. Paul Friedman is the speaker and the conversation is “Does Kindness Work?” There will be roundtable discussions where volunteers will be needed to facilitate. Those volunteering were noted. (Jawn, Sandy, Heather, Mary Ellen, Judy, Pat, Dottie, and Joy)

\*Gail Moore noted that anyone on social media such as Facebook, Twitter etc. should start posting Sedona Kindness week. The URL is on our website and can be used to copy and paste to the social media pages. She suggested it be posted weekly.

\*Gratitude Trees will be put out during Kindness Week. So far they will be at the Sedona Community Center, Children’s and Adult Library areas, Oak Creek Country Club, possibly the Collective, and Thunder Mountain School. Cheri has already cut all the hearts and leaves for the children’s trees and repainted the heart ornaments. She asked for other suggestions of where they might be located. Jawn suggested maybe the Charter schools would like one, and Heather thought maybe we could put one at Yavapai College in Sedona. Cheri read some of what last year’s gratitude comments. Cheri was thanked for all that she has already done and encouraged to use her committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Sandy showed everyone some metal pendants that were donated to the Charming group by Deva Design. Each pendant has a Kindness quote on it, and there are 12 different quotes. Everyone was given an opportunity to buy some at \$2.50 or put in an order for later. 96 more will be bought to give to each person at the Community Kindness Conversation on Nov. 17 and will be the perfect Thank You gift for participating. Lucy also stated that anyone wanting to put one on their bench could.

Joy reminded everyone that at the January general meeting is our planning meeting and everyone should start thinking about how and what projects SedonaKind might want to be involved in. Also be thinking about who we want to benefit in 2019. Also we need to be thinking about what we can do for Operation Special Delivery in February.

Jawn asked for help writing the December Kindness story and Peg volunteered. Gail reminded everyone that past editions can be seen in the archives on our web site. Jawn’s hope is that someday a book can be made of all the stories.

The Blessing Bags were to be filled in the next room after the meeting is adjourned. Included in the bags are socks, gloves, hats, toiletries and a McDonalds gift card. Remaining items not used will be donated to Angie’s House(s) in Cottonwood.

Everyone was invited to take brochures to hand out when someone asks about SedonaKind.

Then next SedonaKind meeting will be at 2:00 on November 16<sup>th</sup>, here at the Community Center.

The closing Kindness quote was: “Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people”.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Sinnott

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