



King's Daughters Circular

November 2022

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

From the President's Desk

Well... we are certainly following our theme this year of "Back Together Again." Re-engagement of our membership remains our priority, and we knocked it out of the park with our first **Membership Social** on September 14, 2022, at the **Island Bay Yacht Club**. There were over 72 attendees at this wonderful event. The Social Committee picked the perfect night with a great atmosphere and delicious food. As promised, we will be doing another social gathering on December 1, 2022, at **Boccardi's Italian Import's** to kick off the holiday season. Further information will be forthcoming so save the date.



well as our organization as a whole. We are working hard to increase our visibility in the community with the ultimate goal of providing for our most vulnerable.

The **74th Annual Luncheon and Style Show** founded by **Progress Circle** brought us all "Back Together Again" along with our faithful Sponsors and Friends of the **King's Daughters Organization**. The event was a huge success with record attendees and revenue! A huge thank you goes to its Co-Chairs, **Kathy Mihelich** and **Diana Szczepanski**, for their tireless work and also to all who chaired or participated on one of the committees. It was a wonderful day!



L-R: **Kathy Mihelich** (PR), **Diana Szczepanski** (PR)

Rest assured, we have only just begun! There is so much more to be done. **Christmas Bingo** at the **Illinois Presbyterian Home Fair Hills Residence**, the **2022 Traditional Grants**, distribution of the **Blackstock** funds, as well as field trips to some of our grantees facilities. We have our foot on the gas with limited breaking.... so buckle up!!

Rising Up

Kim Cochran



L to R: **Cathy Boereke** (MP/N), **Kim Cochran** (WI), **Laura Carmody** (MB), **Sally Cadagin** (MG), **Christie Goleman** (MB), **Sandy Bellatti** (GD)

The **Executive Committee** has been busy these last few months visiting our circles and looking for ways to enhance membership and get the word out about **KDO**. Specifically, we have contracted with **Encore Consulting** to begin work on our

webpage. We are hoping to give it a "face lift" and increase our marketability. Further, we were featured in the **Springfield Business Journal** in our effort to make the community more aware of our organization and what we have to offer Seniors in Sangamon County. The **Senior News and Times** will also be spotlighting **KDO** in November. They will be highlighting the **Luncheon and Style Show** as



New Leaders and Directors Meeting, July 11, 2022

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Directors, Circle Leaders, and Alternates!

And this is what "serving seniors" can mean ...

2022-2023 Executive Committee

President: Kim Cochran
1st Vice President: Cathy Boerke
2nd Vice President: Christie Goleman
Secretary: Laura Carmody
Assistant Secretary: Jane Locascio
Treasurer: Colleen Stone
Assistant Treasurer: Sally Cadagin
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Willing

Kim Cochran
Jane Locascio
Colleen Stone

From Cindy Lash, Friendship Circle Leader

At the June meeting of **Friendship Circle**, one of our circle members, **Marilyn Eggers**, shared a touching message with us which will likely encourage each **KDO** member, as it did us. Here's her experience in her own words:

"My sister's car was in the garage for repairs for almost two weeks. I was taking her to the grocery store and to run errands as needed. She commented that she would like to attend the exercise class she and her husband have had to miss for some time. I agreed to take them (which was held at the **First Presbyterian Church**) and she invited me to stay (which I did). What a moving experience! My brother-in-law is blind and has Parkinson's disease. The program is called "**The Joy Of Movement**" and has received a grant from **KDO** for the past four years. This really hit home and I just wanted to publicly thank all of you in this wonderful organization for making this so personal for me and my family!"

At that same meeting, after Marilyn shared her story – another member, **Karol Young**, spoke up letting us know how much some of her senior friends enjoyed the option for transportation to the **Muni**! **Cindy Lash's** mother lives at **Capitol Retirement Village** and she echoed a similar appreciation for the grant awarded to the **Muni** for some of her friends! **When it personally impacts us, GRANT GIVING takes on a whole new meaning** – KDO, you are such a light in this community!

Illinois State Fair Veterans Day & Seniors Day



Angela Capranica (MP/N),
Nance Woodward (MG)

KDO had a booth at the **Illinois State Fair** in the **Illinois Building** to spread the word about the organization and its mission. Members worked the booth on August 14th and 15th, giving away over 300 **KDO** cookbooks!

74th Annual Luncheon and Style Show

Yes ... we were Back Together Again!

After a two-year pause, members and friends of King's Daughters Organization (KDO) were *Back Together Again* for the **Annual Luncheon & Style Show** on October 10, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. This marked the 74th occasion of this annual fundraiser founded by Progress Circle.

Contributing toward the success of the event were all nine **KDO Circles of Friendship**, made up of talented, compassionate women whose mission is to support the well-being of the elderly in the Springfield community. Also supporting the event impressively were **TEN Gold Sponsors**, **TWENTY-SIX Silver Sponsors**, and **FOURTEEN Bronze Sponsors**, and as many individual supporters making donations.

Three distinct organizations were recognized for their generous sponsorships and their commitment to giving back to the community. Known for making a positive difference in the Springfield community was **Title Sponsor CONCORDIA VILLAGE, LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES**. Concordia Village is a retirement community in Springfield offering first-rate services for seniors. There were two **Event Sponsors** this year, who are also known for making a positive difference in the community. **SPAVIA** is an award-winning day spa and **AGAIN & AGAIN** is a unique shop offering curated, vintage, and designer goods and furniture.

An amazing shopping experience opened the day with an outstanding response of enthusiasm. The gently used and new items for sale included jewelry, purses, home décor, kitchen cookware & dinnerware, linens, and holiday decorations. Home-made bakery goods

were also for sale ... and in fact, were sold out!

Shoppers were also encouraged to bid on Silent Auction items and invited to purchase a ticket or two for the "Split-the-Pot" Raffle.

Lunch was served at noon, followed by a fun and delightful style show.

Four establishments were featured on the runway. **Chico's, J. Jill, The Wardrobe, and Scheels**. Each provided models wearing fashionable apparel and accessories. The fashions included classic styles, sporty styles, and pieces that seamlessly transition from work-from-home to the workplace. Styles for curvy women and for the not-so-curvy were highlighted with prints and patterns in bright hues, warm tones, and comfortable fabrics.

For the last seventy-three offerings, this fundraiser has consistently outperformed the previous year. And this seventy-fourth year was no exception! Five-hundred tickets were sold, Sponsorships exceeded expectations, and the shopping proceeds were remarkable. In her message to the attendees, **KDO President Kim Cochran** noted that "since 2008, KDO has granted more than 2 million dollars to non-profit organizations who support the KDO mission. We are so grateful for all our sponsors, members, and guests for their support and generosity."



Wonderful to see so many members and guests *Back Together Again!!*

Thank You to the Luncheon and Style Show Sponsors!!

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74th Annual Luncheon & Style Show



Check-in Table

KDO President **Kim Cochran** (WI) greeting guests.



Shawn Andrews (PR), **Becky Glazier** (PR), **Cris Cray** (PR)



Illinois Presbyterian Home guests

L-R: **Casey Richardson** (IPH Activities Director), **Maryann Walker** (IPH Executive Director) (FR), **Betty Braswell** (IPH Resident), **Marci Irvine** (IPH Board President) (GD)



Baked Goods Table

L-R: **Sue White** (PR), **Bitsy Reisch** (PR), **Diana Dedrick** (PR), **Teresa Mavis** (PR)



Marketplace Table
Terri Hempstead (PR)



L-R: **Libbie Stehn Tumulty**, **Dorothy Vono**, **Susan Vono-Cain** (MB)



L-R: **Susan Park** (WI), **Karen Alexander** (WI), **Kim Cochran** (WI)

74th Annual Luncheon & Style Show



Silent Auction

Behind the table: **Cathy Schwartz** (MB)
Front of table L-R: **Jennifer Sylvia** (PRo), **Sally Cadagin** (MG)



Purse Table

Behind the table L-R: **Shawn Andrews**, (PR),
Becky Glazier (PR), **Cris Cray** (PR)
Front of table: **Judith Barringer** (WI)



Sue Hoff (ML) working
the Split the Pot Table.



Jewelry Table

L-R: **Alice Nelle** (PR), **Karen Moffat** (PR)



Greg Bridges, Massage
Therapist with **Spavio** owner
Laura Carmody (MB) .

Thank you to the following Businesses, Individuals and KDO Circles who donated to the Silent Auction or who contributed to this event in other ways .

BJ Grand Salon	The Muni	Alice Nelle	Once in a Blue Moon
Coopers Hawk	Terri Kolaz	Cathy Schwartz	Wild Rose
Laura Carmody	Paula Ryan	Giganti Jewelers	King Pin
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Kim Cochran	Willow and Birch	Tammi's Treasures	Progress Circle
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Christie Goleman	Homescapers		
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Style Show

Chico's

Cara Pasdeck,
Manager

J. Jill

Debbie Vanscooter,
Area Manager

The Wardrobe

Sami McElwee,
Owner

Scheels

Nikki Monari,
Marketing Leader



Style Show Committee members posing with Style Show models and store representatives.
Front Center L-R: **Jackie Price-Lucas** (PR), **Sharon Strasbaugh** (PR), **Stephanie Moore** (GD)



Working the runway!
Sami McElwee, owner of **The Wardrobe** and **Margaret Garfield Circle** member.



Chico's



J. Jill



Scheels



The Wardrobe

KDO Membership Social at Island Bay Yacht Club



A view of the very successful gathering, with KDO President **Kim Cochran** (WI) speaking to the attendees.

The **KDO Social Committee** was happy to finally host **KDO's** first social gathering since 2020, the start of the pandemic. On September 14, 2022, a total of 74 people attended a casual outdoor gathering on the lower patio at **Island Bay Yacht Club**. Nearly 20 of those present were guests and prospective members.

Outside of taking credit for incredibly beautiful weather, much credit goes to the Social Committee for working together to insure a great event for everyone. Committee members include **Jo Bunn** (WI), **Sally Cadagin** (MG), **Cindy Denby** (WI), **Suzie Duff** (MB), **Jane Locascio** (Chair), (WI), **Mary Ann Smith**, (ML), **Brenda Staab** (MB), and **Frances Tomashavich** (PPro).

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next gathering on December 1, 2022, at **Boccardi's Imports**. Details on page 12.



L-R: **Maria Nachtwey** (MB), **Patti Thompson** (MB), **Laura Carmody** (MB), **Cathy Schwartz** (MB), **Paula Ryan** (MB)



L-R: **Jane Rosa** (WI), **Susan Park** (WI), **Karen Alexander** (WI), **Judith Barringer** (WI)



L-R: **Shirley Stoldt** (ML), **Beverly Collins** (ML), **Sharon Nation** (ML), **Janet Carey** (ML)



Mary Ann Smith (ML), **Jennifer Buhlig** (ML), **Carol Harms**, **Kandy Grafton** (ML), **Jeanette Hassebrock** (ML), **Helen McDonald** (ML)

KDO Membership Social at Island Bay Yacht Club



L-R: **Charlotte Hannah**, Jackie Price-Lucas (PR), Brenda Staab (MB), Cathy Boerke (MP/N), Kim Cochran (WI)



L-R: **Jo Bunn** (WI), Cindy Denby (WI)



L-R: **Brownie Anderson** (GD), Sally Cadagin (MG), Wanda Keil (MG), Patsy Lazosky, Susy Smiley (MG), Shirley Gemberling (MG)



L-R: **Dale Rogers**, Laura Carmody (MB), Dee Dee Gain (GD), Mary Renner (MG)



L-R: **Diana Dedrick** (PR), Kelly Griffin, Susan Fulks (PR), Carolyn Clark, Teresa Mavis (PR)



L-R: **Frances Tomashavich** (PRo), Kim Cochran (WI), Jennifer Sylvia (PRo), Colleen Stone (WI)

KDO Membership Roster

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

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

Celebration of Life

In Remembrance of members who are gone but not forgotten.

(May to October, 2022)

Current Members

Grateful Daughters Circle

Marilyn "Marny" E. Brozio

Mary A. Lawrence Circle

Jone Van Winkle

Willing Circle

Aggie Harmon

Former Member

Progress Circle

Ann Gay

Welcome New Members!

(May to October, 2022)

Mary H. Blackstock Circle

Cindy Cannamela

Maria Nachtwey

Patti Thompson

Margaret Garfield Circle

Sue Davis

Vicki Howard

Ann Senger

Mary A. Lawrence Circle

Debbie Crowe

Jennifer Buhlig

Progress Circle

Sarah Delano Pavlik

Willing Circle

Ellen Kuntzi

Circle News



Sandy Bellatti, Karen Little

Grateful Daughters Circle

Grateful Daughters Circle members provide monetary and shelf-stable donations to the **Micro Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. In July they enjoyed bringing pianist, **Angela Pryer**, to entertain the residents at **Fair Hills Residence**. At their September meeting, they each contributed money to have a special **IL Symphony** ticket gift basket for the Silent Auction at the **KDO Luncheon and Style Show**. At their October meeting, they recognized and thanked a special member, **Sandy Bellatti**, who had just completed a two-year term as KDO President. Not only is the circle blessed to have such a creative and inspiring woman be a circle member, but the organization also benefited during troubled times when facing a frightening and unusual Pandemic. Throughout the ordeal of having to change the way we met, as well as figuring out how to continue the KDO mission, Sandy's leadership ability was obvious and impactful. **Karen Little** presented a bouquet of flowers to Sandy as members conveyed their appreciation.

Mary A. Lawrence Circle

Our business meeting of **Mary A. Lawrence Circle** was held on July 12th at the **Southern View Community Park**. This was our patriotic picnic and all members dressed in red, white and blue. We opened our meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by our guest speaker, **Joan Bortolon**, President of the **Land of Lincoln Honor Flight**. Our circle tries to get our grant recipients as speakers for our monthly meetings so we can learn more about their organizations.

We enjoyed a catered lunch of chicken fingers, baked beans, macaroni salad, roll, fresh fruit and cupcakes. At this meeting, our circle discussed the October **Luncheon and Style Show** and voted to participate as a sponsor and with silent auction items. We discussed taking summer treats of fudge sickles and ice cream bars to **Fair Hills Presbyterian Home**.



Our September Dinner/Meeting and Fundraiser was a salad potluck at the home of **Virgene Fair**. We raised \$1610 for our KDO projects. The **KDO Executive Committee** members came to this meeting to introduce themselves to our members.

Respectfully submitted by Kandy Grafton



Seated from the left: **Sue Hoff, Joan Rothfuss, Mona Taylor**

Standing from the left: **Janet Carey, Beverly Collins, Shirley Stoldt, Kandy Grafton, Virgene Fair, Jeannette Hassebrock, Helen McDonald, Cindy Davies**

Circle News ... and Heroes Breakfast

Margaret Garfield Circle

Circle members continue to offer bingo at **Presbyterian Homes Fair Hills Residence** on the second Wednesday of every month. At its September meeting, circle members proposed providing a "gift wrap" themed basket for the Silent Auction. **Shirley Bruner** offered to spearhead its creation and members happily contributed money to purchase the contents. The members also decided to collect money at its November meeting to give to **Senior Services of Central Illinois** in lieu of donating canned goods. At its December meeting, toys will be collected to donate to **The Parent Place** for use by grandparents raising grandchildren.



Bingo at Fair Hills Residence



MG Circle members enjoying the **Luncheon and Style Show**.

L - R: **Wanda Keil, Dianne Cycholl, Janet Plohr, Maria Robertson** (guest), **Nance Woodward, Shirley Gemberling, Sarah Goleman** (guest)

Willing Circle

September Luncheon at **The Village Tea Room**



Back L - R: **Sandy Beck, Jeri Waldeck, Chiffonia White, Jan Schramm, Kim Cochran, Karen Alexander, Cindy Denby, Jo Bunn, Colleen Stone**.

Front L - R: **Carolyn Randall, Diana Hetherington, Sharon Zook, Judith Barringer**.

Senior Heroes Breakfast

A **KDO Event** Hosted by **Willing Circle**

Keep gathering **stories** about great acts performed **by** seniors or **for** seniors.

Send any ideas to Colleen Stone (cstone4033@comcast.net)

Plan to attend the event in **early April, 2023**.

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

GIFTS TO KDO TREASURY

May 2022 to September 2022

Gifts in Memory of:

Patricia Walker

Friendship Circle

Jone Van Winkle

Mary A. Lawrence Circle

Donation Gifts:

Donna Jean Gibney

Chiffonia White

Sharon Zook

Willing Circle - Aggie Harmon

Anonymous KDO Member

GIFTS TO CFLL-KDO

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May 2022 to September 2022

Gifts in Memory of:

Bradley Siddens

Brenda Staab

Jerry Gill

Paul Craig

Margaret Garfield Circle

Nancy Cochran

Jacqueline Price

Donation Gifts:

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Sally Cadagin

Terri Hempstead

Jennifer Rahn

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KDO Treasurer

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Please notify your **circle leader** of any changes, or email **Teresa McElwee** at tmcelwee5@comcast.net.

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

Come Join Us!

KDO Social on **December 1**, 5-8:30 PM
at **Boccardi's Imports**

\$10 per person, cash bar

Guests welcomed. RSVP to

Sally Cadagin cadamyst@sbcglobal.net

Watch for

for more information about the **KDO Heroes
Breakfast** coming in April 2023.

IMPORTANT: **Distribution of the King's Daughters Circular** is now primarily **DIGITAL**, either through email using **CONSTANT CONTACT** or on the **KDO WEBSITE** (www.kdospringfield.org).

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