

# King's Daughters Organization



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## ***EXCITING YEAR IN PROGRESS***

Where did the summer go? Summer usually doesn't go fast enough for me. I had big plans when I took the office of KDO president, but this summer God had a different plan for me. The health of my Mom, at eighty-five, took precedence over most of my KDO duties, as she had surgery, a small stroke and will have radiation treatments, physical therapy, and speech therapy until the middle of September. Fortunately, Cathy Schwartz has helped with pressing issues, and Donna Jean Gibney has covered most of my Benefit duties for now. I hope when Mom is finished with her treatments and she and Dad are safely tucked into a retirement community, I can continue my plans to tend the magical KDO garden.

The biggest thing I want to accomplish is increasing our membership. I hope the **"Getting to Know You"** event will do just that. Please, mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 7, from 5:30-7:00pm** to meet the new Executive Board and hear informational presentations from a couple of our grant recipients. By having it in a public location, KDO can publicize the event better. I hope to design an invitation for each member to use to invite at least one friend. Please start thinking about women to invite to this event. I would also like to have fliers in places where we do business, and notices in Church bulletins. We'll need lots of food to feed our potential new members. Each Circle Leader will be a hostess. Polish up your name tags and hunt down those recipes for good finger foods. We truly need all our members to work together on this event. If we want to continue to be a beacon in Springfield, we will need to bring in new new women from diverse areas of our community. I know when we bring our Circle members together we

have a good time. Please join in the fun!

"Getting to Know You" in October will be a perfect time to invite your friends to join the fun at the **64th Annual Benefit "Serving with Style"** on **Monday, November 1** at the Crowne Plaza. Funds raised from the Benefit increase our endowment which supports the grants we award in May to serve the elderly in the Springfield area. As KDO members, you should all be very proud of what the organization has accomplished in such a short time after our restructuring. In the last four years, we have been able to give away \$250,000 in donations and Grants and have added even more in volunteer services.

This year, let's look for ways we can make the King's Daughters Organization better. Let's volunteer and help serve the elderly. Let's invite our friends to be a part of KDO and spread the good news that KDO is open to all women, the young and not so young, from all over the Springfield area, who want to help us fulfill our mission. We are all the faces of what we have become as we dive head first into this new decade.

I particularly welcome our new members and those who have returned. Please become involved in KDO events and in your Circles' volunteering projects to serve the elderly in our community. Our Circles continue to act independently, while cooperating with corporate events. Cathy Schwartz said it well when she turned over the gavel to me:

### ***E PLURIBUS UNUM***

King's Daughters has served the Springfield area for over a century. We're in our 119th year! Let's work together to help the organization grow in status and stature for another century.

*KDO President Sue Sheulin, Progress Circle*

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## Collections Coffee

### Tuesday, September 13

For new members and those from Circles who haven't previously participated in the Progress Circle's fantastic fund raising Bazaar conducted during the Annual Luncheon, Fashion Show, and Auction, here is your Grand Clearing-Out Opportunity. The ladies from Progress have been doing this for 64 years and really have a great system for this major annual event.

Look through all that stuff you haven't used for awhile which can be sold at the Bazaar. Bring them to Jo Bunn's house at 43 White Birch Rd. during the morning from 9:00 to 11:00. Coffee, tea and goodies will be served throughout the morning. Chatting encouraged. The categories are:

- Decorative/craft items.
- Silver
- Crystal
- China
- Linens
- Jewelry

Please help the committees by having your items clean, polished and ready to show. Keep in mind that the Bazaar is not a garage sale, so select your items accordingly. Small boxes for jewelry are especially appreciated.

A great advantage of attending is that tickets for the event will be available. The ticket cost is \$25, of which \$5 is tax deductible. Remember to line up a friend or acquaintance who may be a potential new member so you can purchase a ticket here to ensure places at the same table.

**Directions and Parking** 

Dove Center: north side of Mason St. between 6th and 7th. Enter the parking ramp across the street. Park, noting location, and take the 2nd floor walkway to the PHI. Go to the first floor to the Dove Conference Center.

## Getting to Know You

### Thursday, October 7

In the Spring issue we announced our plan for recruiting new and diverse members, a major goal of my presidency. We chose a new time and a public place hoping we can attract more women, especially those who work. At our last Meet & Greet we had a delightful time talking among ourselves, but few potential members attended. We just plain missed the mark. Here's the new plan.

**Dove Conference Center****Prairie Heart Institute****5:30p.m. Socializing****6:00 - 6:30 Presentations and Q&A****- KDO Executive Board****- Grant Recipients' Reports****6:30 - 7:00 Socializing**

We'd like for you to take an active role in recruiting by inviting someone you know who is not now a member. Bring that person to the event where she will be able to witness the camaraderie among our members while learning about the many ways we assist seniors in our community. If you don't know someone now, try getting an announcement in your church bulletin or on bulletin boards where there may be interest.

We also need finger-food refreshments from you terrific cooks. When you arrive, be sure to circulate your guest, especially introducing her to others of similar age and interests. Circle Leaders will act as hostesses, but additional help is very welcome.

Together we can be a beacon in Springfield. Please contact me to let us know how you will help.

726-7164 or 494-7738 cell

email [sue\\_shevlin@comcast.net](mailto:sue_shevlin@comcast.net)

Mark your calendar now.

*Sue Shevlin*, Progress Circle

## SERVING WITH STYLE

### Progress Circle KDO 2010 Luncheon and Style Show

November 1 The Crowne Plaza

Progress Circle and committee chairs have been busy this summer, getting ready for the most successful fund-raiser yet. Cooperation from other Circles has been very helpful. With our President's major goal of increasing our grants, there's an opportunity for all to participate in the excitement.

Gather up lots of items for the Bazaar. Help the committees by making sure everything is in salable condition. Bring your contributions to the Collections Coffee. (see article)

Keep thinking about potential members. Bringing them to the event is a great recruiting tool. Take advantage of buying your ticket at the Collections Coffee. Are you aware that Progress Circle members are required to purchase two tickets each year? Two Margaret Garfield members together have again bought a table and will bring 4 friends each.

As you shop or conduct business with local folks, consider asking them to provide items for the silent auction. Remind them that their name is on the item, and therefore is good advertising for a product of interest. Also, a gift certificate brings the success-

ful bidder into the business. (You may want to email or call Judy Oxtoby first to check whether a name is already on our list and to get a form and helpful tips.

Ox@javaDogCafe.com, 498-0388 ) If you are buying a major item such as a car or appliance, you have a lot of sway. Maybe your beauty operator or car dealer would like to provide a gift certificate for service; it would bring the bidder into the business. Appliances: gift certificate for a special discount would also create traffic. Of course, gift baskets are always good. Use your imagination. Retailers and other businesses are intent on finding and keeping customers, especially now.

Of course, outright dollar support is guaranteed to give full value to KDO! Sponsorships are still available for \$100 to \$2000, with sponsor benefits increasing in value with amounts. Again, think of companies, especially ones where you have a connection, who would be benefit by their exposure to our attendees and members. Our Title Sponsor again this year, at \$3000, is Regency

Nursing Care Residence. Thank you, Regency. The Sponsorship Committee has come up with some new benefits for sponsors this year. Donna Jean will get a list to you on request.

Step right up for a committee assignment on the day of the event. Help is always needed at the Bazaar tables, the Country Cupboard (bakery items) and generally helping folks to tables, etc. Contact Donna Jean to volunteer.

Speaking of bakery, Country Cupboard is one of our best profit makers. We have always run out of things to sell, especially because our talented members always make their items look pretty, with spiffy names. Please "plate" or bag your goodies attractively and attach a price tag. Also consider packaging in smaller amounts to appeal to those who would like to sample a variety of items (or who are trying to stay on a diet!). Bring to Crowne Plaza the day of the event. (I'm smacking my lips already.) Don't tell anyone, but some bring a luscious goody made by a bakery. Why not?

*Keya Bannister*, Progress Circle

#### **NOTICE WORDSMITHS**

Put on your thinking caps for an enticing name for the KDO menu cookbook (p.6) which we are confident will bring us fame, as well as fortune to add to our endowment fund.

"Newsletter" is a boring title for such an illustrious group. Send your favorite idea which is representative of KDO.

Submissions for both to: [sublett@sccf.us](mailto:sublett@sccf.us)



## OUR KDO DOLLAR\$ SERVING SENIORS

### One Hope United

This Foster Grandparent Program recruits and trains low-income senior volunteers to act as foster grandparents and mentors to school children in the area. They commit to 20-40 hours per week. Our funds help provide them a small stipend, reimbursement for expenses, and a free daily meal. They also receive support and advice in times of need. The program fosters socialization to decrease the common tendency for seniors to isolate themselves in later life. So our grant has a double community benefit.

One success story involves Grandpa Jack, a retired schoolteacher, who works one on one with five special needs children in an elementary school with 102 special education need students, 2 autistic classes and 1 behavioral disorder class. He has been successful in connecting with a child with a history of behavioral difficulties who is identified in the district as homeless. This child had no positive male role model in his life until he met Grandpa Jack. Grandpa is trying to teach the student to admire positive behavior rather than idolize violence and disrespectful behaviors.

Grandpa Jack has commented that since he became aware of and was recruited by the Foster Grandparent Program, he feels his life has regained a sense of purpose—a reason to get up in the morning to join a group that is doing such wonders for future generations.

More at: [sccf.us](http://sccf.us), click on KDO.

### Senior Services Center Of Central Illinois

Senior Services of Central Illinois has provided non-medical services to our community seniors for over forty-four years. Extraordinary delays of funds due from the state have been widely reported. Seeing what was ahead, the agency made major budget and staff cuts in 2009 and again earlier this year.

By the end of July the Daily Bread nutrition program deliveries had to be reduced from five to four days week, and in the Senior Transport program had to be reduced, in order to make sure these programs were able to remain open. The Board and management staff of SSCI continue to be proactive in streamlining programs while continuing to provide as many services as possible.

The funding by Kings Daughters and the continuing assistance from your volunteers is becoming a larger and larger piece of the puzzle to keep these much-needed services available to the existing clients, as new clients request our services. Examples of new requests: Two elderly ladies recently asked to receive Daily Bread. The 92-year-old has developed medical problems which make it nearly impossible to shop and cook for herself. The 97-year-old no longer has a driver's license. We will continue carefully to evaluate new requests and to provide for those who truly need our services.

[KDO vols who deliver DB note the obvious client needs !!]

### Serving Jesus Willingly

Our new grantee has launched a new program: meetings with seniors to determine their needs and to find ways to fill those needs. Julie Hubbard from the County Area on Aging, Alderman Gail Simpson, and a representative from Raymond Poe's office attended the first meeting in June. Participants filled out a form with health history, neighborhood, cost of insurance, and safety in the community, to determine appropriate speakers. Coffee, milk, juice and doughnuts were available on arrival and a lunch was served. Bingo was popular, with gifts for each winner.

The June meeting had low attendance, probably because it was a day of black skies and very heavy rain. However, those who did attend had a very positive attitude about the program and will no doubt encourage their friends to attend the two meetings in July. Sue Shevlin provided Bingo prizes: T-shirts sent for donations, playing cards, writing tablets and tissue purse paks. If you have small gifts you can provide for future meetings, let Sue know.

*"I appreciate the Meals on Wheels program. I first got the meals when I had my cancer operation. Since my illness, I walk with a walker, so I cannot make my own meals. Thank you."*

*....Mable Letterst*

Mable is among 94 seniors who received a total of 9,997 special diets through KDO's 2009 grant to the **American Red Cross**.

## 2011 GRANTS COMMITTEE

## WELCOME

The new KDO grants cycle will begin shortly after the first of the year. Members of the first three committees felt it was a very interesting and rewarding experience. Each Circle sends one member to the Committee, charged with the responsibility to attend each meeting. An alternate delegate is assigned, but attends only in the event the original delegate is unable to attend. Your Circle Leader will ask very soon who is interested and available for all dates. It is necessary to sign a confidentiality agreement agreeing not to discuss specific deliberations re applicants or to reveal the selections in advance. Here's the schedule:

**Friday, Feb. 4, 9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting.** Applications fitting our mission passed out to each committee delegate to take home to read and understand by the first meeting.

**Friday, Feb. 18, 9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting.** Discuss and decide criteria and preferences. Delete those that don't fit. This usually takes a full morning. Those retained will be asked to provide additional information and will be invited to present at the next meeting.

**Friday, 25 Pick up packet.**

Read and rank in order beginning with most important.

**Monday, April 4. No meeting.**

Turn in rankings to SCCF.

**Friday, April 8, 9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting.** Interviews and final decisions on grantees and

amounts. This is usually a long meeting, potentially into the afternoon.

All activities will be at the SCCF office, 205 S. Fifth Street, Ste. 930. Jennifer Sublett of SCCF sits with us as a non-voter, helping with any questions and providing wonderful service in balancing to the total available dollars.

News of our funding continues to spread. Last cycle produced requests for many more dollars than available. Some requests were eliminated because they didn't fit our mission, a major issue in the decisions. We may well have more requests in the coming round. You will have the responsibility for deciding who's in and who's out, and which in's get what.

### *Making Your Estate Plans?*

*Including a charitable bequest to the King's Daughters Organization Fund in your will is a simple, easy way to make a lasting gift to serve the elderly in our community. The KDO Fund is the source of our grants for local charities. For more information on making a bequest, please contact SCCF at 217-789-4431.*

*To make a planned gift to KDO in your estate, designate:*  
**Sangamon County  
 Community Foundation, Inc.  
 KDO Fund**

Grateful Daughters should get a prize for working toward our major goal to increase memberships. We hope you new members will become involved in our activities. Those returning have found a different, revitalized KDO.

Fiscal Year 2009—2010

Wanda Keil, Margaret Garfield  
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 Judy Oxtoby, Progress  
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 Willa Fuhrken\*, Grateful Dtrs.  
 Kimmy Giganti, Progress  
 Judith Barringer, Willing  
 Sue Carroll, Willing  
 Lynne Ewan, Friendship  
 Jan Wilson, Mary A. Lawrence

Fiscal Year 2010—2011

Connie Burke, Margaret Garfield  
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 Mary Jean Western, Grateful Dtrs.  
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 Kelli Narting, Grateful Daughters  
 Lin Vautrain, Grateful Daughters  
 Kay King\*, Margaret Garfield  
 \*Rejoined



*M. A. Lawrence Summer Circeling*

## Summer Circling

**Mary A. Lawrence** annual Summer Social and Fundraiser was on June 29<sup>th</sup> at Jeanne Madden's home with "just the ladies". 24 members enjoyed a "Summer Picnic" night of great fun and good food, including devilled eggs, peppadewes, beef and pork sandwiches, pasta salad, a delicious green salad, marinated green beans, fruit salad in a watermelon basket, with dessert of individual pudding/cookie cups and flan. Everyone enjoyed visiting. Again, this year the members did not disappoint with their donations. To date the Circle has collected \$2000.00.

Naomi Deroser, Our Lady at Fair Hills, had a birthday on June 16. A member took her a gift certificate to get her hair done. The Circle also sent an honorarium in her name to the KDO fund.

**Progress Circle** has been busy preparing for Serving With Style, the 2010 benefit, with planning committee and sponsorship meetings and other preparations. An ad hoc committee will explore future options for benefits, with a report scheduled in December. The Circle directory of active and sustaining members was updated; the 2009-2010 annual report was completed and mailed to all on the list as well as to KDO officers. For our volunteer project we conducted Bingo and served refreshments for Fair Hills Residence.

*Ann Davis, President*

**Margaret Garfield** Kay King was hostess at her lovely home on the lake on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Delicious fried chicken was the feature, with the usual excellent

## What'cha Got Cookin'?

Remember that line from an old song? Sing along now and change the last word to make it, "How 'bout cookin' somethin' up with us." Katie Martielli and her cookbook committee have mixed it up this summer with plans for a menu cookbook to help us achieve our major goal of increasing grants to serve the elderly.

In the spring issue we asked you to start thinking about successful meals you have prepared, whether favorite breakfasts or formal dinners. We've dreamed up several tasty categories we believe will give us a lamb-leg up. Send them to Barbara Archer at [bjarcher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjarcher@sbcglobal.net) or 4102 Highbury Dr. 62711. If email, be sure to put KDO cookbook in the address subject. (Hold the recipes.)

The committee is investigating costs for various book styles. Several decisions are already out of the oven: A quality production worthy of commanding \$35 – \$40. Menu section at the front, referenced to recipe categories. Entertaining with style and ease. Making it healthy. Helpful hints, including table settings and décor, cooking tips et al. We're working on a book title; your suggestions to Katie are welcome. We'll ask a few celebrity chefs to contribute a favorite recipe, and a wine expert to suggest selections.

This issue was at press before the August Board meeting. Early indications are that the project is feasible, but the Board must approve funds for initial production. Once we have instructions to preheat the oven, we'll notify you through your Circle Leader and will provide forms for producing the recipes.

So whip up those menus for Barbara. It will help you prepare for a new season of your own entertaining, and contribute to a successful upcoming 120<sup>th</sup> year of KDO.

accompaniments by the members. The patio provided excellent viewing of the passing boats. Conversation flowed. The husbands paid for their meals. (Clever fund-raising!)

We did the usual monthly visits with Our Ladies; at press time an August 27<sup>th</sup> gathering is planned for Pat Holland's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We conducted monthly Bingo for residents of Fair Hills. Every Friday we deliver a route for Daily Bread. Our members note the value of this service, helping seniors stay in their domiciles. Several members volunteer for other non-profits, including KDO.

**Grateful Daughters** We take Our Lady, Leda to visit nursing homes

of her choice. She visits members of her church, as well as ladies who lived at King's Daughters Home. Our volunteer work is Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Dinner, church activities, and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. I'll have a coffee on September 7; our regular meetings start in October. Hopefully our yearbooks will be done by then.

Donna Freeman wrote the very nice article about One Hope United. She interviewed Gloria Plummer, the Director, at our corporation meeting for a story to warm the cockles of your heart. (see page 4)

*Mary Lou Booker*

## Just a Girl Who Can't Say NO

“If you need to get something done, give it to a busy person.” Try Barbara Archer—if you can catch up with her. The only thing she’s not good at is saying ‘NO’, though she is trying to learn. Her latest no ‘NO’ is KDO’s menu cookbook, expected to be a great fund-raiser. (See the article in this issue.)

The folks at New Salem know how busy she’s been since the ‘80s, where she’s mastered and used 16 skills, from blacksmithing to ushering. Her favorite, of course, is hearth cooking at the Rutledge Tavern.

She performs many services at the Presidential Museum and other Lincoln sites. Lucky volunteers often get to savor some delicious goodies tested for the winning cookbook, *The A. Lincoln Cookbook* is now selling the last of the third printing.

Last year she recorded 413 volunteer hours for just those two Lincoln sites. She doesn’t bother to record the time she spends cooking up those goodies. Add her KDO hours for a total of volunteer hours and you wonder when she sleeps.

Her do-all habit began early. As a student at Springfield High School she was assistant to the legendary Elizabeth Graham, head of the English Dept., actress in the senior class play; member of multi school clubs, and sign maker for school events (a skill learned from her father). During her sophomore year her mother had major surgery just as her grandfather moved in,

so she had to cook for the family. She says it’s a good thing they didn’t mind eating milk toast for every dinner. Culinary skills came later.

Graduating in 1953, she wanted to go to Oklahoma A&M, (now OSU). While family hesitated approving this venture, she went to work at Pillsbury Mills in the mail room. She reports the A&M ratio was very favorable: 3.5/1, men/women. At A&M she promptly became involved in new skills at the campus radio station, some TV writing, and campus theater. (It was a hectic night backstage at *Twelfth Night*, coordinating 33 stage calls per minute when the well padded Sir Toby Belch knocked her director’s book to the floor.) She did manage to slip in her academic work as an education major, including student teaching at Will Rogers Junior HS in Tulsa.

Even before graduating in ’57 she was hired to teach English at Jefferson Junior High which opened that fall. She then went to Southeast HS where she taught, supervised student activities and became Department Chair before moving full time to the Lawrence 9<sup>th</sup> grade center; before moving on to Franklin JHS and finally Springfield High.

Bill Archer had been a friend during high school. After he returned from the US Navy, their friendship evolved and in 1958, they married. As Bill was moving into their apartment in Campaign, son David decided to make

an early arrival, in Springfield. She retired in 1990 from SHS, but not from lecturing and volunteering. Bill died in March of 2003. Barbara filled the gap in her life by continuing her community activities.

In 1992 she joined Mary Lawrence Circle. She was promptly recruited for activities at the Home, and then moved through the KD officer ranks, managing her years of the Presidency during Bill’s final illness. Later she returned to the Board of Directors retiring from the executive board last May.

Retiring? Well, only from the Board. Now it’s on full steam to the KDO menu cookbook.

She hasn’t run out of Yes’s yet.



You are all familiar with the KDO logo, the crown with circles. When you see a member wearing a gold pendant, she is one of our past presidents, the only ones who may wear it. Barbara wears hers with pride.



## King's Daughters Organization

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## Contributions

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**Bill & Bitsy Reisch's  
50th wedding anniversary**  
Charles & Susan Hammond  
Mrs. Walter Brissenden

**Our Lady, Naomi Derosear's  
Birthday**  
Mary A. Lawrence Circle

**Earl Roland's 88th**  
Bim and Posy Flatt

### Gifts in memory of...

**Mary Lou Fernandez Miller**  
Mary H. Blackstock Circle  
"May the Lord be with you."

**Julie Manny (Mary Vienna)**  
Clara Hobbs  
Dorothy Ray

### OPEN HEART

When we solicit funds, potential donors often ask what percent of our members donated. Even \$1 each is enough for us to say 100% of members contributed to *From the Heart*. There's still time to send a check to SCCF-KDO fund. Open your heart and purse today.

**Remember to make checks to  
SCCF—KDO Fund. Mail to:  
SCCF  
205 South Fifth Street, Ste. 930  
Springfield IL 62701**

*Specify From the Heart*

Total fund additions ytd =  
\$1,320.00

### **For Your Wallet...**

September 1, 2010 Wednesday  
**Menu submissions**

September 13, 2010 Tuesday  
**Collections Coffee**

October 7, 2010 Thursday  
**Getting to Know You**

November 1, 2010 Monday  
**Serving With Style**  
Progress Circle-KDO benefit

May 9, 2011 Monday  
**Annual meeting**  
KDO Corporation

Board meetings: last Monday  
My Circle Meetings: Sept.\_\_\_\_  
Oct.\_\_\_\_ Nov\_\_\_\_ Dec\_\_\_\_  
Jan '11\_\_\_\_ Feb\_\_\_\_ Mar\_\_\_\_  
Apr\_\_\_\_ May\_\_\_\_  
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