



## King's Daughters Circular

### Better and Better

#### “Dining with the Daughters” Progress Circle of the King's Daughters 65<sup>th</sup> Benefit

The 2011 Progress Circle KDO Luncheon and Style Show was even better than last year's, thanks to Chairperson Susan Ruehling's creative new approaches in several areas. The day started about dawn for those sales chairs that brought in loads and loads of goods for the sales tables and the private auction and started organizing. As usual, a few sneak-peekers moseyed in to scope out the best deals. Soon the activity in each area was at near-fever pitch.

The huge array of auction items attracted an always-full line waiting to find favorites. A few unique items, baskets of beauty products and service certificates, and certificates for fitness and spas led early. Silver, china and crystal had extensive offerings. Linens indicated a major cultural shift. Customers for jewelry were two and three deep. The Marketplace had to keep bringing out merchandise to fill



Karen Little of Grateful Daughter Circle and other guests enjoying the “Benefit”.

spaces on the tables as seasonal decorative items flew into carry-bags. The well-stocked Bakery whetted appetites for lunch with free tidbits, always a great sales device.

The luncheon was well received this year, with the conversation level proof of a good time had by all. Virgil Rhodes and his band “Footprints” played at just

the right level; careful listening provided nostalgia for some of those wonderful old favorites. Drum roll!

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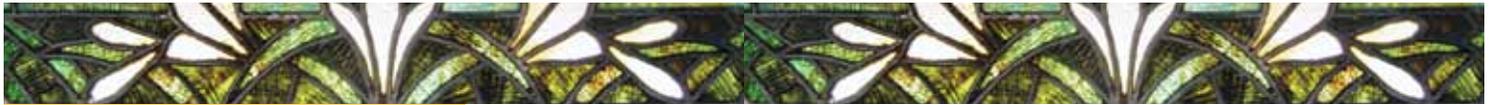
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**The King's Daughters Organization wishes to express sincere appreciation to Tobin Jewelers, Evan and Ann Hart, for their continuous support, and generosity with the annual Progress Benefit. By being our greatest benefactor for the raffle, Tobin's has made it possible for KDO to reach further into our senior community to give assistance and comfort.**



Janice Butler and Pat Cross , Progress Circle,  
King's Daughters Organization



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## Presidents Letter

Summer is over and the Executive Board and all the Circles have been hard at work planning for our 2011-2012 year.

On October 6, 2011, the King's Daughters Organization held a "Getting to Know You" event to introduce ourselves to prospective new members, get to know new members and highlight the King's Daughters Organization. About fifty members and guests came together that night.

The "Dining with the Daughters" Progress Circle of the King's Daughters 65<sup>th</sup> Benefit looks like a great success. Susan Ruehling, the Benefit chair, did a wonderful job of organizing the event.

The end of the calendar year is approaching. The Christmas Bingo event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Fair Hills Presbyterian Home. Small gifts will be given to all the residents that attend. Christmas Bingo will begin at 2:00 with punch and cookies followed by

bingo at 2:30.

We will again reprise the "Give from your Heart" campaign. This campaign is to remind our members to remember loved ones or honor friends. A contribution to the 2011-2012 campaign honors people you think are special. The honoree(s) will receive an announcement of your honorarium and you will receive an acknowledgment for tax purposes. In addition, your donation will be recognized in the *CIRCULAR*.

Don't forget, when planning your holiday menus; test a few recipes that have been submitted for our *Dining with the Daughters* cookbook.

Sue Shevlin,  
Progress Circle



## Grants Committee

The 2012 Grants Cycle is set to start with a press release at the end of December announcing the upcoming KDO grants.

The total dollar amount to be awarded has not yet been determined; however, it is safe to say KDO will have another successful grant cycle in 2012! Most of the grant process will be conducted online through CFLL, which will save a lot of time and paper. Three grant meetings have been scheduled: February 10, 2012 @ 9am, February 17, 2012 @ 9am and March 30, 2012 @ 8:30am. As a reminder to Circle Leaders: If your circle has not yet submitted a name for the Grants Committee as well as an alternate, please contact Teresa McElwee immediately to fill that commitment.

Teresa McElwee,  
Margaret Garfield Circle



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## *Honor Flight*

An Honor flight is an opportunity to show a World War II veteran how much you appreciate his/her service to our country. I became interested in being a guardian on an Honor Flight after hearing about it from a friend who was a guardian for her father; however, it took sitting on the KDO grant committee to spur me into action.

After applying to be a guardian early in the summer of 2011, I received a notice of training followed by a phone call asking if I could be a guardian on the October 11, 2011 flight. I went up to make an introductory interview with my veteran, Galen Eschman, who lives outside of Peoria. My job was to review with Galen the application he had made by checking information such as emergency contacts, medical issues, need of a wheelchair and military history. Also I needed to take time to get to know him and hear his fascinating story.

Galen was a Navy Signalman 2nd class serving on one of the troop ships that landed the first Marines at Iwo Jima. From there he went to Okinawa where he happened to be in Yokohama Bay on the Battleship Missouri when the Japanese signed the surrender. He had a brief visit to Hiroshima about eight weeks after the atomic bomb was dropped. After the initial visit, I checked in with Galen a couple times to see if he had any questions and make sure that everything was going smoothly.

On the night before the flight a dinner was served at the VFW Hall to give the veterans a chance to meet the others who would be on the flight. The following morning we arrived at the airport around 5:00 AM to be whisked through security and into the waiting Lounge for coffee and donuts. By 8:30 AM, we were landing at Reagan National in Washington DC. An announcement had been made of our arrival, and as we left the plane, cheers from travelers and servicemen rose up for the veterans.

We loaded onto three buses and traveled to the World War II memorial that sits in the shadow of the Washington Monument. After a group photo of the veterans and a brief remembrance ceremony, time was allowed for wandering around and taking photos. As we entered the memorial there were groups of people cheering for the veterans as well as a 2nd grade class distributing cards they had made.

After the World War II memorial, we went to visit the Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial and Vietnam Memorial. Galen chose to visit the Vietnam Memorial so we walked over to the wall and looked at the names. We ate box lunches as we rode out to the new Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. We saw some of the very early airplanes before going to the Air Force Memorial. It is a very impressive cluster of three stainless steel beams giving the impression of three jets flying off into the sky. This was followed by the changing of the Guard Ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

Our final stop was the Iwo Jima Memorial. This was a special stop for Galen because of his service there. We returned to Reagan National Airport where we boarded our return flight to Springfield. While the flight was in the air, a mail call was held. The mail had come from family, friends, and well-wishers as well as from KDO members. Galen very much appreciated the kind thoughts.

Once on the ground everyone disembarked and lined up behind the bagpiper. When everyone was ready, the veterans and their guardians entered the terminal to the cheers of the crowd that had gathered to welcome them home. The veterans received cheers, balloons,



signs, handshakes, hugs, and tears as they walked the length of the terminal. There were KDO ladies there to greet us. It was a very fitting end to a long but special day that was set aside to honor those who sacrificed a portion of their lives to ensure our freedom. And for some of us, new friendships were forged that will last a lifetime.

The trip for the veteran is free except for souvenirs or miscellaneous items. Guardians paid a fee that covered their flight and meals.

Barbara McKean,  
Mary A. Lawrence Circle



**New Members**  
*(since the last newsletter)*

**Grateful Daughters**

Mary Lou Bent

**Marjorie Post/Nightingale**

Cressie Foley

Lois Bloechle

**King's Daughters 65<sup>th</sup> Benefit (continued from cover)**

There was wide acclaim for Paula Ryan's new approach to the style show. The printed descriptions for each guest keyed to cards carried by the vivacious models made for a brisk pace on the runway, and a simple way to identify where to find favorites without the need for narration. The placement of platforms meant that everyone had a good view. We give special thanks to our three service men for helping the models on and off the platforms. At press time, early indications

are that we had another financial success, so important for our mission. You can expect detailed results soon.

We hope all members took a few moments to fill out a suggestion card inserted in the program—another innovation. If not, please contact Susan Ruehling [ziglous@hotmail.com](mailto:ziglous@hotmail.com) or (515) 778-4941. Help make the benefit better and better each year.

Posy Flatt, Margaret Garfield Circle



*(pictured right) Models from ????*

*(pictured below) The Wardrobe models Michelle Londrigan, Phyllis Suiter, Becky Glazier.*



*(pictured above) BJ Grand applying finishing touches to models, Connie Disenco (top) and ??? (bottom).*

*(pictured right) Nancy Hendricks and Jennifer Hendricks enjoying a day of shopping, fashion and lunch together.*



*Studying the wide variety of items to purchase.*



(pictured above) Models from Scheels??



(pictured above) Model (name) taking a spin on the runway.



(picuted right) Nancy Eck and Brittany Allan from Regency enjoying the Benefit.



## Mark Your Calendars

### Christmas Bingo:

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fair Hills Home. Punch and cookies will be served at 2:00 with bingo beginning at 2:30.

### Girls Night Out

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 6:30 at It's All About Wine

### Give from the Heart

Remember special friends and family. Any contributions received by January 15<sup>th</sup> will be included in the February Circular.

### Grant Committee meetings

February 10 & 17, 2012 and March 30, 2012

## Our Mission Coming "Full Circle"

One of the Margaret Garfield Circle's volunteer opportunities is to deliver food for the Daily Bread Program for Senior Services. A few weeks ago Shirley Bruner and I were taking photos of some of the seniors who receive Daily Bread and one of the seniors we snapped was Charlotte Berry. A couple of days after we delivered food to Charlotte, I received an email from Sandra Douglas from Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church of God who wanted to make sure that everyone who saw Charlotte would wish her a Happy 95th Birthday! Greater All Nations has been a grant recipient for the past four years, and Charlotte attends the monthly luncheons that are sponsored by our grant funds. THE NEXT DAY, I read an

article in the SJ-R about Charlotte Berry. On Monday, October 10, her 95th birthday, she received AARP Illinois' highest volunteer honor, the Andrus Award for Community Service. According to the SJ-R, she was also honored in 2005 with the Mollie Moon Volunteer Service Award in Washington, D.C. and in 2006 she was recognized at the Springfield Urban League for volunteering 25 years or more. How wonderful to know that the time we volunteer and the money we give touches just one awesome senior in so many ways.

Teresa McElwee,  
Margaret Garfield Circle



**"If you would like to find out more about KDO volunteer opportunities contact your Circle Leader, Board Member or Teresa McElwee, Mission Committee Chairperson."**

**"Please consider donating to KDO to help support seniors in our community."**



## *KDO Gifts*

(Gifts from **May 1<sup>st</sup>** thru  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**)

**Gifts have been made in memory of...**

### *Donna Fletcher*

by Donna Jean Gibney

### *Kathryn Goby*

by Donna Jean Gibney  
Judy Goby Oxtoby  
Cathy Schwartz  
Sue Shevlin

### *Kathryn McDow*

by Diana Dedrick  
Donna Jean Gibney  
Judy Goby Oxtoby  
Cathy Schwartz  
Sue Shevlin  
Brenda Staab

### *Julie Noonan*

by Progress Circle of KDO

### *Arlowyne Maddox Purcell*

by Sally Cadigan

### *Gilbert Stein*

by Mike and Diana Dedrick

**Gifts have been made in honor of...**

### *Pat Holland's birthday*

by Margaret Garfield Circle of KDO

### *Cathy Schwartz and the 2010-2011*

*Executive Board*  
by Sue Shevlin

## *Getting to Know You and More*

The King's Daughters Organization is all about helping senior programs throughout the community, but it is also about socializing, meeting new, greeting old.....being social and having fun.

On October 6, 2011, the King's Daughters Organization held a "Getting to Know You" event. Chuck Weyhenmeyer, from Meals on Wheels, explained how our grant assists their program. Debbie Deopere from the Area Agency on Aging stressed the need for volunteerism, and Teresa McElwee expressed the KDO mission from a Circle perspective.

Part of the message was that you don't have to commit to a huge block of time to volunteer. You can volunteer for an hour as well as for a month or a year. All of the charities need more volunteers especially during the winter months.

There was plenty of good food and

large, colorful Mums for door prizes as well as warm friendly conversation. It was particularly gratifying to meet members from the Advisory Board and many of our Grant recipients.

As we move from the GTKY we look ahead to holiday season and another event. Mark your calendars for Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 for a *Girls Night Out* at It's All About Wine, 1305 Wabash Avenue. Buy a bottle of wine to share or just buy it by the glass or choose a soft drink or bottled water. It's All About Wine will donate ten per cent (10%) of all purchases to our charity, the Senior Service Center. Bring a nibble to share AND it's early enough to meet your spouse or friend for dinner afterwards.

Sally Cadagin, Margaret Garfield Circle



*Some of our honored guests (names)*



*(pictured left) Deb Deopore and Cathy Schwartz sharing a laugh at GTKY night. (pictured right) Susan Ruehling, Shirley Bruner, and Teresa McElwee enjoying each others company at GTKY.*



(pictured above) Glenda Warren, Pat Shafer, Ann Davis, Mary Lou Booker, Cathy Moreno and Dorothy Fitzgerald enjoying each other's company at GTKY.



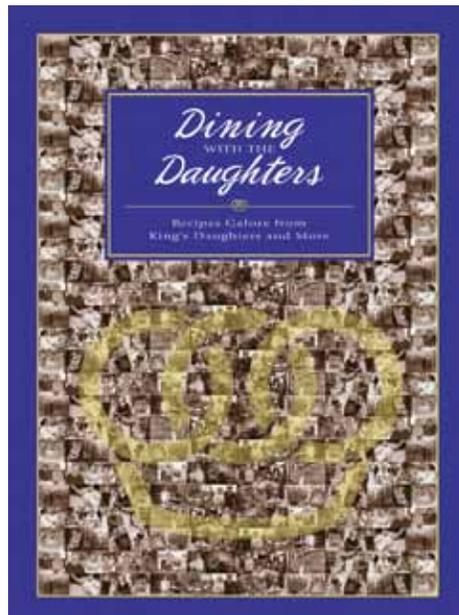
(pictured left) Brenda Staab, Diana Dedrick, Cindy Denby, and Susan Fulks exchanging ideas for 2012 GTKY.

## Benefit items for sale

Didn't have enough time to shop at the Benefit, or have items you meant to donate and forgot to do so? During the Old Capitol Holiday Walks we will have access to one of the stores on 6th Street, December 7th and 8th.....look for the KING'S DAUGHTERS banner. Stop by to shop supporting KDO as well as the other stores downtown .....it is a fun, magical time to share with family and friends walking the streets of Springfield adorned in their Christmas finery...

## Cookbook

While many may not believe it, the **cookbook committee is working diligently at getting recipes tested.** We had an "overwhelming" response of recipes which we have to whittle down in order to print a cookbook and not a catalog. We welcome all in the testing of recipes process..... parties, family dinners, potlucks at work..... all types of functions coming up where you could take one or a few of the delicious and delightful recipes. Cathy Schwartz [cschwartz@rwtroxell.com](mailto:cschwartz@rwtroxell.com) or 793-1137 or Suzie Fessler at [suziefessler@hotmail.com](mailto:suziefessler@hotmail.com) may be contacted to help match the appropriate recipe to your individual ability and skill. We are striving for the best assortment of recipes that will represent our organization for years to come!



## KDO Gifts

(Gifts from **May 1<sup>st</sup>** thru **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 2011)

## Gifts

**Annual Drive**  
"Give from the Heart"  
have been given by

Mina Bentson  
Mary H Blackstock Circle  
Mary Smith

## Gifts

**Annual Fund Drive**  
"Give from the Heart"

Mary Lou Booker  
Donna Jean Gibney  
Sharon Heflin  
Teresa McElwee  
Cathleen Moreno  
Progress Circle  
Don & Carole Walton

## FYI:



**Norma Altman (MJ/P) has served on the Fair Hills Presbyterian Home board for six years. She was off the board for one year, as per Fair Hills Bylaws, but she just recently went back on the Board. Pat Shafer (GD) has been invited to join the Fair Hills Board. Just another way our KDO members are serving the elderly!**



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*Community Foundation Update*

I continue to marvel at the wonderful work the King's Daughters Organization (KDO) is doing in our community. I applaud KDO's resiliency and vision to serve the elderly. The organization has morphed from running a home for the elderly to impacting the lives of hundreds of local seniors each year. The grant awards made possible by KDO (over \$355,000!) are assisting seniors in so many different ways. From programs for veterans, to providing basic needs and emergency assistance, the grant program developed by KDO has been a huge benefit to the elderly community.

The Community Foundation enjoys the role we're able to play helping KDO fulfill its mission. We have also learned a lot from the King's Daughters. When we recently announced our change in name from the **Sangamon County Community Foundation** to the **Community Foundation for the Land of**

**Lincoln**, I think we were feeling some of the same anxiety KDO must have felt during its recent time of transition.

Though we have a new name, we continue to be *your* Community Foundation. The Foundation intends to be here to serve the King's Daughters Organization and many other individuals, businesses, groups and charities in perpetuity. We continue to have a long view for the betterment of our community and stand ready to serve those who wish to leave a legacy to the causes they care about.

The King's Daughters Organization and its members also continue to prepare for the future. We receive donations to the KDO Endowment Fund almost weekly and can see the organization thriving. Members of KDO have continued to grow this endowment through annual gifts, memorials, support from

**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
*for the Land of Lincoln*

the Circles, and especially the annual style show which has become the trademark event for the organization and also raises significant funds to assist seniors. So far in 2011, over \$30,250 has been added to the fund!

Please feel free to contact me or any of our staff at the Community Foundation if we can ever be of assistance in any way and please check our new website: [www.CFLL.org](http://www.CFLL.org). We are so proud to play a role in KDO's ongoing work. Thank you all for everything you do for our community!

John Stremsterfer, Executive Director  
Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln