

King's Daughters CIRCULAR



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Serving with Style a Supreme Success!

The sun shone, literally and figuratively, on *Serving with Style*, the 64th Annual Progress Circle of King's Daughters Benefit held at the Crowne Plaza on November 1, 2010. Whether it was the beautiful blue skies, a revived interest in the purpose of the KDO ... or simply the desire to enjoy the company of friends ... this year's benefit was extremely successful. Attendance of 560 surpassed that of the past several years and a record was set for the amount of money raised—more than \$25,000. Many hands were needed for this success.

Event Chair duties were shared by Keya Bannister (Progress), Donna Jean Gibney (Margaret Garfield), Ann Davis (Progress) and Judy Goby-Oxtoby (Progress), with each bringing her own knowledge and talents to the process. Each Committee Chair worked diligently to maximize her committee's contribution to the overall outcome, both before and during the event. Progress Circle members were joined by members from the other KDO circles to form an able and enthusiastic workforce, nearly one hundred strong, responsible for transforming the Crowne Plaza's barren event area into a shopping and entertaining paradise ... proving that great things can be accomplished when a group of dedicated and devoted women work together! All these fabulous women as well as all those who donated items to the various sale committees deserve a huge "Thank You."

The Style Show was a major feature of the Benefit. A new format employing three small platforms rather than one long runway was tested. This layout not only allowed the placement of more dining tables (demand almost surpassed supply this year), but also provided a better view of the models for the majority of attendees. The Event and Style Show Chairs were busy taking notes of what did and didn't work so adjustments can be made next year to capitalize on the positives while eliminating the negatives. Kudos are owed to the Style Show Stores and their models for not only featuring gorgeous sets of clothing, but also for enthusiastically embracing these changes.

All the efforts of KDO members alone would not have been enough to make the Benefit the success it was without the financial support of our Sponsors. Additional invaluable support was provided by many local businesses and individuals through their generous donations to the Raffle and the Silent Auctions. A heartfelt "Thank You" is extended to all these sponsors and donors. Interested in continuing your support at next year's benefit? Mark your calendar for October 24, 2011, and join Progress Circle and KDO as we work to improve the lives of our senior citizens. *Donna Jean Gibney*

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FROM THE KDO PRESIDENT***FEBRUARY 2011***

I am glad to see 2010 behind me. I hope 2011 will be a healthy year for me and my family and for you and your families. I would like to keep my focus on KDO.

For KDO, it was a very successful year. We awarded \$100,000 in grants. We received the ***Atta Girl Award*** on September 22nd from the Women for Women Fund at SCCF—the first organization to be recognized this way.

In October more than 60 people came to the ***Getting to Know You*** event, including prospective KDO members plus representatives from our grantees. The ***Serving with Style Luncheon and Style Show*** benefit raised more than \$26,000—a record in both profit and attendance. We have officially welcomed 26 new members to our KDO Circles of Friendship.

The ***Grant Committee*** has received a large number of applications. Committee meetings have been set. It will be a very exciting time for the Committee and all KDO members at our annual meeting in May when we award up to \$105,000 as important support to organizations that help the senior population in and around Springfield.

All members and their significant others are invited to a ***King's Daughters Night Out*** at the Corkscrew on Thursday, April 7 from 5-7 p.m. You will be able to mingle with other Circle members at this wine tasting and appetizers get-together. You'll sample "WOW" recipes from the cookbook committee.

This should be an enjoyable way of

closing out our 2010- 2011 year. I hope to meet our newest members there and to greet a good number of members of other Circles I don't yet know.

Give From The Heart

In February thoughts leap to valentines and love. The heart is so associated with love that the familiar red symbol often serves in place of the word. Heartstrings, heartfelt, hearts and flowers—all imply a very special kind of empathy.

We are reprising the ***Give From the Heart*** campaign initiated by Cathy Schwartz to increase our endowment fund by showing love and admiration for loved ones and friends. The fund is the source of our grants which are used to keep up with the growing needs for support of seniors.

What better way for you to show love and admiration than with a contribution to the 2011 campaign honoring folks you think are very special, like your sweetheart and family. Wouldn't your grandmother or parents or siblings be thrilled to be so recognized! How about a special friend, or a group, or organization whose work you admire? Maybe you have a great boss. Be creative! Send any amount, payable to SCCF – KDO Fund, to SCCF, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 930, Springfield IL 62701, naming who you want to honor with a gift from ***your*** heart. All honorees will be notified. You will receive a tax acknowledgment, and recognition in the KDO CIRCULAR.

Sue Shevlin, Progress Circle
KDO President



The Executive Committee admires the Atta Girl award.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Many New Relationships Established

The Dove Center at Prairie Heart Institute was fairly bursting with energy the night of the October KDO get-together.



Each Circle had a table and a display board with pictures and information about the activities of the Circle. Several members from each Circle greeted the prospective members who came to learn more about KDO. Representatives of the 2010 grant recipients also attended.

There was an initial period of circulating by the visitors and our members to the different Circles' tables and to the food tables.



Many members answered the call to provide finger foods. The variety and quality was impressive, as can be expected from any KDO gathering. This time we outdid our reputation.

President Sue Shevlin invited all to take chairs. She welcomed our guests and spoke briefly of our mission. Cathy Schwartz had put together a changing display of color pictures of various member events and activities which were projected

on a large screen in the background. WOW. Sue then introduced Nikki Quandt, Director of One Hope United Hudson Region, one of our repeat grantees. She talked for several minutes about the specific activities and accomplishments of the organization. Members who had not had the pleasure of serving on the Grant Committee were delighted to learn more about the organization. The next speaker was Angela Oliver from Senior Services who listed the many ways SSCI assists seniors, both directly, and indirectly through referrals.



Representatives from other grant recipients present that night seemed to enjoy meeting each other as well as KDO members. They were: Sandra Douglas from Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church, Brian Gorbett from Chatham Fire Department, Sam Winger from Serving Jesus Willingly, Jaleen Muex and Faraji Martin from American Red Cross, Jamie Freschi from Illinois Retired Teachers, and Bill Kienzle from Contact Ministries.

After the talks Sue extended an invitation to all visitors to consider membership in an existing Circle,

or to form a new Circle, for which she offered help in getting started.

By way of background, at the beginning of her Presidency, Sue announced two major goals: to increase membership and to increase our endowment fund.

Also, going back to the process for development of our new mission, there was an expressed desire to develop greater interaction between Circles to further foster friendships within the larger organization. This event certainly was posited as a new member drive. It was also successful in terms of inter-circle friendships, as there was much circulating and socializing during the evening.



Many new friends were made within KDO, and indeed, we did glean prospective new members at this event. If you weren't able to attend in October, look for the next time we have the opportunity to get to know you—*King's Daughters Night Out* at the Corkscrew on April 7, 5-7 p.m.



CIRCLE REPORTS

WELCOME

We are delighted to have the infusion of new energy and new ideas with these women who have joined us since the last newsletter.

Grateful Daughters

Kelli Harting
Annette Johnson
Donna Moler
Cathy Moreno
Trina Stremsterfer
Mary Jean Western
Margaret Garfield
Jill Aiello

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2011 KDO CALENDAR

February **Give From Your Heart**
April 7 5-7 pm KD Night Out
May 9 KDO Annual Meeting
October 24 Progress Circle Benefit

ACTIVITIES

Grateful Daughters

Donna Freeman

We provided the entertainment at Fair Hills on Aug 18. Carolyn Stone found a really great magician, Michael Kinner. The audience was very enthusiastic. Yes, he pulled out a white rabbit!

Pat Shafer and I attended the *Seniors, Let's Salsa* event at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in August, made possible by our grant to Greater All Nations Tabernacle. It was a hoot!

Picture deleted: Barrenzuela leading to demonstrate Salsa steps.

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Julio Barrenzuela involved all in the activity. His program is designed to improve the mental and physical health of the groups he works with. The presentation,

Picture deleted:
Let's Salsa! Chorus line

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tailored for seniors, had everyone hopping or at least moving a bit to the music. Everyone was most gracious in welcoming us.

The State Journal-Register published a nice article about it.

Salsa photos courtesy State Journal-Register

Grateful Daughters...continued

Mary Lou Booker

In December we hosted Willing Circle for a luncheon meeting at Illini Country Club. Mark Gifford entertained. Our KDO Lady, Leda Thorp, attended and said Grace. Last year Willing Circle invited us. We've found this a good way to get to know other Circle members.

We continue to collect food for seniors; this year we took it to the Senior Services Center. Also, we take Leda to visit the various nursing homes so she can visit ladies who lived at the King's Daughters Home, as well as members of her church.

Progress Circle

Anne Davis

Committee members had three productive meetings last fall plus the *Collections Coffee*, working with members of other KDO Circles to make *Serving with Style* a social and financial success.

Several members represented us personally and we had an attractive display board for *Getting to Know You* at the Dove Center.



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MORE CIRCLE REPORTS

Progress Circle...continued

We also cooperated with Margaret Garfield Circle in entertaining Fair Hills residents with a Christmas Bingo party complete with a variety of tasty home-made refreshments. We gave holiday gifts to our two special KDO Ladies, Julia Wilson (Regency) and Betty Coy (Fair Hills).

We volunteer regularly for Meals on Wheels.

Margaret Garfield



Pat Holland, our Circle's Lady, was joined by her three daughters including Donna Ley (MG), plus several Circle members and friends in celebration of her 90th birthday at Fair Hills.

Pat Holland with daughters Linda Young, Pat Noll, and Donna Ley.

A favorite day each month at Fair Hills is the second Wednesday at 2 p.m. when we sponsor BINGO with real money. Help is welcome. Get to know members of our Circle. In December we had lots of cooperation from other Circles for a special Christmas Bingo event, with lots of their favorite home-baked specialties. (see picture next column)

We continue to take turns delivering Daily Bread for the Senior Services Center. Everyone who delivers sees clearly that we are helping elders stay in their homes. It's very rewarding.



The fabulous array of treats made a big hit at Fair Hills Christmas Bingo

Marjorie Post - Nightingale *Susan Beard*

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, our Circle presented the Sokol Polish Folk Dancers for the enjoyment of the residents of Fair Hills Residence. The couple danced eight authentic Polish dances, including six considered to be national dances of Poland, to Polish folk music while lustily singing traditional folk songs.



They were energetic, beautifully costumed and greatly enjoyed by all. We were very lucky to have them during October, Polish-American Heri-

APPRECIATION

One Hope United earlier placed a large ad on back of SMTD buses expressing appreciation for the KDO grant.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Or should we say, Who's Cookin'? Katie Marinelli's Cookbook Committee is steaming along with *Dining with the Daughters*. We need much more time to work on the cookbook. We still need recipes so we are putting out the call for your most fantastic **wow** recipes, the ones that are always requested, that will make this book the quality piece we envision. Send your very best, the ones everyone wants to:

Barbara Archer

bjacher1@sbcglobal.net

Other sub-committees have been working on design, selecting a printing company, acquiring pictures, artwork, and layout, and final pricing. Of course, you will be talking with your friends, relatives, neighbors, customers, and fellow cooks about purchasing books. We'll have more updates at your Circle meetings for help with recipe testing.

Farewell ...

These friends will be missed.

Marjorie Ann Lyon, 85, a member of Margaret Garfield Circle, died Dec. 14, 2010

Anna Mae Goss, 88, a member of Willing Circle, died Dec. 24, 2010.

Naomi DeRosear, 94, Mary Lawrence KD Lady at Fair Hills Residence, died January 14, 2011.

Hattie Marie Turner, 90, a KD volunteer at the Home, died December 30, 2010

BARBARA DICKERMAN - *SERV*IAT

Barbara Drake's family moved to Springfield when she was a young child. An early childhood memory is living a block from the Ursuline Convent and attending their Academy where the Latin motto was *SERV*IAT. Little did she realize to what extent *SHE SERVES* would be a model for her life. After high school at SHS and Springfield College in Illinois, she finished her degree in political science at Sangamon State University. While working for Franklin Life Insurance she met and dated Robert "Boomer" Dickerman. They married in 1953.

Their first child was only one and a half when they looked at a home on Lake Springfield. When Boomer said, "I hope you like this house, because I want this yard," that was it. The yard eventually produced color at every month of the year, as well as a play-



ground and nature center as the family swelled to four boys and their numerous neighbor pals. When the boys married, Babs had a whole new set of loves in the daughters-in-law. Now there are five grandchildren. At the time we talked in their new downtown apartment in the Town House, remodeling is nearly finished awaiting final items from the lake. Babs was as excited and bubbling about new prospects as she must have been on moving into the lake house.

Married, with four growing boys, she was a stay-at-home Mom of the times, but that didn't keep her from

*SERV*IAT, especially after she heard Martin Luther King, Jr. say, "I want to serve." She joined the League of Women Voters whose mission was "Making a Difference" in the rights of *all* citizens. She became involved in starting a Boy Scout troop in the John Hay Homes. Equal Housing Opportunity was the focus after passage of the 1964 equal rights law. As the League's Housing Chair, MOVE Incorporated was established for action on urban renewal, renovating 28 homes, one at a time, then helping families secure mortgages to purchase them. She describes the League committee as a "Sisterhood which had fun working together for serious purposes for community good."

When the National Historic Landmark, the Lincoln Colored Home was for sale (a home founded in 1898 for black orphans when blacks were not accepted at white orphanages) she helped the NAACP (founded in Springfield after the 1908 race riots) in their attempt to secure the home for a community center.

At the Springfield Illinois African American History Foundation Babs and 10 committee members have recorded 81 interviews with 65 people. Fifteen of these are posted on the website of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library with more being added. (aplpm.org.) When the

boys were grown, Babs worked at SSU as a recruiter and counselor. Later she worked in Development at PBS-WSEC, seeking sponsors and organizing pledge drives.

Babs's mother-in-law Ruth Dickerman was a KDO member, so she joined Progress Circle in 1957 and has been active ever since, making her one of our elite 50 year members. Always willing to jump in when needed, she has served in many capacities, twice as Chair of the annual benefit. In fact, she was the author of the title for the 64th, **Serving With Style**. Judging from her positive approach and her joie de vivre, Babs will go on for many years having fun doing good works for our community.

Festival of Trees

Sue Shevlin, Diana Dedrick, Brenda Staab, Maureen Schaaf and Carolyn Stone decorated a KDO tree for Memorial Medical Center Foundation's annual fundraiser. They featured lots of our royal purple very effectively accented with bright turquoise and silver.

Historical note: Carolyn started the practice three years earlier. She intended to bow out this time, but showed up at the last minute because she couldn't resist and didn't want to miss the fun. Atta Girls!

REMINDER - Send your best **WOW!** recipe to Barbara **NOW!**



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***Serving With Style***

Many thanks to all who so generously supported us at our major fund-raising luncheon and style show. When you read about how King's Daughters is using our funds, give yourself a pat on the back for your contribution to our efforts for the increasing number of seniors in our community.

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Babs Dickerman

SILENT AUCTION

Forty three generous businesses and individuals contributed items for a very profitable silent auction. THANKS TO EACH OF YOU! Bidders in large numbers examined your offerings. The bidding was spirited.

AN EXPERT OPINION

Don O'Neal, Professor of Management at UIS, facilitated KDO's process for selecting a new mission. He has graciously served without pay since then as a member of our very important Advisory Board. He was recently interviewed briefly about his perception of us.

KDO: Don, for how many organizations have you facilitated a process similar to the one you led for King's Daughters to select a new mission when the Home had to be sold?

O'Neal: Well, I've never actually counted, but I suspect it may be a hundred, if not more.

KDO: During the process, how did you feel our representatives responded?

O'Neal: Their enthusiasm, insights, and cooperation were the keys to the success of the process. As always, I made it a point to change the makeup of the breakout groups

for each session, and their reactions were excellent.

I thought things went very well. The response was good. There was a distinct sense of purpose and willingness to work together.

KDO: Looking back now, compared with the business corporations and not-for-profits for whom you have facilitated major changes, how do you rank our performance to date?

O'Neal: (without hesitation) I'd put you in the top five.

KDO: What do you base that on?

O'Neal: Your organization immediately set about implementing the ideas which came from the sessions and you have continued to pursue further development with energy. The implementation is where most organizations fail to carry forward. You have established the new KDO as a vibrant, effective force in the community.

Congratulations!

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