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.

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 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!

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

New Leaders and Directors Meeting, July 11, 2022
Welcome to the 2022-2023 Directors, Circle Leaders, and Alternates!
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

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!

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

Baked Goods Table
L-R: Sue White (PR), Betsy 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)
Silent Auction
Behind the table: **Cathy Schwartz** (MB)
Front of table L-R: **Jennifer Sylvia** (PR), **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)

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

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

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**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
- Coopers Hawk
- Laura Carmody
- Diana Hetherington
- Kathy Mihelich
- Mary Ann Smith
- Sharon Nation
- Helen McDonald
- Fit Club
- J.jill
- Island Bay Yacht Club
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- Amy Rasing
- Brenda Staab
- Christie Goleman
- Rediscover Your Dog
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- Cathy Schwartz
- Giganti Jewelers
- Lisa Burris
- Mildred Burns
- Betsy Bettell
- Pat Sheehan
- Sue Shevlin
- Lisa Coakley
- Dell’s Popcorn
- Jan Elders
- Jan Elders
- Bunn
- Illinois Symphony Orchestra
- Tammi’s Treasures
- Solution Printing
- Farm and Home Supply
- Once in a Blue Moon
- Wild Rose
- King Pin
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- Plunder Jewelry
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- Panther Creek Country Club
- Friendship Circle
- Grateful Daughters Circle
- Margaret Garfield Circle
- Marjorie Post/Nightingale Circle
- Mary A. Lawrence Circle
- Mary H. Blackstock Circle
- Polly Roesch Circle
- Progress Circle
- Willing Circle
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.
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 (PrO).

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next gathering on December 1, 2022, at **Boccardi's Imports**. Details on page 12.
L-R: Charlotte Hannah, Jackie Price-Lucas (PR), Brenda Staab (MB), Cathy Boerke (MP/N), Kim Cochran (WI)

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

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

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
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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
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.

**Willing Circle**

September Luncheon at The Village Tea Room

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)

**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.
"Sharing Life in Circles of Care and Friendship"

**Find us on Facebook** or at **www.kdospringfield.org**

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**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.

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