

Leadership Focus:

Our next focus area as a Board was mentioned at the last meeting. As discussed, we are working to start a Compassion Initiative called something like "Friends Helping Friends" here in the neighborhood. This will have a large area of scope, but some of the items we would like included into the efforts are:

- **Meal Train:** Provide home-cooked meals to neighbors who are very ill, have been hospitalized, lost a loved one, etc. We all know how hard it is to be in these situations, and not worrying about one meal is a great burden off of our friends.
- **Helpful Handyman Assist:** Help out with small odd jobs such as moving an appliance to the street for trash pickup, fix a misbehaving sprinkler, etc. You might be able to help someone avoid hiring a contractor.
- **Rideshare:** Give a ride to someone in need - drive them to a doctor's appointment, to pick up their car from the shop, etc.

This is a very large initiative, and we by NO MEANS want to take the place of a professional for jobs and repairs, but if you are unsure how to proceed in a project or just need another opinion, we might have resources that can survey the situation and provide knowledgeable feedback. We think that this might be a vital service to our Membership. We are looking into an existing program here in the Villages that may be able to assist us with the administrative aspect of this service program, but until then, we need 2-3 ladies that would be willing to help us start up this program in the interim. If you are interested, please contact Maria Guerrero (703) 623-1379 / mguerrera93@gmail.com and she will register your willingness to help. With your help, we can make a difference to our friends and our community.

Past Events:

Mt. Dora Art Fair-

Thank you to Joan Beeman for coordinating this delightful trip to the Mt. Dora Art Fair. All of those that attended said they had a great time. The group of 30 people who attended this event made it such a wonderful gathering and fun day for all who attended.

COMMITTEES

Social Committee Upcoming Events:

March:

Morse Museum (Tiffany Exhibit), Lunch, and Trader Joes

- Wed, Mar 29, 8:00 am, \$5.00 Entry. We currently have 16 members that have signed up for this day trip. Since there is not enough participation at this time to rent a bus, the group will carpool to Orlando and back for the day. If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please contact Joanne Phinney (352) 750-9193 or Valerie Chirichella at (352) 633-9311. Online signups can also be on the website at: <https://hswwclub.com/2023-events/tiffany-glass-exhibit/>

Villages Polo Game and Tailgate Party

- There will be a vote at the next meeting to choose/determine the exact day. Options are Friday March 29th (gates open at 1:30 pm) or Sunday April 2nd (gates open at 11:30 am). Tickets are \$20 per person for this event. Everyone needs to buy their own tickets; the Polo center will not let us buy them in advance. The center does not object to groups getting there early enough to save seats in the pavilion or spaces in the tailgating area. We will form a caravan there in golf carts, everyone can either bring their own food OR bring some to share with others, and of course it is BYOB. We will discuss more at the next meeting but get these dates reserved on your calendar for a fun day together. We have Helen Miles, Becky Montgomery, and Cathy Waters working this event for us.