

RAOK: Neighbor comes to the rescue

Ellen Booker isn't a superhero, but her actions this week came close. And Paula Peterson is around to write about the ordeal.



Ellen is *Lake Tahoe News'* latest Random Acts of Kindness winner for helping her neighbor Paula out when her car got stuck on an icy South Shore road. Read all about it on yesterday's RAOK story. All the stories posted this month for the promotion are under the Random Acts of Kindness category at the top of the page.

Ellen will be receiving an one-hour business consultation session with Knox & Associates as well as the new book about Steve Jobs.

Random Acts of Kindness is *Lake Tahoe News'* way to promote kindness. Small, medium, big – it doesn't matter the size of the kindness, or even what it is. All that matters is that kindness is beginning to spread throughout the community and beyond.

Write about a RAOK you have witnessed, you have received or you have given at the bottom of this story. Then you will be in the running for one of the many kind gifts local businesses have donated.

RAOK: Newcomer finds kindness from long-time residents

Lisa Sinizer nominated her neighbors Suzy and Rob Krzaczek for being so neighborly – especially with being new to the area.



As *Lake Tahoe News*' latest Random Acts of Kindness winner, the Krzaczeks will be receiving two tickets to ride the Tahoe Queen during one of the paddle-wheeler's day cruises.

To read all the entries for the past month, go to the top of the page. Under the Random Acts of Kindness category is a story from each day this month. The promotion ends in a few days, but we hope the kindness continues.

To participate, write about the kindness that has been done to you, the kindness you have seen or the kindness you have done. It can be as simple as opening a door or helping clear snow, or a bit more grand like turning in nearly \$1,000 or giving a lift to a stranger.

RAOK: A clear driveway creates neighborhood bond

A theme seems to be developing with Random Acts of Kindness – snow.

Rebecca Wass is *Lake Tahoe News*' latest Random Acts of

Kindness winner for recognizing the efforts a neighbor puts forth in helping keep her driveway clear of snow. She will be receiving two books that Bona Fide Books in Meyers has published.



Random Acts of Kindness is January's promotion on *Lake Tahoe News* that is all about spreading kindness. We want people to do kind things and recognize. Right about those RAOKs at the bottom of each story that will be posted for the rest of the month.

Winners are picked randomly. Everyone receives a gift from one of the kind businesses that have donated to RAOK.

There are a few rules associated with Random Acts of Kindness. If you want to read them, check out this story.

RAOK: Making a meeting not be standing room only

It's amazing how the simplest of gestures are such Random Acts of Kindness. Joel Damerl getting up to get others a chair from the stack in the back of the room at the Lake Tahoe Unified School District meeting last night didn't go unnoticed. A fellow district employee nominated him to be a *Lake Tahoe News* Random Acts of Kindness winner while at the meeting.



Joel will be receiving a gift certificate to Sprouts for his kindness.

Random Acts of Kindness has been going on all month. It's *Lake Tahoe News'* way to get people to slow down, look at the kindness that is going on and acknowledge it. If you witness an act of kindness, are the recipient of kindness or are the giver of kindness, let everyone know about it by writing a comment below.

Each day someone is picked as the "winner" and then receives a gift from one of the many kind businesses in Lake Tahoe that have graciously donated a reward.

Random Acts of Kindness has a week left. What is your kindness?

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RAOK: Giving up birthday gifts to help pandas

Jessika Roberts' daughter Mirella has a thing for helping pandas. Jessika nominated Mirella in *Lake Tahoe News'* Random Acts of Kindness because the youngster would prefer money be sent to help the pandas than spent on a material birthday gift for herself.



A Friend of Tallac membership for the 2012 Valhalla Art and Music Festival is their reward for being so generous.

Random Acts of Kindness is *Lake Tahoe News*' way to get people to take the time to be kind – and then write about it so everyone can be inspired. At the end of this story write about a RAOK you saw, did or received. Then you will be in the running for a prize donated by one of the many kind businesses in the basin.

All the stories posted this month about RAOK are at the top of the page under the Random Acts of Kindness category.

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RAOK: Neighbor clears the driveway of snow

Becky Fortier will be eating at Cork and More soon because of her kindness and the gourmet food store's generosity.



Becky, without being asked, cleared a friend's driveway of snow this weekend while one half of the couple was at work and the other was inside with a broken ankle.

Random Acts of Kindness is the monthlong promotion *Lake Tahoe News* is putting forth to bring more kindness to the basin,

even the world. The idea is to do something nice for someone else, or to recognize a nice thing done to you, or one you see.

Now, all you have to do is write about the kindness. At the end of the story, tell us about the kindness you have been a witness to, did or received.

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RAOK: Offering assistance without being asked

Brenda Knox didn't wait to be asked to help; she just stepped in to provide that extra hand when a woman needed it.



She was nominated yesterday by someone in *Lake Tahoe News'* monthlong Random Acts of Kindness promotion. Her good deed has won her either one day of doggie daycare or one night of home-style boarding at Tahoe Best Friends.

Random Acts of Kindness is about taking a moment to do something nice for someone else. For examples of RAOK, read prior stories and the comments by going to the Random Acts of Kindness category at the top of the page.

To participate, write a Random Act of Kindness you have seen, received or given. Then you will be in the running for a prize given by one of the many kind businesses in Lake Tahoe. While the rewards are great, we are hoping the act of spreading

kindness is an even greater reward.

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RAOK: Less snow to clear because of thoughtful neighbor

Helping neighbors with snow removal. It might seem just like the neighborly thing to do, but one neighbor thinks Celine Smania should know how appreciated she is.



Celine is *Lake Tahoe News*' latest Random Acts of Kindness winner. She will be receiving a gift certificate to dine at Echo Restaurant at Embassy Suites.

Random Acts of Kindness is about recognizing those who do things that are kind. It could be helping to clear snow, holding open a door, giving some cash, providing a ride – whatever.

Tell us about your Random Act of Kindness by writing about it in the comments section at the end of the story. Let us know about the kindness you have given, you have received or you have witnessed.

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RAOK: Spreading kindness overseas

Jen Gurecki's kindness is not random, but deliberate. And *Lake Tahoe News* is more than OK with that.



Gurecki was featured in a story Jan. 19 about her efforts to help women in Kenya. An anonymous writer nominated her to be a Random Acts of Kindness winner. Gurecki will be receiving an hour massage at A Massage at Tahoe.

RAOK is *Lake Tahoe News*' monthlong promotion to spread kindness in the Lake Tahoe Basin and beyond. Participating is easy. If you have seen an act of kindness, been the recipient of one, or been the giver, write about it at the end of this story. Then you will be in the running for a reward from one of the many kind businesses in Lake Tahoe.

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RAOK: A cupcake changes the mood for the day

Erin Bechtol and three friends are going to see Gizmo Guys on Jan. 27 – all because she was nice to her boss and Tahoe Arts Project donated the tickets.



Erin is *Lake Tahoe News*' Random Acts of Kindness winner. The thoughtfulness toward her boss was returned by Erin being nominated in the monthlong RAOK promotion.

TAP is one of the many organizations/businesses providing a reward for people who perform a Random Act of Kindness, witness one or receive one.

To get involved, all you have to do is write about a Random Act of Kindness at the bottom of this story. Each day a new story is posted, with a new winner getting a reward.

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