

# THREADS

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## 2015 ROTARY CONVENTION SAO PAULO By Helena Daniels

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We arrived in Sao Paulo on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June with a very large box of quilts and 'goodies'. Our friend Cheryl Minshew (from USA), who is usually in charge of the Rotary Fellowship booth was unable to attend this year due to health problems so she sent all her quilts to me, hence the big box! Fortunately there was enough room to cram my quilts etc. in it too.

Ron and I reported to the House of Friendship on the Thursday morning to collect our wristbands-they will not let anyone in without them- I was armed with a letter from Diana to say who we were and they had no record of us even existing which initially caused a bit of a problem but eventually they decided we were OK and let us in plus the wristbands!!

We set up the booth which was in quite a good place as everyone had to walk passed us. It did look good and very colourful; I must say I was very proud of it. (Pictures on RFQA).

We did have a bit of a problem (one of a couple!!) I had priced up all the items up in \$'s and a rather official lady came up and said I was NOT to put any foreign currency on anything as it was against Brazilian law and I could go to prison if I did. Oh Dear!! Quick change on everything. Phew!

I was a bit disappointed overall with the Convention as the people were not there, the numbers were down by half and it certainly showed which was such a shame Not sure why but did hear that some people where not sure about safety in Sao Paulo and the fact that there had been a drought in Sao Paulo and there were parts of the city where there was an outbreak of Dengue fever and also issues with Visa's. I did manage to get to the opening ceremony but not to any of the others but Ron, Bless him, did report back on the others. Jean Cadwallader, one of our members was there and kept me company part of the time, she was there with her grandson and a another very sweet lady came for an hour one day, other than that we did not have any more help as the usual ladies were just not there. No lovely quilts from the ladies from Australia either.

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# Convention Booth

As for stock- we were very short on the ground, Leila, the lovely Rotarian lady from Finland brought her usual 12 pairs of hand knitted socks and Diana sent an amazing quilt made from Saguchii Tanaka's ties which was sold as soon as we hung it up. Another kind lady gave us some beautiful knitted coasters and some boot toppers, but that was all we had.

Unfortunately we did have a table runner stolen from the booth one night. We reported it but the security was a bit 'laid-back' to say the least and they suggested it was stolen during the day which made me very cross and I said that it was not the Rotarian way and Rotarians did not steal from each other. He said he would look at the camera footage and guess what...the camera did not cover our booth! Surprise, Surprise.

A very kind Rotarian who was also a Salvation Army Captain from Ohio came by on the last day (he came by every day for a chat) and gave me 50 Real towards the runner that was stolen, how sweet.

We had the usual Silent Auction, one of Cheryl's quilts made from Rotary Ties which was amazing and one of mine. Cheryl's final bid was \$2,100 and the guy how made the final bid said his company would match it. How good is that! Mine reached \$625 which I was surprised at and very proud of too. In all we managed a grand total of nearly \$7,000.

We had lots of interest for the Fellowship so I do hope that the people who took the membership forms will sign up as Ron tells me he saw on the RI website that next year they are expecting 50.000 people at the Seoul Convention so I guess we should all start quilting and making 'goodies' NOW so that we have a really wonderful booth next year!.

There were only 29 Fellowship booths out of 49 attending this year-so many empty spaces. Such a shame but lots of folk came up and chatted which was nice and helped to pass the time and they all admired our work and said our booth was the best at the Convention...what good taste they all have!

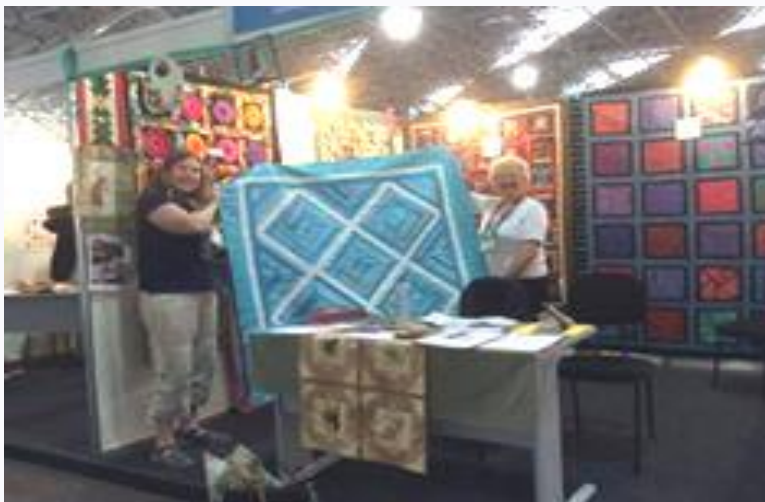
Hope to see you all next year in Seoul.

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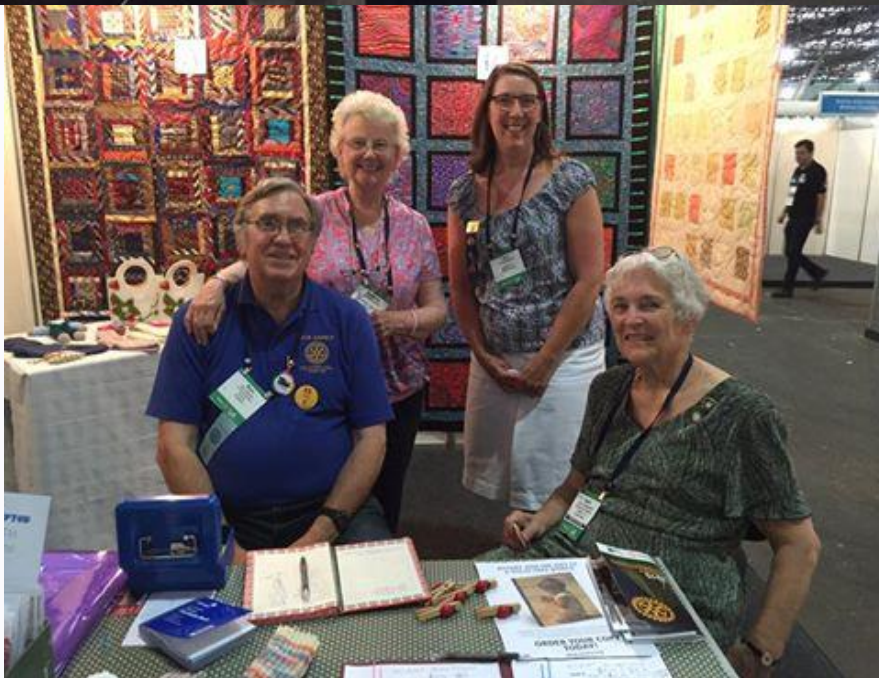






The blue quilt to the left was made by Chairman Diana Barden from RI President Sakuji Tanakas theme ties. It was delivered to Helana by Diana's Club President Alicia. The quilt above was made by Cheryl Minshew from a variety of Rotary Ties

In the left corner are Helena and husband Ron, current President of their home club, Jennifer Wienhold, and Jean Cadwaller. They are from South London, UK, North Carolina USA and New York USA.



# Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild

## By Elsie Graber

Jean Nevins was a member of the Quilters Guild over 25 years. With her recent passing, the Guild wanted to honor her by making a quilt that would be auctioned at the Rotary Club of Kirksville--Thousand Hills' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual reverse raffle fund raiser. The guild received six quilt squares Jean had previously made and integrated her work into the quilt. Additionally, 22 Quilt Guild members made squares to contribute to the beauty of the quilt. The center of the quilt is the Apache Wedding Prayer stitched by Elsie Gaber—a project started in 1984 and finished on the day that Jean passed. A special label made by Pat Kurtzeman was sewn on the quilt that reads: *in celebration of Jean and Jim Nevins, friends, artists, quilter. Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild 2015.* Shelly Pagliai quilted and bound the quilt.

### *The Apache Wedding Prayer*

*Now you will feel no rain, For each of you will be shelter to the other.*

*Now you will feel no cold, For each of you will be warmth to the other.*

*Now there is no more loneliness, For each of you will be companion to the other*

*Now you are two bodies, But there is one life before you.*

*Go now to your dwelling place, To enter into the days of your togetherness.*

*And may your days be good and long upon the earth.*

We raised over \$17,000 at our Rotary of Kirksville--Thousand Hills' Reverse Raffle. The money goes towards our *Be a Buddy, Not A Bully* community program, Y Strong Kids' campaign, Inclusion Park, and on it goes. What a wonderful way to get Rotarians connected to Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild and vice versa.





## Don't Forget!

July 1 is the start of a new Rotary Year.

Diana will be sending out a reminder that dues are due. Or go on line now and pay on the website.

# Be a Gift to the World by Esther Arlan

The pictures and news that came in from this year's booth was unbelievable. The contributions made me wonder why we are hiding the talents of so many of our members and friends. It seems that while others are measuring, cutting and stitching I am wondering where to begin! But the work inspires me to go out and look for new ideas on how to use my stash of fabric that is still not unpacked from our move. Maybe when the temperature returns to normal - not hot and humid - I can get started.

I did start a vest for myself and spent time at several yarn shops looking for yarn to match what was hand painted yarn I had purchased on one of our trips a long time ago. The back of the vest is 98% complete and I hope to start the fronts later on this week. Normally I do both at the same time but this pattern calls for picking up the stitches on the sides. So determined not to add another unfinished project to the stash!

If you are ever in the western part of Massachusetts make some time to visit WEBS outlet. You need to come with large shopping bags as the prices are very, very good. I did not take any pictures as it was raining and cold. But I did get some neat yarn to add to my stash and ideas for future projects for my grandchildren. Since the youngest graduates college next year I'll make him a new afghan for his first apartment. I have the yarn and just have to decide on the pattern and colors.

Speaking of young people - I learned of this young woman from my husband's university newsletter. Nicole Mikkelsen Snow a 2004 Clarkson University Grad wanted to make the world a better place. So after leaving the Air Force she decided to "unwind" with yarn. "In early 2008 she took two of her passions in life - art and helping others - and combined them. The results was "Darn Good Yarn", a yarn and fiber importer, wholesaler and retailer. The mission was simple: provide phenomenal quality fibers to knitting enthusiasts, while helping the women of Nepal and India become autonomous and self-reliant." I have purchased yarn from

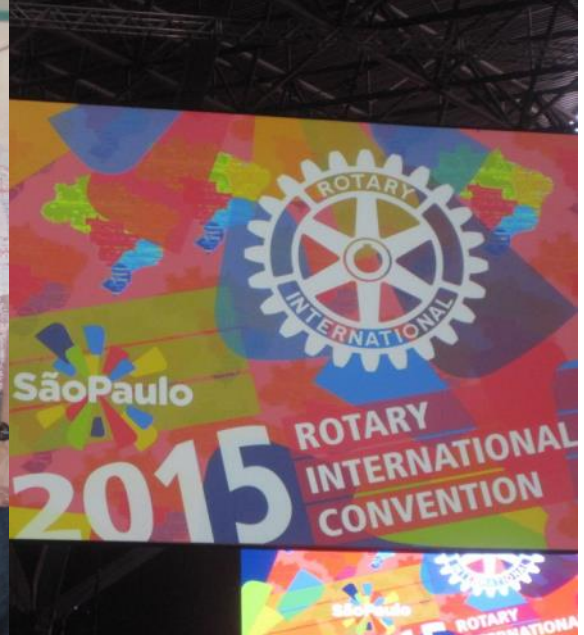
[www.darngoodyarn.com](http://www.darngoodyarn.com) and been very pleased with it. When using the yarn I think of all the women whose lives have changed (300) and are hand spinning and dying yarn from silk that is responsibly sourced and recycled. According to the article on Nicole's "Clarkson alumni" news she is *making the place a better world and saving 100,000 pounds of material waste and turning it into yarn.* She not only has a website but is also opening a retail store and warehouse in Schenectady, NY. No, I haven't been there yet but it is on my bucket list. If you know of someone who is making the world a better place please let us know.

In the next issue I'll write about a Rotarian I met recently who is working on several projects with the Pine Ridge Native Americans in the Dakotas. We might be able as a Fellowship join him and other Rotarians in helping the women become independent and healthy and thereby help the families that live on the Reservation have a safer and happier home life and community.

Together we can ***be a gift to the world*** and bring comfort to our fellow men, women and children.



# More Convention Photos





# The Sisterhood of the Traveling Quilt by Diana Barden

How did this beauty happen to end up in Madera CA from Sao Paulo Brazil? Well, here's what happened: Our member Cheryl Minshew from San Diego CA was vacationing on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai and met a lady friend while out playing tennis. As luck would have it, this lady was not only a quilter, but owned a quilt store on the island. She took Cheryl to the store and the lady gifted her this wall hanging which she hand made from hand dyed fabrics. Cheryl took it home to San Diego and then decided to donate it to our booth to help raise money for polio. She mailed it to Helena Daniels in England who would be transporting it to San Paulo. At the convention, my club president went by the booth and admired this wall hanging. She decided to purchase it for me (unbeknownst of the background)! She presented it to me at her first meeting in July. I called Cheryl to tell her I got a lovely quilt from our booth and she told me the story. So from Hawaii to San Diego, to England, to Sao Paulo and back to Madera - I LOVE

## Thank You

Big thank you to Helena and Ron Daniels for chairing our booth this year. We could not have done it without their dedication. Thank you to Jean Cadwallader and Jen Wienold for helping out in the booth. Thank you to Helena and Cheryl who donated many items and brought in the highest donations. Thank you to The Rotary Foundation for giving us clearance each year to exchange our items to help raise money for Polio! Thank you to the Rotarians who made their donations to The Rotary Foundation and took home our wonderful pieces of fabric art!

Both Helena and Cheryl are registered and ready for Seoul, Korea - are you? Let's get started on our donations now and have a really big year in Seoul!



# The Traveling Quilt



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## Websites to check out

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[yarn.com](http://yarn.com)

[www.ParadiseFibers.com](http://www.ParadiseFibers.com)

Did you know that Australian possums are furry, unlike their North American relatives? I just bought some yarn for a project. I will let you know how it is to work with.