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Thirteen Years of Convention — Chicago 2005

By Cheryl Minshew, Diana Barden, Helena Daniels,



In 2005, the new Fellowship of Quilters and fiber artists held their first booth at the convention Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Chicago where it all started. The show piece was a quilt celebrating this achievement. Shown are Diana Barden, Phyllis Giersch and Marty Wyatt

13 Years of Conventions—Salt Lake City 2007



In 2007 in Salt Lake City, Cheryl Minshew shows her colorful quilt. Below, Past RI President Cliff Docterman sits next to the quilt he made for a club project.



13 Years of Conventions — Los Angeles 2008

Manning the booth,
monitoring the si-
lent auction.

Below

Several members
each contributed a
Star block which we
assembled into a
quilt for the silent
auction. Right



RI President DK Lee's
wife signing our star
quilt, done in rotary
colors. Above

We had fun collecting
handprints from the
children who came by
the booth.



The quilt was later put
together by members of
the fellowship.

Cheryl was collecting
handprints for a future
quilt.

Left

13 Years of Convention — Birmingham 2009



Sherrin and Bob Palmateer discuss the quilts with a visitor to the booth. The banner quilt was made by member

13 Years of Convention —Montreal 2010

Our members submitted maple leaf blocks. We made one quilt in spring colors and one in fall colors. Middle left, Coleen and Sheryl, middle right, Sherrin and Bob Palmateer, bottom left Tony and Sandra Castley and bottom right Esther Arlan.



13 Years at Convention— New Orleans 2011



The quilts to the left and right of Cheryl and Wai were a fellowship project. Members sent us fabric representing their country. They were made into these striking quilts, one in brown and blue tones and one in red tones. They were gorgeous and were on silent auction.

13 Years at Convention —Bancock 2012



Above is the ever popular Rotary tie quilt. The other quilt is from an Australian quilter. Another form of art! The Rotary symbol to the left was carved out of melon and the young folk were doing demos in the HOF . It was fascinating to watch and they did it so quickly with such skill and the end product as you see was stunning.

13 Years of Conventions — Lisbon 2013



Cheryl and Natalie holding Ron as he hangs a quilt in preparation for the booth. Top left.

Cheryl and Helena in front of one of the quilts. Top right. Several members and visitors at the booth during the House of Friendship. These conversations at convention hold much meaning.

13 Years of Conventions — Sydney 2014



In Sydney, the Australian quilters (left) put their skills to work to make this welcome to the House of Friendship. In addition to the booth, Member Tony Castley arranged for a visit to one of his stores. (above). Such a colorful display of different styles of quilts.

13 Years of Convention — Sao Paulo 2015



Peace through Service

RI President Sakuji Tanaka 2012-2013

This quilt is made of RI theme ties by
Diana Barden, Kathy Herder, Cheryl Minshew
Dry Clean Only



Sao Paulo convention had it's own set of challenges. A smaller convention and many of the regulars were unable to attend. Helena Daniels enlisted her husband Ron to help man the booth for the whole convention. We also had our first theft of a quilt at this convention. But all in all it was a success. Some very lovely quilts and stories came from this convention, including the traveling quilt story published in another issue.

13 Years of Convention — Seoul 2016



In Seoul, we had a corner booth which had challenges for displaying the most quilts. But it also had some fun highlights. The quilt in the upper left corner drew the attention of a local Rotarian who wanted the quilt for her friend, the widow of a Rotarian who had a quilt museum. After she won the final bid, she also bought another of Cheryl's quilts and invited a few of us to lunch and a visit to the museum, where we watched them hang the two quilts in a prominent place at the entrance to the museum. It was a memorable occasion. In the lower right, Lynn, Cheryl and Helena ham it up in Korean dress. Upper right shows that not everything in our booths is a quilt. Member Leila Risteli brings us wonderful knitted wool socks.

13 Years of Convention—Atlanta 2017



Atlanta. 100 years of the Rotary Foundation. All proceeds from the booth go to the End Polio now. This convention, we did something a little different. A few members and friends rented a large home in Atlanta where we stayed and enjoyed chatting quietly in the evenings, or having breakfast together in the morning. Top left. Top right, Marta Knight, Diana Barden, Cheryl Minshew, Lynn Raymer and Linda Killoran hold a picture of founder Phyllis Giersch, who died this year. Members Natalie, Kin and Laurenca, auction high bidders and Marta and Diana complete the pictures

13 Years of Convention — Toronto 2018



At Toronto we had our first official meeting away from the booth. Cheryl arranged a room at an adjoining hotel where we met to discuss future plans for the fellowship and have food and drink. It was fun to talk without having to watch for customers. Linda Kiloran models the sorting hat made by Christine Burns. The hats were a big hit! Left. We also unveiled the fellowship pin at this convention. It is a very nice pin.



Kids Helping Kids By Michelle Peters

Students from the EarlyAct Club of Vanier Publication School in Brockville, Ontario, Canada had a busy spring learning to make quilts. EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for students aged 5-13 and it is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brockville. Teacher and Rotarian, Michelle Peters learned about this club while on Group Study Exchange (GSE) to Brazil in 2011. Since the inception of this club, many other EarlyAct Clubs have formed across district 7040. The purpose of the club is to engage students in character-building activities that will benefit others in the school, local and global communities.

This past spring, students partnered with volunteers from the Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild and completed three lap quilts to donate to Ronald McDonald Houses in Canada. For the Canada 150 celebration, the Canadian Quilters' Association put out a challenge to Canadian guilds to make 1000 quilts for kids in care at Ronald McDonald houses. Over 88 guilds jumped on the project with hashtag #bigquiltbee and began piecing 12.5 by 12.5 inch blocks in preparation for the 4 day quilting bee in June 2017 at Quilt Canada. Each slab block had to include at least one piece of Canada themed fabric.

The results were astounding! Over 2000 completed quilts were made and still there were hundreds of unused blocks. So when the offer was sent out for guilds to receive blocks to use however they wished (finished product had to be for a charitable purpose), the Thousand Islands guild was eager to stay involved with this project.

About a dozen members collaborated with 3 groups of grades 4, 5 and 6 classes to make one quilt per class. The students decided they should be given to Ronald McDonald houses.

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And how to quilt straight lines with a walking foot:

Next, volunteers spent many hours working with small groups of students teaching them how to use a sewing machine, How to piece blocks into rows. How to make binding:



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Tony Castley reports that Hobbysew and Sewaid are both busy. Check out the activity on the websites : www.sewaid.com

www.hobbysew.com

Oregon Quilt Show Facebook Page posts some of the most beautiful quilts.

Convention Hamburg!

Diana reports that we have been assigned a booth for Hamburg, details are yet to be announced. There were far more requests than booths available, so we are lucky to have one. Cheryl is in negotiations for a space at the convention center to hold a meeting for all members. The ideal option is Saturday morning for breakfast at the center. We had such a good meeting last year, we look forward to this meeting. Be thinking about what you might be able to contribute to the booth. We will be looking for someone close by that could accept items by mail before the convention. See you there!