

THREADS



Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists

Greetings from New Zealand

Editorial by Ailsa McKenzie

Hi all

As Christchurch struggles to come to grips with the mind-boggling job of rebuilding the city, many of its residents are suffering, not only from the loss of their homes and jobs, but also mentally. The earth is still shaking - there are still lots of after-shocks - and this is taking its toll on the lives of many Cantabrians.

Our Rotary Club assisted a family with three children who were badly affected. They came to stay for a week and a half in a cottage donated by one of our members who lives just up the road from us. The family was met off the bus and transported to the cottage. Members and their wives helped them by providing the main meal of the day - every day they were down here - and the family was helped in many other ways by club members.

I decided that as I had several of quilts which had been made for charities within our country, this would be a worthwhile cause, and I took three quilts up to them, one for each of the children. It was so worthwhile, as they were so excited to receive a quilt which they could call their very own!!! The two wee

boys rushed off to their rooms with them, and the girl was just so appreciative of the gift! I must add that the three quilts donated and shown here in the photograph, were actually made by an American woman, Lauren Woodhouse, from District 6360, who was travelling through New Zealand and had heard that I was donating quilts to the ROMAC children who came to New Zealand. She went back home and made several quilts and sent them out to me. Consequently, I am very pleased that these quilts, all the way from the United States, have gone to a very good cause in Christchurch.

I have just finished another quilt for my newest granddaughter - Amelie Evelyn, who is now two months old. That was something of a record - time wise!!!

What a tremendous result from this year's booth at the Rotary

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Convention!!! All those involved can be very pleased with their efforts, and be proud that the money raised will be put to the great project of eradicating polio!!!

Happy Stitching! Ailsa

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i am a quilter

Submitted by Pamela White

Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada



OK, I'm bragging here, but I was so excited! I received a complimentary copy of "**American Patchwork and Quilting**", June edition, in the mail last week with a note inside saying "Thank you for your contribution." **I HAD NOT CONTRIBUTED ANYTHING, THAT I WAS AWARE OF!!!** This was the magazine that had the pattern I used for my king sized quilt. The dimensions in the book were far from being king-sized, and I communicated with the editor about this, and eventually she worked on the problem and sent me 3 options to make it larger. Once it had been quilted, I sent her a photo of the completed project. End of story - until last week!! The attachment above appears on page 8 of the magazine, I was reading it in the car and my husband Ross nearly went off the road when I let out a yell!!! He was even more excited than I was!!! Said quilt looks quite lovely on our bed in our newly painted grey bedroom. I just wanted to share with you my delight at being recognized, after all the grief I suffered over the darned quilt!! Now to make more quilts to decorate the walls!

Cheers to you all, Pamela White,

"I call this quilt Silver Threads because there are silver hints in the green prints."

Original Project: Night and Day, American Patchwork & Quilting, February 2007.

Adapt it: I wanted a longer drop on my king-size quilt, so I made 44 extra blocks, expanded the borders, and enlarged the corner blocks. My finished quilt is 120" square.

Quilt contrast: My long-arm quilter did a stellar job with a Celtic pattern that complements the straight lines in the quilt.

Editor's Note: To see a modified diagram and learn how to get the pattern, Pam made visit AllPeopleQuilt.com/487.

House of Friendship



Helena Daniels, Jean Cadwallader, and Cheryl Minshew work in our fellowship booth at the International Convention. Many THANKS to our project chair Cheryl for the hours and hours spent in the booth and to all of our members who were there to support this project with your donations and time. **THANK YOU ALL!**

This was a record breaking year for our annual fundraiser! In past years our handmade items have raised an average of \$3,000.00 US for the Polio Challenge. This year your donations yielded a fantastasic \$8,364.00 US !!! Two queen sized quilts made in the Trip Around the World pattern were assembled from yardage you donated representing a variety of different countries. These quilts were assembled by Cheryl Minshew, Kathy Herder, and Diana Barden. Kathy Herder did the machine quilting. The blue/brown quilt went to high bidder Julia Powell for \$1,700.00 and the red/green/cream quilt went to high bidder Bob Griggers for \$1,925.00! Bob was also high bidder on one of our leaf quilts in Montreal. The blue Rotary quilt raised \$800.00. We had a beautiful assortment of crib and lap quilts, wall hangings, knitted scarfs, hats, shawls, and more. All of our items were exchanged for donations to the Polio Challenge. Gary Millman representing The Rotary Foundation, visited our booth personally to thank us for our hard work and generosity. Go to www.rotariansquilt.org for more photos and information.

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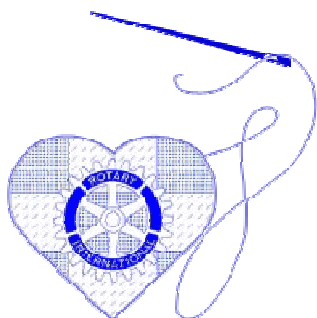
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OUR MEMBERS AT WORK

In addition to raising money for Polio, our attractive booth in the House of Friendship also brought in several new members. 23 New Members applications were received and 7 renewals. Since the convention, several more members joined us via our online process.

New member **Sandi Brothers** from Indiana, USA says she has been quilting since the 60's and owns a quilt shop called A Quilt of Many Colors. She is in the process of developing a website www.quiltofmanycolors.com. The shop customers have been making pillowcases for Riley Hospital and the Veterans Hospital. They have an ongoing project making "pill bags" which they send with Doctors without Borders. They have partnered with middle school children on this project. They also make quilts for a camp with kids with cancer.

New member **Michelle Calder-Drum** of Missouri USA says she loves to quilt. She uses a stack and whack quilt pattern for most of her donated quilts because she can make them in a weekend. Michelle says she normally works with bright vibrant cotton materials. She doesn't do appliqué or embellishments yet, but sees more and more designs that need that extra touch.

New member **Cindy Sakala** of Pennsylvania USA is just finishing up her year as District Governor and hasn't had time to do much quilting lately. She is trying to finish a baby quilt in which she enlarged coloring pages of "Peanuts" characters, traced them onto white muslin, colored them, heat set the crayon and outlined in black embroidery thread. The baby is 1 year old and she hope to finish soon! In addition, Cindy is in a group from 3 clubs that get together to make "ugly" quilts for the homeless. They use fabric sample book swatches—large ones from home décor fabrics and sew them into 7X7 inch squares, batted and tied. If you fold it in half and sew the bottom and side, you create a sleeping bag. We sewed two old neckties onto the top and attached a pocket with a flap so it can be rolled and tied.

DG Kathy Flamson, California USA, member since 2007, knit 45 bath mitts (one for each club president) along with a knit wash cloth and jar of homemade bath salts. Her theme was "Relax and Smell the Lavendar". Knit items out of white Sugar and Spice.