



# THREADS



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# ZOOM !!!

## October 24, 2020 Membership Zoom Meeting

**Cheryl called us to order at 1:00 pm Pacific Time. After some introductions, Marty gave us a financial report. We have \$7052.08 in the bank at this time. We have also reached Major Donor Status, from the smaller donations we have collected at the convention booth over the years, \$11,113.38 has been put into the End Polio Now campaign. In the past, TRF had requested that we not send folks to their booth to make donations smaller than \$100. Adrienne suggested that we find a way to help people make online donations for the smaller amounts. Cheryl will look into this.**

**The next order of business was to form a by-laws committee to review the current by-laws and make some changes while being sure they are inline with RI's by-laws for fellowships. Part of the reason is to expand the board to include regional or Zone Leaders.**

**The rest of the time was spent talking about projects for the Houston convention. This will also be the twentieth birthday of the fellowship. There were several ideas discussed. Doing two or three quilts with different themes such as homes or buildings representing your country, country flags, Texas lone star or others, with a coordinator for each quilt to see that they are aesthetically appealing. Someone suggested that Rotary T- shirts could be used to make a quilt. Cheryl Minshew stated that she would make one if she was sent the t shirts. Esther has been working on designing a knitted flag quilt, or a star quilt, to be made from the same type/size/manufacturer of yarn. Bonnie Sirover will work with her to do a crocheted version of these.**

**The next Zoom meeting will be the last Saturday of January 2021**

## **SieglindeWarren Rotary Club of Canfield Ohio USA**

**Although the baby showers are not happening, the gifts are. Attached is a most recent project for a soon to arrive baby girl.**



**An additional picture is of headbands for now 3-month-old triplets including a headband for the mom and one for the older (2 1/2 years old) sister.**



## **Kimberly Combs Rotary Club of Piedmont Missouri USA**

**I just finished a top and am sending it to my quilter. I am working on three Christmas quilts and a block of the month one.**





## **Bernard Szalaj Rotary Club of Antioch California USA**

**My wife's latest projects are attached.**

**She used a Classic Star pattern by Moda to make a quilt, placemats and a little coin/makeup type of purse. She made this last month for her Mom's Birthday.**

**Also is a work in progress of a quilt with Cats and Pumpkins.**



## **Lane Neff Rotary Club of Murrysville-Export PA USA**

**I have been ill so not quilting much but I have a secret habit. I have been creating little sea glass pictures from glass I collected visiting my daughter in Hawaii. Thrift shop frames.**

**I also started some slow stitch collage.**



**Jane Woolenough Rotary Club of Vancouver, Vancouver British Columbia Canada**

**First of all, I wanted to say thank you for the Zoom sessions. It has been wonderful to see everyone and be inspired by their work and hear of their good deeds! These are indeed difficult times and being in touch with such a wonderful group is a great comfort to me. In the last newsletter, I mentioned my Covid (tea)cosies. I had completed a blue one and decided to give it to our daughter-in-law - her favourite colour is blue and she also loves tea! - and this is where it temporarily ended up:**

**Pam Jowett Rotary Club of Albury New South Wales Australia**

**The 1st one is a knitted shawl, it is squares & you pick the stitches up as you go.  
No 2 & No 3 are crocheted rugs I have done for the Downs Syndrome support group in Melbourne.  
Now I will start on UFO's that I have to finish off**





## Esther Sherman Arlan Rotary Club of Saranac Lake New Hampshire USA

I hope that you enjoyed the zoom gathering last Saturday. What a wonderful group of women we have from around the world. Each one in their own way busy supporting the many diverse projects in their Club and District.

Part of the discussion last Saturday pertained to the Fellowship's booth in Houston, Texas, USA in 2022. I would like to bring you up-to-date on the information I found out about when looking for a potential project for knitters. First and foremost this is not cast "in stone" but looking for feedback from you as to the type of project we could do individually or collectively. So here are some suggestions we spoke about – knitted Texas star as a runner that could be used by "donors" (those that purchase or donate dollars toward the item) **or other knitted items.**

1. We need to be uniform if doing a joint project
2. The yarn must be uniform if doing a joint project
3. Yarn can be purchased from yarn shops in the US that handle international accounts & shipping
4. Suggested yarns would be worsted weight with a mix of several fibers and US #8 needle
5. How and who would the items be shipped to and when

The STAR used in the Texas flag is five pointed and sits on a field of blue horizontally and the white and red is vertical.

If we decide to do afghans or lap afghans we need to decide on the size and shape. If we want to have afghans with the flags of countries that are part of the Rotary Family we need to assign specific areas of the world to an individual, District or Zone so that we do not end up with the same flags being knitted over and over again.

Items that have sold well in the past are small and easy to carry – socks, mittens, hats and scarves. Lap afghans would be easier to donate than large afghans.

Here is where I need your help before our next Zoom gathering early in 2021 – What do you think we should concentrate on? Items with the Texas star? Women of Rotary in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Woman Rotary President or flags of different countries? I am concentrating on knitting and a member of our group will be concentrating on crochet. So please get your ideas and suggestions to me by January 5, 2021. My e-mail address is: [learlan@comcast.net](mailto:learlan@comcast.net) and home phone is: 603-417-6967 if you want to chat.





## **Robin Correnti The Rotary Club of Dawson County Georgia USA**

**worked with the Dahlonega chapter of Quilts of Valor to honor 9 of our veteran members with a quilt. Here are a few of the members that received these beautiful quilts. I worked on one of them that was presented that day and continue to work in-between my other quilts.**





## **Joyce Graff The Rotary Club of Brookline Maine USA**

**I have made more than 600 masks for local people -- beginning in March, to plug the holes in needs for police/fire/EMT, then the surge of requests when masks were recommended, then mandated, in our community, now at a less frenzied pace as needed. With two groups of determined sewers in town we created well over 14,000 masks!**

**I normally teach quilting once a week at the Brookline Senior Center. When the building was closed in mid-March I took my class online. Two people had no internet access, but the rest of us have continued to meet online weekly, mostly for the social contact. We are working on a series of quilts to be raffled or auctioned in the fall for benefit of the senior center. Recordings of our sessions are on YouTube. I am attaching a few pictures. One of my favorite**

**sessions is "Keep on Quilting!" which talks about adaptive equipment for seniors and those with various disabilities.**

**See <http://bit.ly/bsc93-quilting>.**



## **Diane Mettam Rotary Club of Eureka California USA**

**After chemo, radiation, shoulder surgery, kidney stone removal, and chemo port removal, I'm finally feeling a bit more energetic and decided to pull this out and continue working on it.**

**It is a Dresden Plate quilt that was started in the 1940s by the mother of someone in my knitting forum. She offered it for sale "as is" and I grabbed it. Some of the plates were already attached to their muslin backgrounds, others were not. Some didn't have the curved petal edges pressed under, and that was an adventure. I was going to leave the inner circles blank, but my husband thought they'd look better with something in the center. I had some nice charm squares that blended fairly well, and that's the step I'm on now.**

**The mother did all her stitching by hand, and it is exquisite. All the plates were assembled by hand with tiny, lovely stitches. And the plates that were on muslin were also attached by hand. She used a running stitch, but I used a blind stitch - old habits die hard, I guess.**

**The squares are very large - 18" - so I will be trimming them down. We don't have a bed large enough to handle a 90" quilt! (There are 25 squares total). I enjoy the hand stitching - it gives me something to do when I'm sitting, which I still do a lot of! I have a friend who does lovely quilting on her Longarm, so I will have her pick it up when I'm done assembling the squares. I can't wait to see what it looks like when it's all finished. Here is a photo of one square to give you an idea:**





## **Ariane Carriere Passport Club Ontario Canada**

**In Canada, we celebrate Thanksgiving on the second weekend of October. It's been a busy time, with making pies and doing the usual things that come with Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving table was pretty sparse as far as table settings go though. None of the grandchildren were there to enjoy the baking, yet it's something that you still do. I do hope that we will not still be in this situation for Christmas. There's a lot of yard work to get the garden to bed for the winter. I managed to take a picture of our tree before the leaves started falling. It is the first tree to get leaves in the spring, but also the first to turn red and start losing leaves.**

**There's a small quilting project that I'm working on. It's a panel so there was no real piecing to it, but I thought that I needed to work on this now so I could at least hang it up before Halloween. We're going to attach a rain gutter to the stair railing on our porch. We'll be able to slide the candy down and the kids that are out trick or treating will at least get something. There will be the yellow Caution tape across the stairs so that no one gets the idea they can come up to the door.**

**One thing that really helped our Rotary club through all of this is the fact that we are a Passport club. We're used to doing meetings on Zoom and we've even started to do some socials online. Our district has been running Where's the Fun? (WTF) Garden parties. One person has their garden chosen for that month, and we get to see pictures of how other people handle their flowers. It's my turn in November. By that time we could have snow here. Luckily I took lots of pictures all through the growing season. Hope everyone is managing to get through this time. It could be a long winter, but that also means lots of time for quilting.**

## **Helen K Gyllstrom The Rotary Club of Gainesville Florida USA**

**Marilyn, I have bits and pieces to share. Our Rotary club is doing a dual meeting in our regular place and on ZOOM. Our leaders are doing their best to continue our regular schedule of events, recognitions, speakers, and connections. We will all be glad to resume our Rotary connections in the future!**

**I am president of my local quilt guild, Tree City Quilt Guild in Gainesville, FL. To date we have donated 22 quilts to our local neonatal intensive care unit (they cover the isolettes to help keep out lights) 44 children's quilts, 8 twin quilts, 36 pillowcases to our local shelter, and also 2718 flannel hearts to the NICU. We figure it is a value close to \$9,810. The flannel hearts are from 4-6" large, and are given in groups of 6 to families with babies in neonatal intensive care. Many of these babies will not go home with the mother, so the family will wear the hearts next to their body for a day, and then leave them in the isolette for when they aren't with the baby. The newborn will not only increase their bonding with the family members from the hearts, but their sense of smell is stimulated which in turn stimulates their nervous/sensory system.**

**As for me, I have contributed to my guild's charity work, but also been working on some very old UFO's, and quilts for my twin grandchildren. The pandemic did make more time for me to sew – sort of a rose among the thorns!**

### **1 Holiday Quilt**



**2 This became 'learn your colors' baby quilt for niece and her new family**

**3-4 These were some of the parts to Woodland Frolic for my two twin grandchildren. 1 boy, Logan and 1 girl, Cass.**



## **Helaine Campbell Sparks Nevada USA**

**In the summer on 2009 my husband Bruce and I attended the Rotary convention in Birmingham, England. Because we are both Scottish descendants Bruce planned a marvelous nine day tour of the Highlands and we end the trip in Edinburgh. The reason Edinburgh because of its tartan mills a must see for me. At the Old Town Weaving Mill he went off to buy himself a kilt and I watched the weaving of tartan on six machines. Of course I then had to purchase some of this beautiful wool. I was also lucky enough to get some of the last Rotary tartan created for the Glasgow convention in 1996. Home we came and the tartan sat for almost eight years in my quilt room.**



**Years ago we helped start the San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier club and in 2017 they were in need for a fund raising project. With that I took out the lovely wool and created the quilt that is shown. The white figures represent the “Westies” and the tartans represent the county they originated from. It was a fun venture and a successful one raising \$600 for the club.**



**Jenny Barlow Andover Inner Wheel  
Hampshire UK:**

**Lock down !,,, One my projects, an  
e mail came via tveg ref ZaraDay  
advertising a zoom class. Stuff so  
far, not sure it's me. Done 6 ses-  
sions one to go. I'm not the sort  
who would want this on clothes or  
accessories, but have I learnt  
something. Yes it's a lot of work;  
just not sure it's me. A few feath-  
ers is more my style?**



**Helena Daniels Rotary Club of Cheam Carshalton Beeches  
Surrey UK**





## **Fay Kitto Rotary Club of North Rocks (Sydney), Australia**

**My last contribution was written during the depths of winter, and we are now experiencing beautiful spring weather that encourages everyone outside. Lots of my time is spent in my garden now and I have been rewarded with some magnificent flowers. My garden has lots of Australian native plants, which attract native birds. There is a family of kookaburras that enjoy fossicking, although they are too shy to get close for photographs. However I managed to get a photo of this white cockatoo attacking the flowers on the grevillea.**

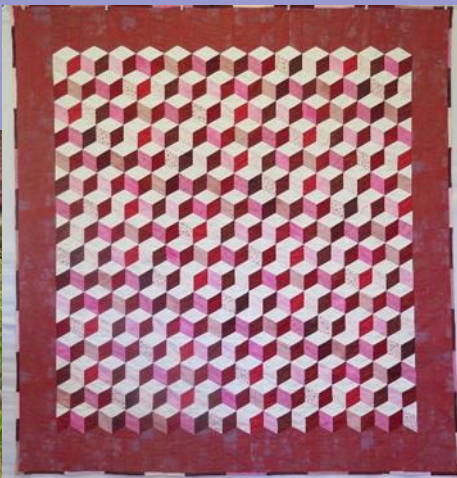
**Days for Girls continues to keep me busy and sane. Over the last 6 months I have cut around 3,000 bags to add to the production line of people who are sewing at home.**

**In addition, I have been busy with making use of my time at home to do some quilting. This quilt is for my cousin who loves pink. Once again, it was a chance to use a jelly roll that was bought on one of my travels. It was a time-consuming pattern, perfect for a year in which travel is not an option.**

**My Rotary Club continues to meet on Zoom. In addition, I have had a few people to my home for afternoon tea on several occasions. I can have 6 people with social distancing, and it gives us a chance to catch up in an informal setting, compared with our formal meetings.**

**A few members of my Rotary Club attended a workshop at HEERA (Health and Education Equipment Re-purposing Activity) where we made labels for health donated by local health services. Once sorted the equipment is shipped off to developing countries, where they make use of discarded hospital beds or student desks. This is a project run by volunteers from 2 Rotary districts, who pool their resources to keep it happening.**

**Many of our normal Rotary activities at this time of the year are not able to happen – I feel like we are in ‘holding’ mode until the virus is no longer a threat. As someone else commented, ‘my wings have been clipped’ this year. It has been a chance to take stock and re-calibrate my priorities.**



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