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Note from the editor

Lynn Raymer, South West Pacific County Peninsula Rotary, Washington State, USA



Greetings! So much has changed in the last three months. The weather has gotten warmer or cooler, depending on where you live. Where I live, we are seeing each other's faces again, as mask mandates are going away, and many people are no longer wearing them. I found a small stack of cloth masks I made a year ago.

Our auction didn't happen, so the scarf I was working on is now coming to Houston. I have my reservations and look forward to seeing old friends again. But am also saddened by one face we won't see. Our Vice Chair Helena Daniels lost her husband Ron a few months ago. He was at the least an honorary member of the fellowship as he was a

major help in setting up our booth every year. Ron was a very active Rotarian, PDG of his district in the UK and active in his community. He will be missed by many. Helena told me that she was surprised by the more than 200 who came to his memorial service. From what I know of him, I was not.

Thank you to those who provided articles, pictures, and ideas for this newsletter. It continues to impress me the variety of skills you all possess. I love getting the emails and reading your stories and seeing the pictures of your work.

We have one more General Zoom meeting before convention. It will be on May 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time. Be looking for the Zoom link from Diana.

Our booth number this year will be 526. It is on a corner, which can be a bit challenging, one less wall to display on, but more open. But it is right across from the social media centre, so should see lots of traffic.

If you have items to send and don't know anyone from your district who might transport, the following members have volunteered to bring them, as they are driving:

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Knitted for the Convention

Sieglinde Warren, Camden Rotary Club, Poland Ohio USA



Attached are pictures of items that I shall be sending to Houston via a fellow Rotarian.

Stay well!

Sieglinde



This and that

From Lynn Raymer, South West Pacific County Peninsula Rotary, Washington State, USA



These fish are crocheted fish I found at a local coffee/yarn shop.

From the quilt show Long Beach Peninsula Quilt Guild





This was taken at a table at the Community Supported Agriculture fair in Portland Oregon. I don't remember any fabric painting in any recent issues.

These just jumped out at me. Very simple and on point. The name of the lady who does the veggie towels is Trista and her website is <https://carrotcondo.com/>



Quilter!

From Elsie Whisenant Rotary Club of Valdese, NC

Today I am very excited!!! I just sold my long arm quilter and bought a new updated version with the memory design module. Can't wait to get started quilting something beautiful! I am working on table runners, table toppers, coasters, and wall hangings to take to a craft show on April 30th along with 12 quilts. So, I am busy, busy, busy. I am finishing my first paper piecing quilt - not sure I like this, but I shall get it finished. I am including a couple of pictures of some of my work. Greetings to all quilters from the Rotary Club of Valdese.



This is a fun blog

<https://aimeevictorianarmoire.com/2016/03/02/from-my-sewing-table-march-2/>



Tea cosy and table runner

From Jane Woolnough, The Rotary Club of Vancouver, Vancouver British Columbia Canada

Greetings from Vancouver, Canada. I do hope that everyone is keeping safe and well. With Houston in mind, I have recently completed a runner and now I am thinking I should make some coasters in some of those wild designs, to go with it... It's been lovely to be working with those gorgeous bright sunny colours whilst it often has been rainy and grey outside.

I am also trying to finish putting a tea cosy together, again for Houston (front and back)

I deliberately chose calm, muted batik fabrics and found them particularly soothing to work with at a time when there seems to be so much distress and turmoil in the world.

I am keeping fingers crossed that I shall be able to make the journey to Houston and look forward to meeting you all there!

With kind regards,
Jane



Summer is on its way!



Ukrainian Sunflower

From Bonnie Sirower, Paterson Rotary Club, Glen Rock New Jersey USA



Here is the Ukrainian Sunflower Afghan with blue border that I made for my Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club to raise money so that St. Jude's hospital can bring Ukrainian refugee children who have cancer can come to the USA for treatment. Latest bid is \$250.

Below

Here is an afghan I am working on now that features the national symbol of Ukraine, the sunflower, with a Ukrainian blue ruffle border. I still have 14 more motifs to make before I stitch it together. My Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club in NJ will be auctioning off the Afghan on April 27 to raise money for St. Jude Hospital to bring Ukrainian children to the USA for cancer treatment.

You may have already received this, but here is the Rotary logo Afghan I made for Barbara Fisk in Ontario, Canada. Barbara donated \$475 to the Rotary Foundation as part of an auction held by Rotary Zones 38 & 32 on Rotary's birthday, February 23.

I am sending two Rotary logo pillows, one in blue and white with blue backing and one in gold and white with gold backing, three pairs of Rotary slippers (I may figure put how to crochet a small logo, and, if I have time, a purse made up of Rotary logos. I am attaching a picture of the blue and white pillow and the slippers.



Quilters stand for Ukraine

From Tony Castley, Epping Rotary Club, Pennant Hills New South Wales, Australia

Following up from the email you sent on the Ukraine Block, our Hobbysew Stores in Australia contacted Pat Sloane and UNICEF and launched a Pat Sloane quilt block kit, comprising of the fabrics and thread to make the block. The customers pay just \$15 for the kit, with the \$15 going to the UNICEF Ukraine appeal. In the first two weeks some 250 kits have been sold which has already raised \$3,750.00 for UNICEF thus far. James A. (Tony) Castley OAM



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Some made them into cushions, as per the photo enclosed and one of the Days for Girls groups is making them into quilts which we will ultimately give to some Ukraine refugees here in Sydney.

HOBBYSEW SUPPORTS QUILTERS STAND FOR UKRAINE

Support the Ukraine children and their families by purchasing a Pat Sloan Quilt Block Kit

Hobbysew and Sew Easy are proudly supporting Pat Sloan's "Quilters Stand for Ukraine". Pat has created a star within a star quilt block in the Ukraine flag colours as a sign of strength. It is her hope that quilters worldwide will use her pattern as a show of support, but more importantly donate funds to support the children and their families in Ukraine.

Hobbysew with Sew Easy created pre-cut kits by donating the Sew Easy fabrics and Sew Easy Quilting Thread in the aim to get as many of Pat Sloan's quilt blocks made. Hobbysew will donate 100% of all money from kit sales to the UNICEF Quilters Stand for Ukraine donation page ukraine.unicef.org.au/quiltersstandforukraine

Please support the children and families of Ukraine and to find out further info on how your donation is helping the families in the Ukraine and to download Pat's pattern simply visit ukraine.unicef.org.au/quiltersstandforukraine



Visit hobbysew.com.au to purchase a kit

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Kawandi quilting

From Lane Neff, Rotary Club of Murrysville-Export, Murrysville Pennsylvania USA

I was recently in charge of the Woman's Club art show and I always enter my quilting and sewing even tho I am the only fiber. Got a judges award for my block of the month quilt. I guess it pays to 'be in charge'! I think I already sent you that quilt.

But during the quarantine time I found Kawandi quilting on YouTube! Love it! I have been going to town on my basket of scrapes that are too small or not right for a scrap quilt. (It uses slow stitch as sashiko and boro.)

I have them around on tables and toppers as I guess they are my doilies!!

I will not make Houston but may send some of these for the booth if you think they would sell.



Kawandi quilting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFdoxEfKeto>



Humanitarian aid

Marilyn Lira District 5130 Santa Rosa East/West

"I received this email from one of my quilt guilds here in Santa Rosa. It is a quilt block pattern inspired from the crisis in Ukraine. It is also a plea for monetary donations to UNICEF. I neither suggest nor propose that our fellowship members donate to UNICEF, but rather to the RI Disaster Response fund. Sincerely, Marilyn Lira District 5130 Santa Rosa East/West"

We are horrified by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It's heartbreaking to watch the devastation, the evacuations, and the fear... it's also extraordinarily humbling to witness the sheer strength of the Ukrainian people. In times like these, it's hard to determine our best path forward. Words feel weak. We try desperately to think of ways to help, ways to take action. There are entire communities in need of support, protection, safety, food, shelter, compassion... As quilters, we often default to our roots as makers... what can we make? How can our skills be used for good? While the people of Ukraine don't need our quilts, they do need [humanitarian support](#) and

we're able to offer that in different ways. Makers are taking action by creating blocks to share, requesting donations to organisations who are able to provide immediate support.

Aurifil Designer [Pat Sloan](#) was moved to do just that. She has been following along with and was particularly inspired by a post from Maria Nelga of [Quilt.studio](#), who is also the president of the Ukrainian Quilters Guild. She talks about Maria in her video [HERE](#).

Pat approached us just 2 days ago with the idea to create a quilt block. It is a star in a star, signifying strength, made with the colors of the Ukrainian flag. It's her hope that quilters worldwide will use the pattern to make blocks in support, but more importantly that they will donate funds to

support children and their families in Ukraine. After some conversation, we chose to host the fundraiser with UNICEF in support of Ukraine's children and their families. We thank Pat for her generosity and hope that you'll join Aurifil in supporting these humanitarian aid efforts.



Bags and quilts

From Tina Fritzenwanker, Lifetime Member, Luebeck Germany



First I want to introduce myself.

I live in Germany on the Baltic Sea in Luebeck, 70 km from Hamburg. Up until five years ago I lived in Hanau near Frankfurt, where I was a member of the Inner Wheel Club. As an enthusiastic quilter, a friend drew my attention to the Rotarian Fellowship. I became a lifelong member, unfortunately almost only passively because of the distance. But I read your emails with great pleasure.



It's been a long time since I sent you my quilt blog, blue and yellow Mercedes star (2008) which you included in the beautiful quilt. See attachment. I am fascinated that Mr. KAFFEE FASSET is giving a lecture at Lake Constance in May. Unfortunately I can not participate. I'm a big fan of his, love his fabrics and have already sewn four large quilts with his fabrics. At the moment I sew small bags and purses. Next week I'll be sewing a baby quilt with my girlfriend using fabrics from the very hungry caterpillar. If I can support you with a project, let me know. We are very sad about the things that are happening in Ukraine, we help with donations where possible.

I wish you every success at the convention.

Tina Fritzenwanker





Christmas stockings

Lisa Hollenbeck, Cap City Passport Rotary Club of Carson City, Nevada

I started redoing a baby quilt that I had made for my daughter 35 years ago for my grandson who turned a year old this past March. It was a panel of bears and I cut them apart and then had my mother-in-law a.k.a. great grandma order them for me. I did meticulously hand quilted around each block and each item in each block. Needed to be redone because the padding was all disappeared. I use the original backing and the original binding material. I took the border and made a small pillowcase out of it.

I also was making patchwork Christmas stockings. The original Stocking has the red cuff on it. The one and black has more of the original materials are used when I made my daughters so I'm thinking that might be my grandson's stocking

The other stocking will be my son-in-law's.

It was really nice to finally catch a meeting. Since it's a fiber arts fellowship also I need some help repairing a wool wall hanging that my cats snagged. If you know of anyone in the fellowship that can help me I really appreciate that. If you know of somebody you can give them my email and then they can contact me at their convenience.



Project in the works

Diane Mettam Rotary Club of Eureka, Eureka California USA

Nothing much to sing about, just some cross-stitched table runners (same graphic each end, and the fabric I plan to use to back them.

The good news is I got a new Rowenta!!

I feel so lazy compared to so many other members. I'm dealing with several medical issues, accompanied by fatigue, pain, and insomnia. My doctor has me staying at home because I am a "high risk" patient. I did finally finish some fairly basic cross-stitch table runners - started them at least 15 years ago for a church bazaar (I finished one, which sold pretty quickly because it was made by the pastor). I've washed them to remove the guide marks and I'll be backing them with appropriate fabric - I don't think anyone wants to look at the backside of stitchery. I could work on these because I could do it sitting in my chair. I am desperately trying to clean out and organize my office/sewing/guest room. It's a good thing we have had no guests!

Blessings - Diane



Scroll and scroll

From Elsie Whisenant Rotary Club of Valdese, British Columbia, Canada

Greetings from Vancouver Island, Canada. Thank you all for your great work keeping us all up-to-date.

I have been doing several challenges during Covid. I thought that I would send in the photo of the scroll and scroll stand (that was my husband's idea) to hold my mini scroll quilt of my garden and family members. I call it "Scrolling Thru the Garden". There are 60 photos with 30 on each side.

Our group from Courtenay, BC Canada called "Inspired Fibre Artists" got the idea from the 2021 summer Quilt Arts magazine.



Randa Mulford

From Vigdis Stefansdottir, Rotary club Reykjavik Grafarvogur, Iceland

Greetings from Iceland!

I would like to share with you pictures from a sewing weekend in Iceland, at Hotel Laugabakki (where the red arrow points). I live in Reykjavík where the yellow arrow points. On this weekend, Randa Mulford, talented textile artist and a quilter, had a class in collage quilting. Randa has a PhD from Harvard, where she studied how children learn new language. One of the places she went to as a part of her studies,, was Iceland and ever since, she has visited the country regularly. We really hope she will have another class soon!

