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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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



This year's convention was quite different, without Helena and Cheryl and others that have helped in the past, but we 'done good'. The convention was small compared to some recent experiences, with only about 11,000 attendees. But it was vibrant, energized and fun. And donors were generous.

My club president Paul Estrella and I started organizing ways to display items as soon as we were allowed in. Jane and Mike Woolnough brought a few things that morning and by midday Sharon and David Cheadle joined us with a car full of donations. Diana came the next day, and we were off and running. Paul took some large boxes from the Russel Hampton people and made a display table and there were other donations that came in over the course of the convention and more volunteers to man the booth so Diana and I could go to the General Sessions. Thank you SO MUCH!

So how did sales go? While we don't have an exact accounting, we brought in about \$12,000 in donations to the End Polio Now campaign. The auction items were a quilt call Tim's Ties, made from 50 years of Rotary theme ties. It was lovely and attracted a lot of attention. And the winner was... Tim! He paid \$2500 for the quilt. Brenda's cactus quilt brought \$1500 and Bonnie's Sunflower Afghan in Ukraine colors brought \$500. Our Star and Heart quilts went quickly, \$350 each.



Now is not the time to rest. Time to start thinking about next year. Australia, here we come!



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THE FLOWER QUILT

Cheryl Minshew, Alpine, California, USA

Blocks from members - and Cheryl Minshew made a quilt out of them.



QUILTING TOGETHER

From Paula Adams -Rotary club of St Petersburg, St Petersburg Florida USA

I'm a new member of the fellowship. I enjoyed visiting at the fellowship booth at the convention. There's nothing like chatting with fellow creative people.



I'm still in recovery from a stroke in October, 2020. I have just begun to attempt quilting again. I have completed a baby quilt for my new great-nephew. I made accommodations, chose a simple pattern and utilized my embroidery machine to personalize it. The back story is that my mom and I would make a quilt together for each of the great-grandkids (or grandnieces and nephews to me). The last "we" quilt we worked on was for the older great nephew/great grandson. Sadly my mom passed away 4 years ago and it was important to me that this precious little boy have a family quilt to cherish. So I made an attempt, not my best work, but not too bad.



STAR BLOCKS

Elsie Whisenant. Rotary Club of Valdese, North Carolina, USA

I have recently completed a "Labor of Love". My husband died in 2019 and left a couple dozen beautiful silk ties. His company dyed yarn for most of the ties manufactured in the US and many in Europe, so he had been given many beautiful silk ties, some of which had never been worn. After some research into how to handle all that silk fabric, I took them apart, washed, hung up to dry, pressed, fused, cut pieces for Dresden Plate vanes and sewed and sewed till I made these beautiful wall hangings for my two sons. I think this will be a wonderful way for them to "see" their Pop and remember him.

I hope the coasters I sent to Houston added a little to the Polio Plus coffers. My president was very impressed with the ladies he met in the booth, although he did not get any names. Thank you for your work there. Looking forward to the Zoom meeting!



Dear members. This newsletter is your work - please send us information, articles, pictures etc., to publish for others to see.

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KNITTED DOLLS

*From Helena Daniels Honorary Member Cheam Rotary Club, Carshalton
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My small quilt group make quilts for Project Linus for various hospitals in our local area and in London. We also supply local children's charities and have been making for Ukrainian families arriving in the UK. We have also been knitting the cute dollies to go with the quilts. They don't take long to make and certainly keep me awake whilst watching TV in the evenings! You can find the patterns on www.raverly.com (Esther Braithwaite) a lot of them are free for knitting for charity and for personal use and of course not for sale or profit. They are fun to do and you can certainly give

them all different personalities.
Hugs...Helena

Happy knitting!



STAR BLOCKS

Bonnie Sirower, Paterson Rotary Club, Glen Rock, D 7490, New Jersey USA



I volunteered to make an Afghan to be auctioned off to benefit PolioPlus at the Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America Annual Meeting on August 19th. Deb Glisson, our Executive Director, suggested I use the theme for the Australian Rotary convention. I had our DGE (at the time), who was attending the RI Convention in Houston, take a picture of the poster, which I have attached. It

took me about a month, but I have now finished that Afghan. I have attached it. I took "crochetic" license with a couple of the colors, and decided to use a dark chocolate background rather than a black background. (The chocolate looks much warmer than the starkness of black), and transposed a couple of patterns, added a couple of colors. It is VERY heavy. Since I cannot figure out how to crochet pictures of people, I inserted the Rotary logo and added colors.

I had thought of perhaps making a similar afghan to be sold in Australia. I think the only way I could get it there, though, is to wear it around my shoulders on the plane, like a coat.



WEAVING WITH A PEG LOOM

From Fiona Miles – Guildford Chantries RC District 1145 England

Over the last few months my husband and I have been visiting many Rotary Clubs on the British mainland who are celebrating their centenaries. This has given me the opportunity to visit the heartland of the spinning and weaving industries, including visits to a craft centre housed in an old mill in North Yorkshire.

There was a wonderful display of quilts there from around the world.

I also saw a demonstration of a peg loom. The exhibitor was using the selvedge from woollen fabric, that would normally find its way to landfill, to produce the most wonderful rugs that had a very luxurious feel.

Ever willing to try out a new craft I decided to give it a go. Firstly, it did not enter my head that I could purchase a peg loom so I set about making one. Then on another trip to Yorkshire I visited one of the woollen mills to pick up the selvedge, this was a 15 kg bag which filled up quite a space in the car. My husband said OKAY, no more shopping on this trip! It was some weeks before we were home long enough to allow me time to continue with the project.

Although it took some time to set up the loom the actual process of weaving was quite fast and therapeutic. It took about 2 hours to produce my first rug measuring 32" x 36". I am pleased with my first effort and hope to get back to weaving again sometime soon.

I dare say many other members have already tried this most ancient technique of weaving but it was as much about the journeys this project has taken me on as well as the experience.



THE CONVENTION!

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



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ORBITUARIES



The Rotary Club Sebastopol Sunrise is saddened to report that Bruce Campbell passed away the morning of July 20, 2022, in Reno, NV. He and Helaine had relocated to Sparks, NV in 2021, but remained members of Sebastopol Sunrise until recently.

Bruce was the founding president of our club, which formed in May of 1997. Bruce had been a Rotarian for over 40 years. In 2004/2005 he served as the District Governor for District 5130.

Helaine has been an active Lifetime member of RFQFA since 2005.



Marty Peak and her husband Frank Helman joined the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club in 2003.

Marty served as President of her club in 2006-07 and DG in 2012-2013. She has been an active Lifetime member of RFQFA since 2005.

Frank passed away just days before the Houston Convention. Marty has just been elected to serve a 4 year term on the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS - BIRMINGHAM UK

Vigdís Stefánsdóttir - Rotary Reykjavík Grafarvogur - 1360 Iceland

Quilt shows are always delightful and a happy place for me. The abundance of quilts, people, shops, workshops and artists, the excitement in the air, the chatter and joy...is so incredible! Below is a picture of the group from Westfjörds in Iceland, a very active group to say the least!



This year I went to the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham UK along with over 30 Icelanders. The show has grown larger and now took over 4 halls in the NEC, which is huge. I have no idea how many visitors came but usually they are btw 12-18.000 over the 4 days of show. I wish I could show you all the images but they are simply too many!

This is not a quilt, but could be - a reflection of a building in Birmingham.



The hands quilt is made by Lesley Smith, on behalf of the Hospital League of Friends Charity as a thank you to the NHS staff at the Robert Jones at Orthopaedic Hospital.



Us and you by Dana Owczarek in Poland.



This is a powerful work

