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Dear Quilters,

As I wrap up my term as president, I want to thank so many of you who offered support during my tenure. I'll be honest with you, it wasn't always an easy job. Please welcome Marty Held as the new president and be certain to offer her a helping hand and always show her respect. Jessica Tribunella will be replacing Donna Clark as our secretary. Donna, you did an amazing job, thank you. Best of luck, Ladies.

Marty and I will be working on committee assignments - thank you to those who have decided to continue working in committees that they have so successfully filled in the past. And a special thank you to Dru for resurrecting the Pink Ribbon committee and stepping up to be chair of this important and needed charity.

I have to put the finishing touches on my apron to present at the holiday party. Thanks for the unique challenge.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Never hesitate to recognize your daily blessings.

Deb Marshall

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Deb Marshall.

Officers present:

President - Deb Marshall

Co/Vice Presidents - Joan Rockenbrock and Rene Harbison

Treasurer- Kelly Miller

Secretary - Donna Clark

Guests- Pat Etue and Jo-Ann Evans

Paula Wasieczko motioned to accept the October minutes and Cindy Warthling seconded it. The proposed 2026 Budget was presented with increases in the kitchen, website and quilt show. \$400 was put back in the budget for Pink Ribbon. There was no discussion and the proposed budget was passed unanimously.

Program - Joan Rockenbrock discussed glue basting.

First lay your backing, right side down, press well and tack down. You can use Elmer's Washable School glue (watered down $\frac{2}{3}$ glue, $\frac{1}{3}$ water) or Aleene's Tacky Glue. Shake well, then pour on the backing. Spread out with your fingers. Lay batting on top. Let it sit for 20 minutes. (It can be moved, to straighten if necessary). Lather glue all over the batting. If there are lumps, swirl with fingers. (All glue disappears when washed). Then lay your top on. Videos are available on YouTube. (Stitched Obsessed is one.)

Joan then introduced Denise LaMarca, owner of Aunties Attic, who discussed scrap quilts. She uses Bonnie Hunter's method of using leaders and enders to make scrap quilts, thus creating 2 in 1. She feels the most successful method is "Pick and Pull", by putting your block in a bag and randomly pulling out and using. With this method, color theory doesn't necessarily drive your work. Scrap quilts came about because people wouldn't throw anything out. First you need to decide how to sort your scraps.

A. Size - Determine what is the smallest size you will save. Ex. - 1", 2

$\frac{1}{2}$ ", etc. B. Color - sort by color

C. Planned quilt - It's planned to look as it does.

Remember to always leave your needle in material, presser foot down, when moving machine. Scrap Bag Bash - Use 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " blocks. Put blocks together, add a border and you have a quilt. DON'T think about color as you're creating.

Bonnie Hunter says don't use anything darker than paper bags for background. 1. Determine what size you want to use.

2. Cut to size

3. Background selection has to remain for entire quilt, then pattern becomes readable. The more that's in a quilt, the more you'll be drawn into it. It'll stop you, to look at it. "Extra" from quilt kits can be cut into usable sizes.

She does NOT use foundation for her blocks, unless making strip quilts.

Denise sorts by COLOR.

It comes down to what YOU are comfortable with. (size, color, etc.)

There are no rules in quilting, no quilt police.

90% of people use medium blue, green and violet in their quilts.

Olive is yellow with black added, NOT green.

Old Business -

This is the final month to complete your milestone madness items. November 15th is the deadline to get your money to Kelly Urtel for the Christmas party.

Membership for 2026 due prior to the beginning of the year. Greg will collect.
No other new business.

New Business -

Board Elections for 2026

Since no nominations for Secretary or President came from the floor, the secretary cast one vote for each position. Marty Held is our new President and Jessica Tribunella is our new Secretary.

Linda Berwaldt had sizes to look at for the t-shirts. Orders will be taken until November 15th. Jessica Tribunella made the graphic.

Rene Harbison discussed ideas for new classes.

The first meeting of the year, 1/7/26, Chris Bronschidle will present on temperature quilts. They can be downsized and if there's interest, a class will be scheduled. She showed at the Clarence Quilt Show and used colors to go with the high and low temperatures of the day. On January 24th, Linda Hunter will have a workshop - Finally Finishing. Material list to follow. In March a table runner class using Deb Tucker rulers may be scheduled. No other new business.

There was a refreshment break after singing Happy Birthday to November and December birthdays.

Committee Reports:

Christmas Party - Kelly Urtel reminded us that the party will be 12/3/25 at the Rescue Fire Company on Straad Ave, N.T, at 6 pm.

Christmas Stockings - Sue Cahill received an avalanche of donations. Jennie Wigle and Barb Newman made 3,000 between the two of them.

Membership - Greg Mangin is taking care of this.

Pink Ribbon - Dru Lis is taking over. Two places routinely call for comfort pillows. She'll turn down any other requests if she doesn't get help. Linda Smyth is continuing to do the chemo hats.

Project Linus - Linda Szmanda had 15 turned in tonight with a total of 7,315. Panels are available. She will collect at Christmas party. She explained an exercise to relieve back stress. Quilter's Challenge - Dee Judy has only a couple left.

Refreshments - Faye Vogt needs people to sign up for new year. Only one for January. Sunshine - Jill MacDougall sent sympathy card to former member, Wendy Mangrum on the death of her husband, John.

Walker/Wheelchair - Barb Newman has only 2 left. There are ten nursing homes. Anyone wanting to donate 36X42 lap quilts from scraps, they'd be appreciated. She won't make another delivery until Feb/March. They need walker bags desperately.

Quilt Show - waiting for final quilt show info.

50-50 -\$32 to Linda Szmanda.

After Show and Share it was suggested we make small bags for Scott Beeler Roswell Center out of 100% cotton material and thread filled with rice.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark

Milestone Madness

Milestone madness entries have closed. Prizes will be awarded to those who participated in Milestone Madness at our Christmas Party.

If you have any questions, you can call: 716-694-5732 or e-mail: rockenbrockjoan@aol.com

No Hostesses for December

Let's wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to the following quilters for the month of December:

Linda Wegrzyn 12/5

Janet Smith 12/9

Jessica Tribunella 12/11

Kim Scott 12/27

Karen Wozniak 12/30

Diane DeArmond 12/31

Christmas Stockings

The Christmas Stockings for the military have been delivered.
This year we donated 1050 stockings.

Great job everyone!
Sue Cahill

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party is right around the corner. We will be at Rescue Fire Hall/Martinsville Grove at 1241 Strad Ave, North Tonawanda on Wednesday December 3th 2025, at 6 pm.

Challenge 2025

For the quilters that finished your challenge, make sure the number in your kit is attached to the front of your apron. Please bring your challenge in a plain brown paper bag.

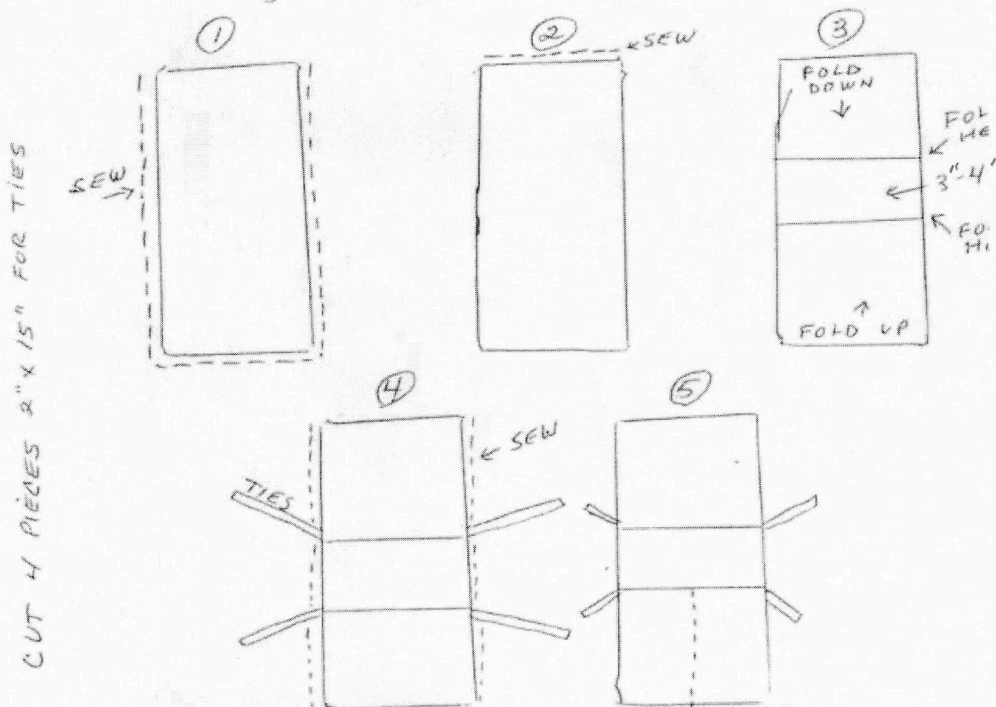
Wheelchair/Walker Bags

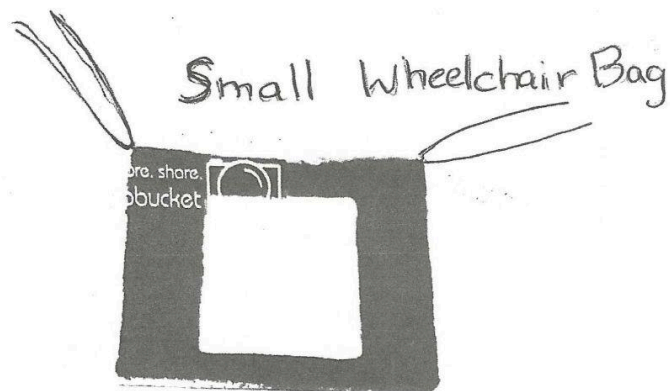
Both Wheelchair/Walker bags instructions are listed below. If you have some spare time to make a few. They really don't take much time to make. And the seniors would be happy to receive one.

Wheelchair / Walker Bag 13x34"

- ① With right sides together sew around 3 edges, leaving one short side open. Turn right sides out.
- ② Turn in the open end and sew shut.
- ③ Turn up both ends leaving a space approx. 3" to 4" in center.
- ④ Insert ties as you sew up sides.
- ⑤ Sew a line in center of one side to form two pockets.

You're finished!!





SUPPLIES NEEDED:

1. Sturdy fabric for front and back such as quilted fabric, denim, corduroy, decorator fabric etc.
2. A cotton fabric for the lining, pocket and ties

CUT:

- Cut 2 pieces 8x11" for front and back out of sturdy bag fabric.
- Cut 2 pieces 8.5x11" for lining
- Cut 1 piece of lining fabric 8x11" for your pocket.
- Cut 2 - pieces of lining fabric 2.5 x 20 " for ties

INSTRUCTIONS:

A. POCKET

Fold the pocket in half right sides together and sew 1/4" seam around three sides, leaving an opening to turn it right side out. Stitch around the pocket leaving a place to turn at bottom. Turn pocket, poke out the corners so it's square. Iron the pocket turning in the opening at the bottom. No need to hand stitch shut as you will sew it to the front of the bag as you will sew it to the front.

B. FRONT

Take the front piece of bag fabric, pin the pocket in place and sew the pocket onto the front piece at the sides and bottom catching in the place where it was turned and leaving the top unstitched. Don't forget to reinforce both sides at top of pocket with extra stitches.

C. Sew a lining piece to the front and back at the top of your bag fabric.

D. Now lay the top and the bottom with right sides together. The bag front & back will be together and the lining pieces will be together. Make sure your seam at the top is laying toward the lining and that sides at seam are matching. Stitch all around the lining and the bag **fabric leaving a place for turning in the lining**. Trim your corners. Don't trim the seam at the top. Stitch the opening in the lining closed.

E. Now push the lining down into the bag. When in place, the lining should show on the outside of the bag at the very top to make a decorative band around the top of the bag.

F. Fold and stitch the ties to the inside of the bag at the side seams.



PROJECT LINUS

Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their own Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2024				7104
1-2025	10	3	13	7117
2-2025	10	22	32	7149
3-2025	16	1	17	7166
4-2025	15	11	26	7192
5-2025	15	15	30	7222
6-2025	7	9	16	7238
7-2025	2	0	2	7240
8-2025	1	3	4	7244
9-2025	6	28	34	7278
10-2025	8	16	24	7302
11-2025	11	6	17	7319
12-2026				
			2025 Grand Total	

This month's total of quilts turned in is 17---bringing our total to 7319!!!!

We are forever grateful to all the dedicated members who, month after month donate their talents, time and own stash to keep Project Linus totals raising each month.

Chris Biggie, the Project Linus Coordinator, said she distributes on average 250 quilts per month to 31 different sites.

The need is always present, and we are always in need of twin size for the older children. She also mentioned that if you know of a child/teen in need to contact her.

As always, with very grateful hearts---Co-chairs, Sue, Cindy, Linda

