



Presidents Message: Karen McMurdo

Greetings,

Well, we had our first in person meeting in March and I think it went well; it was great. It was great to see everyone again and be able to socialize a bit. I want to thank Dru for putting together a program on such short notice and Deb Marshall for showing off her work; I for one enjoyed it very much. Linus reached a milestone with over 6,000 quilts and over the years we have had such great committee chairs to keep us on track. Sue Cahill has taken over Christmas stocking for the year and will have a pattern available in April. We could use a little more support of walker wheelchair bags as Barb is now able to get into more facilities that are in need and so appreciative of the donations, so keep that in mind for next month. I know with COVID it has been hard to get kits, and turn in, since we had not been meeting in person. Looking forward to April and maybe warmer weather, see you all soon.

Stay safe and continue with our new norm and daily precautions,

Karen

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TCQG Meeting Notes March 3, 2021

President - Karen McMurdo Vice President - Druscilla Lis Treasurer - Joanne Sentman Secretary - Joan Rockenbrock.

Karen McMurdo called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Welcome back and thanks to the outgoing officers Marty Held - Treasurer and Rene Harbison - Vice President and hello to the new officers - Druscilla Lis - Vice President and Joanne Sentman - Treasurer. Program - Trunk show by member Debra Marshall Project Linus: Mary Militello (Western New York Project Linus Coordinator) joined us this evening. There were 60 (26 from kits and 34 from members stash) quilts donated this evening which gives us a

total of 6,055. There are kits available many of which can be finished in 1 afternoon. With the quilts donated, Western New York Project Linus will have a total of a little over 60,000. Mary had to cancel the National Quilt Along Day this year so there will be a "Quilt Drive Thru" on March 20, 2021 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon at St. Paul's Church Harris Hill and Main Street, Clarence. Mary usually gives out 5,000 - 6,000 quilts each year but 2020 she only distributed 2,700. Now that things are loosening up from the pandemic, the need will increase, so any help you can give is most appreciated. There is a Project Linus Knit/Crochet along. The cost is \$15 and when you join, make sure you designate Western New York and the \$15.00 will go directly to WNY Project Linus. There is also a quilt along that works the same. Pink Ribbon - Sheryl Lynch or Dorthy Glosser will take any pillows completed. Raffle Quilt - If you need any more tickets, let Joan Rockenbrock know. The drawing will be April 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Joan's house. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome. There will be tasty beverages. Walker Wheelchair bags: Barb is here for kits and she will be going to the nursing homes again. Old Business On the tables are the committee lists, please check and make any changes and give back to Karen. Patty K is doing better but her husband is not doing as well. Please keep them in your prayers and if

you get a chance, send a card. New Business We signed the contract with the Wheatfield Community Center for 2021 and received a check for the unused portion of 2020. No August meeting and December will be the Christmas Party. 2021 UFO Challenge: We saw many finished UFO #3's. Next is UFO # 4 and you have approximately 2 months to complete it and bring it in. Denise Fland has an antique quilt frame for anyone who is interested. This years' mystery challenge is: Fantasy dreams. Contact Linda Wegryzryn and pay \$5.00 for the kit. Follow the directions and bring it completed to the Christmas party and you will receive your \$5.00 back. 50/50 \$15 to Sheryl Lynch. Sue Cahill - Christmas Stockings she will have patterns next month and we can turn them in at any time. Any questions let her know. D&D sewing and embroidery, across from the NT City Market on Robinson Street, she has a die cutting machine and will cut your fabrics.

Respectfully submitted: Joan Rockenbrock

A note from your Vice President!

April is definitely bringing promise to us all, but it remains difficult to find people willing to come out yet to present a program or a workshop.

With the help of April I do have a few ideas in mind, however I am reaching out to y'all for some assistance. Please let me know if you have any ideas that you would like to learn about or know someone willing to come and present a program? We do have a nice budget that has not been tapped into in quite a while!!!

Your input would be greatly appreciated!! Feel free to reach me by phone or text -7163909701, email- babrshpdru@aol.com, snail mail- 788 Westbrook Drive, NT., or in person!

Happy trails,
Dru



BIRTHDAY'S /April

4/12 Judy Lilac

4/12 Diane Stillinger

4/15 Nancy Smegelsky

Raffle Quilt

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Keep selling those tickets..

Joan Rockenbrock and the raffle committee.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Sue Cahill will be handling the Christmas Stockings this year. Also any pattern for the stockings can be used and she will provide copies of the original pattern we used if anyone would like them.

Thanks -

Sue Cahill



PROJECT LINUS

YOU DID IT ----WE ARE OVER 6000!!!!!!!!!!!!

PROJECT LINUS 2021 Month Quilts from kits Quilts from their Stash

Month	Quilts from kits	Quilts from their Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2021				5976
1-2021	4	2	6	5982
2-2021	10	3	13	5995
3-2021	26	34	60	6055

We wish to thank the following members/people who donated from their own stash: Sheryl Lynch-2, Diane Brodfuehrer-12, Deb Marshall-2, Debbie Foust- 2, Joan Rockenbrock-2, Penny

McDowell with her quilt gals-13 ---please note a total of 27 was donated ---14 were given to wheelchair walker bag committee.
Thank you, thank you, thank you—you're unbelievable!!!!!!
With grateful hearts---Be Well, Be Safe, Be Warm Co-Chairs:
Cindy, Cindy, Linda

Drive thru Linus Day

Hello everyone! Hope you are all well. It has been a very long year and I miss seeing so many of you for our blanket day that would have been held last month. I had hopes that by April or May we would be able to have something of an in person event but still don't see that happening. Without being able to have our usual events we have come up with a "Drive Thru" event. Kits will be available to take home and then return completed so we can continue to support our agencies. They are all open and helping children so they still look forward to having blankets for the children.

**Here is what we have planned:
Distribution of kits will be held Saturday, March 20th 10:00 -
12:00
St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**4275 Harris Hill Road
Williamsville, NY**

Because many of the local schools and organizations that have supported us in the past are not able to, we need everyone's help and will need the finished blankets back quickly so we are limiting everyone to a maximum of 5 kits (You can take fewer). We would like these returned no later than April 17th. Details for returning completed blankets will be out shortly.

I know this is short notice but I have been without a computer for a couple weeks. It seems replacement parts are taking longer than usual to arrive. Anyone interested, sent me an email letting me know how many kits you would like. We will have them ready for you.

One other thing I wanted to let you know about is the Knit and Crochet Along. This is being sponsored by PL National. Registration is \$15 and if you mention our chapter (Erie and Niagara Counties, NY) all the proceeds will go to our chapter account. The 1st step is being released this Saturday, March 13th.

Thank you for all you do to help Project Linus!

**Mary Militello
Chapter Coordinator
Erie and Niagara County
Project Linus**



Pink Ribbon Projects

Comfort Pillows & Chemo Hats

Returned So Far This Year:

Comfort Pillows: 128 Total – Stuffed: 7. Unstuffed: 121 WOW!!!!

Chemo Hats: 34 Total – 31 cotton knit “sleep” hats and 3 from fleece.

Special Thank you’s to:

Denise Fland and her mom, Lois, for stuffing and tagging at least 30 pillows EVERY MONTH!

Judy Klusek for preparing all the pillow and hat tags needed recently.

Jennie Wigle for sewing up 9 pillows and 10 hats in January.

Dorothy Spears for continuing to sew up so many “very popular” sleep hats.

Sheryl Lynch and Dorothy Glosser for collecting completed Pink Ribbon kits at our March meeting (committee chairs were unable to attend).

Dorothy Glosser, Linda Barrett, and Joanne Pietryzkowski for sewing up a combined 30 pillows/10 kits.

An anonymous member or members who cut and matched 41 sets of pillows and who cut out 26 additional loose pieces for pillows!!!

P.K. for delivering pillows to Breast Care of WNY (Roswell, northtowns), hats to Dr. Soniwala, and pillows and hats to WNY Breast Health (Dr. Lindfield) on Park Club Lane in early February.

If anyone needs kits to work on or polyfil to stuff with, please call or email any one of the Pink Ribbon Chairs: **Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, or Judy Klusek** and we will deliver to you.

Thank you for your continued support – the need is never-ending !

Anyone interested in antique wooden quilt frame with 4 stands and long rails put together with C clamps.

Please contact Denise Fland at 731-4539 for contact information. Thank you
