



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Barrett

Dear Quilters:

Thank you all for voting in favor of the By-Laws. Thank you to Linda Szmanda and Pam Labushesky for working so diligently on them.

Congratulations to Rene Harbison who was re-elected Vice President/program chairperson, and Marty Held who was re-elected as our Treasurer. Great job ladies.

I am looking forward to the New Year and all the exciting things we have on tap, however I cannot let this year finish without some kudos to my wonderful Board, all the Members, and Chairpersons. We have a wonderful guild that I am proud to be a member of. It has been almost a year since I took this position as President and I must say I have enjoyed every day. Thanks to everyone for your help.

2019 is going to be a busy time with Quilt Show activities and we need everyone's help with making this a success. It has been rumored that we are known to have the best boutique. (This is not a rumor, it is true)!

Please keep making wheelchair walker bags, Pink ribbon items, Linus Quilts and selling Quilt raffle tickets. It will be a long cold winter and you can help keep your fingers warm by working on the above items.

Wishing you and yours a most Merry Christmas.

## NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Hi Quilt Guild, My ALS is quickly progressing and I'm going to sell my sewing machines, a new golf bag and pull cart, my bicycle and numerous baking items. Anyone interested in looking at things can let me know. I'm home mostly, not being able to drive but you can check with me for times or details. Thanks, Arlie Sears

I would like to thank everyone for being welcoming the past couple of years. Unfortunately my life has changed to the point that I will no longer be a member of the guild or the 'editor' of the guild's newsletter. I have enjoyed putting your newsletter together since June 2016 and hope that someone will step forward to take over for 2019. Happy sewing!  
Maurine Baker-Stein

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TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD  
November 7, 2018

The meeting was opened at 6:30pm by President, Linda Barrett.

Secretary's report was read. One correction was made for last month. Membership forms are to be turned into Patty Kuriscak. Accepted with change.

Treasurer's report: Accepted as printed and distributed.

Membership: Chair - Patty Kuriscak. We have 2two new members, and all are encouraged to mail their forms and dues payments to Patty this month. This will allow her and the committee to enjoy the Christmas Party in December.

Pink Ribbon – Chair – Patty Kuriscak. Thank you to the members who brought back kits this month and there are kits available to take home. The committee has a group who volunteered to stuff so any and all sewn pillows are welcome. The next Pink Ribbon Day will be held at St Leo's (formerly) bingo hall in Niagara Falls on March 9, 2019. A sing up sheet will be available in January.

Christmas Stocking for the Troops: Chair - Cheryl Shoemaker. There were several stockings turned in this evening and we will have a total count in the newsletter. If you know of anyone serving in the armed forces, please let Cheryl know and she can divert a stocking or two if the base allows. The deadline for this year is November 8, 2018 so if you haven't gotten your stockings to Cheryl by then, you can turn them in next September.

Christmas Party: Please arrive at 6 P.M. (doors open at 5:30) at Classic V Restaurant (the smaller building on the left when you come in from Niagara Falls Blvd.). If you have not paid, please fill in the form and give your check to Maurine Baker-Stein tonight.

Sunshine: Chair – Linda Smyth. Penny McDowell won the 50/50 \$33.50. Congrats Penny!

Walker Wheel Chair Bags: Chairs - Barbara Newman/Jennie Wiegler. 41 Walker/wheel chair bags were turned in. Several were delivered last week, and the facility was very appreciative.

Kitchen: Nothing new to report, all is going well. Please check the book and volunteer to bring goodies.

Raffle Quilt: Chair - Charles Rhodes. The tickets have been printed and are available for the membership. The member selling the most tickets will receive the 60x80 quilt that was the remainder of the kit from our larger raffle quilt.

Challenge – Dorothy Glosser Chairperson: Next month is the deadline. The project has to be completed, brought to the party in a bag with your number attached. There will be prizes and you will receive your five dollars back.

Project Linus: Chairs - Linda Szmanda/Cindy Warthling. Many quilts were turned in this evening and we have a total of 5543 to date. There are kits available and when you turn in a quilt, please put your name in the box. There will be a prize awarded at the Christmas Party.

Quilt Show – Cheryl Shoemaker: The categories have been established and the forms will be sent out via e-mail shortly. If you don't have access to e-mail, there will be hard copies available at the January meeting. We have another couple of vendors lined up, so this show will have a very diverse and new set of vendors. Please save your scraps for the Linus Pool and give to Linda Szmanda/Cindy Warthling. Sandy Wardour is collecting the fat eighths for the attendees. You can cut and roll them if you wish or provide Sandy with a yard of fabric and she will cut and roll. Basket Raffle – the items for the raffle does not need to be sewing related. Wine, books, pampering, manly items, children or baby items are all welcome. Boutique – Linda Berwaldt is chairperson and if you have any questions, please contact her. We are known for the unique, well made and interesting items in our boutique so start making your items. Members will receive 85% of the sale price and the guild receives 15%.

Elections were held: René Harbison was elected Vice President and Marty Held was elected Treasurer.

The By-Laws were accepted as written.

Beginning at the January 2019 meeting there will be a sign in sheet at the entrance to the hall. Please sign in at each meeting. This is for safety purposes. If there is an emergency, we will need a record of who is in the building to make sure everyone is safe.

Saturday, November 10 Pam Pandolfi will be giving her landscape workshop and there is room available. Bring your own lunch and drinks. If you need a kit, please call or e-mail Pam. Pam can also give workshops on Xmas ornaments, wreaths or a painted card. Please let René know if you are interested in any of these.

Shear Mobility (corner of Warn and Warner) will not be a "retail" shop. Linda Barrett will look into seeing if appointments are available if we need our scissors/shears sharpened.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Rockenbrock, Secretary



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4-Pat Vitthuhn 5-Linda Wegrzyn  
9-Vickie Wesolek & Janet Smith  
31-Diane DeArmond



## Pink Ribbon Comfort Projects



Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, and Judy Klusek

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### KITCHEN

Donna Brown

We wish to thank everyone who provided delicious treats this year.

The hostesses for January are: Sharon Shakarjian, Judy Lilac, Pam Labushesky, Joyce Morris, Karen McMurdo and Barb Kanaley.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Patty Kuriscak

As of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 74 of the current 86 members have renewed their membership and paid their dues for 2019 – thank you for your promptness!!!

Returned at the November meeting:

**Pillows: 62 Total** – 5 stuffed, 57 unstuffed -- hooray!!

**Hats: 53+ Total** – 23 regular sleep hats from cotton knit, 10 fleece, and 20 knitted adult hats + 3 infant knitted hats

### “Thank You’s” to:

Emma Hofmeyer and Judy Klusek for working on comfort pillow and hat tags.

Jeannine Ellis for cutting out and matching up pillow pieces.

Several anonymous members for donating solid fabrics at our November meeting J.

Myrabelle Quaranto for sewing **LOTS of pillows!!!**

Charles Rhodes for sewing the **8 of the 10 fleece hats** mentioned above.

Jackie Hartman (a former member) for making 8 cotton knit sleep hats.

Linda Smyth’s Church Ladies (Immanuel Lutheran) for knitting the 20+ hats mentioned above.

Note: Kits for the comfort pillows and chemo hats are available at all regular meetings. If anyone needs kits at other times, please call or email Patty Kuriscak or Linda Goodine; and we will deliver them to you.

Double Note: When you are working on your projects, if you have a piece of fabric 5 ½” x 18” left over, please cut it into a comfort pillow piece (or give it to us and we will cut it to the right shape). If you have just one (or more), we will match it up with other “orphan” pieces to make a beautiful pillow!

Triple Note: If you are “cleaning out” some of your stash, we especially need solid (or prints that read as solid) fabrics to blend with the many great prints that have already been donated.

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



**PROJECT LINUS**

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support for Project Linus. So many have returned kits and quilts made from their own stash.

**January to November 2018 Tally**

Months	Quilts made from Kits	Quilts made from their Stash
Jan	9	2
Feb	27	11
Mar	36	29
Apr	17	8
May	14	13
Jun	13	1
Sept	20	12
Oct	11	8
Nov	20	8
Totals	268	92
Total	360	

Our current Linus record book dates from January 2013 with a total of 4232 to the present bringing our Guild total to 5543.

We are looking forward to 2019, as we have some new ideas, blocks and patterns.

We wish many blessings this Holiday season  
The Linus Committee

**2019 Fat Quarter Colors**

Karen McMurdo

- January: Light blue
- February: Red/Pink
- March: Green
- April: Pastels
- May: Batiks
- June: Yellow
- July: Stars
- September: Black/Gray
- October: Fall
- November: Home spuns
- December: Civil war

Fat quarter drawing will be done each month and winner takes ALL.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Karen McMurdo

Here is the list of block of the month square and colors The site is [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com) They are paper pieced 8" blocks .

- January : Braided Star: blues with white background
- February: Everybody's Favorite: red and floral
- March: Cabbage Rose : pinks and whites
- April: Twisting Spool: any colors
- May: End of the Day : batiks
- June: All Those Squares : multi color and white
- July: Delaware Star : blue, gold and white
- September: Crayons and Pencils: Primary colors
- October: Shoemaker's Puzzle: Fall colors
- November: Triangle Party: red and white
- December: Christmas Quilt 2001: green with red triangles

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Cindy Hubacher

Like most of you, I learned to sew at a young age. My sister, who is also my twin and I sewed some of our clothes with help from our mom.

As a twin, what one of us gets into, the other has to start too. Katie started quilting and I soon followed. I have been quilting for about 25 years, with most of my large quilts going as wedding presents to my large family.

I am the youngest of seven by three minutes. I have four grandchildren who have received baby quilts, Halloween costumes etc.

I enjoy making Linus quilts and dresses for Africa. I am now into wool applique and am making wall hangings using this method.

Sandy Wardour

Hello fellow quilters! I'm a two term past president of our guild. The invitation to join the guild was made by past president Debbie Fouts (who delivered my mail) when she saw a quilt in my window.

I have been a fabriholic for years, just not a quilter. When I retired from Canisius College, I took a part-time job at the "J" store. They put me in the quilting department, big mistake! When I told them not to pay me, just let me purchase fabric with my wages, they declined my request. So I just cashed my check and returned to buy. My stash grew and grew and grew.

Able to take several quilt classes for free, I was soon hooked. Quilting became my passion. Every closet, cabinet, and even a coffee table are filled with quilts. Many neighbors, charities, my children and grandchildren have received quilts; and there are still more.

Quilters that were downsizing have given me fabric, which I have shared with Project Linus and the comfort pillow project. And, of course, keeping some for myself. Thanks to them my stash is healthy.

I recently began to machine applique on small projects. My constant partner, Banx (my cat), lays on the ironing board to make sure I'm doing a good job. He lets me iron in a VERY small space, as he likes to spread out.

From making quilts by just measuring with a yard stick, marking with a pencil and then cutting with scissors to using our new rulers and rotary cutter, etcetera, I have come a long way.



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