



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Barrett

So good to see all (48) of you who braved the snowy night to attend our meeting and wonderful presentation of quilts from the Modern Quilt Guild. Thankyou ladies for a great display of your beautiful work. Made me want to rethink my quilting projects. Also, a belated thank you to Denise from Aunties Attic for your Color Theory class.

We had a special visitor this evening. So very good to see Kris Gideon back among our members.

Our by-laws state that ALL members shall to remain in good standing, do one community project a year. If you have not already made one of our community projects, please take a project home with you at the March meeting. What better to do than sew on these long, dark snowy days and nights. From this writing Feb 13th only 35 more days til Spring, I personally can't wait.

We have a nice grouping of programs and projects for you to take advantage in March. These include our library display starting March 1, Annette Meyer will present a trunk show for your enjoyment on March 7th, Pink Ribbon workshop March 24.

Special thanks to Maurine Baker-Stein for a great job on our newsletter. She has been adding new features and they look great.

See you in March.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6—Esther Stoeckel

8—Deb Marshall

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### KITCHEN

Donna Brown

The hostesses for March are: June Roetzer, Linda Berwaldt, Esther Stoeckel, Kathy Vitthuhn, and Joann Pietrzykowski. Thank you.

If you have not, please sign up to bring something this year. The notebook will be on the food table at each meeting  
Also, should there be any leftovers please take them at the end of the night.

Please remember that we are encouraged to use only one trash can, the one near the door. So please throw all your trash away so we can get it out. Thank you.

### LINUS

WOW!!!! What an incredible month, you have been very busy. Twenty-six quilts were turned in with ten being from their own stash! This brings our Grand total is 5412!!!!!!

The Committee has a few new ideas:

- 1). a paper pieced heart block--red/pink fabric will be at meetings for you to use--you supply the background fabric.
- 2). the balloon block--we provide the background fabric, from your stash you choose the balloon fabric and finish it with single fold bias tape, which is sewn on both sides.
- 3). Up for a Challenge? If you choose to select a Challenge Kit, be creative, this sky is the limit!!!! The kit includes some fabric- you decide the pattern and any additional design creativity. Bring the completed top to the meeting and we will provide either fleece or batting for the backing. When the quilt is completed, you will receive 5 tickets to enter the drawing at the Christmas Party. We will continue making these for a few months and collect them on our Linus Day.

We are very grateful for your dedication to the Linus Project. Happy sewing!

**Twin City Quilters Guild  
February 7, 2018 Meeting**

Wheatfield Community Center  
North Tonawanda, New York

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

The Modern Quilt Guild of WNY gave the program. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month beginning at 10 am.

**Membership:** We have 78 members. If there is anyone who wishes to become a member, please contact Patty Kuriscak or Deb Marshall. New rosters are available.  
**Christmas Stocking for the Troops:** Cheryl Shoemaker is taking stockings and there was fabric on the back table for members to use. The stockings do not always have to be holiday fabric; it can be sports related, plaid striped. Doris Gierke brought valentines for members to sign. She will deliver to our MLA members.

**Christmas Party:** Nothing new to report.

**Sunshine:** Cards were sent to Mrs. Wilczak (Karen McMurdo's mother) for sewing the walker wheel chair bags, Sharon Sacco, Donna Mileham. Michelle Wayne contacted Linda Symth and asked if the guild was having a sale in the near future. She has 5 boxes of fabric she would like to sell. It was agreed that she could sell at our May sale if she pays \$25 for a table. This would be equivalent to the cost of dues; therefore, she would be a "member" and have the opportunity. Pam Labushesky had surgery.

**Walker Wheel Chair Bags:** The patterns and precut fabric are available. If you know of a facility that is in need of these items, please let Jennie Wigle or Barb Newman know.

**Library Display:** It is next month, and small items are needed. If you did not bring them to the meeting, please bring them to the library and give to Deb Marshall. If she is not there, let the desk know and they will put your items in her office. You can also bring them on March 1 directly to the library when it opens. If you have questions, please call Linda Berwaldt.

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

**Raffle Quilt:** Charles obtained permission from the creator to use the quilt for our raffle next year. Rene Harbison asked for the committee to meet during the break for a discussion.

**President's Quilt:** Penny decline the offer.

**Challenge:** \$5.00 for the packet, the finished item must be brought to the Christmas Party, there are 3 color variations and this year's theme is "Piece with a Purpose".

**Project Linus:** The committee had quilt tops or parts of quilt tops that were donated. These items are "Challenge" packets. Any member that takes a challenge and completes the top or the entire quilt will be able to put their name in for the \$50.00 gift certificate given at the Christmas Party. There were also paper pieces hearts with background fabric and red and pink for the hearts. The pattern for the balloon quilt was also available. After all the quilts were turned in at the end of the meeting, our count for Project Linus is: 5,412 quilts.

Cindy Hubacher's sister will be in and will have a wool workshop the first week of August. Stay tuned for more information and details.

**Pink Ribbon:** Kits were available at the back table. The next Pink Ribbon day will be at St. Leo's Church (St. Vincent De-Paul) on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 till 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All items will be precut and if you can sew that would be great, but stuffers and closers are also needed.

**Block of the month:** Please turn your blocks into Sheryl Lynch each month and at the end of the year you will get your blocks back. The patterns are included in each month's newsletter, so you can always complete your blocks to catch up.

A motion was put before the membership. In years past there was a line item in the budget for 2 \$25 gift certificates for the Erie County Fair. One goes to a young quilter for his/her first quilt at the 4-H. The other goes to the general Arts and Crafts categories (adults) for a quilt of the judges choosing. The motion was made by Linda Szmanda and seconded by many. The motion passed, and the item was added to the budget.

**Mary Militello:** National Project Linus Day is coming up. February 17, 2018 (Saturday) at St Pius' Church on North French beginning at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Chefs will be catering lunch. Please let Mary know if you plan to attend and if you will be sewing, crocheting or tying the quilts.

Linda gave Shinning Stars to members who have contributed in a significant way to the guild. These stars are not only for the members who do the most work but also for those who have inspired the group in a notable way. These members are: Marty Held, Linda Smyth, Karen McMurdo's mother, Charles Rhodes, Sheryl Lynch, Jan Brauer, Maurine Baker-Stein, Arlie Sears, Linda Wegrzyn, Kathy Vitthun, Destiny Varney and Kris Gedeon.

Linda Wegrzyn won the 50/50 and the other prizes were won by: Adele Gabalski, Barb Kanally (twice) Cindy Hubacher, Pam Pandolfi and Arlie Sears.

Show and Share was wonderful.

The meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Joan Rockenbrock, Secretary



## Pink Ribbon Comfort Projects



Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, and Judy Klusek

**When:** Saturday, March 24, 2018 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** St. Leo's Church Bingo Hall – (just north of K-Mart) 2748 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Since there are many phases to these pillows, you will be able to work on whatever "stage" you prefer.

**What you should bring:** If you will be machine sewing, bring your sewing machine, assorted colors of thread, pins, and scissors. If you will be hand sewing, bring your favorite needle, various colors of thread, and scissors.

**What about lunch?** A complimentary lunch will be provided. Since a count for lunch is needed, please indicate your willingness to join us by doing one of the following: (1) signing-up on the sheets available at the Guild's March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting or (2) contacting one of the Pink Ribbon Co-Chairs: Patty Kuriscak (297-2040) or e-mail— patty-pillow09@gmail.com, Linda Goodine (298-1002) or e-mail goodlin79@aol.com or Judy Klusek (283-1264) or e-mail judyk32@verizon.net

Please let us know if you will be joining us **by March 15th**.

Returned at the February 7th meeting:

**Pillows: 28 Total** – 7 were stuffed and 21 unstuffed

**Hats: 51 Total** – 20 fleece, 4 regular cotton knit, and 27+ knitted hats

### **"Thank You's" to:**

Judy Klusek and Emma Hofmeyer for making the many pillow tags needed recently!!!

The anonymous member who put the cute little yo-yos on the sleep hats mentioned above.

The anonymous member who bought her own fleece, cut out the hats, and made 12 of the hats mentioned above (please call or email one of us so we know who you are!)

Immanuel Lutheran in Tonawanda (Linda Smyth's church) for knitting the 27 hats (plus 7 infant hats) mentioned above.

June Roetzer for delivering hats to American Cancer Society and pillows and hats to Millard Fillmore Suburban.

Tonawanda Garden Club (thanks to Pearl Steiger) for stuffing and tagging 80+ pillows on February 15th.

**Special Note:** If any members have taken pillow kits home from meetings, we would really, really, really appreciate your sewing them up and bringing them to the March meeting, so we will have enough ready for "stuffers" to work on at our upcoming Pillow Day.

**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.

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Florence M. Rhodes

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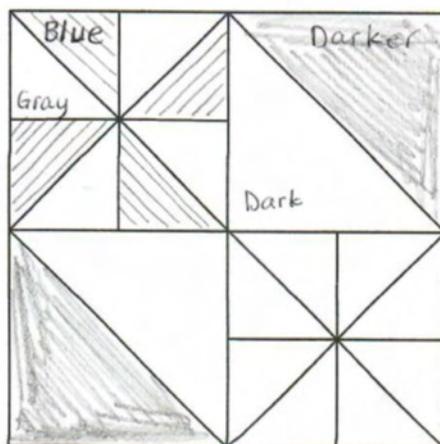
Block 4

Darkest Print	Dark Print	Blue	Gray
1 - 6 1/2" square	1 - 6 1/2" square	4 - 4" squares	4 - 4" squares

Using the blue and gray - 4" squares, make 8 HST blocks. Square each up to 3" and with these units, construct 2 pinwheel blocks. Press and square up to 5 1/2"

Using the dark and darker print 6 1/2" squares - make 2 HST blocks. Square each up to 5 1/2"

Assemble as shown below.



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**Newsletter**

All members are encouraged to submit an article or item of interest by the 15th of each month to [tcbearclaw@aol.com](mailto:tcbearclaw@aol.com)

## Walker or Wheelchair Bag

To cut out the pieces for a bags:

Cut two pieces of fabric 14" by WOF which is at least 44".

Cut two pieces of fabric 2" by WOF. Then cut each strip in half so you have four pieces 2" x 22".

To sew:

Put the right sides of the large pieces together and sew around the edges. Leave an opening about 3 to 4" wide, so that your hand may reach inside and turn the unit right side out. Poke out the corners and then sew the opening closed.

Find the center of the unit. Measure 2" on each side of it and draw a line across on each side.

Take each end of the unit and bring it to the above lines. Pin each of the four sides. It should now look like you have two large pockets.

Sew your ties.

Add each tie into the seam line, about a half inch down from the opening of each side of the pockets.

Pick one side and sew up the center. You now have a large pocket on one side and two smaller pockets on the other side.



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