



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Barrett

Dear fellow quilters,

I was going to start out with Happy Spring, but as I sit to write this and look out the window it is snowing fairly hard. I have heard so many people complain and say, "I am so done with this weather." I can't fault that expression. Then there is always this," well, it is New York State, or Buffalo. True statement, but enough is enough.

Well, looking forward to brighter days, we welcome home our "snow birds", and a new past member Kristen McGraw, who joined last month. You may remember her, as she and her mom were Linus Project Chairpersons.

Salem Lutheran Church at 10 McClellan Circle, Buffalo, will host a quilt show and have items to be sold. They will open at 10:30am and quilts will be auctioned at 12:30. Admission is free, many of our members have contributed. This will benefit Camp Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center.

How many of our members do you really know? Well, we will get a chance to read about some of them, starting with this month's newsletter, two members of the guild will be highlighted each month. This month you will get to meet, Wendy Mangrum and Kelly Urtel. Hope you enjoy this new portion of your newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our garage sale and short meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will have the doors open at 5:15 PM for your set up.

Let the sun shine!!

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Twin City Quilt Guild  
April 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Barrett

Kristen McGraw was our “visitor” this evening. She previously was a member and has rejoined. Welcome back Kristen.

Secretary meeting minutes from March were approved

Treasurer’s report was approved. Please make sure if you do not want the copy of the treasurer’s report placed on your table to return it to Marty to be disposed of.

Judy Lilac has returned after surgery along with Wendy Mangrum. Glad to see both doing well and back amongst us. Mary Wells had surgery and is still recuperating at home. Any cards and well wishes are welcome.

Membership – Patty Kuriscak: We have 79 members.

Pink Ribbon – Patty Kuriscak: The annual Pink Ribbon day was held and there were sixty-five stitchers, stuffers and closers. The day finished with 350 completed pillows. On the table in the back corner there are more kits available for those who wish to take some home.

Xmas Stockings – Cheryl Shoemaker: Was not at the meeting but Linda Berwaldt will take any finished stockings.

Xmas party – Maurine Baker-Stein: To be held the first Wed in December. The cost is \$25.00 and will be held at the small venue of Classic V on Niagara Falls Blvd.

Walker Wheel Chair Bags – Barb Newman/Jenny Wiegler: twenty-five bags were taken to Crestwood and there are more cut out, so please take some home.

Project Linus – Linda Szmanda/Cindy Warthling: twenty were returned tonight which brings our total to 5465. On the table in the back, there is the sample balloon quilt along with the pattern and the heart paper piecing papers.

Library Display – Linda Berwaldt: Thanks to all who brought their items as it made for a lovely display.

Kitchen: Please use the garbage can by the door.

Challenge – Dorothy Glosser: There are still packets available. Five dollars which will be returned at the Christmas Party for all completed projects. The theme this year is “Pieced with a Purpose”.

Rada – Karen McMurdo: There are a few items on the front table – when they are gone they are gone. A couple of pairing knives and a cheese knife.

For those who wish to have the guild logo embroidered on your name badge or a piece of clothing, Sheryl Lynch has accepted the baton from Wendy Mangrum. If you wish to have your name badge embroidered, there is no charge. If you wish to have a shirt or other clothing items embroidered it will be eight dollars.

The By-Laws Committee will be meeting shortly but needs a copy of the latest by-laws as reference.

May is Garage Sale: Let Rene know if you need a table, so she can have enough set out and no one is left behind. She has contacted other groups of the event. Our doors will be open at 5:15 and we will start at 6:00 p.m. for our meeting and the sale beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own change.

50/50 \$27.50 to Judy Lilac (now she can pay off her hospital bills). Fat quarters: Barb Newman.

J. Madeline (formerly Patricia’s in Rochester) is having their grand opening on April 6 – 7<sup>th</sup>. 333 W. Commercial Street, East Rochester 585-267-7816 web site: [www.jmadeline.com](http://www.jmadeline.com).

When you are purchasing anything on Amazon, please choose TCQG in the Smile Section for credit. We have received a check recently for \$6.08.

Amherst Quilt Show: April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Admission \$6.00 10-5.

If you are looking for a quick quilt to give away there is the “Jelly Roll Race” which makes a lovely and easy quilt to accomplish in approximately one day. If you are looking for directions, check out You-Tube and Missouri Star Web sites.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joan Rockenbrock, Secretary



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

14—Dorothy Glosser  
21—Barbara Newman  
28—Joan Rockenbrack

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### KITCHEN

Donna Brown

Here are the hostesses for May: Diane Brodfueher, Jill MacDougall, Cindy Warthing, Deb Marshall, Emma Hofmeyer, Joan Rockenbrock, Sue Skinner and Linda Berwaldt.

### LINUS QUILTS

Hello Quilters: It's been another busy month. We received seventeen quilts last month and nine of the quilts were from members own stash!!! This brings our grand total to 5465.

Don't have time for a whole quilt--try a block or two, or three. We have patterns and fabric for Joanie's Balloon quilt, and the Heart Paper-pieced. Try it you might have fun!!!!

Thank you so very much for all your continued support, time and love making the Linus Quilts.



## Pink Ribbon Comfort Projects



Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, and Judy Klusek

We had a **fabulously** fun day at St. Vincent DePaul's Parish Center in Niagara Falls on March 24th. Sixty-seven of us -- guild members (20), friends and family of members (35), and residents of the Elderwood Residences at Wheatfield (12) -- worked on making comfort pillows for breast cancer patients. We had fifteen machine sewers, the remainder stuffed and hand sewed. In less than five hours, we made a total of 350 comfort pillows. Three hundred were finished and tagged. Fifty went home with volunteers to be finished up.

There were door prizes for everyone thanks to June Roetzer. Joanne Pietrzykowski, Myrabelle Quaranto, and Hilda Danilowicz won the Grand Door Prizes. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, catered by Yubb's Restaurant. An extra big **THANK YOU** goes to Dorothy Spears for all her help in arranging our use of the parish center, which met all our needs, and everyone enjoyed the new site!

***Thank-you to all who participated – it was a wonderful day!!!***

Returned at the April 4th meeting:

**Pillows: 105 Total** – 4 were stuffed and 101 unstuffed – WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Hats: 25 Total** – 8 fleece, 4 regular cotton knit, and 13 knitted hats

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

Judy Lilac for making the four stuffed pillows.  
Myrabelle Quaranto for sewing 46 unstuffed pillows.  
Ann Barberio for sewing eighteen unstuffed pillow.  
Charles Rhodes for sewing the eight fleece chemo hats.  
And to Linda Smyth for knitting the thirteen hats.

**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.

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

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Wendy Mangrum—Linda Barrett asked me to write a short bio about myself. When Linda asks you to do the same, please say yes. It will be a wonderful way to learn about our fellow quilters.

I joined the Guild several years ago at the urging of Diane Brodfuehrer. I would see her occasionally at JoAnn's and she would mention the Guild. I think if you know a quilter or someone who would like to quilt, encourage them to attend a meeting.

I have been sewing since I was thirteen and too tall for ready to wear. My mom always made our clothes and did alterations during the time dad was in the South Pacific. I guess some things are genetic as my mom was one of nine and everyone had the talent.

Fast forward to 1981 when my sister Donna and I opened The Needle's Eye in Tonawanda. We planned on selling dress goods, knits and patterns. It wasn't too long before customers were asking for calico to make quilts. We reversed gears and found Eleanor Burns' Quilt in a Day. Those classes were a great success, but we had to expand our classes. We hired a smocking teacher and a hand quilter. Donna's daughter was born during this time and of course had some beautiful smocked dresses. We added women's alterations along with candle wicking, pierced lamp shades along with other requests. Sometimes we were only one step ahead of our customers.

We were very fortunate to have supportive husbands who were employed, lol. We closed the shop in 1986 when Donna returned to teaching and I moved to Ohio. We met so many wonderful people who are still our friends.

Kelly Urtel—Hello fellow quilter's, I've been asked to tell you a little about myself, so here it goes....


I have been married thirty-seven years to Dave and we have two daughters. Lindsay is married to Tim Bozek and they have two daughters (the loves of my life) Lillian (7) and Valerie (4 soon to be 5). They live here in North Tonawanda. Leah is married to Joe Wolf and they live in Pompano Beach, Florida. I have worked as a medical record coder for Kaleida for thirty-eight years.

My grandmother taught me to embroider when I was in grade school. My mom taught me to knit when I was in grade school. She loved to knit and made many pairs of mittens over the years. She made baby clothes and blankets and even Barbie clothes. I still have some of them. I taught myself to crochet, my mom never could get the hang of that.

I have always had a hobby of some sort. I did counted cross stitch for years. My first quilt was made all by hand from a pattern in a magazine when I was pregnant with my first child. Let's just say I had a lot to learn, you should see the applique on this quilt. Quilting has come a long way for me. Guess you could say I am obsessed. I have a mid-arm Tiara Machine that I am still learning to use, two featherweights, a Bernina and a Janome. But Joannie Rockenbock has me beat! Someday I will master tatting. Just need to find more time in a day or wait until retirement.

My daughter tells me I am a hoarder of fabrics and sewing supplies (aren't we all? Just a little?) Can't pass up something new. I have enough stuff to keep me busy for a long time.

Happy stitching to all.



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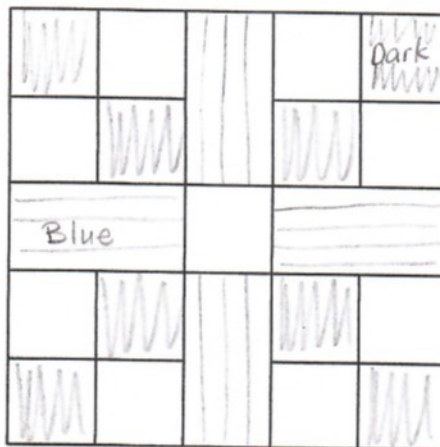
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Shades of Gray

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|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Dark Print   | Light print  | Dark center   | Blue                |
| 2 1/2" x 21" | 2 1/2" x 21" | 2 1/2" square | 4 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" |

Sew the dark and light print strips together lengthwise. Press to the dark fabric.  
 Subcut - 8 - 2 1/2" pieces and assemble as 4 - 4 patch squares.  
 Square up to 4 1/2".  
 Assemble as shown.



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# EVENTS

## 2018 Salem Lutheran Church Spring Luncheon & Quilt Auction

When: Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:30 am.  
Browse: 10:30 to 11:30 am.  
Auction: is at 12:30 pm  
Where: 10 McClellan Circle, Buffalo  
Admittance is free. There is a luncheon at 11:30 am.  
Cost is \$15 and reservations for lunch is needed.  
Phone number to be announced for reservations.

The auction benefits Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center.

## Scrap Bag Smash

At the April meeting, Jennie Wigle showed a Linus scrap quilt. There was a lot of interest in the design and color of her quilt. Jennie then mentioned that she attends Auntie's Attic Quilt Shop Scrap Bag Smash lecture/demo each month. Pam Labushesky and Denise LaMarca show different ways to use scraps, stash, orphan blocks, pre-cuts, specialty rulers and more, to create new projects and quilts. You may also choose to participate in the club's scrap exchange at each meeting. The size scrap changes so, please, check at the shop for details on the exchange.

This club meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost is five dollars per person. It is appreciated if you pre-register by call before 3 pm that day, so we are prepared for everyone.



Tuesday, June 5 to Saturday, June 16, 2018

Prizes are:

Grand – over 50 yards of fabric: visit all 16 stores.  
Value \$600+

Pick 12– Basket of quilting goods: visit 12 shops.  
Value \$300+

2 Loop Prizes – Basket of quilting goods: visit the 8 stores in one of the loops listed below. One basket will be awarded per loop. Value \$150+

Bonuses: 5 free patterns for every hopper. And 15% off all regularly priced, bolted fabric – half yard minimum purchase.

Loop N Shops are:

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