

News from Business Meeting

Susan Brunton is now our Vice President. We thank Kathy Jean Brown for her service over the last four years.

We got the flannel for the year. The cost was \$3400. The price for the prints had gone up from prior years. It is now in the warehouse.

For 2012, we gave out 550 bags, 20592 items, and 148 burials. In 14 years we have given out 127 bags, 223,793 items, and 1095 burials.

There were 37 bags this month.

Jill gave a bag to an individual in need in Gainesville.

Georgia is unable to continue as Board Member at large. Jackie Montoulieu will now serve in that position.

Bunten Road Workshop is having difficulties and Jackie Montoulieu and Maria Korosi are no longer willing to be in charge. Too few people are attending and only cutting is being done. The building may be available for single days as needed for special cutting sessions or general work days.

Our church sponsored groups seem to be doing better than other groups because they are set up as more social events.

When Ruth Skaggs delivered to Ty Cobb Hospital, she talked with the receptionist and she thought a Methodist minister might be interested in starting a group in that area. She will check the next time she goes.

Jill will be talking to a group in Bent Tree in Jasper to see if there is any interest there.

We need more people to do serging. We were short on sleepers and gowns in December. We need to recruit more and younger people.

Atlanta Sewing Center has given us permission to put up a sign in their store to bring more attention to our group. Carol Hayford who teaches the serging classes will also encourage participation.

Georgia will have a display at her church about Tiny Stitches in February.

We will be checking our sergers on loan and check to be sure we are getting items from those that have the machines.

Atlanta Airport donated 9 trash size bags of old uniforms. The shirts are in good condition and the fabric can be used to back quilts, lap pads, and burp cloths. We need volunteers to cut them up. We also received pants and tee shirts, but they may not be in good condition and may need to be tossed.

The question of fund-raising was brought up. We have been relying on grants, but may need other sources. Kiwanis and Rotary clubs have donated previously and we will try to contact them again as well as the Sheriff's Posse.

Leon reported we are good for the Sewing and Quilt Expo (2nd weekend in March). We will have a 10X10 booth or maybe larger. Debbie Vickers will be coordinating volunteers later.

Leon and Debbie worked with Cornerstone Church for a summer project the last two years. The church members made afghans for us. We supplied the yarn and they gave a donation to cover most of the cost of the yarn. Leon will check to see the numbers of skeins of yarn and afghans. Debbie is still getting afghans from them.

Michele Murray will take care of the domain name and hosting for the website. This is a major contribution and we thank her for it.

A friend of Evenly Finch gave her a large amount of upholstery fabric and she will give it to us for totes. There are some sample size pieces suitable for small totes and some rolls for the large totes. Ida Boyce will cut the rolls into 2-3 yard pieces and put them in the warehouse.

Our source of socks has gone. We will need to have people knit them now. Georgia has provided a pattern that uses sock yarn and # 2 double pointed needles. The pattern will be put on the web site and attached to the newsletter. We would prefer white since they may be added to knitted/crocheted caps. We also need more booties to go with the hats.

We will be seeing about getting thread soon.

We were short of quilts this month. It was suggested that we use fleece blankets instead of quilts. We need to compare costs and time for quilts and fleece.

Needs for this month

This month we need:

Boy sleepers, gowns, lap-front shirts
Girls sleepers, gowns
Large tote bags
Quilts
Afghans

From the warehouse

Thanks to all who made sleepers and gowns this month, but....like Oliver we need "more please". We still were close to not having enough, and this was a small month with only 46 bags needed. Please if you can make a couple of extra for the next few months.

Meetings

Next Pre-pack meeting will be Wednesday, January 30, 2013; 9:30AM at Your Extra Attic. Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Sugar Hill.

Next Business Meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2013; 10:15AM at Atlanta Sewing Center, Duluth Highway, Duluth