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Quilter,

We are awesome! I can't believe that we were able to replace all those pillowcases in such a short time. At the workday that was held at my church, we made 105 pillowcase with another 8 only needing the side seams. Also, there are some that were started but ran astray in the casing and need to be taken apart and redone and 10 or so kits that are ready for next years. Thanks to all that helped in any way, especially my son-in-law, whose idea it was to do it. He called to get permission and then the ball started rolling. Thanks to the members of my church, as well as the ladies from the other guilds who came and worked. Some of the quilter and members worked the whole time. I wish that I could tell you their names, but at the end of the day I was doing well to remember my own name.

A very big THANK YOU to Bev Taylor for opening up her class room and all the quilters who came and made another 90 (I believe that is correct) pillowcases. I am sorry I was unable to come and help, however I had so many other things going on at that time. Also, thank you to Jenny at M&L who donated fabric to help replace the pillowcases.

Miracles do happen! Thomas House was thrilled with the stocking and pillowcases as well as the Military that received the pillowcases. Thanks you Lisa Sullivan for not only all the work that she usually does, but in helping with this as well. She was one of the ones that was at the church from noon until we had cleaned everything up and hauled it all away.

A very big Thank You to Phyllis Campbell. She was such a big help. It is a good thing that our cell phones are not charged by the minute, as we would both be in debt.

There were others who were a great help in providing fabric and kits, ready to go. Others gave cash donations so that we could buy fabric. And then there was the blessing of M&L's sale that allowed me to buy some much more fabric for the amount of many we had to spend.

If there is anyone else who I have not thanked, I am truly sorry. I can't even remember all the things that were going in that week's time when all this occurred. I do remember that it was the coldest I can remember in a very long time. I think that my mind is choosing to remember the better part of that time.

By the time that you get this it will be after Christmas and our New Year will be starting. May you keep all your New Year's resolutions and have a Happy! and prosperous New Year!

Susan Stokes

Side note: For those of you who did not hear the news....the place where we stored our stockings and pillowcases was broken into and we lost everything. Due to the kindness of the people that Susan mentions above and the Buena Park Senior Center for helping us to replace the stockings, Thomas House still had a wonderful Christmas. Miracles do indeed happen.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS (Phyllis Campbell)

JANUARY 11: We are hosting the SCCQG Meeting. All hands on deck to help host this. It starts at 9:00 am at the Buena Park Senior Center.

#### January Speaker

Larry Gonzales from Retro Clean will be speaking to us about the care and cleaning of vintage quilts, textiles and other delicate fabrics. If you have vintage quilts and/or textiles to show, please bring them. We are not having a workshop in January.

#### February Speaker

Our own Nancy Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio will be here to speak on Vests, vests, vests, and other wearable art. We will soon have a photo of the unique quilt she will be teaching us at the workshop. I will send out an email as soon as she sends it.

#### March Quilt University and Workshop

Watch for an announcement of our annual quilt university teachers. If you have a technique you would like to demonstrate, please contact me asap, as I am lining up teachers now.



Our workshop will be with Ann Turley from Fallbrook. She will be showing us how to make a very cute quilt called "Katz". We should have a sample soon. Her autobiography follows:

Well over ten years ago I began a wonderful journey through life as a quilt instructor, offering programs and workshops to quilt guilds across the country. Somewhere along the line I also became a trained judge as well, working behind the scenes at county fairs, quilt shows, and other regional and national events.

My husband and I currently reside in a lovely area of Fallbrook, CA, where our two basset hounds are happy to chase rabbits, squirrels, gophers and other varmints. My work is created from a restless desire to express myself in fabric, texture and image. I am excited when faced with unusual scenarios and often use them as the foundation for a project. I find I do my best work when I give myself no boundaries, no deadlines and only a loose idea of where I want my work to lead me.

#### QUILTS OF VALOR (DONNA MCDANIEL)

I've attached Block of the Month instructions for November and December. I really could use more of the Road to the White House/November blocks. I would like to do a quilt with only this pattern. I am currently sewing together a quilt with a variety of the blocks from previous months, but I would like to get more of the November blocks, and then of course, I am hoping people will turn in blocks with the December pattern on it.



#### SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS.

Jody Burch and Michelle Smith got Thinking of you cards. Jody has a blood disorder and Michelle is having back problems.



100 Years old. Congratulations to Mary Hicks. She is an inspiration to all of us in our guild. Her birthday party was held at the Buena Park Community Center and many quilt members were there to wish her well.



#### January Birthdays

Lydia Elder Jan. 9

Diane MacRill Jan 17

Claudine Rogers Jan. 23

#### Candy Cane Land Craft Show

The Acacia Quilt Guild "Boutique" was set up Saturday, December 7th for Candy Cane Land at the senior center. Kathy Fortune was there with the Opportunity Quilt and helped set up our display. The big seller at the Acacia booth was the microwaveable bowl cozy. We sold nine of them. We also sold five grocery bags. Many of our members were at the "sew-in" to replace stockings going to Thomas House but Phyllis Victor was there in the afternoon and helped close up at 4:00 PM. Total sales were \$133.00.

Barbra Riley



### Storage in the Picasso Room

We now have a secure storage cabinet in the Picasso room. It is still not organized, but we are making progress. If you are interested in helping to organize our "stuff", stay tuned. We will schedule a sorting day sometime in the New Year.

Barbra Riley, Equipment Chairperson.

As your editor of the newsletter, I apologize for this edition coming out a little late. It is my error as I thought the next meeting in Jan. was on the 9th not the 2nd. I do hope that all of us a very Happy New Year and that we continue to quilt on through out the entire year. Also February Newsletter should be out on time. I will be in Australia until the 2nd of February but will have my computer with me and if the officers send me their reports, then I should be able to email all of you the newsletter.

Barbara Mead, Editor