

June 2019 Newsletter

June 23, 2019

Hi blanketeers – Happy first days of Summer! Hope you're enjoying some relaxing blanketeering.

* **June meeting and bagging dates:** Our **June meeting is being cancelled** as Mary, Barb and I are all unavailable at this time. We are still in need of finished blankets for distribution this month, so if you were planning to come to the meeting, please **drop your finished blankets off at Mary's house (1366 Milton Way San Jose) between now and next Thursday June 27** to be included in this month's distribution of blankets. There are blanket labels and tags "10 packs" in the basket on her porch. ***** IMPORTANT THIS MONTH ESPECIALLY (but requested all the time) – Please put your full name and contact info in EVERY BAG of blankets you drop off. Thank you!***** Our bagging day will be Saturday June 29. If you want 9-strip kits, contact Norma nlbauman@earthlink.net, 408-266-7244. She may also have some placed in Barb's donation box and on Mary's porch first come first served – contact her to confirm.) If you want fleece kits, you can contact me the week of July 1 (sjlinus@comcast.net, 408-252-1858)

* **I will continue to be 'offline' until July 1** due to family needs. I hope to be available again by July 1. I thank everyone who has stepped up to fill in with extra duties during this time, as Barb and Mary are also away at this time – as well as those members who do special jobs for the chapter on a regular basis. Special thanks to Norma Bauman and Elizabeth Tang-Kong who are helping with some of the email inquiries as well as covering Mary's house as a drop off location prior to the June bagging day.

* **Blanket Stats:** With your help, our chapter continues to donate blankets to many local entities who support local children in crisis, most of them getting donations each month. Our chapter total is now over **91,000 blankets donated.** THANK YOU!

* **Thank you!** I have a lovely thank you to share with you:

My name is Lena T., and my daughter has been a patient at Kaiser Santa Clara for about 7 weeks. Within her stay she was given a beautiful quilt and pillow cases. Thank you so much for your donations and make my daughter feel more at home in her room. God bless you and the organization that makes kids feel special during this difficult time. Forever grateful, Lena T.

* **Need bagging help in July** - In July a number of our regular bagging team members will be away, so **we need some new volunteers to help on Thursday July 25.** They start at 9am (at Mary Kelly's

house 1366 Milton Way San Jose) and it usually takes a couple hours. You get to see all the beautiful blankets that have been donated throughout the month – it's amazing. If you can help us in July, please contact Becky Guillet (bagging leader for that date) (becky@guillett.com, 408-476-8317) for more details. No experience necessary – training provided. Thanks in advance for helping us out next month when we're in a bind.

* Remember to **sign into Amazon through our website link** at www.sjlinus.org when ordering online. It's earns our chapter 4%-6% based on all your purchases which we turn into supplies for our chapter's use. Share this simple request with everyone you know who shops at Amazon PLEASE! It's easy and it pays! THANKS!!

* **All blanketeers: PLEASE remember to tie your paper blanket tags on with a KNOT in the string/yarn, not just a bow and have the string hang loosely.** A bow becomes untied and the tag falls off, then gets lost in all the handling that blankets go through before they end up with the recipients. Thanks in advance for your attention to this small but important detail.

* We're running low on **empty ink cartridges** (less than 10" in size) to turn them in for recycling credit at Staples. We get our bagging/distribution bags, printing and ink, scissors, tapes, paper, bag stickers and much more for the chapter through this recycling program. (If you send them along with your blankets at the drop-off locations, please remember to double bag them in plastic so there's no leakage.) THANK YOU!

* **Corporate Event Requests – need volunteers to help teach tied fleece making:** We continue to get requests from Silicon Valley corporations wanting to make blankets for their community service projects. We need volunteers who can attend these events and provide basic tied fleece blanket making guidance and take our 'scissors box' supplies to share. PLEASE let me know if you can help us with this important mission (sjlinus@comcast.net, 408-252-1858 I will respond after July 1). Typically we get 50-200 blankets from each event. It's important that we are represented at least the first time they hold such events so we ensure the blankets are made correctly and don't require rework later. Thank you!

* At this time, **we plan to meet on Tuesday July 23rd at 1pm (daytime meeting)** at Mary's house and **bagging** will be there on **Thursday July 25**. Meeting details will be posted on our website www.sjlinus.org – please check before that date to confirm the final plan.

Happy blanketeering and thank you for supporting Project Linus and the children we serve together.

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