

June 2018 Newsletter

Hi Blanketeers!

Hope you're enjoying this beautiful summer weather. I'm looking forward to our **next meeting on Tuesday June 26 at 7pm at the home of Mary Kelly (1366 Milton Way San Jose)**. I hope you can join us. We have had LOTS of yarn donated recently, so come and pick some up for your summer projects. We'll have some quilt and fleece kits available too.

* **Blanket Stats:** In May, we received 597 beautiful blankets and we distributed 596 blankets. Recipients for this month included: CASA, El Camino Hospital – NICU, Good Samaritan Hospital – NICU, 2 individuals, KAPFA, Kaiser Hospital – Pediatrics and NICU, Lucille Packard, El Camino Hospital, O'Connor Hospital – Pediatrics and NICU, Public Health, Regional Medical Center, Ronald McDonald House, San Jose Family Shelter, San Jose Social Services, Unity Care and Valley Medical Center. To date, our chapter has donated 84,375 blankets to children in need of support and comfort.

* **HELP NEEDED:** We have a couple of big corporate **Make a Blanket Days** coming up. Clara Chase will be hosting one at **Thermo Fisher – Sunnyvale event next Wednesday July 20** (their goal is 150 fleece blankets that day) and Marilyn Nickel will host one **Google event next Friday June 22 – new date** (their goal is 300 fleece blankets that day). **We have a few helpers but we really need 1 more for each of these events.** If you can help, please contact Clara clarachase1@yahoo.com, Marilyn marilyn@nickel.net or me for details. THANK YOU!!

* **Fundraising News:** Thanks go out to Johanna Hernandez, and Elizabeth and Stephen Tang-Kong for hosting a **Make a Blanket Day at Toshiba** this week at which the blanketeers made 50 fleece blankets and they held a raffle for a quilt that Elizabeth made and donated. They **raised nearly \$400 which will be matched by the company.**

- **Akins Collision Center (530 Reed St Santa Clara)** sent us another donation recently. You may remember they came to one of our Make a Blanket days and spoke to us about their giveback program and presented us with their first donation. If you mention Project Linus when having work done with Akins, they will send us a donation which will be a % of the price of the work done there.

- Thanks to Mary Kelly for gathering and sorting the last few month's **donated yarn** and selling the yarn which we cannot use (either wool or other types that are not appropriate for our blankets) She presented me with **\$375 in Jo-Ann gift cards** so now we can get yarns and other supplies that we can use.

Thank you all for your generosity!

* Margaret McCartney who has been a long time blanketeer and liaison for many of our drop off locations over the years is moving in July and will regretfully be giving up being our liaison to **Green Planet Yarn.**

Dry Creek Shopping Center - **Willow Glen, 1702 Meridian Ave Ste H, San Jose, CA 95125.** We thank Margaret for her years of service and wish her well in her new home so we now **need a new liaison** (to pick up blankets or other donations dropped off there and provide them brochures starting late July (maybe a couple times a month). If you can help us with this assignment, please contact me for more information (Sharon).

* We received some **thank-you's** recently that I wanted to share them with you:

- Good afternoon Project Linus Members, On behalf of Volunteer Services, I would like to thank you for your kind donation of 40 blankets on May 1, 2018. Our patients really appreciate it when we have tokens such as these to give them during their stay here. Blankets as gifts especially; not only do they warm up their bodies but, also their hearts. Your contributions put a smile on our patients' faces as well as ours and for this we thank you. And a special thanks to Sharon Lee who came to deliver these gifts. Warmest Regards, Kimberly Lopez, Volunteer Services, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
- Hi, my name is Taryn and I was a patient 3 days ago at Kaiser Santa Clara hospital. The blanket you made is now my favorite blanket and I loved it while I was in the hospital. I just wanted to say thank you for the blanket and they are very comfortable!
- We just received this link from Missouri Star Quilt Company about the quilts for hurricanes program they ran last year and Project Linus (including our chapter) participated in. Our national president Patty Gregory is on this You Tube. It's a big thank you to all who helped with this support effort.

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- Good morning, Den and I wish to thank you for the blanket. We got it at Kaiser in Santa Clara. It is Den's favorite colors. Thanks, Soutloeu and Denilyn

* **Newest drop-off location – Jo-Ann Fabrics in Mountain View.** For those in the north county, Jo-Ann's in Mtn. View is now available to receive your finished blankets. Drop them off anytime during their store hours.

* **SPECIAL REQUEST:** John and Mary Kelly generously host so many of our meetings, monthly bagging days and working sessions at their home. Needless to say it impacts their household schedule and timing having us there. They offer us their home for many hours each month. Recently again, some folks have begun arriving more than a ½ hour before the scheduled start time. PLEASE respect their privacy and **arrive for our events no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start time.** If you arrive earlier, you will need to wait before entering, please. We always allow some 'free time' at the beginning of the meeting to allow folks to settle in, sign in blankets, get supplies and freebies if there are any, visit and exchange ideas, etc so you'll have plenty of time. Also Mary has provided **a wagon for your use in bringing in any blankets or supplies that you have with you.** **If you need help, ask another blanketeer** for assistance. **Thank you** for your attention to these details to help our events run smoothly.

* In our **"reminder's for blanketeers old and new" topic** this month, we'd like to highlight:

- All blankets need to be a **MINIMUM SIZE** of 36"x 36".

- For safety, **no fringe on baby blankets** PLEASE.

For Batting, Backing or regarding Fabric Donations: Now that Barb is on her 'annual road trip' until the fall, remember if you need **batting, contact Linda Cortez(savsgram@aim.com)**, and if you need **quilt backing or assistance regarding fabric donations, contact Norma Bauman (nlbauman@earthlink.net)**.

* Again, **our next meeting** will be **Tuesday June 26 at 7pm** at the home of Mary Kelly - **1366 Milton Way, San Jose.** Our **next bagging day** will be **Saturday June 30th**, so please drop your finished blankets off before then. As always for more details on any of our on-going or special events (and **for all your Amazon shopping**) see our web-site at **www.silinus.org.**

Thanks as always for being a part of our chapter and helping us accomplish our mission of providing comfort and support to local children in need through gifts of our wonderful blankets.

Happy blanketeering!

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