

Hello blanketeers and friends of Project Linus - South Bay/San Jose CA chapter. I hope this newsletter finds you safe, healthy and enjoying your blanketeering time. For me it's a good break from all the other things going on around us right now.

* Hope you can join us tomorrow/**Tuesday August 25 at 7pm for our monthly (zoom) meeting** (see call details below). It's a chance to meet and greet other blanketeers and see what everyone's been working on and hear the news of the chapter.

* We held our month-end bagging event late July and thanks to your generous donations, **we had enough blankets for both July and August distributions** to those recipient groups who are currently open. They all greatly appreciate our support. We are checking with additional groups each month, to confirm if more will be opening up again soon.

* We **plan to open up again to receive donations in September**. Watch our website www.sjlinus.org and your email for updates on this.

* Unfortunately, we must **cancel our November 7th Make a Blanket Day** due to COVID-19 risks. We will hope that by March things will be better and we can proceed with our spring event as usual.

* Some of you have already heard this sad news, but I wanted to share it with the whole chapter. One of our most active blanketeers, **Gerri Smoluk, passed away** in late July after a return of cancer. Gerri served in so many roles in the chapter over the years, including liaison to the JoAnn's store in Mt. View, Thursday bagging team co-leader, she participated in all the PL national Mystery Quilt challenges and won a number of the top prizes over the years. She made our chapter challenge quilt for a national conference

in 2011 (see photo below - Gerri is on the left, that's me on the right), loved to take 'challenges' from our meetings and turn them into gorgeous quilts or afghans, and much more. She will be greatly missed as a blanketeter and a dear friend. Her husband Mike has generously bequeathed to the chapter much of her quilting and crochet supplies (her quilting fabric was given to a close friend of hers). We will find a way to share these with our quilters in memory of Gerri once we can all gather again. If you'd like to send a



card to Mike, his address is: Mike Crocker 1388 South Mary Ave. Sunnyvale CA 94087. If you care to make a donation to Project Linus in her memory, you can send your donation to me (Sharon Lee 11061 S Stelling Rd Cupertino CA 95014) and I will notify Mike of all gifts received. (Gifts cards to JoAnn's are welcome; please make checks out to 'Project Linus'.)

* **This year's Mystery Quilt Challenge (Lucy's Love Notes!) registration opened today.** Detailed instructions will be revealed each week for 7 weeks starting Saturday Sept. 26. Everyone can join the Mystery Quilt Facebook page to follow the progress of the challenge. The cost is \$15 (which will be donated to our chapter if you note "South Bay / San Jose, CA Chapter" when you register.) You can sign up for this fun quilting project at www.projectlinus.org.



* As an idea **for groups that want to make blankets 'together'**, the De Anza Lions club is hosting a Zoom Make a Blanket event In September. Their host, Leslye Noone, is making tied fleece kits (with fleece, measuring tape and instructions) for her club members. They will pick them up at her house before the event date and then everyone will call into the Zoom session to share in the fun. Great idea, De Anza Lions. Thanks for your continued support. (PS. We have paper measuring tapes you can borrow for such events. Contact me/Sharon if you need some).

* We're **still collecting empty ink cartridges** (small ones, less than 10" in length) for the Staples Recycling/Rewards program. You can turn them in with your blankets - just double bag them please to avoid leakage.) Thanks!

* **THANK YOU** for all you do for our chapter and the children we serve together. Hope to see you Tuesday night online.

Sharon Lee, Chapter Coordinator, sjlinus@comcast.net

Barbara Ross, Ass't. Chapter Coordinator. sjlinus@gmail.com (away 'til October)

Mary Kelly, Meeting and Bagging Host, mary@johnandmary.com (away 'til year end)

Sharon Lee is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Project Linus - August 2020 Monthly Meeting

Time: Aug 25, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89685028549?pwd=MGxGcVB6MzhDeHZlZy9lQkZiditOUT09>

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