



Creative Caring Hearts

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March 2014

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, March 8, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Park Vista Retirement Community
950 County Road QQ, Waupaca
For directions, call 715-258-2524

Next meetings:
Saturday, April 12
Saturday, May 10
Saturday, June 14

OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO TO JUDY KUSCH AND THE LUTZE FAMILY

*Judy Kusch, who has been very active in CCH for years, is experiencing major liver problems. She has been in the hospital in Oshkosh, but was moved closer to her children in Waukesha for critical surgery. I am not sure where we can send greeting cards, but prayers are very much appreciated.

*Virginia Siegrist, who has been a CCH volunteer for many years, working from her home in Hortonville, passed away on February 10. Some of you met her at a recent work group after she moved to Park Vista here in Waupaca. Her daughter, Kay Lutze, is also a volunteer for CCH, helping us find funding also for many years. During this difficult time, Kay's husband Barrie has been hospitalized and is now in Appleton Medical Center ICU, having been diagnosed with Blastomycosis. While he has a long fight ahead of him, having a diagnosis enables him to get appropriate medications. Please keep the Lutzes in your thoughts and prayers.

THANK YOU TO LUELLE BRIE

Luella has been an active member of CCH for years, working from her home in Hortonville. Now that her good friend Virginia has died, Luella is going to continue her good works for their church and their mission programs. Thank you for all your talents, Luella! Many babies were blessed by your donations!

HUGE THANK YOU TO PARFREYVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Wow! A huge thank you to Parfreyville Methodist Church, which assigned their Mission Funds to CCH and sent us a check for \$756.50! This is so very much appreciated! You have all been such terrific supporters of CCH for many, many years!

TAGGIE DAY

We will be making taggies as a fun together time on Monday, March 10, from 1 – 4 p.m. at Goodwill. Just come in the door and turn right. What to bring along? Scissors, any ribbon you think we can use, a beverage if you want one, and your enthusiasm. We are grateful to Goodwill for the use of this room without any charge! Hope to see you there! "Many hands make light work" and all that!

OK, WHAT IS A TAGGIE?

I can hear you asking, "What is a taggie?" It is a square or rectangle of fabric, usually flannel or polar fleece, with tabs of ribbon sticking out of the sides. Babies love to finger them, chew on them, and crinkle the ones with crinkly material inside. We use deflated balloons for the crinkly fabric, thanks to Waupaca Riverside Hospital that collects for us and any other place we can find deflated mylar balloons. Taggies are included in layettes. We also make them for Waupaca Riverside's newborn community gift pack. It's a great way for us to use our flannel and polar fleece scraps.

THOUGHTS ON THIS PARTICULAR WINTER

Let's face it, we are all sick of this particular winter. The cold, the ice, the piles of snow just seem to keep on coming, but spring and then summer will come again. Let's remember that our handmade quilts, afghans, and blankets are keeping little ones warm. All of our handmade layette items are helping families getting a good start on raising their child. Our endeavors to help the world are working!

February 2014 TOTALS

Donations given to:

Riverside Hospital.....314
St. Michael's Hospital.....253

TOTAL

Donations In.....401

Volunteer Hours..... 761

Layette bags given out in February:

6 boys + 12 girls

Running total of layettes this year:

12 boys + 22 girls= **38 layettes**

Running total of Miracle Tree mittens: 7 pairs

RENI'S HAT CORNER

The March hats are on their way for all the lucky March babies, and whether they are Irish or not, they all will have hats with the lucky Irish shamrock on them. Now it's on to the April bunny hats which surely must mean that spring is just around the corner!

NEEDS

Sweaters.....Both boy and girl sweaters are urgently needed.

ADVICE FROM A SINGER SEWING MANUAL FROM 1949

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do... Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisicality. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates.

Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of french chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.

Talor Paley Quilt
Mary Jo Orsopoulos

This wonderful piece was in our Pine Needlers Quilt Guild newsletter. While I'm pretty sure this is what we all do before sewing, knitting, or crocheting (ha, ha!), I thought you would enjoy this reminder!