



Creative Caring Hearts

<p>www.creativecaringhearts.com</p>		<p align="right">June 2016</p>
<p align="center"><u>NEXT MEETING</u> Saturday, June 11, 2016 9:30 a.m.</p> <p align="center">Park Vista Retirement Community 950 County Road QQ, Waupaca For directions, call 715-258-2524</p> <p align="center">Next meetings: July: No meeting August 13, 2016 September 10, 2016 October 8, 2016</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center"><u>REMINDER: NO MEETING IN JULY! Have a great month! See you in August!</u></p> <p align="center"><u>THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY OF GERALDINE FALK</u></p> <p>Last month Char Heger received a phone call from a former high school classmate. The woman's mother had passed away, and the family heard about us as a possibility for a memorial. It seems the mother, Geraldine Falk, had Alzheimer's. Whenever she saw a baby, she would become very happy and excited, so the family wanted to do honor her in a way to help babies. This note accompanied the generous donation: "Enclosed is our donation to Creative Caring Hearts in memory of our love one. She taught herself knitting and crocheting at the age of 13, and never stopped until dementia stopped at around age 85. Hooded baby sweaters and booties were her specialty, along with dozens of afghans, also socks, sweater, caps, etc." What a lovely tribute to a talented, generous woman!</p>	<p align="center"><u>DISH CLOTH UPDATE</u></p> <p>Oh, what a lovely amount of dishcloths! 340 of so many colors and designs! Thank you to all who made these gifts of your talents! Thank you, too, to Laurie Wagner, who made us aware of this project. It's been a fun one!</p> <p align="center"><u>THE DISH CLOTH STORY</u></p> <p>A couple of years ago Jen S., a teacher in the Janesville School District, submitted a grant that would allow her to go to South Africa to learn about the culture, the people, and the children so that she could come back to her students and help them learn about South Africa. She received the grant and made the trip. While there, she visited Sizabantwana, which "operates in the Bushbuckridge and Hazyview district, of the Mpumalanga Province, among vulnerable and orphaned children. These children live in the homes of relatives or caring neighbours who are supported by the SizaBantwana volunteers. After school, the children are served a meal at a SizaBantwana care centre, prepared by caring and trained volunteers. The children play outside under the trees and sit mostly on the ground when eating – probably the only meal that many of the children will receive for the whole day. Some of the food is donated by local farmers and the balance is purchased from donations by a caring public." This project has become a passion for this teacher, who has a 12-year old son who has become very involved, too. They are leaving for South Africa this coming Sunday, so very happily taking the wonderful dish cloths with them as gifts to give the volunteers that help care for and feed the approximately 750 children. For more information, please go to www.sizabantwana.com I think you will find it very interesting! I did. We may be traveling with her, but we can know we are making a difference in lives along with this teacher. Way to go, generous, talented friends!</p>	<p align="center"><u>May 2016 TOTALS</u></p> <p>Donations given to: Riverside Hospital.....254 St. Michael's Hospital....268 South Africa.....340 TOTAL 862</p> <p>Donations In..... 398 Volunteer Hours..... 796</p> <p>Layette bags given out in May: 11 boys + 9 girls</p> <p>Running total of layettes in 2016: 37 boys + 36 girls= 73 layettes</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center"><u>RENI'S HAT CORNER</u></p> <p><i>Summer has arrived and with it the strawberry hats for all the June babies. Maybe we will again see a baby wearing one at the Strawberry Fest again this year! We are also well on our way to having the July ones finished, and then it's on to the August ones- this year bright, colorful ones. It's always fun to find fabric that works for the theme of the month!</i></p> <p align="center"><u>NEEDS</u></p> <p>Over the summer, our quilt and afghan supplies seem to dwindle because people are busy outside, rather than quilting, knitting, or crocheting. Just keep us in mind if you get bored or want to start a new project!</p> <p align="center">HAVE A FABULOUS SUMMER!</p> <p align="center">  </p>