



## 1st Vice President's Report

Barbara Mead and Kathy Fortune

Hello everyone:

I hope your Christmas holidays were very Merry and that the New Year brings good health and happiness to all.

Sonia is still in India and from her postings on Facebook, she is indeed having a lovely time with her family there. I have gotten to visit India vicariously through Sonia's pictures.

January is a whole new time for new beginnings as all new years bring us. Have all of you made out your resolutions for the year? I for one resolve to finish a lot of UFO's that I have. Maybe we could start a finishing UFO's group in our guild and encourage one another to finish these forgotten quilts.

This month we will be starting to really work on our Mad Hatter Tea that is coming up in April. We are looking for people to donate items for our opportunity baskets. Also, tickets will be on sale for the tea. Remember you can get a discount if you order your ticket online before Feb. 28th, 2015. If you do not have a computer, tickets can be ordered at the meeting on Jan. 8th. Only \$20.00. Good to get them early.

I love my quilt sisters in this guild and I have discovered that quilters are the friendliest people anyone can meet. See you all at the meeting in January.

**The general meeting in January is Jan. 8  
the second Thursday on the month because of the holiday.**

## Equipment

Barbra Riley

Would you like to take our Opportunity Quilt to one of the other quilt guilds but are not sure how to set the whole thing up? Not to worry! There will be a review of quilt stand assembly prior to the January meeting. If you have plans to use one of our quilt stands or are just curious, the demonstration of our various quilt stands, starting with the one we use for the current Opportunity Quilt, will be at 6:30 pm in our meeting room before the meeting starts in January.

Some of our quilt stands are getting older and have developed quirks (like the rest of us) and need special handling.

We will also be developing a "map" of all our storage units so that it will be easier (we hope) to find items with less searching. Volunteers to help with the reorganization would be appreciated.

## Off Kilter Quilters

Barbra Riley

Off Kilter Quilters is on hiatus this month. Our next meeting will be on January 17th at Kathy Fortune's place. The January meeting will be a "sew day" to help catch up on all our ongoing projects. (Ideas for new projects seem to be easier to come by than time to complete them.) We start at 10:00 – bring your sewing machine and whatever unfinished project you plan to work on.

## 2nd Vice President's Report Programs and Workshops

**Mary Anne West**

Hello Ladies

Our December Potluck was a wonderful success. The food was great and everyone had a good time. We didn't have a workshop in December.

### **January Lecture**

Ann Sonner  
Family History Quilts

### **January Workshop**

Ann Sonner  
Memory Quilts w/Photo Transfers

### **February Workshop**



### **February Lecture**

Jan Raymond  
How did I get here?

### **February Workshop**

Jan Raymond  
Tile Quilt

### **March Lecture**

Quilters University  
4 Easy Techniques

### **March Workshop**

Our own Susan Stokes  
Modern Dresden Plate



### **April Lecture**

Mary Tabar  
Embellishments

### **April Workshop**

Mary Tabar  
Cut & Fold Applique 9 Techniques

Ladies I need names for our SHOUT OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Also, if you have any IDEAS how we can make 2015 better. Please let me know. We would like to make 2015 the best year ever.

It has been a wonderful year and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you. I have had a wonderful time and wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!

THOUGHT!!!!!! Remember every choice you make affects all the people in your life.

See you at the meeting.

1/02 Lori Davies and 1/27 Donna McDaniel



## Ways and Means

Phyllis Campbell

### Brown Bag

Our Brown Bag drawings will now be held 4 times a year. This year they will be held in January, April, July and October.

Now is the time to find new homes for those unwanted or unneeded items stashed around your house and closets. They do not need to be quilt-related, just something someone else would enjoy. Please arrive early for the January meeting and bring the items to the Brown Bag tables. If we can't put everything out, we will save things for the next Brown Bag in April.

### Aroma Italiano Fundraiser

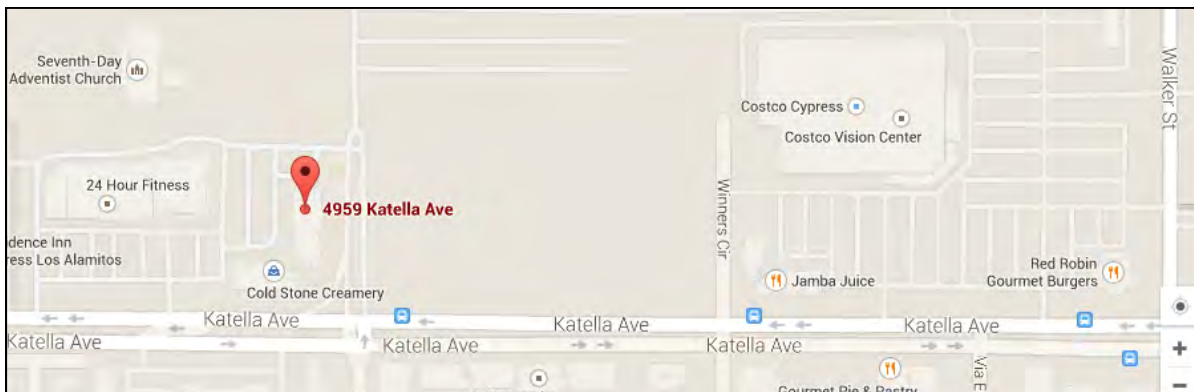
Our restaurant fundraiser is featuring a new flavor. This restaurant has delicious Italian food, and serves beer and wine. They are offering us a generous 15% of sales for both lunch and dinner. A flyer will come by email as soon as it is completed.

They are located in Cypress at 4959 Katella Ave. (see map below), in the 24 Hour Fitness center next to Los Alamitos Race Track. They are less than a mile from the 605/Katella exit and about 5 miles from Ehlers Community Center.

Please bring your friends and family. Look for an email with the flyer to be shown at the restaurant, or pick one up at our January meeting. If you don't get it, call Phyllis Campbell at 714 742-4829.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped at our booth at Candy Cane Land, especially Barbra Riley who set it up.



Thomas House (Cyndee Albertson) got their stockings at our party in December. See the Christmas joy on everyone's face.



Lovely items from our fundraising with Susan Pike. Did you get yours?





## SHOW 'N TELL

Thanks to Anne Killian for her great pictures.

Donna shows us four wonderful quilts she created using the Block of the Month blocks from various guild members. Stunning, aren't they? They are the Exploding Block, Firecrackers, Red White and Blue, and Autumn Leaves.



This gem was shown by Shar Taira.



Jan Raymond's husband showed off his Christmas shirt she made for him.



Here are a couple of quilts that got their start at the Wibbons November Workshop. Absolutely beautiful.

Phyllis Victor (L), Shar Taira (R)



Phyllis Victor made two of these "Frozen" quilts for her granddaughters - they were both tickled.



Sandy Eckhart's husband won Beth Swift's Campaign Quilt



## Philanthropy

**Lisa Sullivan**

Well we did it! 260 stockings and 260 pillowcases plus stuffing for 110 stockings and gift certificates 400.00(?)

We may be small but we are mighty!!

Thank you all for your outstanding support and kindness this year!

I would like to send out to all our members and friends many stars and blessings for a wonderful New Year!

**Thomas House** received 110 stockings stuffed with many goodies (Thank you for doing the stuffing Lisa's Ladies). Each stocking had a pillowcase inside plus a few small toys, candy and even a gift certificate for some of the stockings. Sue Green and I went to the Christmas Party and helped pass out a few of the stockings. It gets me very emotional to see the children's faces when they take a stocking and pull out something and then turn to their mom or sister/brother as if to say ??For Me??. The older teens we spoke to where very happy to see a Starbucks gift card or a scarf in their stockings as we watched them try the scarfs on and talk about going to get tea or coffee the next day. I hope more of our members will come to Thomas House so they can have a true idea of the many good things that are happening in this living center.

We also partnered with **JD Coulter Company** to send 10 stockings/pillowcases to **Empower of Stanton** for the special adults in their program to enrich the lives of adults with Down Syndrome. They come to our office and collect white paper and plastic/aluminum cans 2 times a month. Their stockings had candy and McDonalds gift cards added by my co workers at JD Coulter Company (this is where I work in case you don't already know). The kids were very happy and I posted a few pictures on Facebook if you had a chance to see.

150 stockings and 150 pillowcases along with 65 knit caps (thank you Helen Whitiker) were sent with Phyllis Campbell to military families. I have asked her to share her experience with us.

## Tie One On

**Sue Green**

We will begin at 5:15 PM before the meeting starts. If you can't be there at that time, you can join us when you arrive and stay as long as you want.

Tying a quilt requires no previous experience and I am there to guide you. We enjoy visiting and getting to know each other. Another benefit of helping is that you will receive TWO tickets to the drawing during the meeting for a Fat Quarter Bundle (four of which are given out each month).

Also you can know that you have helped to further our Guild's Philanthropic Goals of helping those less fortunate as we give our quilts away to them. Please come before the meeting and help us tie quilts for philanthropy. It is a great way to meet other quilters in Acacia and your help is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening.

If you have any questions, Please feel free to call me at 714-686-7496.



## Philanthropy

### Phyllis Campbell

Our Christmas stockings, pillowcases and stocking caps were a big hit at the Command Battalion party at Camp Pendleton on December 12!

Santa Bob and I were privileged to pass out 132 stockings, stuffed with either a pillowcase or a cap knitted by our own Helen Whitaker. Helen is mostly homebound, yet she knitted 55 stocking caps!



## Holiday Party

Here are some wonderful pictures from our Holiday Party. We had lots of fun. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus joined us as well as Sam Blatter, a singing minstrel on his ukulele. He played Christmas carols and we joined in. Bev and Cyndee Albertson (from Thomas House) show how much fun we had. Anne got a special treat. A picture with Mr. and Mrs. Santa.





## Opportunity Basket

Shar Taira

At the January meeting will be brown bag so there will not be an Opportunity Basket. But in February we will have an Opportunity Basket with the theme of Red Valentines. So please donate items that remind you of valentines! I am always in the back of the room ready to collect items for the opportunity basket! Thank you for a great year of wonderful donations! The opportunity Baskets raised around \$170.00 this year! Yea! Happy Holidays and Happy New year to everyone!



## Hospitality

Lisa Sullivan and Wendy Dillon

Welcome 2015!!

If it is your birthday month please bring a little something to share and most months there are as few as only one birthday soooooo, if it's not your birthday and you would or could bring something to share we are most thankful.

Wendy (AKA Princess) will be happy to help you put your goodies or sandwiches etc. out for the members to enjoy as we have our meeting.

Please ask as you sign in for an extra door prize ticket for your item that you have brought to share. We also have coffee and something to drink set out to wet the whistle and keep you hydrated during the festivities.

Thank you for sharing with us (or using us as a taste test. LOL)

## Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Place
Tie One On	Jan. 8	5:15 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
Quilt Stand Demo	Jan. 8	6:30 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
General Meeting	Jan. 8	6:45 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
Workshop	Jan. 10	9:00 AM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
Board Meeting	Jan. 15	7:00 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
Off Kilter Quilters	Jan. 17	10:00 AM	Kathy Fortune's home (sew-in)
Blocks for the Brave	Jan. 18	9:00 AM	Norwalk American Legion Hall

Walter D. Ehlers Community Center  
8150 Knott Avenue  
Buena Park, CA 90620

Norwalk American Legion Hall  
11986 Front Street  
Norwalk, CA 90650



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January 2015

**January Meeting**  
Please remember that we are  
meeting the second  
Thursday due to the holiday.  
That is January 8th.

First Class Mail ... Please Forward

## OUR OWN MARY HICKS CELEBRATES 101 - WOW

THE PARTY WAS AT THE SENIOR CENTER. THEY HAD THE ENG FAMILY BELL CHOIR PERFORM, WHICH WAS AWESOME. THIS FAMILY HAS 10 CHILDREN, 8 PLAY THE BELLS. THE KIDS ARE HOME SCHOOLED AND ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE GOING INTO THE MEDICAL FIELD IN ONE CAPACITY OR ANOTHER. THEY HAD A LOVELY CAKE AND WE ALL SANG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MARY.



Here's Mary enjoying the beautiful flowers she got.



A couple of little ones helping with blowing out the candles.



Some of the people who were there to enjoy it with her. Recognize some guild members?

Yummy looking cake.

