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President's Report

Sonia Das

How the year has flown! We're already in December and once again, I have managed to add to my stash very successfully throughout the year without making a dent in it!

This time last year, I was in India and really missed all of the holiday festivities here in the US. I especially missed the wonderful quilting potlucks!

December brings us several exciting events:

POTLUCK - Please bring your appetite with your dish for the feast known as Acacia's Holiday Potluck! A-H - Main dishes, I-R - Appetizers, S-Z - Fruits and salads.

PHILANTHROPY - We will have guests from Thomas House attending our meeting and telling us about the good work they do for the families of Orange County. Please see the philanthropy article for further details of items to bring. The stockings will be stuffed on December 1 at the Lisa's Ladies meeting and given to Thomas House at the December meeting. Remaining stockings and pillowcases will be distributed to the families of military personnel at Camp Pendleton by Santa and Mrs. Claus (our own Phyllis Campbell). Thank you for your generosity in making stockings, quilts, and pillowcases throughout the year and bringing joy to others!

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE - Please bring a handmade ornament (can be from any craft) for this optional exchange.

SECRET PAL - Please bring your gift for this month.

HOLIDAY PHOTO SESSION: We will have the current Opportunity Quilt at the meeting as the beautiful photo backdrop. Gather your quilting friends and take some memorable photos!

Wear your holiday finest, your tackiest holiday sweater or anything in between. Let's enjoy friendship and good food and have the opportunity to get to know each other better.

May the New Year bring us all things good and kind! Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!!

1st Vice President's Report

Mary Ann West

Hello Ladies, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for what you do for Acacia. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful women in our guild.

THOUGHT!!!!!!!

There is a direct connection between Your Potential, Your Passion and Your Purpose!!!!!!!

See you at the meeting.

Be Blessed.

2nd Vice President's Report

Programs and Workshops

Donna McDaniel

November

The workshop taught by Vivs Laliberte of Bears Quilt Shops was the paper pieced "Hunter's Star". Here is a few pictures of some of the blocks.

December

Program: Holiday Celebration & Potluck.

Deck yourself out in your finest festive attire. I will bring my camera for an optional photo of you by yourself or with a friend or two with our beautiful red & white opportunity quilt as the backdrop. I will email copies of the photos to you by the weekend following the event.



We have some WONDERFUL cooks in our guild. Bring your favorite dish to share. Bring a friend too. There is no charge for guests at this meeting.

Handmade Ornament Exchange - Anyone who would like to participate, please bring an UNWRAPPED handmade ornament (valued at \$10) and place it on the tree. The ornament should be one that you yourself would like to have hanging on a tree in your own home. Participants will draw a number from a bowl which will indicate the order in which you will get to choose the ornament you get to take home with you.

Workshop: No workshop.

January 2016

Program: We're having another Game night! The weather should be cool enough to enjoy some hot cocoa & cookies.

Workshop: Beverly Tyler will be teaching us how to make this flag quilt.

February 2016

Program: Sonia Das - "Passage to India"

Workshop: QIAD "Day & Night" with Sonia Das

March 2016

Program: Quilters University

Workshop: Mary Ann West will be teaching how to construct a Pet Screen Purse.



SHOW 'N TELL

Thanks to Anne Killian for her great pictures.



Wendy Dillon
Baby Quilt



Donna McDaniel
Challenge Quilt and the Acacia Cluster



Jo Melis
Donation afghan and matching tote bag.



Shar Taira
Scrap quilt for her 6 month old granddaughter



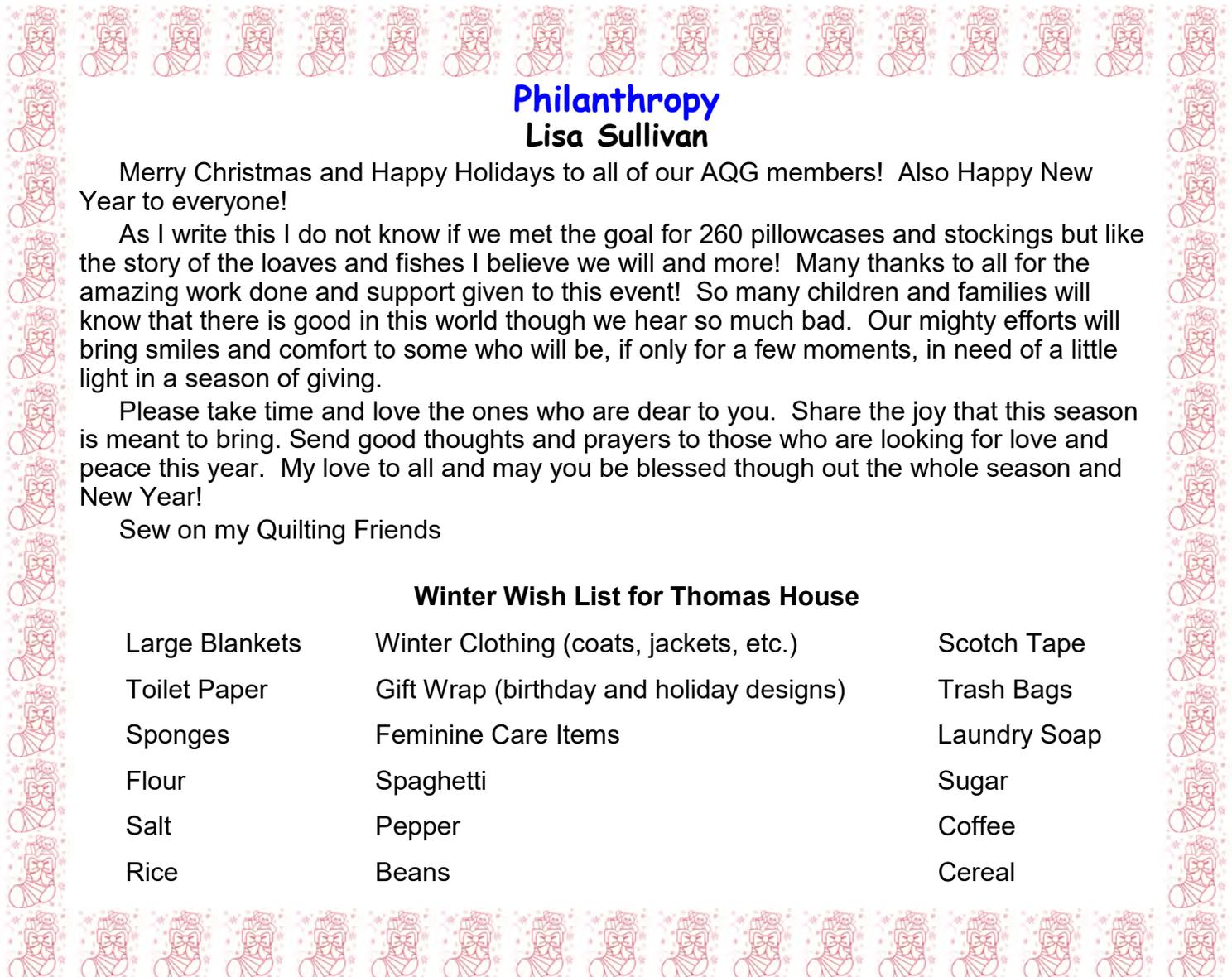
Mary Ann West
Blocks from Lisa, Half Square Triangles, Scraps using Larene's quilt as you go technique, and Cat.

SHOW 'N TELL - CONTINUED



Barbra Riley

1st quilt was from an anonymous UFO donation, next is a Crazy 9 Path. She also made an reversible ottoman cover and 5 tote bags.



Philanthropy Lisa Sullivan

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our AQG members! Also Happy New Year to everyone!

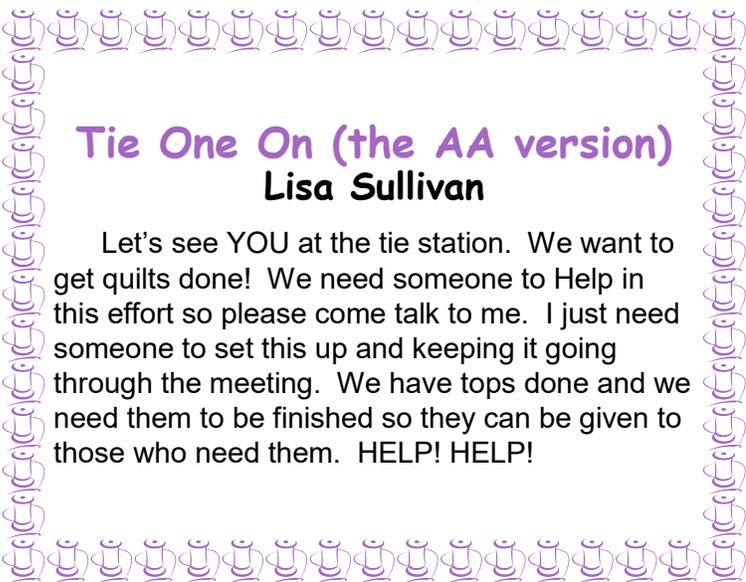
As I write this I do not know if we met the goal for 260 pillowcases and stockings but like the story of the loaves and fishes I believe we will and more! Many thanks to all for the amazing work done and support given to this event! So many children and families will know that there is good in this world though we hear so much bad. Our mighty efforts will bring smiles and comfort to some who will be, if only for a few moments, in need of a little light in a season of giving.

Please take time and love the ones who are dear to you. Share the joy that this season is meant to bring. Send good thoughts and prayers to those who are looking for love and peace this year. My love to all and may you be blessed though out the whole season and New Year!

Sew on my Quilting Friends

Winter Wish List for Thomas House

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|----------------|--|--------------|
| Large Blankets | Winter Clothing (coats, jackets, etc.) | Scotch Tape |
| Toilet Paper | Gift Wrap (birthday and holiday designs) | Trash Bags |
| Sponges | Feminine Care Items | Laundry Soap |
| Flour | Spaghetti | Sugar |
| Salt | Pepper | Coffee |
| Rice | Beans | Cereal |



Tie One On (the AA version)
Lisa Sullivan

Let's see YOU at the tie station. We want to get quilts done! We need someone to Help in this effort so please come talk to me. I just need someone to set this up and keeping it going through the meeting. We have tops done and we need them to be finished so they can be given to those who need them. HELP! HELP!



Lisa's Ladies
Lisa Sullivan

No meeting in December. See you January 25th.



Off Kilter Quilters
Barbra Riley

The November meeting of Off-Kilter Quilters met at Michelle Smith's house to work on whatever individual on-going projects needed attention. We should all be ready for a group "show and tell" in January.

Our next major project will involve paper piecing and our goal is to have it finished before the major advertising push starts for the next tea. (The project will feature teapots!)

WAYS AND MEANS

Bev Tyler

The November Brown Bag was a big success. As I was saying all along it would be different and it was, and we made \$469.00 thanks for everyone's effort.

I truly want to thank Barbara Mead, Joyce Berry, Joalyn Mushin and Sue Green for coming early and helping me set everything up. I

couldn't have done it without you guys. Thanks also to Barbara and Sue for selling tickets.

I want to apologize for some of the confusion handing out the items. This was my first time doing a brown bag so next time I will do better.

Speaking of next time, the board wanted to do a silent action in March but we thought maybe another brown bag might be more fun. What's your wishes on this? Either way, we will need items that you can start bringing to me any time, remember I will not turn down anything. If I don't use it the baskets always need items.

Also remember I need LOTS of fat quarters for our January meeting as we will be playing 21 again. I am going to schedule a cutting and bagging day. Watch your email. Thank you Maxine Blust for all the fat quarters you bring me every time I see you, there is a bag full. Thanks to the rest of you who bring me fat quarters as well.

I will also need dealers again, the guys we had last time were really great, would you like to do it again, PLEASE?

How about asking your friends to join us for our January meeting. Who knows, maybe they will join the guild. March will also be a fun time.

See you December 3rd.



2015-2016 Opportunity Quilt

Barbra Riley

Sonia assisted me in taking the Opportunity Quilt to two local quilt guilds during November. The Opportunity Quilt traveled to the Flying Geese Quilters Guild on Nov. 9th, but only sold \$17.00 in tickets. On the bright side, Sonia and I enjoyed a great lecture by David Taylor, a former graphic designer, titled "The Stories Behind My Quilts". On Nov. 18th the Opportunity quilt was shown at the Los Angeles Quilters Guild and sold \$52.00 in tickets, plus we listened to an excellent lecture on "Scrap Management". Tickets sold to date total \$474.00.

If you would like to visit another guild in January or February and take the Opportunity Quilt to sell tickets, please see Michelle Smith. I will be out of the country during January and most of February, so Michelle will be in charge of the quilt during that time. If you have not yet picked up your tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, please do so at the December meeting.

Hospitality

Lisa Sullivan, Wendy Dillon, and Darryl Thomas

So it's time for our Christmas Pot Luck! Yes it's your turn to bring a dish. We need you to open the kitchen to your friends at AQG and show us what you can do. If that's not your thing then stop by your favorite food place and order something you can share with the members. Bring your receipt too because you know we will want to know all about it and there are some who need to know for medical reasons too. Thank you in advance for your support in this very fine spread of deliciousness!!

MEMBERSHIP

Donna McDaniel & Brenda Howard

We currently have 45 members. 35 members were present at the meeting.

2016-2017 Opportunity Quilt

Sonia Das



We started with 21 kits and 5 sets of leaves for this beautiful quilt at the November workshop and now only have 4 kits and the border left.

Thanks to Carolynn Machado for her demonstration, preparation of all the fabrics and patient answering of all questions.

Thank you also to those who have taken kits. Please bring the completed quilt blocks back to the JANUARY meeting.

For those who have any questions re the appliqué process, please contact Carolynn at 562-805-8817.

Eighteen blocks will go into the Opportunity Quilt itself while the remaining 3 blocks will be made into a table runner that will be raffled off amongst those who participated in the making of the quilt.

We still need volunteers to make the remaining three kits as well as one volunteer to make the piano key border.

Thank you again for participating in the creation of the Opportunity Quilt. It is going to be magnificent!

Here's what's happening at our sister guild -

Quilters by the Sea

PROGRAMS

Date	Speaker	Speaker's Topic	Speaker's Website
December 10, 2015	N/A	Holiday Party	
January 14, 2016	Sue Bouchard	Quilts from my Closet	
February 12, 2016	Jean Impey	Finding Your Passion and Running With It	

WORKSHOPS

Date	Teacher	Class	Link to the Supply List
December, 2015		No Workshop	
January 16, 2015	Patricia Knoechel	Sew Radiant	Supply List
February 13, 2015	Jean Impey	Baskets	

Remember to arrive early to all workshops to set up your workstation.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Place
Tie One On	Dec. 3	5:15 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
General Meeting	Dec. 3	6:45 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
Candy Cane Land	Dec. 5	9:00 AM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
QBS General Meeting	Dec. 10	7:00 PM	First Baptist Lakewood Church, Fellowship Hall basement
Board Meeting	Dec. 17	7:00 PM	Walter D. Ehlers Community Center
Off Kilter Quilters Mtg.	Dec. 19	10:00 AM	An Off Kilter Quilter's home
Blocks for the Brave	Dec. 20	9:00 AM	Norwalk American Legion Hall

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

First Baptist Lakewood Church
5336 E. Arbor Road
Long Beach, CA

Norwalk American Legion Hall
11986 Front St.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Acacia Quilt Guild Challenge

April 2016

Theme- My Favorite Thing(s)

Purpose: Create a challenge quilt that represents one or several of your favorite things. It could be an activity, place, thing, person, etc. Have fun and be creative!

Due Date: April 7, 2016 at the beginning of the Guild meeting.

The guild will give each participant a 12 x12 inch square of challenge fabric that **must be incorporated onto the front side of their challenge entry.**

Other fabric amounts, types, and color choices will be left to the participant's discretion.

Participants may create either a traditional or contemporary entry. Participants may use any form of media to complete their project: appliqué, fabric piecing, paper piecing, embroidery, embellishments, fabric painting, etc.

Quilt must be no larger than 24 inches in each direction. Quilt may be oval, hexagon, circle, etc. but no larger than 24".

Entry is to be a small quilt or wall hanging. Please no tote bags, pocket books, vests, jackets, etc.

Entry may be machine pieced or hand pieced.

Entry must be machine or hand quilted solely by the participant. Long arm quilting is acceptable but it must be completed by the participant.

Label must be attached to the back side of the quilt. Please include name, title of the quilt, and date.

Only finished entries will be accepted.

All participants will receive a gift for their completed entry. Each participant will be entered into an opportunity raffle to be awarded at the end of the event.

Ribbons will be given for top winners in various categories.

Top prize winner for the Best overall theme entry will receive a prize as well as a ribbon.

For questions contact: Donna McDaniel 562-900-8318



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITIONS - ELECTED

President	Sonia Das
1st VP. At Large	Mary Ann West
2nd V.P. Programs/Workshops	Donna McDaniel
Secretary	Marianne Mahoney
Treasurer	Sue Green

STANDING COMMITTEES

Birthdays	Jo Melis
Door Prizes	Shar Taira
	Michelle Smith
Equipment	Phyllis Campbell
	Susan Stokes
	TBD
Historian	Lisa Sullivan
Hospitality	Wendy Dillon
	Darryl Thomas
Membership	Donna McDaniel
	Brenda Howard
Newsletter	Patti Paschall
Opportunity Basket	Shar Taira
Opportunity Quilt	Barbra Riley
Parliamentarian	TBD
Past President	Susan Stokes
Philanthropy	Lisa Sullivan
Photographer	Anne Killian
Publicity	TBD
Secret Pal	Sonia Das
SCCQG Representative	Susan Stokes
	Mary Ann West
Sunshine & Shadows	Phyllis Victor
Tea & Quilt Auction	TBD
Ways & Means	Bev Tyler
Website	Patti Paschall

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the 1st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, if this is a holiday the meeting is moved to the 2nd Thursday. Doors open at 6:15 pm, meeting starts at 6:45 pm

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

BOARD MEETINGS are at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the same location.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THE BOARD MEETING. email articles to: Patti Paschall, treasuresbytrishtoo@yahoo.com

The purpose of this guild shall be to promote cooperation and exchange of ideas among those persons interested in or engaged in quilting; to further the education and skill levels of the members of this guild; to preserve the heritage of quilt making and to educate the public as to the significance and history of quilting as an art form as well as an ongoing craft; to utilize the skills of members to make items for those in need and to assist other philanthropic organizations.

Dues will be \$25.00 per year, June 1 through May 31st. Dues for members joining after November 30th will be \$15. Due for members joining after the last day of February will be \$10.00. Guests will be asked for a donation of \$3.00 at the general meeting.

PLACES TO GO

Has been moved to our [website](#).
Please check it out.



Candy Cane Land
Barbra Riley

Acacia Quilt guild has a table at the upcoming Candy Cane Land on Saturday, December 5th. Brenda Howard has volunteered to help man the Acacia boutique table, but additional help will be needed. A sign-up sheet with specific time periods (2 hour shifts) will be available on the back table at the December meeting. Also, please see me if you can help price items either Friday night or Saturday morning before the doors open to the public. We still have many items in our boutique, but we may need to reduce the prices on some things to move them out of our storage unit. This is a great opportunity to evaluate what items sell and what we should avoid making in the future. If you have a background in sales, this is a great time to use that experience.



National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day Third Friday in December

www.NationalDayCalendar.com





Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County

Acacia Quilt Guild
8150 Knott Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620

December 2015



Brenda Howard
8225 Santa Inez Way
Buena Park, CA 90620

First Class Mail ... Please Forward

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS PHYLLIS VICTOR

For the month of November I sent a sympathy card to Phyllis Campbell on the loss of her uncle, and a congratulatory card to Anne Killian on the birth of her granddaughter.



Opportunity Basket Shar Taira

Hi Ladies, we have lots of wonderful Christmas things, so much that we will be giving away **4** baskets! So please come to our December meeting and buy Opportunity tickets at 2 tickets for a dollar or 12 tickets for \$5.00! Remember, I am in the back of the room near the drinks table!

Sue Green	12/07
Chris Mattison	12/18
Susan Stokes	12/22
Mary Hicks	12/23
Carolynn Machado-Guarino	12/24
Sherry Lumley	12/26
Larene Smith	12/28
Sue Towler	12/30



Happy birthday!