



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – January, 2010

President's Message:

Happy New Year! I am excited for the new year ahead as we watch our chapters cover the world in prayer and the light of God that comes with it! I think prayer quilters have one foot in heaven and one foot on the pedal as we sit at our machines. You choose which foot goes on the pedal! We are so blessed to be called to do this!

So guess what's coming up!?

Our **March 20, 2010 International Prayers & Squares Conference! Like you didn't know!** We have looked at ways to make sure we have room for all the chapters who want to come from outside the San Diego area! So on **January 27, 2010**, we are opening **registration for the conference**. The registration form and all of the info will be posted on the website very soon so you can get ready but start talking about it now! We are holding the first **140 spots** (out of about 280) for chapters **who are out of the San Diego area**. We will hold these for 2 weeks and then open it up to general registration. Everyone can register on the 27th and we will track when applications arrive. **Registration closes March 10th**.

Details of the conference? It's looking like another wonderful day to be together! This is a **1 day conference** that will feature nationally known authors and quilters, **Sharyn Craig and Daniela Stout**. Sharyn will be teaching from her **Layer 'Em Up books** and Daniela, who is the originator of "The Strip Club" and owner of Cozy Quilt Designs will bring great new ideas for what to do with all those "pre cut" treasures you have like Bali Pops, charm squares, turnovers, etc. and a lot of beautiful quilts to inspire you! And there are more speakers and ideas in the works!

The cost of the conference will be \$25 and will include a new tote bag with goodies, great speakers, new patterns, continental breakfast, a bag lunch, a vendor mall at lunch and more. We will keep you posted! (Part of the reason this newsletter is a little late is that opportunities and ideas keep coming to us that we just have to include!) We will have a list of

quilt shops you can visit the day before and hotels available very close to the conference site. Keep checking back to the Message Board for new info! – Kathy

Million Pillow Case Challenge

Do you already know about this? This is a fun project we are including in our conference. American Patchwork & Quilting has issued **The Million Pillowcase Challenge** to provide pillowcases to those persons in need in different shelters and programs. Our guest speaker, Daniela Stout, has opened her store, Cozy Quilt Shop, as one of the receiving areas for us to donate to. We have not yet chosen which programs will receive them but doesn't this sound like us? You can check this out online at

www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases

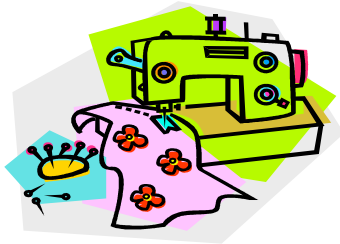


They have free patterns if you need them, a place to let them know how many you donated and to whom, and a "Counter" to let us know how many they need! Depending on how many people register for the conference, we may even have a "bank" of sewing machines so you can make one that day! Even if you are not coming to the conference, this would be a fun, charitable workshop to do!

THEY ALREADY HAVE 255,469 AS OF THIS WRITING!

More New Conference ideas:

Last month, **Paula Theobald**, from San Luis Rey UMC, Chapter 222, called me to offer to other chapters some beautiful Kaufman fabrics that had been donated to them. (**Marianne Park**, Chapter 25, has done this for us over the years...). My chapter also just received a large donation of fabric from local quilting classes and so how do we get it out to you!? Well, this year at the conference we will have pre-made kits available at “grab bag” prices that will all be different. They might be a whole line of fabrics in fat quarters or fabric put together for a specific pattern with the pattern included. Our goal is to inspire new ideas and make available some “starter kits” to our newer chapters that may not have the stash of fabric some of us have. **Leslie Ganiats**, Chapter 14, has a closet full of kits that she is willing to share! All of the proceeds will go to the Prayers & Squares Organization. New fabric! New ideas! Hooray!



Notes and News:

We send our love and condolences to chapter leader Nikki LeMaster Butler and Family (Chapter 828) who lost her 23 yr. old son, Chess, after a long battle with cystic fibrosis.

New Chapter Notes:

Chapter 924, New Life Community Church in the Sacramento, CA area joined us last month with this note from Lila Anderson:
We are so excited to learn about this ministry as the needs just keep growing and this is a way to help in somewhat of a tangible way. I

heard about the ministry because someone was wearing a sweatshirt saying they liked to quilt, and I said to her me too, and she got to telling me about Prayers and Squares. I came home and got on line to look it up and printed the material off so I could take it to the pastor of our Church. Anyway, the pastors loved the idea so we are starting it right away.

Our Church is a praying Church and meet several times a week for prayer. We are also an outreach Church and want to be a blessing in our Church and outside our Church.

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And a quick note from Sherry Lundswick, the new leader of Chapter 923, First United Methodist Church in Rowlett, Texas:
I have been a quilter for about 10 years and am very active in my church. A friend forwarded your website to me and I was so excited to get this ministry going in our church that I forwarded it to my pastor. She and I both decided we needed to do this for our church and community.

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Final Notes:

Just some quick housekeeping to share, in answer to some questions:

- ❖ There are no yearly renewal fees or forms although we really appreciate any updates you can send us!
- ❖ We do not send out the monthly newsletter by e-mail anymore. It became very cumbersome as the organization grew!
- ❖ Be sure to check the Message Board on the home page of the website regularly for updates!
- ❖ Feel free to make suggestions for what you would like to see at the conference before the end of this month. It is in the final planning stages.
- ❖ Check out the Members Only section of the website to get your “logo” prayer wear for the conference!

Have a wonderful, blessed, January!