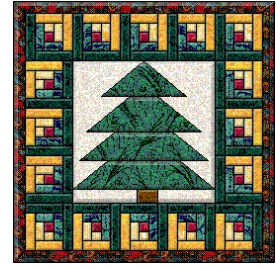




## Winter Quarterly Newsletter



Hello Ladies,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone had a nice holiday. Our chapter Christmas party was a great success. As always, there was more food than could be eaten, and the white elephant game was lively. You ladies are a truly wonderful group. Thank you so much for all the hard work throughout the year. Your efforts have helped raise our total blanket distribution to 4,493 since our beginnings in November of 2002. That is up 769 blankets from last year.

Deliveries for this quarter are as follows:

- 40 to the Little Angels Project of the Cancer Recovery Foundation
- 20 to LeTort Quilt Guild Charity Drive
- 10 to Holy Spirit Emergency Center

We will not be holding an annual Make a Blanket Day in February this year. A few different things contributed to this decision, one being that Janome has pulled out as a sponsor, and there will be no sewing machine prize. Also, since Ann has stopped working, she will be able to go to New England and spend time with Walt when she chooses. I think we all know that she deserves the break. For those gals receiving this newsletter who aren't clear on Blanket Day, it isn't really crucial that we have one. Unlike many Linus chapters, we meet regularly, and operate year round. Some chapters don't really get together except for Blanket Day. Anyone wishing to donate blankets to us can do so any time. Blankets can be dropped off at either the east or west shore stores of the Discount Vacuum and Sewing Centers. Please check our website on the "How You Can Help" page for blanket requirements. [www.orgsites.com/pa/cdprojectlinus](http://www.orgsites.com/pa/cdprojectlinus).

As most of you know, Elaine's husband Charlie had a stroke in November. I heard from her right before Christmas, and am happy to report that Charlie is doing well with his recovery. Also, Betsie came through her December knee replacement surgery just fine.

Remember to recycle your glossy magazines for the Ronald McDonald House. Drop them in the green dumpster at the Mechanicsburg Junior High School parking lot, or bring them to Ann's. The pull-tabs from aluminum cans are also needed. The Ronald McDonald House in Hershey is planning a massive expansion, and it will be an expensive undertaking.

Currently we only have one meeting scheduled. It will be this **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**. I will send out an email when we have more dates.

If you have any questions, call Ann at 737-6006 or Karen at 975-2824. We don't want you to take any unnecessary risks with driving or walking in bad weather. When there is snow on the ground, don't attempt the back steps at Ann's. Please come in through the garage. You can also consult the website for dates and events. Hope to see you all soon.