
Please **R.S.V.P.** if you are planning on attending January's meeting and specify **whether you're coming to the North (Cedar Park)** (to Helen Bokman, hbokman@sbcglobal.net) **or South (Slaughter Lane) meeting** (to Jean Bishop @ bishopTX@earthlink.net).

Project Linus Blanketeer Newsletter **January 2010** **Volume 2, Issue 1**

Next Meeting Date:

January 16, 2010: 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Message from Outgoing Project Linus Coordinator

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I'm excited to share some changes that have happened since my last newsletter in October. I have decided to step down as Project Linus Coordinator after 5½ years due to personal reasons. My plans for 2010 involve a move to the east coast to be closer to my family after being away from them for 20 years. I will continue to be active until I leave so you will still see me around for awhile.

I am very pleased to announce that Anita Howe will be replacing me starting immediately. Anita has been part of the south location volunteers for 2+ years now and I have every confidence in her ability to continue to grow this chapter as she becomes more comfortable with her new position. Please join me in wishing Anita much success and encouragement because the big winners here are the children we help. If she had not stepped up, I would have been forced to close this chapter and none of us would have been happy with that. Thanks, Anita!

In 2009, the Williamson/Travis counties chapter of Project Linus delivered 1,789 blankets to children. That's a lot of hugging get passed around. Warmest thanks to all of you who make it happen.

from Diane Whitehouse, former Project Linus Coordinator



Join us and make a difference
in a child's life.

Messages from new Project Linus Coordinator, Anita Howe

I hope all of you had a beautiful and memorable Christmas and I wish you all the best throughout 2010. Many thanks to each of you who has made Project Linus successful! I look forward to your continued assistance with the many activities we'll be involved with throughout the year to keep hugs going out to children who need them so much.

I've been working with Project Linus for a little over two years. I attend the South meetings, but my plan is to attend the North meetings for the first few months of this year and then divide my time equally between the locations. We have a lot of items to address in this issue of the newsletter, so please take time to read through it so you will not miss any of our exciting endeavors.

Please make note of the new North Meeting Location. We changed our location to avoid having to pay a monthly charge. Thanks to Bernell Lacour for offering her building as a location to hold our north meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call: Anita Howe (512) 963-3015

New! North Meeting Location:

203 Industrial Blvd.
Cedar Park

South Meeting Location:

Bethany Lutheran Church, Room 108
3701 Slaughter Lane W., Austin

Blanketeers are welcome to bring projects they are working on to meetings in order to get them completed, show them off, and/or teach anyone who might be interested in what they are working on.

And, last, but certainly not least, sincerest thanks to the many, many people who make blankets for us, who are on our mailing list but we don't meet personally. We are always aware and grateful for the blankets that we pick up at our drop-off locations. Often, they don't come marked with a name and address so we don't know whom to thank. But each and every one of those blankets is a hug to a child and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for joining us in this effort.

Make a Blanket Day 2010

Join us for Make a Blanket Day (MABD) on the third Saturday in February each year. The national Project Linus event is set for Saturday, February 20, 2010. Every year, participating chapter coordinators around the country band together to make blankets and spread the Project Linus word.

We have a special incentive to participate! Turn



in the blankets you've been making, as we are having a drawing for a Janome electronic sewing machine Model DC2010. Remember, to qualify, blankets *MUST* be dropped off at **Austin Sew and Vac** in Round Rock or **C and C Sew and Vac** on Brodie Lane in south Austin *between January 1, 2010 and February 20, 2010. For each blanket you donate, your name will be entered in the drawing for the sewing machine!* (And remember to put a tag with your name & address on each blanket.)

Some of the machine's features are:

50 Stitch Patterns	Speed Control Lever
2 Digit LED Stitch Pattern Indicator	Failsafe Device: Electronic Beep
Auto-lock	Jam Proof, Magnetic, Top Loading, Full Rotary
Lock-A-Matic Stitch	Bobbin System
Adjustable Stitch Width from 0 to 7 mm	Auto Declutch Bobbin Winding
Adjustable Stitch Length from 0 to 5 mm	See Through Bobbin Cover with One Touch Release Button
Buttonhole System: One-step Sensor Type	Extra High Presser Foot Life for Extra Clearance
Automatic 3 Styles	15 Needle Positions
External Feed Balancing Dial	Free Arm Removable Accessory Tray
SFS (Superior Feed System)	Needle Stop "Up"
Box Feed System	Memorized Needle Up/Down Key
Drop Feed System	Retractable Carrying Handle
Automatic Tension	Machine Weight: 18.2 lbs (8.2 kg)
Horizontal Thread Delivery	Front Position Halogen Lightbulb
Lay-in Threading with Numbered Paths	DC Motor
2 Different Sized Thread Caps	Sculpture Stitch (2 Lengths)
Built-in Needle Threader	Bi-directional Blanket Stitch
One Hand Thread Cutter	24 Heirloom Stitches
Snap-On Feet	6 Satin Decorative Stitches
Conveniently Located Reverse Button	Star Stitch
Electronic Foot Control	

See also: http://www.janome.com/index.cfm/Machines/Computerized/DC2010#Machines_Overview

Important Reminders for Blanketeers

- Please include your name, address or email with your blanket(s), so we will know whom to thank.
- Please wash your blanket (if possible) before turning it in.
- Be especially careful about checking for pins if you use them in the construction of your blankets.
- Please make sure when using yarn to securely tie off the ends and weave them into the blanket.
- No embellishments such as buttons, glitter or anything that will come off because small children put things in their mouth.

A suggested label format to attach to each blanket donated:

<Your Name>
<Street Number / Street Name>
<City, State, Zip>
<Email Address>

Craft Fair

Special thanks to Helen Bokman and Christine Davis, who co-chaired our Fundraising Committee. We had a 23% increase over last year's sales. In our shaky economy, this was a particularly great accomplishment. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated the lovely craft items we sold!



Thanks to the following 2009 volunteers

Position/Committee	Volunteer
Project Linus Coordinator, Williamson / Travis Counties	Diane Whitehouse
Assistant Coordinator	Jean Bishop
Community Outreach Representative, Williamson / Travis Counties	Anita Howe
Special Events Coordinators	Helen Bokman and Christine Davis
Website Administrator	Genia Klein
Newsletter Editor	Mary Tokumaru

Here are our 2010 volunteers so far. *Please note – we still need volunteers!*

Position/Committee	Volunteer/Contact Information
Project Linus Coordinator, Williamson / Travis Counties	Anita Howe, (512) 930-4792, ahowe@sellsaustinhomes.com
Assistant Coordinator-South	Jean Bishop, (512) 659-7103, bishopTX@earthlink.net

Assistant Coordinator-North	Helen Bokman, hbokman@sbcglobal.net
Website & newsletter production	Jan Everett, jan_texas@yahoo.com
Community Outreach Representative, Williamson / Travis Counties	Community Outreach Reps—One or two people who find and talk to new organizations needing our services and/or activities where we can participate*
Special Events Coordinators	One or two people who plan two events per year (i.e., raffle, craft fair, etc.)*

* If you'd like to volunteer for one of these positions, please send Anita an e-mail or call at (512)-963-3015.

Blanket Drop-Off Locations

We appreciate the generous assistance of these businesses and hope you'll think of them when it comes time to buy something they offer.

Austin Sew & Vac

Mike and Robyn Smith
 1401 S. I-35, Ste #170
 Round Rock, TX 78664
 (512) 310-7349

B & B Quilting and Gifts

Nancy Brinkley & Lori Beckers
 107 S. Austin Steet
 Buda, TX 78610
www.bbquilting.com
 (512)312-2299

C and C Sew and Vac

8213 Brodie Lane
 Austin, TX 78745
 (512) 899-8176

Glassica, Inc.

Heide Fowler
 3051 N. Hwy 183, Bldg. 1, Ste 1
 Liberty Hill, TX 78642
 (512) 778-9398
www.DisplayYourArt.com

Learning Express Toys

Joe and Mary Theriot
 Gateway Market
 9607 Research Blvd, Ste 110
 Austin, TX 78759
 (512) 795-9770

Poppy Quilt 'N Sew

Anita Brockell
 4106 Williams Drive (RM 2338)
 Georgetown, TX 78628
 (512)863-6108
www.poppyquiltnsew.com

The Knitting Nest

Stacy Klaus
 160 W. Slaughter Lane, Ste 200
 Austin, TX 78748
 (512) 294-8866
www.theknittingnestaustin.com

Raney House Quilts

Madilyn Dunlap
 3253 Williamson Rd. (Co. Rd. 177)
 Lockhart, TX 78644-2287
 (512)376-5990
www.raneyhousequilts.com

Welcome Back

Genia Klein has returned from teaching abroad in Scotland. There was a nice article in the *Austin American Statesman* in the Metro and State section on December 21st about her experiences.

Raffle Winners

The annual raffle is held as a fundraiser. Helen Bokman donated 2009's striking raffle quilt. Here are all the prize winners drawn at the annual volunteers' get-together in Round Rock in October.

Grand Prize Victorian Quilt Winner: Dolores Blevins

1st Prize—\$75 Visa Gift Card Winner: Kay McCrea

2nd Prize—\$50 Cinemark Movie Gift Certificate Winner: Mary Navarro

3rd Prize—\$50 Darden Restaurant Gift Card Winner: Kamie Fitzgerald



Helen Bokman and Kim Jones
display Grand Prize!

Annual Volunteers' Appreciation Luncheon

Presentations were made at the annual luncheon by representatives of organizations whose families benefit from our efforts. Our website lists other organizations that we support.

In the photo to the right:
Linda Thomas Wade, President and Co-Founder
The Marc Thomas Sickle Cell Association of
Austin
<http://www.sicklecellaustin.org/>

Corinne Jorgenson, Child Life Specialist
Wonders and Worries
<http://www.wondersandworries.org/>

NF camp is <http://www.texasnf.org/CAMP.php>



Project Linus respects your privacy We don't share your email address or contact information with anyone outside our organization. To remove your name from our mailing list, contact jan_texas@yahoo.com

If you have questions or comments, Anita Howe at ahowe@sellsaustinhomes.com is our chapter coordinator.

To visit the Travis/Williamson County Project Linus website (a work-in-progress), go to <http://www.orgsites.com/tx/austinlinus/>

The national Project Linus organization's website is located at <http://www.projectlinus.org/>



Quilters—

Please save barcodes from all Hobbs batting that you purchase and give them to your meeting coordinator. We can redeem them for discounts on batting for Project Linus blankets.