



Blanket Coverage

Blanket Delivery Update

As you all know, we reached our goal of 100,000 blankets last September. What an amazing group of volunteers.

Now we've started on our second 100,000. Between October 2016 and April 2017 we delivered 4,365 blankets. Thank you all!

Total deliveries from inception to date are:

104,428!!!!

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Special Recognition of AZ Blankets 4 Kids and a Special Volunteer Sandy Howell



SRP Presidents' Volunteer Spirit Award Luncheon

Left to right: Mark Bonsall, SRP General Manager and CEO, Sandy Howell, Jeanette Baetsle, AZ Blankets 4 Kids President, David Rousseau, SRP President

AZ Blankets 4 Kids was one of 6 agencies recognized at this year's SRP Presidents' Volunteer Spirit Award Luncheon.

SRP has a long standing tradition of community involvement. Part of this tradition includes encouraging employees to volunteer. Each year six employees and/or retirees and the agencies they volunteer are acknowledged at a Luncheon. This year Sandy Howell and AZ Blankets 4 Kids were one of the recipients of this annual honor.

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Where do our blankets come from and where do they go?

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We have 41 sewing groups, large and small, and numerous individuals who sew quilts for AZ Blankets throughout the year. We currently have 27 active Agencies: hospitals, victim service organizations, CPS, Cancer Centers and Police Departments to name a few. These agencies have applied to receive our blankets. They must conform with our mission Statement which says our "blankets go to seriously ill and traumatized children in our community"

Weavers Needle - January 13

WOW, Another great turnout at Weavers Needle RV Park. 127 people attended this bee. Counting the blankets turned in at the door and those completed at the Bee - 130 blankets were delivered to the kids in the Phoenix area.



Thirty-five of those blankets were fleece blankets made by and donated by a group of students from Superstition High School. It's wonderful to get young people involved. Thanks to all of them.



President Jeanette Baetsle presents an Appreciation Certificate to Sharon Lowenberg as the leader of the Weavers Needle Group. This was their 10th Annual Bee



The beautiful Door Prize basket made by Letty Fowell was won by Carol Salick from Fountain of the Sun.



The raffle quilt donated by Weavers Needle was won by Eveline Blais visiting from Canada.



The 50/50 prize was won by Barbara Shoenberger from Weavers Needle The other half goes to the hosting group.



A new sewing group

More Volunteers for AZ Blankets 4 Kids.

Welcome to the ladies of The Solera Quilting & Sewing Group located in San Tan Valley. Thanks for your interest and your contributions

Holiday Village - January 21



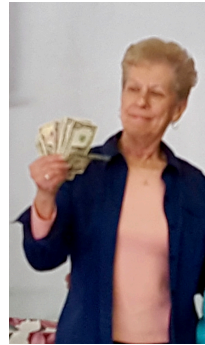
Sally Tucek, 2nd from right, and her assistants accept the Appreciation Certificate from Jeanette Baetsle.



Letty Fowell (right) makes up all the beautiful door prize baskets and Fabric baskets we have been raffling off. She is so creative, everyone is always hoping to win either - or both.



The 50/50 raffle was won by Jenny Clemenshaw from Las Palmas Grand (left). The other half is accepted by Sally Tucek for the Holiday Village host group



The Fabric Basket (left) was won by Kelli Nemece from the AZ Blankets Board.



The Door Prize Basket (above) was won by Donna Phiefer from Holiday Village.



I would like to give a big SHOUT OUT to the talented individuals and twenty plus quilting groups of the East Valley. Our busy season is from mid-January through April as many of you are out of the valley during the summer enjoying your other home. Quilters from Mesa, Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Queen Valley, San Tan Valley, Queen Creek and Pine, Arizona donated almost 3000 quilts to AZ Blankets 4 Kids. These quilts went to the receiving agencies in our local area. Along with the beautiful quilts came personal connections with quilters or with the fabric stores that provided drop off sites. (Mad B's, Mulqueen's, and Quilter's Oasis). Have a great summer, be safe and I look forward to welcoming you next season as you come back ready to share your caring talents with AZ Blankets 4 Kids.

Mary Stolze
Distribution team member



La Hacienda - February 25

It was a cool day outside with lots of warmth and friendship inside when 71 ladies gathered to work on various stages of quilts at the La Hacienda RV Park in Apache Junction. One hundred, seventy-three blankets were collected that day.



Jeanette Baetsle presents the Appreciation Certificate to Peg Wier and Hilda Tanner for hosting this outstanding Bee.



Shari Bermele from Mountainbrook Brook was the winner of the enormous Door Prize Basket

Kelli Nemece (right) from the AZB4K Board won this beautiful quilt made by Deb Feller on the left.



The winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Deborah Boccock (left photo). Peg and Hilda look happy to collect La Hacienda's share of the 50/50 (right)

Fountain of the Sun - March 11

A beautiful Saturday morning where 64 volunteers turned up to make quilts for the seriously ill and traumatized kids in the Phoenix, Mesa and Apache Junction area.



Jeanette thanks Lynn Stothert and her group for hosting another successful Bee.



This beautiful quilt made by the Fountain of the Sun group was raffled, and won by Bonnie Odegaard also from Fountain of the Sun



The door prize basket was won by Sandy Routhier from Fountain of



Again the 50/50 Raffle was split between the winning ticket holder Margaret Brewers (center) from Fountain of the Sun and the hosting group, accepted by their bee coordinator Lynn Stothert



President of the Fountain of the Sun quilting group, Jacque Wennes presents a generous monetary donation to AZ Blankets 4 Kids raised through their group's fund raising events.

What an awesome group. Thank you so much !!!!!

Sunland Springs Village - April 1

This was a very productive Bee, 276 quilts were turned in at the door from people and groups working at home. Another 21 were completed at the Bee by the 69 attendees for a record total of 297 blankets.

A huge Thank You to everyone who worked so hard all year and at all the Bees. And a BIG thank you to Sunland Springs Village for hosting the bee again this year. We Appreciate them even though we forgot to present them with their well earn Certificate.

Lots of Prize winners:

The door prize basket was won by Georgetta Hoffard of SSV.



The fabric raffle basket was won by Joyce Day of SSV.



And Tim Most from Las Palmas Grand was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. Again!



Several items were donated to AZB4K so we raffled them off.

Beth Wittock won the ironing machine and Linda Hopkins won the sewing machine



Caring Circle Group

Jeanette and Gloria picking up quilts from the Caring Circle Group in San Tan lead by Carol Graham (second from left).

Thanks ladies

President's Message

I just want to thank all our wonderful volunteers who have made this year so special. We have been blessed with new experiences and generous donations. As things quiet down for the summer, we will all take a moment to regroup and take a deep breath so that when fall comes and we have our winter visitors back we can start fresh. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer even if you have to spend it here in 115 degree heat. Stay cool and stay inside and sew. It's the best way to stay cool and forget about the heat!



You can come to the couple of sewing groups that sew all year round (check the website or see page 8 of this newsletter) or just get a couple of your Arizona friends together and have your own little mini-bees.

Don't forget the Las Palmas Grande Bee on June 17th.

Thank you all
 Jeanette Baetsle
 President

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Jan 13, 2017
Weavers Needle
 Apache Junction

127 - Attendees
 132 - Total Blankets

January 21, 2017
Holiday Village
 Mesa

59 - Attendees
 88 - Total Blankets

February 25, 2017
La Hacienda
 Apache Junction

71 - Attendees
 173 - Total Blankets

March 11, 2017
Fountain of the Sun
 Mesa

64 - Attendees
 92 - Total Blankets

April 1, 2017
Sunland Springs Village
 Mesa

69 - Attendees
 297 - Total Blankets



Blanket Drop off Locations:

35th Ave. Sew & Vac

4939 W. Ray Rd. #27
Chandler (480) 961-7363

3 Dudes Quilting

5053 E Elliot Rd
Phoenix (480) 598-8601

A Quilter Oasis

9963 E Baseline #105
Mesa (480) 354-4077

Bernina Connection

4219 E Indian School Rd
Phoenix (602) 553 8350

Cutting Edge Quiltworks

64 San Marcos Place
Chandler (480) 857-3443

Mad B's

7143 E Southern Ave #135
Mesa (480) 964-8914

Modern Quilting

4649 E Cactus Rd

Mulqueens Sew & Vac

7838 N 59th Ave.
Glendale (623) 934-0084

Mulqueens Sew & Vac

3716 E Main St
Mesa (480) 545-0778

Quilter's Ranch

1721 E Warner Rd
Tempe (480) 838-8350

QuiltZ

13825 N 32nd St
Phoenix (602) 482-4141

Scottsdale Quilts

15444 N 76th st #105
Scottsdale (480) 951-8000

Sun Valley Quilts

9857 W Bell Rd
Sun City (623) 972-2091

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Upcoming Bees

Saturday Jun 19, 2017 9:00-3:00

Las Palmas Grand; 2550 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa

Friday Jan 12, 2018 9:00-3:00

Weavers Needle; 250 S Tomahawk Rd., Apache Junction

Saturday, Jan 27, 2018 9:00-3:00

Holiday Village; 701 S Dobson Rd, Mesa

Saturday, Mar 3, 2018 9:00-3:00

La Hacienda RV Resort, 1797 W 28th St Apache Junction

Saturday, April 7, 2018 9:00-3:00

Sunland Springs Village; 2240 Springwood Blvd, Mesa

Ongoing Events

3rd Thursday each month, 9:30 -2:00

Las Palmas Grand, 2550 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa,

1st Thursday each month, 10:00 to 4:00

Peace by Piece at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church.
565 E Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ (just W of McClintock)

Every Monday except the 2nd Monday 10:00 to 3:00

Palmas del Sol - Scrap Happy Quilters 6209 E McKellips Rd, Mesa

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