

Hi ladies! The South Texas SEW-ciety is doing very well...thanks to all of you. When I return from the Sarah Veblen Fit Class next Tuesday, we will get started with the filings for the 501c3.

There are some great activities planned for the rest of the year. Be sure to circle the first Thursday on your calendar for the SEW-ciety meetings...you want to be there!

At our September meeting, a local button expert will share her button knowledge. Then, we will all share our button stories and our button embellished items (garments, gifts, jewelry, home décor...). So...bring your lunch, a friend and enjoy the day! Also, we will have an APRON PARADE during show-and-tell, so bring your apron and other show-and-tell items! The September Snack Ladies have last names starting with N-O-P. You will also get your membership and publicity cards at the meeting.

In October, the program is the wonderful Gift Direction Swap. Each lady makes a fun and easy gift item and copies of the directions. The items are displayed around the room and then everyone picks up the directions they want and puts them in a folder. And you still have time to make them for Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! The October Snack Ladies have last names starting with Q-R-S-T.

October 13-17 is the Sewing Retreat organized by Elisabeth Chism at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. Many ladies have already signed up...and there is room for many, many more! All sewing ladies (from all groups) are welcome. The nightly room prices are the same as last year ... \$65 for a private room; \$55 for a double and \$45 for the dorm. These prices include 3 meals a day and our sewing and sleeping rooms. This year we can set-up on Sunday afternoon, but there is no dinner provided Sunday night. So the plan is to bring a dish. If you have questions, please contact Elisabeth.

The November meeting is fabulous and wonderful...and you'll get more information in October. November Snack Ladies have last names starting with U-V-W-X-Y-Z. We only have a few ladies in this group so other snack items would also be appreciated.

Our December meeting is our Christmas Celebration. Ladies have adopted tables and will decorate them based on a country theme. Our fundraising will be the Boutique Table and a Sealed Bid Auction (no buckets). We will also be raffling a quilt. These funds will be used for our 2014 SEW-ciety activities.

Since we are all caring sewing ladies, Ida Hansen has community outreach projects available for you to sew at home or you can come sew with the Odem Community Sewing group that is meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month – August 27th – at 1:30 pm at the Odem Library. All are welcome to attend. And remember, even your scraps can stuff a bed for the animals at the Animal Shelter. A small bed would be 17"x24" and a large bed would be 23"x36". But, the beds can be any size, depending on the fabric available. The beds are greatly appreciated.

Sew happy and sew often...Jean