

Our September meeting was absolutely stupendous...ask any of the 47 ladies who were there! We had buttons, we had aprons, we had fabulous snacks, we had inspiring show-an-tell, we had lots of door prizes ... AND ... we had smiles and laughter and fun! The roster is not attached to this email since members and non-members get the email. Only members can have the roster. So, if you want the roster, please email me at jgribi@stx.rr.com; and we will have printed rosters at the meetings in the future.

Lillian Ward shared some of her button knowledge and collection with us. So many buttons...in so many shapes, sizes, colors, materials, designs! Her words of encouragement were – “if the button speaks to you...buy it!” As we shared stories about buttons, Elisabeth Chism told us about her strangest button experience. Her buttons “melted away”

at the dry cleaners. The loops were undisturbed but the buttons had vanished! Kathy Cocks shared her most challenging button story about little tiny baby buttons.

Our flyers, publicity and membership cards were available to all.

Janice Malone has volunteered to will put us on Facebook.

Six new members joined us in September, so the SEW-ciety now has 63 members. Welcome everyone!

In addition, through generous donations and your purchases, we now have \$434 set aside for our Youth Programs. After the meeting Ida Hansen donated 21 blankets to Driscoll Children’s Hospital (at their request); 10 comfort pillows to the American Cancer Society and 17 pet beds to the Corpus Christi Animal Shelter. All these items were greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events

- Tomorrow (Tuesday September 17th) is our Community Sewing in Odem starting at 1:30 pm at the Library. Several of you have asked about a community sewing group in Corpus Christi and we’ll look into it.

- Our October 3rd program is the care and framing of needlework, wall hangings, etc. given by Dinah Bowman. Please bring any items that need to be framed and Dinah will share her knowledge. The afternoon workshop will be 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. Sewing ladies from all groups are welcome. The nightly room prices are the same as last year. This includes 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 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). Pepper Pendzinski is coordinating our quilt raffle. Ida Hansen would appreciate all items for the Boutique Table and Auction be brought to the November meeting.

Sew Happy!...Jean