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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

- Next Board meeting is Mon. Nov 9th, at Rosemary Johannesson's home, 1 p.m.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room. 9:30 a.m. social, 10 a.m. business meeting, program, lunch and stitch –in until 3 p.m.

- Next Members' meeting – Wed. Nov. 11th.

STITCH-OF-THE-MONTH

Third Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's. Call her or e-mail.

- Next Meeting Mon. Nov. 16th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is Nov 18.
E-mail Judy Burgess at judybur@aol.com
Include CW Newsletter in the subject.

Dear Fellow Stitchers,

The title of this column is "How far she has come!" First of all, I want to thank all of you for all your thoughts and prayers during this past week. Tom is home recovering from prostate surgery.

As is my tradition, I needed a cross-stitch piece to date with the date of surgery. This time I went rooting in the "to be completed basket". I found a Fly-Fishing Santa that I had started a long time ago. I pulled that out and searched my memory for the particulars about where I had ended.

I wasn't motivated to work on the piece while Tom was in the hospital, but once at home, I used those moments between food and laundry, and during Tom's naps, to work on the Santa. When I got down to putting the fly-fishing line on the piece, I backstitched with the floss the directions called for. Well, neither the backstitching nor the floss excited me. So I asked Tom what color the line usually was. He said "blue". I found some light blue metallic thread that I was using on another project and tried couching it with balger. Results: the color did not stand out and the balger was trying my patience. So, I called Phyllis Richardson and trotted down to see what I could find for thread. She helped me find a gold metallic with red and green metallic threads in it and

some accentuate to couch the thread. I remembered that in 2006 I asked Phyllis what I could do to spruce up a cross-stitch piece that was to be entered in Seminar in 2006. I remember thinking “huh” when she helpfully added that a metallic thread would add some glitz. Well, “How far I have come” can be related to 2009 when I looked at this piece and realized that it should have some glitz, that the line needed to lie on the fabric and that the line needed to be couched (did I tell you that I hate to couch?). I know that there are many other milestones I need to pass, but there is hope!

To continue the dialogue from last month on where to sign a worked piece, I was looking at the Santa on the sofa this morning and have decided the initials and date will be crafted in to the ripple of the waves created in the stitching!

Please check further in the newsletter for the Christmas Luncheon information and for the continuation of the November chapter project and other tidbits of information.

I hope that all is well with each and every one of you. I hope that stitching provides you as much comfort and patience as it does me. Until we meet again, happy stitching.

Linda, President

DUES INCREASE APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP

The Standing Rules change to increase the amount of the annual local dues was passed by the membership at the October meeting.

February 1, 2010, local chapter dues will be \$18.



NOVEMBER 11 – Continuing the Tiffany Window Project with Phyllis Richardson. Bring your lunch and stay for the afternoon of stitching.

DECEMBER 9 – Christmas Luncheon Don't forget Toys for Tots new, unwrapped gifts and food for the Food Bank, as our charity offerings, especially this difficult year for so many folks.

Menu details and sign-up are at the end of the newsletter.

JANUARY 13 – SPECIAL, SPECIAL!!!! Artist Waly Young will give a program on painting canvas. He creates templates when he paints canvases for Brenda Hart. He is a talented stitcher so he knows what we need from the canvas painter. Don't miss this rare insight into the work of the canvas painter.

STITCH OF THE MONTH CLUB

The gathering will be Mon. Nov 16th 1 p.m. at Phyllis Richardson's.

You may bring any stitching, however the group started something new in September. Ask Phyllis for more details.

To see a picture of the Crazy Quilt project look at the October newsletter.



WE ARE MOVING!

Beginning in January 2010, we will meet at Friends in Deed – Room C

The room has its own outside door, and is next to the kitchen, for our lunching. The lighting is excellent.

The meeting times will be 9:30 social time, business at 10, followed by program, lunch, and stitching until 3.

Thanks again to the search committee of Marge Powers, Linda Lies, and Jane Browder, for finding us such a fine place to meet.

NEW YEAR – NEW LOCATION!

FUND RAISER FEBRUARY PATIO SALE

Don't forget this is an excellent time of the year to clear out, before Santa brings more stuff to clutter your house!

Susan Bumstead and Linda Lies have volunteered their houses to stash your STUFF. Take advantage of them. Give them ANYTHING!!! (except food, pets, and children).

Patio Sale at Phyllis Richardson's on Feb 26th, 8 to noon.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual Cactus Wren Christmas Luncheon will be held at Grill on the Green on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. Social time is at 11:00 and lunch will be at 12:00.

Guests are welcome.

The menu choices are: 1) Franciscan Chicken Salad—Grilled Chicken Breast served on top of a bed of mixed greens with chopped walnuts, bleu cheese and sliced green apples. Served with raspberry vinaigrette; or 2) Beef and Bleu Salad—Grilled top sirloin served on top of a bed of mixed greens with bleu cheese crumbles, cherry tomatoes, red onion and balsamic vinaigrette. Bread, ice tea, coffee or lemonade and desert are included.

Cost is \$22.00. Make checks payable to Cactus Wren Chapter ANG and give to Jennet Parker or Rosemary Johannesson. Deadline date is December 1, 2009.

A sign up sheet will be at the meetings or use the following form.

Name:

_____ Franciscan Chicken Salad

_____ Beef and Bleu Salad

_____ Amount included.