President’s Message

Dear Ladies,

Summer is officially here. You have two options: you can pick up the needle and sew, sew, sew under the bright light of a summer day or you can put your needles away for those cozy evenings by the fire. With that said, Conestoga Stitchers will give you an opportunity to fulfill either option.

Last year we decided to break for the summer and that will hold thru this summer with a change in 2014. Our last official meeting was June.

In July we will meet on July 18th at Isaac’s on Manheim Pike to discuss the program for next year (6:00 PM). Everyone is invited to attend or email your ideas to me before the meeting. Lynn will also host an evening class and dessert at her home. Details are in the newsletter. We are considering a lunch and learn on a Saturday or Sunday in August. It will be at my house and Lynn will teach. Details to follow.

By the time you get this newsletter, the 4th of July will be past. But it is always a good to be thankful for our freedom ...everyday!

Paulette
SAGA Meeting Minutes – Conestoga Stitchers Chapter
June 18, 2013

Attendees: Paulette Battenfelder, Patti Neiles, Laura Martin, Eileen Yeager, Barbara Kaminski, Ruth Solter, Lynn Dohne, Doris Smith, Cassie Bowers, Eileen Yeager, Rebecca Hickey, Rita Fulton

Guest: Loye Buckheit, a friend of Ruth Solter attended this meeting

Rita was welcomed by all – it was so good to see her, but she still needs our prayers as she will be going to Fox Chase for further evaluation of a new situation and may be facing further Chemo treatments.

Doris Smith was also welcomed back after the loss of her husband – our thoughts and prayers are also with Doris at this time of sorrow

Minutes: May Meeting minutes accepted as presented in newsletter

Treasurer’s Report: May Treasurer’s report accepted as presented in the newsletter

A free will offering was taken at the June meeting which is to be applied to the $250.00 annual donation to the church for use of our meeting room.

Door Prize raffle ticket increased to $2.00 per ticket. All funds received from this raffle are designated to the General Fund until the expenses from the cancelled seminar are paid in full. After that is accomplished, part of the proceeds will go back into the Library Fund.

Committee Reports:

Convention Basket – 2013-Lynn will be donating an iron; and Kristi will be making the Iron Caddy as this year’s convention basket donation. Kristi will be attending the convention and be able to bring our donation along with her.

Kids Korner – no report

Library – no report

Newsletter – Becky Hickey will continue to create our chapter newsletter, for which we are very thankful as she does a wonderful job.

Program Committee – open to all members – meeting will be held on 7/18 at Isaac’s Deli in Manheim; if you have a suggestion for future programs, please make it know if you are not able to attend personally

Publicity – no report

Scrapbook Coordinator - (Chapter History)-no report

Sunshine – no report

Wee Care - York Hospital indicated they would like to participate in our Wee Care program by accepting the gowns that are made by our guild

Old Business:

Women's & Babies Expression (LGH) - Patti Neiles will be having delivering our items on July 11th or 12th to be placed on display in a Showcase for all to view in anticipation of the auction. The reception is on August 25th from 2-4; auction will take place on September 7th. 100% of the proceeds from our donation will be going to the Butterfly Fund.

June Business Meeting Vote Agenda: The following slate of items were brought up at the June meeting and voted upon; all were carried unanimously by those in attendance:

2013-14 Officer Slate Nominations included: Paulette Battenfelder – President; Patti Neiles – Vice President; Ann Ward – Treasurer; Laura Martin – Secretary - there were no further nominations from the floor – Unanimously Accepted

Business Meetings – starting in 2013-14 business meetings will be held in September, March, and June

Any intermediate business will be conducted through email blasts

Meeting minutes continued on next page
Dues – Chapter Dues will be raised to $20.00 per year and will be payable with the National SAGA dues at our September meeting. Annual SAGA dues are $35.00 for regular membership and $65.00 per year if you choose to support SAGA through their Sustaining Membership program.

Due and payable at the September meeting –
$55.00 for Conestoga Stitchers and SAGA Regular Annual Membership
$85.00 for Conestoga Stitchers and individuals choosing SAGA’s Annual Sustaining Membership category

Meeting Changes – January & February meetings will be held during the day; July and August we will have evening meetings; all meetings will take place as regularly scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Announcements:

Lunch ‘n Stitch – will be held on June 25th 11:30 at Karen Ernst home

Rita Fulton has been battling pancreatic cancer. Let’s shower her with cards. Rita’s address is:

Rita Fulton
1770 Lamplight Circle
Middletown, PA 17057

A prayer shawl was presented to Rita to show our support for her and her family as she battles this disease with the aid of her medical team.

Honorable Mention: Becky Hickey was chosen to help stitch a replica of our nation’s first American flag as created by Betsy Ross and flown during the battle of Baltimore Harbor in 1814; this 40+ foot flag will be on display at Fort McHenry or in Washington, DC. Seamstresses will be selected from each state, and will be told how many inches they are permitted to stitch so all will be equal participants in sewing the stripes together.

SAGA News: Look for our Chapter to be represented in the latest SAGA news with a ½ page write up!

New Business:

Deb Bender from the Lace Guild would like to see our SAGA chapter represented at the Gathering of the Guilds which takes place the last Saturday in February. Paulette will be receiving and dispersing additional information via email to the membership.

Show and Share: Show & Share was presented by several members and enjoyed by all.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Laura Martin
August 2013 Newsletter Deadline

Please note all items to be published in the upcoming August newsletter must be submitted to Becky Hickey, beccagrace44@comcast, no later than August 1, 2013.

Please note Becky Hickey must have all September newsletter items no later than August 26th due to my upcoming departure for England/ Ireland on September 3rd.

July Sit and Smock
July 16, 2013

On July 16th, at 6:45 pm Lynn Dohne’s is inviting you to come for a Sit and Smock at her home. Bring your projects along to work on or maybe your questions so we could help you. Lynn will have dessert and cold drinks so join the fun.

No need to call just come if you can.

Lynn’s address is:

417 Primrose Ave., Lancaster

Wee Care Report

York Hospital, York, PA has confirmed an interest in participating in our Wee Care Program. Memorial Hospital, York, PA is being contacted to confirm interest in receiving Wee Care items. Sacques, bonnets and gowns will be collected by Becky Hickey. Any member desiring to add to the York Hospital collection should contact Becky Hickey.
TREASURER’S REPORT
July 1, 2013


Starting Balance: $1651.19

Income: $160.00  (Door prize - $30; Donations for church - $130)

Expenses: 0

Ending Balance: $1811.19

Breakdown:

   General Fund: $435.07
   Library: $138.32
   Wee Care: $1186.80
   Workshop: -$141.00*

* The funds to reimburse Ms. Briscoe for the airfare after we had canceled the workshop were temporarily taken from the general fund.

Dates to Remember

**July 16:** Sit and Smock, 6:45 pm, dessert and cold drinks at Lynn Dohne’s home.

**July 18:** Program Planning meeting, 6:00 pm at Issac’s on Manheim Pike

**July 25-28:** Quilt Odyssey 2013 DATES: Hershey lodge & convention center. Merchants mall & exhibits open Thursday—Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-4. Registration opens March 16 at noon. Classes and lectures will be on the website by Sunday, March 3.

**August 3 and August 11:** Public sewing days for the Star Spangled Flag. From noon until 3p.m. the general public is invited to come and add a stitch to the flag. To register for the public days, visit www.mdhs.org/events

**SAGA’s 34th Annual Convention:** The SAGA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the SAGA’s 34th annual convention will be held October 23-27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, Frisco Texas.

Please remember to visit www.smocking.org website.
**Chapter Member Updates**

Becky Hickey and Kristi Elkner, along with 100 volunteers, were chosen to help stitch a replica of the Star Spangled Flag as created by Mary Pickersgill and flown during the battle of Baltimore Harbor in 1813 inspiring Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Poem which became our National Anthem. This 32 foot by 40 foot recreated flag will be flown at Fort McHenry on Founder’s Day, September 14, 2013 and will be on display at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC., on Flag Day June 2014. Volunteer seamstresses will construct the majority of the flag. The flag will be assembled in three sections, including the long stripes, the short stripes and the blue field. The project entails recreating the Star Spangled Banner using authentic materials and the same stitching techniques that Mary Pickersgill used 200 years ago. The original flag was made from English wool bunting, a loosely woven, light-weight material common in flag-making before the advent of nylon. MdHS commissioned the recreation of this fabric by Family Heirloom Weavers in Red Lion, PA.

**Public Sewing Days:** On Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 11 from noon until 3 pm the general public is invited to come and add a stitch to the flag. During these days, MdHS will host the Fort McHenry Fife and Drum Corps, celebrity guest appearances, actors in period costume, exhibit tables from friends and partners, and mobile food vendors outside the Museum. To register for the public days, visit www.mdhs.org/events. Participants in the sewing days will also receive a stamp in the Bicentennial Passport, a free passport form the Baltimore National Heritage Area that includes over a dozen Baltimore-area historical sites.

**Cares and Concerns**

*Rita Fulton* chemo treatments  
*Snook Peris* passing on of mother  
*Doris Smith* passing on of her husband  
*Deb Heffner* passing on of her mother

There are several of our members continue to be in need of our prayers, cards and acts of kindness. This list may be missing individuals and I apologize in advance for the omission. Continue to keep me informed so our listing is current.

**Officers for 2012-2013**

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**Facebook Chair:** Deb Heffner  
**Kids Korner Chairs:** Kristi Elkner and Carole Grosh  
**Librarian:** Karen Zutell  
**Newsletter Editor:** Becky Hickey  
**Nominating Committee:** Jean Bednarski  
**Publicity Chair:** Rita Fulton  
**Scrapbook coordinator:** Lynn Dohne  
**Wee Care Chairs:** Carole Grosh and Anne Ward