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5pm  We will resume Open Sew when the state allows us to have folks gather together. | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  | | --- | | **It all begins and ends in your mind. What you give**  **power to, has power over you - if you allow it.** | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *Good News of the Week*  You did it! With all your help – with donations, sorting, getting the “stuff” out for the sale, “buying” the stuff, and then helping us put away the remainders, it was a beautiful, successful sale! Thank you especially to Michele, Danelle, and Deb, who worked for two weeks sorting and organizing the many things that came in. They also made it easy for the rest of you who came in daily to help sort last week.  The money, raised and counted – as of Saturday night - amounted to over $8100.  And we are still counting! Just think, donations from so many of you – and many of you came the past two weeks with cars full - will beautifully supply Saline Social Services with money for the children’s needs. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | Early in the morning, we greeted an energetic group who set up the tables, strung the clothesline for the quilts and hauled out the many boxes to their correct places. And to those of you who came early and stayed all day – a very special Thank You!   A most welcome sight were the couples who came to help us at the end of the day to pack up the things and get them into the store.  We owe a special thanks to Saline Social Services who sent their volunteers to help and to the American Legion who brought the tables to use. Together, with the organization of Nancy and the trio, the day went along so smoothly. Blessings to all who helped in the work - you have done great work!  [Text Link](https://www.icloud.com/applications/mail/current/en-us/index.html?rootDomain=www) | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | One of the most important parts of the event is to move the “remainders” on to places where they can be used. We encouraged art teachers to come and gather things they can use in their classrooms. We know that the children will be back in the classrooms eventually. We have one very special art teacher who came from Detroit at the end of the day – more about Cheryl later. We plan to distribute the things left to the "New 2U Again" retail shop in Saline who work with folks preparing for jobs. We hope to take books, knitting and sewing materials to the Charles W. Wright Museum in Detroit. They teach folks all the crafts we so enjoy. Sooo, soon all the remainders will be taken to the “next” place of use.  [Text Link](https://www.icloud.com/applications/mail/current/en-us/index.html?rootDomain=www) | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | Thank you again – good and faithful friends!  These pictures were taken later in the afternoon.  [Text Link](https://www.icloud.com/applications/mail/current/en-us/index.html?rootDomain=www) | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *This Week's Shopper's Aisle* | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | This plastic ruler has several sizes to use to make the more form-fitting masks people have asked for.  $19.95  [Text Link](https://www.icloud.com/applications/mail/current/en-us/index.html?rootDomain=www) | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | We have received this beautiful fabric from Hoffman full of birds with several matching fabrics.  $13.50 yard  [Text Link](https://www.icloud.com/applications/mail/current/en-us/index.html?rootDomain=www) | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | New U of M fabric has arrived and we have made 10 Minute Table Runner Kits and also some pillowcase kits.  Kits: 14.95 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *Our Helping Hands*  We see that you all are continuing to sew the pillowcases, preemie quilts, dolls, and turtles. Thank you!  Our “kit creators” are keeping the shelves supplied for you at the store. As things open up, we will be ready with the finished items when the needs come up.    We had a note from Kathy about the Turtles: Joel expects to need about 12 turtles a month. Kathy says that they have enough until November. They are making up kits for the turtles which will be on the shelves, too.   Nancy and Kathy ask that you send your contact information to nanvogt@comcast.net so they can keep you up-to-date on changes or news regarding the turtles. The turtle has a name now,“Mason the Turtle”, after the first child who was given one.    Dolls are also coming in, giving us a bit of a supply for the needs that come up. Please continue to create them! Pillowcases received a supply of fabric, but most of it was beautiful fabric for girls. We continue to so appreciate fabric for the boys.  ﻿  The Preemie Quilts are very active! We see the kits come in and go out. The committee keeps the shelves filled – what fun to sew on these pretty colors and themes so that families in the NICU can enjoy them.  You all are an amazing, talented group of folks – and your heartwarming sewing does make the world go round in these times – spreading a bit of cheer to so many folks – including the sewer!  Please come to an informal meeting to plan for the Christmas for the Elderlies on September 24 at i:30. It is time to create something new to "sell" for a donation" with the stockings - as we can only use so many stockings. Bring your ideas and we can make a plan! This year it is more important than ever to provide a bit of joy to them as this sheltering in place makes it even more difficult for them. Yes, we do have a good amount of stockings left to sell this year. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Mary’s Musings  I am humbled and blessed by all of your help, encouragement, and participation in the Donation Sale. It truly takes a “village” to make it happen. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am also very thankful to all of you who realize that the store is the anchor and the environment for all of our charity to happen. It does take all of us – the store, the people, and the donations to make it all happen.  It seems that in these times, we are isolates and sometimes it is easy to be content alone. But do remember just how much enjoyment you had visiting with your friends or sharing a meal. Isn't it amazing to realize just how contented we can be in our little shelter? While we maybe contented; someone you know is lonely just down the way from you. ! Now we must reach out to those near and dear to us - it helps us to remember what life was like - and will be again. Mary | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *New Happenings at the Store:*  We are launching an Online Store! This is a big adventure and sending us into new avenues for reaching all of you. My grandson Ethan is the amazing person behind this adventure. We plan to include the usual things: our patterns, kits, fabric, notions, and some quilts for sale. We are very excited as we know that many of you live beyond the driving distance of the store and would appreciate being able to have some of our “offerings” for yourself.  Yes, it is scary – for me to go into another venue, but with the absolute belief that we must do this – here we go! It will launch next week!  You know that I am always looking for the “next” place where we can help so I am launching a new section to the newsletter. It will be called “Connecting the Dots”. This is coming from all of your help last summer with the men’s clothing for the homeless men sheltering at the church. It was so easy – you had clothes and brought them in – and they were very nice clothes, and we took them to the church. They distributed them and many men were served.  Let me begin: | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *Connecting the Dots:*  It is my belief that all of us have things we no longer need in our homes. I also know that there are many folks who need those things that we would like out of our homes. Just look at the amazing “Donation Sale” we just had.  At the sale, as you know, we invite the art teachers to come to the sale and collect things they can use in their classrooms. It is obvious that the teachers have very few resources to purchase supplies for their classrooms. We met Cheryl, an art teacher from the Mary McLeod Bethune School in Detroit. This is an inner city school. She is teaching remotely – as are many of you. She has found that having a device to do school remotely does not help with art projects. Last week she wanted children to work on self portraits and found that many of them did not have pencils, or even paper. They were using old envelopes or the advertisements that come in the mail.    It seems that we could collect either art supplies or the money to purchase them and provide her students with an “Art Kit” specific for their age. She has 300 students from Pre K thru 8th grade. It was so obvious that she loved her job and, as we talked over dinner after the clean up on Saturday, I asked her why she loved that school. She told us that art was the “Great Leveler”; you don’t have to be able to read or do math, but you can still create a masterpiece. Her students have won awards in city art events.  It seems so simple. Here is a need - can we work to fill it? Yesterday (you know me) - I simply couldn’t stop talking about this need and already a church group has 60 “school kits” they can donate. If you want to help – you can either bring in school supplies, for all ages, or send us money and we will prepare the kits and get them to Cheryl. My dream is to do this in the next two weeks. I know this can help with not only their education, but allow them to occupy their time with a creative outlet – you know that feeds our soul!  P.S. We filled her car to the point that only she could squeeze into the drivers seat.  As you know my heart is full with helping folks, but in order to do this I need to keep a vibrant store. Look forward to the fall at the store as being innovative and exciting. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *Now a short review of earth shattering jokes – or not!*  Hot and Cold -- A woman dining out summoned her waiter and requested that the air conditioning be turned down. Minutes later, the same woman was fanning herself and asked that the air be turned back up. As her complaints continued, a man seated at the next table asked the waiter, “Isn’t she driving you crazy making you turn the air up and down like that?” “Not at all”, the waiter replied. “I’m driving *her* crazy – we don’t have air conditioning here!”    “When people say, “You’re going to regret that in the morning” – I sleep until noon – because I’m a problem solver!”  “Carol’s mother always said, ‘On the day she was born, angels looked into her cozy little crib, gazed upon her cherubic face and declared, ‘this one is going to be trouble’!”  “It’s ok if some people dislike you – not everyone has good taste!”  “Men say that women should come with instructions. What’s the point – have you ever seen a man actually read the instructions?"  ﻿  “People write “Congrats” because they can’t spell Congrajlashins!”    Tapos – finished in Filipino | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Quilting Season| 734-429-2900 || thequiltingseason.com | | | | | | |