

CALENDAR - 2015

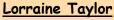
May 11: SEWcial at MJ Center

- 13: Quilt Show Mtg @Karen's
- 18: Guild Mtg w/ Phyllis Binkley
- 19: Workshop—Needle Felting w/Phyllis
- 26: Board Mtg @ Jeannie's
- 8: SEWcall at MJ Center
- 15: Guild Mtg w/ Mary Tabor, "Color Theory"
- 16: Workshop, "Cut & Fold" w/ Mary
- 17: Program Planning meeting



DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING

Hello Ladies, We all had a great time last month at Maggio's, visiting and getting to know our speaker. This month we will be meeting at Mike's Mountain Munchies at 4 pm on the 18th. It's a few doors down from Stater Bros. Hope you will plan to join us. Please RSVP to me,



909/866-8081 or *Lor*raine@ispirationsatbigbear.com

EDITORS EPISTLE

Just when we think it's Spring, they tell us we're going to have snow......will someone make up their minds? Well, it will give us time to stay home & stitch. Need to finish our Challenge quilts and our masterpieces for the Quilt Show.

Happy Stitching!

Jacque Holmes
and Kay Higdon



THE BEAR FACTS

BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD - MAY 2015

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

_Greetings Fellow Quilters,

Good News...it's May, my Lilacs and California Poppies are blooming and soon we can plant some annuals for even more color.

As quilters we are all interested in color. It adds zest to our quilts as well as to our lives. It cheers our homes and encourages positive thoughts and actions. Let's all be grateful for the opportunity to share what we know and contribute a small token of our joy to those facing challenges we can't imagine, by making a comfort quilt for a small child, teenager or a Mom that have been having difficult times. We only ask that you make one a year...some of you make several.

Do what you are able. We know that a number of physical issues may either slow you down or prevent you from actually making a comfort quilt. Volunteering to sell Opportunity tickets at an event might be the answer for you. After all, these ticket sales contribute greatly to the amount of money we are able to give back to our community in donations at the end of the year. Please know that whatever you do, in the way of volunteering, is greatly appreciated on many levels.

If you are new to quilting...and sewing in general, we offer a variety of workshops throughout the year to help improve your skills. Even gals that have been quilting for years, take these classes because they believe that there is always a new technique to learn. Last month's instructor Debbie Gordon shared her forty years of quilting experience with useful shortcuts, free supplies and step by step examples of "The Bear in the Woods" pattern. The visuals helped me a lot. I'm glad that I took the class.

Hope that you are enjoying our sunshine & Best Wishes for Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms.







BUSY BEARS QUILT GUILD MINUTES - April 20, 2015

President Jeannie Mazzacane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and welcomed everyone. Jeanne Arnieri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our guests tonight are Janet Bryan and Debra Claypool, who came with Jan Chapman; Harriet Taylor who is Lorraine Taylor's mother-in-law; and Marilee Lomax, who is Belinda Evans' cousin.

Cat Harris led the group in expressing warm wishes to our members who are celebrating their birthdays in April.

MINUTES - Karen Cumberland made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barbara Olson made a motion that the March 2015 Treasurer's Report be approved with the following correction: shoe should be show. Motion passed.

SCCQG - Janet Walz will be attending the "Meet the Teachers" event in Carson this Saturday. See her if you'd like to go also.

2015 OPPORTUNITY QUILT - Carol Henderson updated us on recent ticket sales. Please see Carol during break if you'd like to help sell tickets.

PROGRAMS - Janet Schultz described several of our upcoming guest speakers and programs. Tonight we will enjoy a presentation by Debra Gordon. Tomorrow's workshop is "Bears in the Woods".

PHILANTHROPY - Sue Hart thanked everyone for bringing food pantry items, pop tabs, and box tops this evening. Next month our theme will be "Can-Can." She briefly described our 2015 projects, and gave status reports on each one. We are meeting our goals for quilts and pillowcases.

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RETREAT Cat Harris shared information about our 2015 retreat in Temecula. She currently has paid reservations from 10 members, and will be taking sign-ups tonight during break.

CRAYOLA CHALLENGE - Belinda Evans reviewed the guidelines for our Crayola Challenge. See her tonight if you'd like to participate. She also invited all guild members, spouses and friends to a presentation by Bonnie Marshall-Creel on elder care arrangements and financial planning. This event is scheduled for May 22 from 10 - 12 at the Discovery Center,

OTHER BUSINESS - Cat Harris is developing a Facebook page for our guild.

SHOW AND TELL -

2016 Opportunity Quilt - blocks in progress by Lorraine Taylor, Karen Cumberland, Jill Gilham, Fran Martin, and Lys Axelson

Carol Henderson - pink flannel quilt for Mom and Dad Project

Fran Martin - orange and blue flannel quilt for Mom and Dad Project

Wendy Green - blue and green flannel quilt for Mom and Dad Project

Sue Hart - red blue and yellow, and red and pink flannel quilts for Mom and Dad Project, and an Australian animals quilt which will be added to her "Grandkids Quilt Stash"

Lys Axelson - blue scrappy quilt for Doves using blocks made by her Mom, and a beautiful art quilt featuring extensive beading and embellishment

Wendy Stephens - pink and purple flannel quilt for Mom and Dad Project Carol Howerton - two patriotic wall hangings made from panels, and a fun airplane quilt for her great-grandson

Shirley Hartwick - large medallion quilt with a cool purples and blues color scheme on a black background

Loretta Castelluccio - a liturgical stole being made for a friend who is being ordained this weekend

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jeanne Arnieri, Recording Secretary



SHOW AND TELL





Laurie Nahay with wall hanging and her finished President's Quilt



Lorraine Taylor, Karen Cumberland, Jill Gilham, Sandi Cannarella, Lys Axelson



Fran Martin Carol Henderson

Wendy Green



Wendy Stephens



Loretta Castelluccio

SHOW AND TELL





Lys Axelson







Carol Howerton



Lillian Hart & Shirley Hartwick

National Elder Law Month - May

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 16, 2015

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NATIONAL ELDER LAW MONTH, SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS (NAELA), WILL BE HELD THIS MAY.

AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE QUILTING GUILDS AND OTHER INTERESTED RESIDENTS OF BIG BEAR LAKE AND BIG BEAR CITY, CALIFORNIA, ATTORNEY E. BONNIE MARSHALL, A CERTIFIED ELDER LAW ATTORNEY AND A MEMBER OF THE BIG BEAR COMMUNITY WILL BE GIVING A PRESENTATION ON CRISIS PLANNING.

TOPICS COVERED

- GENERAL ESTATE PLANNING,
- PLANNING FOR INCAPACITY,
- PLANNING FOR LONG TERM CARE,
- COORDINATING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC BENEFITS TO FINANCE THAT CARE
- THE VITAL TOOLS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS

WHERE: THE DISCOVERY CENTER WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015 TIME: BETWEEN 10A.M.-12P.M.

It sounds very appropriate and things we need to know. Everyone is welcome; spouses, friends, significant others; and are encouraged to attend. There is no cost. Big Bear Quilting Guild is being invited as well.

2015 QUILT SHOW

The first quilt show meeting is Wednesday May 13th at 1p.m. at my house. Hope to see many of you there so we can plan for our coming quilt show. Please let me know if you are planning to attend or if you have something to add but can't make it. Look forward to our working together

Thanks, Karen Cumberland
Karen Cumberland

HANDY HINT: Have you ever wondered what happened to the perfectly straight stitch? It's your machine needle that makes the difference. The most often used needle has a light, ball point that avoids the fibers causing a slight offset. A Sharp needle cuts through fibers & thread for a STRAIGHT stitch. Sharps are ideal for top stitching and perfect satin-edged stitching. But don't use Sharp needles on knits or you'll have runs and "holes".

To sharpen pinking shears that have become dull, cut through a doubled layer of aluminum foil.

BUSY BEARS QUILTING GUILD PROGRAM UPDATE

Janet Schultz, 949.813.1776 (call or text) or janetschultz2003@yahoo.com



Raving Reviews For...Debbie Gordon! She shared the history of several quilts and their quilt makers and helped us create our Bears in the Woods, a keepsake quilt reminiscent of the local mountains. Five of us created the next day and what fun we had! All our remarks were the same...good for experienced as well as beginners, what a handout so you can do later, organized, good instruction, and great tips. Jeanne Mazzacane, our president, summed it up well when she said "she had years of experience, was patient and well prepared with lots of samples, gave us tools that she found useful and efficient & best of all, Debbie loved to teach!"

PROGRAM: MAY 18-19, 2015

Phyllis Binkley will provide "An Introduction to Needle Felting" in the evening. Our workshop will be a lovely landscape piece that we create using roving, yarns, and some fabrics while learning the basics by hand and machine. Cost for members is \$20 and non-members \$35. There is a kit fee of \$30 which includes everything you need: 100% wool for the landscape and your choice of colors for the flower plus all different roving's, yarns, and some fancy, shiny fabrics). You will need to bring a hand needle felting tool (3-5 needles), and a piece of 2" or thicker to felt into (6x12") is large enough...our local stores have a felting mats. Pins and scissors are also needed. Lunch will be a spinach salad with poppy seed dressing and fruit to add to your salad for a donation of \$3.00. Please contact me as soon as possible if you plan on taking this class & having lunch. A supply list will be provided.

UPCOMING PROGRAM: JUNE 15-16, 2015

Mary Tabor will present "Color Theory" at our evening meeting followed by our Saturday workshop, Cut and Fold Applique" piece! Take a look at the meeting at the sample and the supply list. Cost for members is \$20 and \$35 for non-members. Bring a friend! More information at the meeting!

CHANGE: CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

Note, we have **change of events**...our September teacher is unable to do the presentation or workshop...her daughter is moving to college! So, our evening meeting on September 21st will be our Silent Auction! Guidelines for donating your stash will be forthcoming from Carol Henderson and Wendy Green. Start saving now! Our workshop will be working with Sue Hart on our philanthropy and finish our 2016 goals. Please make these changes on your 2015 calendar or pick up a new, revised calendar at the meeting.

A calendar of workshops for the year along with the lovely samples that have arrived for upcoming workshops will be posted at the meeting each month...check them out! Sign up sheets will be available so be sure to bring your calendars and money/checkbooks to sign up early! Get your supply lists and begin planning your next creative adventure! We have a wonderful program with lots of great learning experiences this year...don't miss out! lease note that you must be paid to be considered registered. Also, if spaces are available one month prior to the workshop, we will be advertising for non-members to join us.

YOU'RE INVITED:TIME TO PLAN 2016 PROGRAM...Planning for 2016 will take place at Lorraine Taylor's, Inspirations, on Friday, June 17th, starting at 1:00. Come and bring your ideas and help us choose teachers for another wonderful program!

A FREEBIE YOU MIGHT LIKE TO CHECK OUT: Interested in needle felting? Go to www.MoseynMe.com and copy their free pattern "Needle Felt Heart Pocket/Pouch!

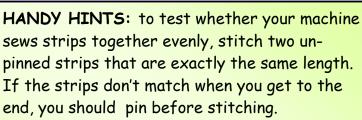
2015 QUILT CHALLENGE

The Crayola colors have been drawn, we're thinking about our quilt Project and wondering "What Am I Gonna Do?". Well, it's time to be the squeaky wheel and get it cracking! In less than 3 months- did we say three months?

Dang, where did the time go?
The challenge quilt must be 15" by 20"
either in a vertical or horizontal orientation.
Remember to attach the actual crayons to the quilt, either temporarily or permanently.
Quilts must be completed for the August judging at the guild meeting by our members and will be on display at the quilt show.

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Belinda Evans and Bonnie Marshall-Creel



If you are a new quilter who is frustrated with your skill level, be patient and allow yourself time to develop your skills.

Never be embarrassed to ask for help or for directions. Many people are still standing on the poop deck wishing they knew how to swim.

And lastly, if your quilts are not quite the masterpieces you see in the magazines, don't feel yours are inferior as long as you have made them with care.

PHILANTHROPY

<u>comfort Quilts</u>—I will not be at the general meeting this month! If you could hold any Doves or Mom and Dad quilts until the June meeting, it would be appreciated! Keep on working though and I will see you all soon.

<u>PANTRY</u>—This month food collection is "CanCan". Bring anything in a can for the church good pantry. I have a helper who has volunteered to make sure it arrives to the church pantry.

Thanks to all who participate!

Sue Hart

LETS SUPPORT OUR ADVERTIZERS

Bear Country Quilts & Gifts
Busy Bee Quilt Shop, Calamesa
Inspirations, Big Bear Lake
Janet C. Schultz, Big Bear Lake
Mimi's Quilt Shop, Yucca Valley
Sew Special, Big Bear City
Sewing Machines Plus, San Marcos
Summer Sky Creations, New River, AZ
The Quilt Cupboard, Garden Grove
The Victorian Angel, Hemet
Tops and Bobbins, Hesperia





Busy Bears Quilt Guild TREASURERS REPORT 2015

BALANCE 3/31/15 \$ 6,698.71 INCOME \$ 1,082.15 EXPENSES \$ (1,024.60) BALANCE 4/30/15 \$ 6,756.26

INCOME

Advertising	\$ 00.00
Birthday Exchange	40.00
Bargain Table	38.15
Membership	00.00
Opp Quilt 2015	322,00
Vendor Equipment	24.00
Vendor Booths	600.00
Vendor Lunches	58.00
Workshop Fees	00,00

\$1,082.15

EXPENSES

Education.Lecture		
Workshop	(\$	673.86)
Education, Mileage	(\$	92.00)
Equipment	(\$	93.52)
Hospitality	(\$	19.79)
Postage, Newsletter	(\$	14.70)
Printing, Newsletter	(\$	55.73)
Rent	(\$	75.00)

(\$ 1024.60)

<u>Carol Henderson</u> Treasurer







CALENDAR OF QUILT EVENTS

May 9: Rooster Greek Primitives Quilt Show 42030 C St. Historic Downtown Murrieta featuring "The Divine Sisters Of the YaYa Sisterhood" Info: 951-696-0100 ROOSTERCREEK1@YAHOO.COM

May 16-17: Antelope Valley Quilt Asso 39th Annual Quilt Show & Auction "Dancing Winds". Antelope Vly Fairgrounds, Van Dam Pavilion 2551 W. Ave H, Lancaster Info: Jamie @ 661-754-5019 or jharrington66@earthlink.net

BARGAIN TABLE

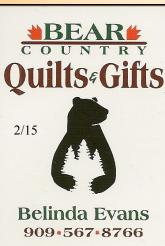
We have some new items for the bargain table. A new bin each month with lots of wonderful fabrics. Come by and pick out some lovelies! See you at the meeting,



Wendy Green and Cindy Young







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2015 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

We are having great success so far with our ticket sales. Thank you very much, Sandi, Cat, Belinda, Colleen and Lorraine for their recent ticket work. I will have sign up sheets at the meeting to schedule the ticket selling for the 4th of July weekend in the village at Wendy's Village Quilt Shoppe. Those date are July 3,4 and 5. Please take a look at your calendars and see when you can fit in a couple of hours to help out. We also need volunteers for the Music in the Mountains dates of June 27, July 18 and August 1 at the Discovery Center.

Carol

Wendy Green Carol Henderson

Bonnie Snell











2015 OPPORTUNITY QUILT "MOUNTAIN MAJESTY"



2016 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

We have 8 blocks turned in.

And the deadline for the others is

June 1st. The work on these blocks
is outstanding, we should have another special quilt for 2016.



Fran Martin
and Laurie Nahay





SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Let's start with a little Sunshine: Congrats to all the May birthdays: Lys Axelson, Ruth Beattie (Ruth is turning 80 on the 13th!), Lorna Hatfield and new member Chris Silva. And belated birthday wishes to another new member, Cheri Smith, who had a birthday in late April. Happy birthday May (and April) babies and welcome new members!

Some sunshine shared at the April guild meeting: Laurie N. said she would be visiting family in Washington, and that a new grandbaby is due in October. Jan Jamriska is very happy that her St. George, utah house has sold. Belinda Evans' is thrilled that her husband is retiring and becoming a full-time Big Bear resident very shortly (probably is by now!). Jan Chapman's daughter is getting married July 18th. And Shirley Hartwick is very happy trying out her new sewing cabinet.

As always, shadows: A quick recovery is wished Lorna Hatfield and her husband, who both had carpal tunnel surgery. And lots of prayers are requested for Jeannie M's son Bill. His recovery is ongoing, with blood clots still an issue. And our own dear Kay Higdon is going through a very rough patch as she begins the referral process for a body scan, blood work, and chemo. Lots of love sent your way, Kay.

Contact: Cat Harris, 714 390-2601 or chronicquilter@yahoo.com with any Sunshine & Shadows input.

SILENT AUCTION

The SILENT AUCTION is coming! It is scheduled to happen during the July meeting, so have a look through your sewing room and find those projects or quilting items you no longer need, want or can stand to look at anymore! This year we would like you to concentrate on finding projects or equipment to donate to the auction Small single items can be donated to the bargain table. We are looking more towards project bundles you think you won't get to or that fabric stash that doesn't speak to you any longer. So have a look and see how we can help you reclaim your sewing room!

Carol Henderson

ANNUAL JULY PICNIC

Our picnic is going to be here before we know it. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun summer get together. The fun will start at 11am on July 21 at Sugarloaf Park. Details to follow. You won't need to make anything but will be asked to bring a fat quarter for our games and a dish to share.

Lorraine Taylor



M E M B E R S H I P We had 37 members for April & 2 guest



Fran Martin & Kay Higdon



APRIL REFRESHMENTS FROM:

Sue Bost—Cherry Pie & Chocolate Brittle
Jan Chapman—Lemon Cookies
Fran Martin—Chocolate Covered Strawberries
Karen Cumberland—Cookies
Carol Howerton—Candy

BIRTHDAY EXCHANGE

Carol Howerton—Charm Packs Karen Cumberland—Fat Quarters Jan Chapman—Book & Templates Barbara Olsen—Gift Certificate Fran Martin—"Get Squared " Ruler

WON BY:

Joyce DeMond—Square Ruler Lorraine Taylor—Charm Pack Janet Bryan—5 pc Bundle Shirley Hartwick—\$20 gift Certificate Jan Chapman—Charm Squares Debra C..... - Book & pattern



<u>B</u>irthday <u>E</u>xchange and <u>R</u>efreshments

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NAME	BIRTHDAY	BE/R
Axelson, Lys	06 MAY	MAY
Matfield, Lorna	31 MAY	MAY
🕉 Silva, Chris	16 MAY	MAY
Miller, Vicky	28 MAR	MAY
Cumberland, Karen	13 APR	MAY
Gilham, Jill	02 DEC	MAY
Henderson, Carol	31 DEC	MAY
Snell, Bonnie	09 DEC	MAY

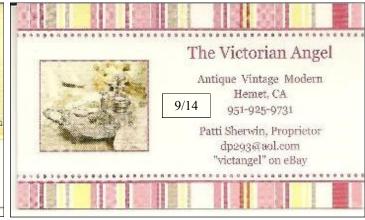
If you are listed for this month BE/R, this is your month to bring a GIFT for the Birthday Exchange

Table & FOOD for Refreshments & don't forget to sign each list.

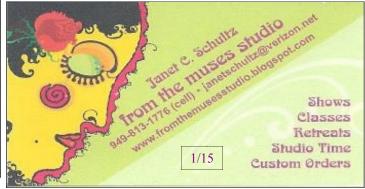
If you missed your assigned month, pick another month to bring a Gift & Food.

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FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

<u>cut-ups</u>— The meeting at my house in Aprilwas great fun! We will do a road trip to May to Janine Miller's. That will be on May 6th, we will car pool, so call me if you can go.

Fran Martin

STITCHY FINGERS- We had a fun time at Sue Merritt's last month, chatting and sewing. Laurie found a needle in a haystack! Well, it was on a picture of a haystack on a book cover. Still, mighty impressive!

On May 1st, we got together for a delightful lunch at the Tea Room.

Our next meeting will be on the 29th at Loretta's.

Jill Gilham







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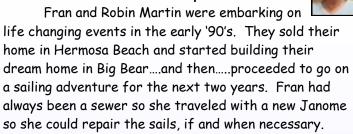
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WHO IS...FRAN MARTIN?

And WHY did she become a guilter?



Once their odyssey was completed, they returned to Big Bear to settle in and do the finish work on their home and establish their roots. Both Robin and Fran love to ski and so, they have always taken every opportunity to ski here and since they have a cabin at June Lake, they ski at Mammoth and June Mountains too.

Alex Anderson had a daily TV show, called "Simply Quilts" in the early 2000's and Fran became a fan. She bought a Pfaff sewing machine in 2002 because she like the "needle down" feature.... a trip to our local library yielded a pattern for an "Irish Chain" from a magazine for quilters. Fran jumped in and started making what she intended to be a blue & white tablecloth, but....once she laid it out on her bed.....it had to be a guilt and she quilted it herself in the style of the day...pretty much straight lines. Her points all matched! Encouraged, Fran would join the Busy Bears Quilt Guild in 2004 and has been making prize winning quilts and wall hangings ever since. Her favorite is a white whole cloth quilt that they use in their motor home. You can find Fran at the Membership Table during our guild meetings. She has worked on numerous Opportunity Quilts and the 2016 OP Quilt will be the third one that she has coordinated the making of the blocks.

Fran's favorite sewing machine is now a Baby Lock. It has a wide throat to accommodate large quilts and pretty much does everything, including embroidery work. Last year her quilting efforts came full circle...it was time to replace the original Irish Chain quilt that she had made twelve years earlier with a new one. This time it would have numerous embroidered flowers and enhanced by fabulous feather quilting.

Fran encouraged reluctant quilters (like me)by saying "Just Start"...she had told me this every time she has seen me hesitate...and believe me, it is now ingrained in my mind. I hear her voice at just the right time. And what do you know? I gain momentum and whatever I was trying to sew, wasn't so hard after all. Thanks, Fran.

Jeannie Mazzacane

2015 QUILT RETREAT— May update

We now have about 20 quilters who have committed to our first annual retreat at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula this July 13, 14 g 15th. This assures us a full-size classroom with all of the amenities. We can go up to 25, so if you have been thinking about it, don't wait, sign up soon. The deadline is June 15th.

Please call Cat Harris @ 714 390-2601 (cell) or email me at chronicquilter@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending. The registration form is available on the website in the April newsletter (on the last page) and also at the guild meetings and Sewcials. Return the form with a \$50 deposit and we can hold a place for you. The balance must be paid in full at or before the June 15th guild meeting.

Now the planning for fun begins! We're talking about wine tasting on the veranda on Monday night... an ice cream social on Tuesday night... maybe a winery lunch or two... and definitely a trip or two to the local fabric stores! We'll play games for prizes and have a "challenge bag" contest where we compete to make a little something out of what's in the bag. There are also prizes for the person who accomplishes the most in three days... maybe a "booby prize" for she who does the least (probably because she's having too much fun... or too many winery lunches). So join us for a great time and help establish this as an annual event that brings us all closer in our quest for quilting nirvana!

July 13, 14 and 15th

Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center, Temecula CA

Cat Harris



May SEWcial!

Please join us at our monthly SEWcial on MONDAY MAY 11 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!



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