

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NEWS and VIEWS

June 2011

How time flies – here it is summer-time already!
Do hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer,
especially if you're seeing new places in your Airstream –
that's what Airstreamers do best.

And the “next-best” thing we do is have great fun and fellowship
on Caravans, and at rallies and rendezvous, such as
the Spring Rally in Blyth; the International Rally in DuQuoin, Illinois;
the Summer Rendezvous in Lindsay;
and the Fall Rally in Almonte.

At the Spring Rally in Blyth in May,
once again the ladies enjoyed Saturday morning together.
Betty Mattila demonstrated a reversible crochet technique,
and also a special pin cushion – always a useful item.
Thanks so much, Betty!

The Community Services Committee received thirty lovely blankets –
half of which were distributed to Huron Second Stage Housing,
and half to the Stratford Chapter of Linus Blankets.
Both groups expressed their sincere appreciation for your
thoughtfulness in making and donating these lovely items.

And once again, Pat Smyth has been busy
seeking a “home” for the items that will be donated
at the Fall Rally in Almonte.
She has been in touch with the Childrens Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) –
they would be pleased to receive:

- ◆ Knit or crochet blankets 36" x 40" (*new, washable yarn*)
- ◆ Sewn blankets and quilts for newborns/infants/toddlers
- ◆ Slippers for youth and teens
- ◆ Sewn pillowcases
- ◆ Knitted finger puppets
- ◆ Travel-sized shampoo/conditioners, body soaps,
toothbrushes/toothpaste for parents

Just a reminder on the usual "standard" sizes of quilts and blankets:

- ◆ Adult: approximately 50 in x 70 in
- ◆ Youth: approximately 48 in x 60 in
- ◆ Child: approximately 36 in x 48 in
(*although CHEO has asked for 36" x 40"*)
- ◆ Premie: no larger than 24 in x 24 in

You'll find a couple of new patterns in the pattern section of this web page that you may be able to use to make some items for CHEO through the summer.

Also, Phyllis will be demonstrating sewn pillowcases at the 2012 Spring Rally.

That pattern will be included with the fall edition of the web page.

Incidentally, there's an on-line movement in the USA toward making One Million pillowcases – we may not be able to do that, but we CAN do our share.

Now to the Fall Rally in Almonte, September 2 – 5,

at our Saturday morning workshop

Bonnie MacDonald will demonstrate making "Beautiful Bags".

If you wish to participate, bring a pattern to share, about a yard of fabric, and your sewing machine.

Or – bring along a project you're working on.

Or – come to visit.

We're looking forward to a fun Saturday morning.

***Please share your comments, suggestions for projects,
acts of random kindness, news
We'd love to hear from you***

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Please note that there have been some new patterns added.