

**Sewing Etc. Club**  
**Meeting Minutes May 4, 2023**  
<https://ohccsewing.wixsite.com/ohccsewing>

1. Meeting called to order by President Marylu Belisle at 9:33am  
Officers present: Marylu Belisle, President; Barbara Ott, Vice President; Jeanie Nishime, Secretary, Kathy Moskovitz, Treasurer  
Members present: 36
2. New members: Cynthia Knudsen; Terry Chamberin's neighbor who helped with luncheon
3. Minutes for March 31, 2023 were distributed electronically to the membership and were accepted as corrected.
4. Treasurers report accepted as submitted:

Beg balance: \$4687.53  
Income: \$579  
Disbursements: \$7.30  
End balance: \$5259.23

Some of the budget is designated for Pendleton. Any items (e.g. quilts, stockings) for Pendleton for which supplies were purchased can be reimbursed to members who submit a receipt.

5. **President's Report: Marylu Belisle**

Thank you to Barbara Ott and volunteers who made our spring luncheon a successful event. Extra room for food worked and flowers were wonderful.

At April's Board meeting, the Board clarified the Social Club's rule that limits outside residents/guests from attending social club activities. Our club adopted the Rules and Regulations of the Social Clubs' Board and amended them to include an addition to read: "A member of the Sewing Etc. Club may invite a resident or non-resident guest to attend an event or a class with the approval of the organizer and/or instructor of the event/class. The member inviting the guest is responsible for requesting the approval and for notifying the front gate at least 24 hours in advance of the event/class. The organizer/instructor is responsible for determining that the guest's attendance will not displace a resident. The member is responsible for assuring that the guest will comply with the HOA Code of Conduct." We can bring resident and non-resident guests to workshops if they don't displace a resident. They should be reminded of parking rules and speed limits.

Thanks to Terry Chamberlin for workshop organization! We need helpers to assist the instructors in some classes. Sign up issues: no shows with no notification or who are late or unprepared. Set up of machines takes time and an accurate count of attendees is

needed so please notify the teacher if you are unable to attend. Future classes will have a prerequisite description to ensure that participants know what is expected. Name of instructor and assistants will be placed on signup sheets along with instructions, supplies and prerequisites. Please volunteer to be an assistant even if you are not familiar with the project!

Question: If you don't have the prerequisite skills, will there be someone to help? For knitting or crochet help, Nancy Hansen suggested going to knitting or sewing group meeting (Tuesday, 3:00-4:30). Terry Chamberlin suggested contacting the instructor for assistance.

**6. Vice President's report: Barbara Ott**

The spring luncheon had plenty of food and was enjoyed by all! Fall luncheon will be planned - either here (potluck or catered) or out at a restaurant.

**7. Secretary's report: Jeanie Nishime**

A thank you letter from Samatha Holt, Executive Director of the Armed Services YMCA Camp Pendleton, for our \$100 contribution was received and read. Our contribution is for mailing costs related to sending out quilts.

**8. Coordinator's Reports:**

**Terry Chamberlin: Workshops**

5/18 Marylu Belisle and La Vergne Brown - beaded scarf

5/20 - Sharon Kleven strip pillow cover (morning) and Mary Ann Barbee hanging kitchen towel (afternoon). Seasonal pillow covers are flat and easier to store than a full pillow.

June: Emma Chung casserole carrier

Assistants are needed for all classes. New schedule is available with new classes. A few holes to fill for the rest of the year. If you are interested in a loom hat classes, sign up on interest list. If you don't sign up today, please contact Terry or reach out to instructor.

**Sharon Philippe: Membership**

Additional name tags were created. Thanks to Sharon for the great newsletter article.

**Chris Sanderson: Website**

New home page now available. With Marcia Bruce's help, the Christmas stocking pattern and instructions are now online and can be printed on two pages and taped together. Cradle quilt instructions are also online. Picture, instructions and materials should be together to be placed online. Terry C. will work with instructors to collect the necessary information.

Marylu stated that any communication from the Sewing Club will include a link to our website.

9. **Tool Time:**

Kathleen Payne: Donations to Camp Pendleton. Pendleton Community Services Fund, [cpcsf.org](http://cpcsf.org)

You have to pay to donate but you can donate anything that may be needed for a house. They accept furniture for small apartments; not too grandmotherly or large; will take refrigerators and washing machines. Everything is free to the Marines. They stand in line to enter a warehouse to pick out what they need for their home. It costs about \$90 for them to pick up furniture from OHCC. Money goes to active-duty Marines for lunch and gas for trucks. Name of the fund and website will have information on what is needed and how to donate. Alice Robeson has donated furniture which was picked up by two very handsome Marines! \$90 is a tax deduction since it is through Rotary. Charlotte St. Laurent has also donated furniture.

10. Bonnie Krichbaum: Kids Quilts

7-8 quilters are on the list. In Nov/Dec had a request for 17 quilts. She needs more quilters since they need them back in a month. She will teach a class if requested. Club will pay for fabric and batting is available in the Sewing Room closet.

11. Marcia Bruce: Sewing Machines Plus deals

Servicing machine times 2 deal so for one service you get another one free with no time limit. Make sure that the receipt says "San Marcos" or it may end up at their other store. Marcia found a very unique needle holder made to look like a tube of lipstick (aka *etui*).

Cradle quilts and Christmas stockings were creative and amazing! 170 stockings made; all kits need to be made or returned to Marcia by next Friday, 5/12. Eight more cradle quilts are needed.

12. **Share Time:**

Terry Chamberlin: loom hats

Charlotte St. Laurent: thread catcher bag and a quilt made for her sister. European scene panels were used to make the quilt for her sister as she goes in for chemo for breast cancer. Several members helped Charlotte put the quilt together.

Mary Ann Barbee: get your mammogram! After lumpectomy, she received a pillow for the seat belt and a heart pillow from Kaiser. Both Sharon's helped to make a pillow bag for her which included fluff for padding which she appreciated so much. Sharon P. has the pattern. Soft box and scissor holder were completed despite the surgery.

Talk of cancer lead to several testimonials regarding mammograms and safety protocols.

- Bonnie Krichbaum had mastectomy at 50. When she had a broken clavicle, she had a sonogram since she couldn't have a mammogram. Tell your daughters to get a mammogram.
- Terry Chamberlin: During a very serious illness, she spoke out to Alexa to call her daughter which led to her daughter phoning Terry's neighbor to call 911. It saved her life.
- Debra Finn: During an emergency in which she was alone at home, EMTs answered her phone because it came up "husband". If it was a name would not have picked up the phone and her husband would not have known where she was.
- Marge Dudkowski: You cannot call an ambulance for someone who lives at a distance. Get your neighbors phone # to give to your family members.

Debbie Finn: Pillow made with imprinted 1943 wedding photo of husband's parents; on back is photo of their parents from 1800's and early 1900's. Took photo to have it printed on the fabric - Shirt Cannery in Mission Viejo. Bunnie thinks they do it at Staples as well.

Debbie Head - Geometric quilt that forms a maze design

Sharon Philippe: 288 half squares created; used leftovers to create triangle quilts - grey and black forming squares and another in beiges and purple made into stars.

Sharon Kleven: seasonal pillows - Christmas, blues and greens; pink and purples. A jelly roll will make 3 pillows. Fall wall quilt with interesting leaves. Jacket made out of different kinds of ivory fabrics with pocket on the inside - was a popular project years ago.

Karen Lohr: thread catcher bags; soft boxes decorated with charms; flex frame eye glass case

Janice Walker: crocheted baby blanket for Camp P. After the luncheon presentation, she signed up to hold babies between 8 mos- 1 yr. at day care center on base.

Susan Baker: disappearing 9 patch quilt with tea towel. Uses it as a tablecloth. Uses vintage fabric for quilts. Easter lap quilt - paint by number quilt made from a pattern. Fuse the pictures and scribble with black thread.

Marilyn Milligan: 4 knitted baby blankets

Jeanie Nishime: knitted sweater which she wore and reversable jacket for her 15 month old grandson's trip to London next week

### 13. **Announcements:**

Karen Hollander donated fabric for the sewing room

Chris Sanderson: Carlsbad HS needs notions so please donate your stash

Corrugated templates for Christmas stocking could be made available to the club by Debra Finn's husband. They can be stored in the sewing room supply closet.

**14. Drawing Winners**

Marcia Bruce  
Janet Pollat  
Alice Robeson

**15. Adjournment: 11:14**