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# What the Knit!

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**Our June Guild Meeting will be at 9 AM in conjunction with**

**WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY**

**Saturday 10th of June, 2017**

**At the Marketplace Fountain on Ming Ave**

We held our first local WWKIP event in 2008 and have celebrated each year around the fountain at The Marketplace on Ming Ave. Since we started the What the Knit guild in October 2012, this event has coincided with our June guild meeting. We meet at 9:00 AM. We will call the meeting to order at 9:15 AM, collect any remaining outstanding available ballots, and conduct the official annual ballot count. The 2017-18 board members will then be announced after which the meeting will be called to a close. Traditionally we snap a group photo of our hand-knitted stockinged feet. We will continue knitting and visiting around the fountain until Noon or until it gets too hot, whichever comes first. We will then adjourn to the Que Pasa Restaurant on site for lunch and cold drinks.

Yes, it is generally very warm or downright hot in June here in Bakersfield, but thanks to the mist from the fountain and the shade of the crape myrtle trees which surround the seating area, it generally feels cooler than expected. You will want to bring a hat, cold drinks, your knitting, spinning, crocheting or other craft and a folding chair. Several times the weather has actually been quite lovely during the event.

“World Wide Knit in Public Day was started in 2005 by Danielle Landes and takes place on the second Saturday of June each year. It began as a way for knitters to come together and enjoy each other's company. Knit in Public Day is unique, in that it's the largest knitter run event in the world. Each local event is put together by a volunteer or a group of volunteers. They each organize an event because they want to, not because they have to. They bring their own fresh ideas into planning where the event should be held, and what people would like to do. In the past some people have used this event as a means to show the general public that 'not only grannies knit!'. Knit in Public Day is really about showing the general public that knitting can be a community activity in a very distinct way. In some places there are many different knitting groups that never interact with each other, on Knit in Public Day they come together in one place, making them hard to miss.[In] 2005 there were about 25 local events around the world. In 2006 there were about 70 local events. [By] 2007 there were almost 200. Over the years there have been local events in Australia, China, England, Finland, France, Ireland, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, United States, and Germany.”

---[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Wide\\_Knit\\_in\\_Public\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Wide_Knit_in_Public_Day)



## Letter from the President

We are coming to the close of our very first complete year as a non-profit organization and our 4th complete year as a guild. This year was an especially eventful year as we had our first full-fledged 2 day event with a world renowned knitting instructor and icon - Steven Be. The event was very successful and we will follow through with more such events in the future.

Our membership grew to over 100 members during this term. - WOW! - We have made adjustments to the style of our guild meetings to create a better learning environment. Our number one purpose is to spread the love, joy and knowledge of knitting to our members. We hope you are enjoying the changes that we are making.

This year was an especially difficult year for me as your president. I suffered a severe depression in January and was incapacitated for more than 2 months and although I am now functioning again, I am still in recovery mode. Our wonderful board and guild members stepped up and took over the reins for me. I am so blessed to have such wonderful people in my life. These ladies took over all of my responsibilities without creating guilt for me.

Board members – Jacki R., Renee P., Kate B., Cathy H., Amy S., and Sharon W. - THANK YOU! Thank you for giving me the space to breath and repair myself. Cindy M., Amanda S. and Claire C. - THANK YOU for stepping up and helping the board in any way that you could. There are so many others who sent me cards, mentally healthy gifts and who called and texted. You kept my head above water and I THANK YOU TOO!

We are now approaching the second half of 2017 and into 2018 with our new board who will take the reins at our July meeting. We wish them well with all of their endeavors for the life of our guild.

Thank you to all of the board members and to all of the guild members who have participated and changed the lives of the knitters around them. I love you all,

Suzanne Bryan

Claire Christian is now our guild Treasurer and Linda Alvarado will helm the newsletter.

“Thank you Linda for volunteering for the newsletter. I would also like to thank Jackie Rickels for her work as last year’s guild Treasurer. She turned over the guild finances in perfect order. As I studied the documents, I was humbled by the amount of work she and past guild treasurers have done for our group.” - ClaireChristian

### **Quick Glance Calendar 2017**

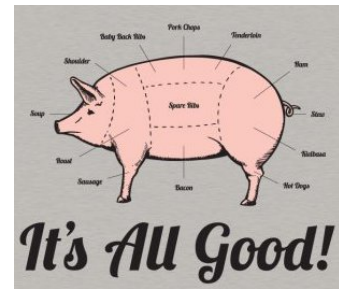
**June 17th** 9:00 AM to Noon Library  
**July 8th** Guild Meeting - Seaming Pt 2  
**July 15th** 9:00 AM to Noon Library  
**August 12th** Guild Meeting  
**August 12th** Retreat 2017 Balance Due  
**Sept 15th** Knitted Knocker Showdown  
**Sept 20th - Oct 1st** Kern County Fair  
**Sept 29th - Oct 1st** WTK! Fall Retreat

*Watch What the Knit! Facebook Group for details on the time and place for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> plaque presentation for Carolyn Borso!*

# June Birthday Girls!

Jade Roslan Katherine Birkbeck Laura Huntington Paula Conlee Silvia Rodriguez

My family let the birthday member pick what they wanted for dinner. I always chose BBQ'd ribs! And my mom would make a spectacular cake. Haven't had a spectacular cake in years unfortunately. - **Kathy Mellon**



As the 7th out of 8 kids, our birthdays were extra special thanks to the thoughtfulness of my mom. She made sure that our "day" was just for us by giving us "her" for the day! She would bake whatever we wanted for our birthday. My favorite was chocolate cake with chocolate/ peanut butter frosting. Then we got to pick a restaurant to go to lunch with her - just her. The best gift ever was getting to spend time with mom without my brothers picking on me. -**Annie Berg**

When I was about to turn 16, I was sure I'd get a car for my birthday as my brother got one when he turned 16. My brother got a crew car (dad was a tool pusher for an oil drilling company). Every day when my dad would drive me to school, we would pass a used car lot that had the cutest pink convertible. Every day I'd tell dad that I *loved* that car! The day before my birthday, that car was gone from the car lot and I was sure it was going to be my birthday gift! I did get a car, but not the cute little pink convertible! My car, like my brother's, was a crew car ... with no backseat! But it did have a big pink bow on top when my mom and dad took me out to give me my birthday gift! That night my girlfriends and I went bowling and out for pizza ... we put boxes in the backseat to sit on! (This was before seatbelt laws!) I did later get a real back seat, by the way! Even though I was initially a little disappointed that it wasn't my cute pink convertible, I was excited to have a car and I have so many wonderful memories in that old crew car that ran "like a scared cat" as my dad would say! Not many kids got cars for their 16th birthdays back then, so I did feel proud and blessed that I had "wheels"! -**Barbara Norman**



There are still 5 or 6 spots left for guild knitting Retreat 2017 at St. Anthony's this September. We generally have a few cancellations in the weeks just prior to the event.

If you forgot to send in your 2nd installment payment which was due May 13th, please mail it to:

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Hand it to a board member or the Treasurer/Claire Christian at social knitting or a guild meeting.

This year at the Retreat we'd like to play a Slide Show game\* where we show a number of yesteryear photos of guild members. Whoever guesses the most faces correctly will win a prize. Even if you are not attending the Retreat, please submit a photo of yourself (as a baby, youngster, teenager, or older) to Claire Christian [claire@dbchristian.com](mailto:claire@dbchristian.com). (If you have no way to create a digital copy, Claire can do that for you and she will return your original intact. She does not get to play this game but she does plan to participate in the "Knittin' in Mittens" relay race!

\*Slide Show game inspired by Barbara Norman's birthday blurb photo and the following from Renee Petrowsky...

Recently I decided to clean out some boxes that are stored under my bed. My father's wife had given me a box of his pictures when he died a few years ago and I had just stuffed it under the bed without going through them. In the box were pictures that apparently were given to him when his mother died. I know I learned how to knit as a kid.....my aunt taught me...but what a surprise to find this picture! I believe I am making strips that I was going to sew together for a blanket or something. I do remember knitting a few things...a headband (with a cable!), and a dog sweater. In my 30's I knit a stockinette stitch baby blanket, but I had no idea what to do if I dropped a stitch. As far as I know, this is the only picture of me knitting prior to joining the guild.

- **Renee Petrowsky ~ 8<sup>th</sup> grade**



# Mini Biographies from the Membership

## Mary Morgan Harris Bio

I began my interest in fiber arts and knitting at the age of three. Unfortunately, I wasn't learning to knit but rather decided to slowly unravel a sweater that my mother was knitting (not my brightest moment). I did learn to knit after my daughter was born, my mother was my knitting teacher, thankfully she forgave my earlier foray into knitting. I have also enjoyed all forms of needlework and sewing over the years.

## Jean Dodson Bio

My mother taught me to knit in junior high school, and she and my sisters knitted with me until we separated for college.

## Susan Patrick Bio

Born in Bakersfield. I have always loved the location, close to the beaches and even better, close to Disneyland! I use to watch my sister-in-law knit. I asked her if she would teach me and she declined as she was a self-taught knitter and she didn't feel that she could teach me properly. I searched and found Annie of Three Stitch Yarn Shop in Tehachapi and started my quest for knitting with her Feb. 1992. She was a wonderful knitter and teacher. RIP Annie. Thank you sooo much for this gift. I have attended numerous Stitches West events, misc. knitting instructions events and have loved every minute of it. Still do. Just want to know and learn more about this craft. The more I learn, the more I love knitting.

## Noel Carroll Bio

Ever since I was a young girl I've loved and practiced all kinds of needle art, but I only learned to knit and crochet in the last decade. I especially enjoy teaching and writing patterns. It's exciting to share this passion with others.

## Nancy Bloomquist Bio

I don't particularly remember learning to knit, crochet, sew, lay bricks, etc. All under the heading of things learned from parents and grandparents when very young. I tend to process knit and used to just knit up swatches from a book of knit and crochet stitch patterns. I am an analyst/programmer at CSUB.