



The Helpers Fund Newsletter

Special Quilt Edition

January 2006

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It boiled down to two members of the Chestertown Pine Needles quilting group, one picking the ticket and the other reading the name, to end the suspense as to whom would win the Estelle Griebe Memorial Quilt.

The Pine Needles

Evangeline Mills pulled the ticket from the container and Alice Jensen read the name: **Steve Fischer, Bethesda, Maryland** was the winner of the quilt. The Fischers had been visiting during the summer, had seen the quilt hanging in the Main Street Ice Cream Parlor and purchased a book of tickets. And, so ended a summer of whom would be the proud owner of this remarkable quilt.

Honored Guests

Seventeen representatives of the Pine Needles Quilting group were present on November 20 at the Helpers Fund's Annual Meeting as guests of the Fund. The drawing was held at the end of the meeting. And it followed the brunch under the supervision of Friends Lake Inn owners John & Trudy Phillips.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Helena Robbins, of Main Street Ice Cream Parlor for hanging the quilt through the summer, and for the sale of the 100s of tickets that were sold at the store. And thanks to all those at the store who helped.

It Started With

It started with a morning meeting with Pine Needles representatives Alice Jensen and Evangeline Mills and the Fund's Director Carl Lamm.

Explanations

"They wanted to know," said Lamm, "if we wanted to raffle off a quilt with the proceeds going to the Helpers Fund. Knowing little about quilting I said we would be interested." Alice and Evangeline went on to explain the materials were left to the quilters by Estelle Griebe of Chestertown who had passed away. Estelle was one of the original quilters of the Pine Needles. They explained that the "day quilters" had done both the squares and the hand-stitching on the back. Two of the quilting squares had been done by Estelle a few years ago, and were part of the materials left to the "quilters." But Evangeline and Alice explained that the Fund was one of Estelle's favorite charities and they thought she would have liked any proceeds from the sale to go to the Fund. It was also decided at this meeting as to how the quilt would be displayed and the cost of the tickets that would be printed. A time was arranged to see the quilt and take pictures for the flyers and posters that were being planned.

Pictures

"I told Alice and Evangeline we'd have to have pictures for the flyer we would send out," said Lamm. "When I arrived at the house the top of the quilt was placed on the floor. I shot almost an entire roll of film of the top, and was about to leave when Evangeline said, 'you haven't seen the other side.' When we had finished turning it over I realized that we were dealing with something very special. Even to this day," continued Lamm, "I still can't adequately describe the back of the quilt, and just say 'you have to see it to understand'."

Thank You

Thanks to all the Pine Needles who worked on the quilt
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All questions or comments can be directed to: *The Helpers Fund*, P.O. Box 691 Chestertown, NY 12817, or drop a line to the Fund at its website: www.helpersfund.org. This special edition deals with the quilt raffle and the drawing.



Income & Expenses For Quilt Raffle

In any charitable cause the question always is how much of the money raised actually goes to help people. Listed below is the breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Fund. The money remaining after expenses goes into our “Medical and Hardship Program” which goes directly to assist individuals and families.

Income		
Ticket Sales		\$3,026.00*
Expenses		\$ 559.57
Printing	160.00¹	
Mailings	241.00²	
Printing Tkts.	140.00	
Photography	18.57	
Total to Medical & Hardship		\$2,466.43

*Since the tickets were sold in booklets of six, each ticket was valued at \$.87. There were only 48 tickets sold singly and we do not know if any of those were sold as booklets with two people sharing the booklet. The best count we can arrive at as to the total number of tickets sold is 3,471.

¹This printing cost represents our cost for paper, envelopes and computer printing of the flyers that were distributed which includes the cost of toner cartridges.

²This includes initial mailing plus subsequent mailings for those ordering additional books.

We’d like to thank everyone who participated in this raffle.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to Joan Emily Jensen who created the special posters which were placed around the area in various stores and gift shops. We appreciate the amount of time and work involved to create those posters and all of us on the board of directors say thank you.

The Helpers Fund

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and created something which is something more than a quilt. The conversation was always about the special look and the craftsmanship of the quilt. The artistic work on the quilt defies comparison and description. And, thank you for the special note placed inside the pocket of the quilt. We will always remember Estelle.

In Memory of Estelle

- . . . *A thank you to Father George Fleming of St. John The Baptist Church in Chestertown who made a special trip to the Annual Meeting to present a donation to the Fund in Estelle’s name. . . .*
- . . . *When I think of Estelle I always smile. Is there anything better than that to remember someone by*
- . . . *I’ll never forget her daily routine with crossword puzzles. If it didn’t fit, she would make up a word that did, and if you gave her the correct answer, she would say ‘never mind I already have the answer.’*
- . . . *Playing golf with Estelle was an experience. She taught me how to put the game in the proper perspective.*
- . . . *She was the only person who could tell you that you were wrong, and make you feel good about it.*
- . . . *There was only one Estelle, and there will always be only one Estelle. To say she made my life happier would only scratch the surface of how good she made me feel.*

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Some Events in 2006:

- April Winter Spring Newsletter**
- May 1 Mailing Dinner For Two Tickets**
- June 10 9th Annual Golf Tournament**
- July 1 Mailing 60/40 Scholarship Raffle**
- Sept. 16 5k—10k Races**