

January Presidents Update

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Happy New Year! I hope the month of December brought you many happy memories and special times spent with family and friends. My husband and I enjoyed the holidays with our immediate family. Our son and daughter-in-law were in town so the holiday was extra special for us. But now on to the New Year!

There are changes in our Chapter for 2020. We have retired the Newsletter. I'd like to pass on a special THANK YOU to Carolee Blumin who has done a marvelous job with our Newsletter. Going forward, this monthly letter will update everyone on Chapter activities, events and other items of interest. The [Plano ASG website](#) will also continue to house all current information. And, remember our social media presence such as Facebook and Instagram.

To our dismay, Fabrique has closed and many of us will be looking for new places to buy fabric. With that our Neighborhood Group Toujour Couture lost its

home. Thanks to Sew Dallas for giving them a new place to meet!! And, Sew Dallas is contemplating carrying fashion fabric...Woohoo!

Channeling Chanel has changed its name to Beyond Chanel and meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Some of us are finished with our Chanel's, others are still working on them or just starting. We've enjoyed the camaraderie and challenge so much that we are challenging those who have finished their jackets to pick out something challenging for their next project.

The Retreat is sold out unless you'd like to attend for the day only, or you know someone who is registered and willing to room with you. Joining the waitlist is also an option in case something opens up. There is no charge unless you are approved to register.

We have a volunteer opportunity for a Communications Associate. The job requires about 30 minutes a month and includes saving the monthly President's messages to a .pdf file, and then emailing it to our Webmaster and uploading it to the National Site. Please consider taking on this small job to help our Chapter run smoothly.

Our Special Events Team is hard at work planning our social events for 2020. **Lynda Maynard is on the calendar for March 7th.** And stay tuned for other events as they are set.

Terri Baker has been working diligently setting up the **Homegrown Workshops for 2020.** Stay tuned since there are several repeats as well as new ideas in the queue ...activewear, bags, beeswax food wraps, beginning sewing, a doll workshop, a faux fur poncho with matching muff, quilting, tassels and swimwear. Phew! I'm not saying all will be offered in 2020, but knowing Terri, there will be many.

As many of you have heard, the Plano Chapter is the BEST!! I have belonged to three Chapters in the past and I can say without hesitation the Plano Chapter offers the most diversity when it comes to Neighborhood Groups along with the dedication of so many of our members. Check out our calendar...there are 13 to choose from. And for ZOOM you don't even have to leave your home. My goal for 2020 is to visit all the Neighborhood Groups and to meet as many members as possible.

Looking forward to seeing and meeting many of you throughout the year. Have a very happy and healthy New Year.

Happy creating,

Marie

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Let's Get Together at Our Chapter Events

Check out the [calendar](#) to get info on Neighborhood group meetings, Homegrown Workshops, and Special Events.

What New on Social Media?

In case you missed it, here are the a couple of our favorite posts from last month.



A Plano ASG Tutorial Short

Does matching patterns in your fabric make you want to 🤔 🤔?



Just For Fun

Thanks [@ucreateblog](#) for helping us laugh.....

[Watch the video on Facebook>>](#)

[Read more on Instagram>>](#)

Click the buttons below to follow us on social media and keep up with the latest sewing community and chapter news.



Monthly Neighborhood Group Highlight

Every month our neighborhood groups host fun and educational meetings. Each month we will highlight one of them to help you get to know them better. If something peaks your interest, go visit and join the fun!

Meet the ZOOM Virtual Group



This group meets **ONLINE** via ZOOM on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM**. They focus on all sorts of topics, based on the current interest of the group attendees. Recent topics have included sharing favorite embellishment techniques, favorite machine feet and how to use them, favorite tried-and-true patterns, stitching techniques for sewing with knits.

To join the mailing list and receive monthly emails about ZOOM meetings,

scroll to the **very bottom** of this email and click "Update Your Preferences" and check the box by the ZOOM group.

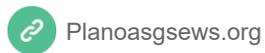
Don't Forget Your Member Benefits!



- [Conversations: Member only discussion board](#)
- [ASG Online! Videos & Projects](#) plus [Chapter tutorials](#)
- See our [website](#) for store discount details and exclusions.

Your Chapter Advisory Board (& More)

- President: [Marie Barrese](#) (click on the name to email)
- Co-VP and Special Events Chair: [Karen Neal and Beverly Vance](#)
- Community Service Chair: [Carol Boyd](#) (volunteer!)
- Donations Manager: [Mary Anderson](#) (donate!)
- Homegrown Workshop Coordinator: [Terri Baker](#)
- Membership Co-Chairs: [Debby Bowles and Linda Davis](#)
- Retail Liaison: [Maggie Tinnin](#)
- Retreat Coordinator: [Sharon Carter-Merlo](#)
- Social Media/MailChimp Manager: [Sheryl Belson](#) (send me pictures!)
- Special Events Photographer: [Barbara Pena](#)
- Storage Unit Team: [Pam Walker](#), [Mary Anderson](#), and [Jane Dempsey](#)
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