

Happy New Year!

As we ring in 2024, we also bid adieu to Marie Barrese and Mary Jo Forbes who served our Chapter as President and Vice President respectively for the last 4 years. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to all things sewing. And though you are leaving your positions, we know you will still be a vibrant part of our chapter. Job well done!

And so we welcome our new leadership team:

President — Joanne Jensen

Vice President — Sharon Carter-Merlo

Secretary — Cathey Jordan

Treasurer — Ginger White (no change)

This year brings us many opportunities for having fun and learning new techniques. January brings our traveling display to the Carrollton Library (Hebron & Josey). Stop by this month if you're in the area. On the 25th, we have our Thrift Shop Hop from 10-12, starting at the Salvation Army Family Store & Donation Center, 5900 Ave K, Plano (just south of Spring Creek Pkwy). Then by 11:00 am we'll wander over to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store of Plano, 3305 N. Central (just north of Parker at Central Expressway). All are welcome.

In February, our annual sewing retreat (already full) will be at the retreat center in Sunset, Texas, 2/7-11. Should be a long weekend of sewing with friends, old and new. Later in the month, our Quilted Jacket Class is coming. Watch for further details.

We recently learned of a company run by a new member, Kathe Campomanes. Here's what she had to say about her business:

"I have been sewing for over 25 years. I discovered PDF patterns about 5 years ago. When I found time to sew, I dreaded the idea of having to print and tape the PDF patterns together, so I found that I wasn't really using them. I knew others in the online sewing community shared my issues with PDF pattern construction and the cost to print. I started Tape-Free Patterns in July with a goal to bring affordable printed PDF patterns to the sewing community." [kathe@tapefreepatterns.com](mailto:kathe@tapefreepatterns.com) / 877-729-0078

ASG National has decided that this year's Conference (in San Francisco) will be the final one. So if you've been holding off attending conference, please consider it. Dates are June 27-July 1. Visit [ASG.org](http://ASG.org) for more information.

I hope that 2024 will bring you and your loved ones peace and happiness.

Joanne