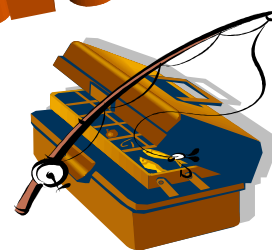
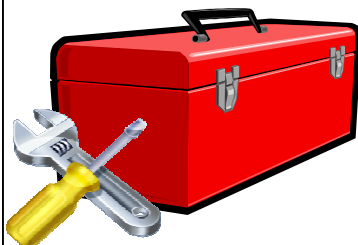


Guild Program for January 28, 2014

Presented by Candy Grisham

Tools of the Trade



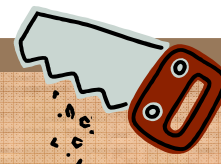
THE QUILTED FOX



Honey, where's my hammer!?

Where do you get your quilt tools?

Candy will open a Pandora's Box of sources and examples based on the many fabulous ideas members had sent her. And for your added enjoyment we're going to also play a game. So sharpen those tools skills and get ready for a fun evening of Tools of the Trade.



The spirit of giving

Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild turns fabric scraps into works of art that bring comfort and joy

By Kate Uptergrove



From left: Bernice Dodge, Susan Calzone and Nancy Peters with some of the quilts made by Bits n Pieces.



Bernice Dodge, Susan Calzone and Nancy Peters were interviewed by the West Newsmagazine. Here they stand among just a few of the 450 quilts of which many of the guild members and friends had made this year.

Many fine comments were made about our program, but Susan Calzone summed it up best when she said, "The Guild as a whole is the team and its goal is to produce quilts that will provide comfort, joy, distraction, entertainment, a feeling of worth, and of not being forgotten."





*The Annual
COK and More Program
Parade of Quilts
Susan Calzone, Coordinator*



Goal: 300, Made: 450!



Collecting the 2013 Kids Challenge Quilts
Marsha Bray and Tracy Back, Coordinators

THE CHALLENGES ARE ANSWERED!

On November 26, 2013, the Cover Our Kids and More held its annual Parade of Quilts. Susan Calzone, the coordinator, had previously challenged the members to reach a goal of 300 COK and More quilts, which also included Quilts of Valor, spearheaded by Darlene Sforza.

That same night Marsha Bray and Tracy Back collected the quilts for the guild's "Kid's Quilts" challenge. They'd prepared nearly a 100 bags containing just a small piece of fabric and had challenged the guild members to take all the bags, make a kid's quilt, and thus help Susan reach her goal of 300 quilts.

Members paraded their quilts, names were drawn, prizes were awarded, and the quilts were counted.

That night our members had not only generously and compassionately met Susan's and Marsha's and Tracy's challenges but also had well exceeded all expectations. The final quilt tally, including all the COK quilts, all the Kid's Challenge quilts, and all the Quilts of Valor quilts was 450!



The 2013 Annual COK Program Gift Drawing Winners

There were 37 Lucky Recipients

Ann Diehl	Dot Branson	Judie Bennedum	Melva Smith	Shirley Donovan
Anne Perry	Dusty Post	Judy Wickes	Merrily Woodford	Sue Potter
Barbara Warner	Ginger Carter	Kathy Cavaness	Nancy Hopkins	Terry Jacobi
Bernadette Delannay	Hallye Bone	Kay Merz	Nancy Peters	Lynn Dewitt
Candy Grisham	Irene DiRuscio	Linda Hokanson	Peggy Knight	Zeynep Austil
Carol Spindler	Jean Weber	Lisa Marsden	Rose Diringer	
Darla Gibson	Jeanette Marcus	Mary Miller	Sarah Stevens	
Debbie Syron	Jeannine Mayo	Mary Wuschke	Sherry Mueller	

The gifts this year were donated by 'In Stitches' quilt shop in Ballwin; 'Susie Q Quilting', formerly of Eureka, relocated to O'Fallon/Dardenne Prairie; 'Janie Lou' quilts shop in Warson Woods; Jackman's Fabrics; and members Jane Coons and Susan Calzone.



MEETING MINUTES



26 November 2013

The meeting was called to order at: 7:00 PM by Judy Humphrey.

The minutes were approved as read in the newsletter. They were first and seconded.

Mona Howard talked about the optional Christmas blocks that were to be turned in. There are enough blocks for 7 quilts so far. The deadline for turn in has been extended to December 2nd. The maker will have to figure out how to get it to Mona's home. Each person will have their name in the drawing on December 10 at least once.

No Charity Sharity in the month of December.

Susan Meyer is moving her shop to St. Charles. Opening in the old Blessings Quilt Shop location. There are good discounts on inventory in the old shop. Opening day for the new store is the day after Christmas.

Linda Coste/Fran Collins—Christmas Party is on December 10th at 7:00 P.M. to begin with a skit by Nellie Mueller. Bring to the party: a fat quarter, a dozen cookies on a disposable plate, and an item for the food pantry. Wear a holiday sweater. There will be prizes for multiple categories of sweaters worn. There will be Show and Tell that night.

Nancy Peters: Forms for the quilt show are on the table. You can turn in forms at the same area.

Committee reports:

Membership (Lisa Marsden and Laura Khoury): One guest, Elaine Ezra. Gift certificate from Merrily We Sew won by Kathy Cavaness.

National Speakers/Workshops (Wendy Richards): Thank you for the suggestions for national speakers. Possibility for next April for Sue Spargo who does wool appliqué. Is there interest in having her do a workshop?—20 people raised their

hands.

Raffle Quilt 2014 (Debbie Ernst): Sell some more tickets. In one month or so bring in all your tickets so we can bring in as much money as possible before the show. If anyone would like to take it Rosemary's, and/or January, Suzie Q's in February. We have had the quilt at multiple locations. Most recently at Jackman's.

Nancy Sinise—we still need someone to be in charge of signs—to get the permit and put them up.

Nominating Committee (Tracy Back):
Slate of officers for 2014:

Judy Humphrey--President
Linda Waugh -- Vice-President
Sandy Sagan—Secretary
Chris Wiley—Treasurer

The slate was accepted by the membership unanimously. There were no nays.

Mary Miller and Jean Goldsbury have a survey for getting additional speakers to visit with the guild. Thank you for the 51 who responded online.

Business part of meeting ended: 7:20 PM

Program Topic was in 3 parts: QOV in Eastern Missouri, COK Challenge, and Scraps Group and COK quilts. The program leader was Susan Calzone who welcomed everyone to the program to acknowledge the guild membership charitable work. First, QOV by Darlene Sforza. Second, Marsha Bray and Tracy Back, challenge 2013. Third is the Scraps group and COK.

Speaker Jean Yaeger was introduced by Darlene Sforza. She thanked the membership for the quilts for the soldiers in Farmington. Those soldiers were in charge of looking for roadside bombs. Our guild gave over 50 QOV quilts in the last 6 months. 300 will be collected this year. 1300 have been presented since 2005. We request destinations from the National group. Feminine quilts are going to Houston where the women stay for a month. 40-50 this year. Showing some of the albums, hand-quilted quilts, and

shared letters (stories) from soldiers.

Challenge Coordinators: Tracy Back and Marsha Bray were introduced by Susan Calzone. They began by giving out prizes to challenge participants.

After the break 7:50 PM to 8:05 PM:

Susan Calzone introduced Ivy Osborne to talk about Scraps, a quilting group that makes charity quilts for COK and uses multiple techniques to make their quilts.. They meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 am at St. Thomas UCC Church on Wild Horse Creek Rd. They make kits up for other Bits members to make for COK. You can learn about quilting and new techniques. You don't have to sew. You can cut. You can press. You can package kits. You can bind. There are 6 regular members.

Susan then introduced Karen Turner who works at Cardinal Glennon Pediatric Intensive Care as a nurse. Karen said the quilts donated mean a lot to the staff, the children and the families. The staff enjoys picking out the special quilt for a special child. The children have something of their own. The parents can feel as much comfort as the children knowing that someone else cares. There were many thank you stories.

Susan then had a parade of quilts made by members for COK. There were 20. She then handed out prizes to the members present. Some of the gifts were from various quilt shops and from members. Shops included Merrily We Sew, Janie Lou and Susie Q Quilts.

Susan thanked multiple people for their help with the COK committee. Also a thanks to all members who have donated their time, talents and energies to help complete these quilts that mean so much.

Total charity quilt count for 2013, combining Challenge quilts, QOV, and COK quilts: 438 for the year. Our goal was 300.

Meeting adjourned (time): 8:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Jane Coons





President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

One thing I can say about Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild is that they know how to accept a challenge. The goal for this year for Cover Our Kids was 300 quilts and at the November meeting we went well over that goal. With the combined efforts of Cover Our Kids, the 2013 Challenge, and Quilts of Valor we made and turned in 438 quilts! WOW!

Susan Calzone planned and executed a superb program combining these three groups...all with one goal...QUILOTS for others. Karen Turner told of a few stories of the quilts being given to children...some sad stories, but mostly happy ones, and "Snowflake", Karen's Hubby, added to the festive atmosphere, by blowing up balloons, twisting them into fun shapes and "hats", passing out prizes, and by just being a great clown.

We are now coming into the busiest time of the year with all the parties, entertaining, baking, cooking, decorating, gatherings with friends and family, shopping, and all those fun things it brings and the many items it adds to our To Do lists.

So when I get overwhelmed, I go to my sewing room where I lose track of time and but gain quality and calming "me" time. I hope you take time during this busy time of the year and spend quality "me" time in your sewing room.

**Judy Humphrey
President**



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Challenge Quilt: Marsha Bray and Tracy Back

- 2013 Kid's Quilt Brown Bag Challenge Wrap-Up: Many thanks to everyone who participated in the challenge! We had a total of 74 quilts donated to Cover Our Kids! Wow, great job everyone! There were also a number of people who didn't quite finish their quilts in time for the meeting. These quilts will go to Cover Our Kids as soon as they are finished.
- If you didn't make it to the meeting or didn't quite finish your quilt from the brown bag, you can definitely turn in your quilt at a future meeting when it is finished. A few people chose to keep their quilt or chose not to make a quilt from their brown bag. If you fall in that category, the penalty is paying back \$3 to cover the fabric. **Or** you can return your fabric so that it can be used in the future. Just think of all the children who will be touched by the generosity of all of you who have or will turn in quilts!

COK and More: Susan Calzone

- Final quilt donations in November and December have brought our 2013 total to 450! This number now includes the COK, Kid's Challenge, and Quilts of Valor quilts. Thank you everyone who helped us achieve such outstanding success in our guilds very important charitable outreach program. This includes fabric and batting donators, sewers, ironers, block makers, kit makers, quilt makers, etc. Also, thanks to all the officers and committee volunteers because without the support staff we would not have such a wonderful guild with the members and resources to produce all these quilts for the sick, needy, and neglected in our community.
- December Deliveries in order: St. John Lutheran Church (13); West County Care Center (14); Mercy Children's Hospital (18); Children's Hospital (42); Crisis Nursery Centene (16); Cardinal Glennon Foundation (14); Cardinal Glennon Pediatric ICU (22); Epworth Home (11); Crisis Nursery St. Charles (12); Crisis Nursery North (12); Crisis Nursery Wentzville (17). These organizations love the December deliveries for giving gifts and spreading joy to their patients and residents during the Holiday Season.
- Did you see the December 18th issue of West Newsmagazine, distributed to West County residents through the mail? On page 44 our guild and the COK program are featured in a very nicely written article. I will have copies at the January guild meeting or you can access the magazine online at <http://www.newsmagazinenetwork.com/west-newsmagazine-current-issue/>
- I'm happy to announce Chris Williams as the new coordinator for Cover Our Kid's and More. On December 31st Chris retired from the work force and has graciously offered to lead COK. I'm sure she'll enjoy this very reward-

ing position. Please welcome and thank Chris when you see her and be sure to let her know if you can offer extra support. I know she'll be looking for some helpers. Thank you Chris!

- Keep up the good work and get/stay involved with COK in 2014. It's been my pleasure serving.

Holiday Party: Fran Collins & Linda Koste

- The Guild Christmas Party on Dec. 10, was a marvelous affair! Our guess is that we had almost 100 members in attendance! The cookies were delicious and a big hit; the games and prizes were fun; Nellie's skit, and Sarah's lovely piano music were enjoyed by all. My favorite? All those Christmas sweaters!! Did we not look very festive!?!
- Twenty-four lucky ladies won the beautiful poinsettias by playing the Left/Right game, which ended the party on an exciting note.
- Thanks to all who helped make the party a success. We had elves setting up, taking down, plating cookies, sorting fabrics, helping with the games, and entertaining us all evening long! Linda and I could not have done it without these wonderful helpers.
- Special thanks, too, to Susan Meyer of Susie Q Quilts for special ordering the adorable tweezers that were prizes in the ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, and for giving us a great deal.
- Mona did a wonderful job sorting and awarding the Christmas blocks to the lucky recipients! We have so much talent in our guild. It is a joy to be part of it all.
- And there was quite a selection of quilts for Show and Tell!
- Hope your entire Christmas season was happy, and that 2014 will bring you many blessings and much joy.

Library: Chris Williams & Phyllis Nelson

- **PLEASE RETURN BOOKS!** These cold snowy days mean many of us are home more. Please, use this time to look around any place you may have put quilt books and check to see if they are Bits N Pieces books. You may return them at any meeting.

Membership: Lisa Marsden & Laura Khoury & Cathy Brown

- Our attendance prize was won by Kathy Cavaness. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy them!
- We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Merrily We Sew Along for our attendance prizes!!
- To date we have 161 members and we had 83 people in attendance at the November meeting.
- We will be collecting Membership Dues at the January Meeting. Please be patient, we will try to make the process as easy as possible. We need several volunteers to help hand out Membership forms and collect payments. If you





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would like to help, please contact Lisa at mlmars@charter.net. Thank you in advance!

Mini Groups

- 2014 Schedules for the Mini Groups can be found on our website under the tab, "Mini Groups".

Media Resources: Darla Gibson/Cindy Holten/Marsha Bray

Our guild uses many forms of media in order to provide you with the most updated information: Newsletter, Facebook, Yahoo Group, Website.. The following are the names of the coordinators and their respective media.

Facebook/Yahoo: Darla Gibson:

- All items (announcements, events, etc.) that you wish to have appear in the guild's Facebook or in our Yahoo Group, please submit to Darla Gibson.

Facebook: - Please "Like" us so you get all the news and updates right to your Facebook page!

Yahoo: - If there are any issues with receiving email communications through Yahoo or if you have changed your email address, please let Darla Gibson know at ddgibby@charter.net.

Newsletter Cindy Holten

- All items (announcements, reports, events, etc.) that you wish to have appear in the newsletter, please submit to Cindy Holten.
- Submissions for the **February** newsletter are due: **Saturday, February 1**. Please email your submissions to Cindy Holten at cmholten@sbcglobal.net.

Website Marsha Bray

- All items (photos, links, news items, updates, etc.) that you wish to have appear on our website, please submit to Marsha Bray at marshabray@yahoo.com.

Programs for 2014 Guild Meetings: Linda Waugh

- **JAN 28** – Candy Grisham, Tools of the Trade.
- **FEB 25**—Sandy Sagan, Color
- **MAR 25**—TBA

2014 Quilt Show Announcements:

- **Quilt Show Notes: Nancy Sinise** - OMG!!! It is 2014 now and we are having a QUILT SHOW in just 2 1/2 months!!
 - Are you ready? Have you filled out quilt registration forms for all your beautiful entries? If you still need forms look on the web site under the 'Quilt Show' or 'Guild Forms & Flyers' links and print them out. Re-

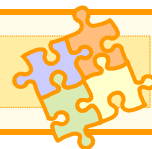
member they are 2 sided and you need to attach a colored photo. There is also a link to the "Rules and Instructions" giving more detailed information for you. The forms are due no later than the January 28, 2014 meeting - please mail them in time to Nancy Peters if you aren't going to be at the meeting.

- All quilts need a sleeve and you will find those instructions on the web site.
- Mary Miller has done a great job publicizing the show! Notices will be in these magazines : 'American Profile,' 'Midwest Living,' 'AAA Midwest,' 'American Towns' and the 'St. Louis Magazine' among others. The show was also mentioned in the wonderful cover story on COKs in the Dec 18 West County News.
- BUT, each member can also help get the word out by putting posts on their Facebook pages, 'Liking' the Bits Facebook page, printing out a show flyer or some bookmarks to post at church, exercise class, school, local Panera, etc. Anyone can also attach a flyer to an email and send it to anyone who might be interested in coming to the show. Think about taping a flyer to the side window of your car, too. Some of these things should be done several times as the show gets closer.
- There will be a QS Committee Chair meeting on Jan. 7, 2014 at Nancy Sinise's house at 6:30pm. We will also still have a meeting before the regular Guild meeting on Jan 28 starting at 5:30pm.
- Please check your calendars and get ready to sign up on the volunteer forms when Chris Williams puts them out at the meetings.
- I'm getting really excited and know this show will be our best yet! And why not? Every meeting I see the beautiful, artistic work that our guild members do and how motivated everyone is about sharing not only their passion for this textile art form, but the compassion of caring that goes along with it. So, WOO HOO!! The Quilt Show is Coming!!
- **Charity Quilt Auction: Candy Grisham** - Needs Your Donations! Please consider donating a small quality quilt item: wall hanging, table runner, pillow, or bag, to the Charity Quilt Auction which will benefit Honor Flight. Items can be donated at meetings until February. Contact Candy Grisham for questions.
- **Registration Form Submission: Nancy Peters** -
 - Your Fanfare entry **forms are due on or before our January 28th Guild Meeting**.
 - If you have not already picked up an Entry Form and Rules at a previous Guild Meeting, they are available on





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our website or you may send a SASE to Nancy Peters for snail mail copies. (I will be at Retreat the week before the meeting so plan accordingly.)

- Please **DOUBLE CHECK** your entries to make sure they are completely filled out. That will save me lots of phone calls! If you have already turned in an incomplete form, please email me the rest of the information.
 - If you have any questions, please feel free to either phone or email me. Remember: There are no “dumb” questions, it is only “dumb” not to ask!
 - Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to seeing all the entry photos! Eye Candy!
 - **Raffle Quilt Schedule: Terry Rhodes and Debbie Ernst**
 - Here is an update to our raffle quilt's traveling schedule:
 - **JAN 2-21:** Rosemary's, Highland, IL
 - **FEB 1:** Quilter's Station, Lee's Summit, MO
 - **FEB 4-23:** Susie Q's, St. Charles, MO
 - The full schedule can be found on our website.
- Any questions, please contact Terry at duffers-rus@att.net.

Retreats (Todd Hall) : Merrily Woodford:

The following are the 2014 and 2015 Toddhall dates and halls where the retreat will be held.

- JAN 22-26, 2014 (Wilson)
- JUN 3-8, 2014 (Blackburn)
- JAN 20-25, 2015 (Blackburn)
- JUN 7-12, 2015 (Blackburn)

Sunshine & Shadow: Peggy Knight

- Please call Peggy Knight at 636-227-8211 to let her know of any announcements and that a card needs to be sent to a guild member.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Wiley

- **Reimbursement / Income Form**—This form has all the information needed to submit to the Treasurer and may be found on the Guild website (bitsnpiecesguild.com). Go to “Guild Forms and Flyers” tab and it is the first form listed. The form can also be found under the Quilt Show tab. You can also get a hardcopy from Chris Wiley at the Guild meeting or contact her (M-F) at wileyce@kjww.com.

UFOs: Mary Lou Melkowski & Rose Graf

- The deadline for showing 2013 UFOs was at the December Holiday Party.
- Prizes will be awarded at the January meeting.
- The deadline for turning in your 2014 UFO lists is February. It's not too early to start making a list.

MINI GROUPS

If interested in joining or visiting one of these mini groups, please contact the Coordinator for schedules, meeting times and locations, and all other questions. The schedules for each of the mini groups can also be found on our website.

A-TEAM

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30a.m.
Contact: Debbie Ernst – 636 537 9030

ART BITS

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the mo from 2-4 pm
Contact: Wendy Richards—636 394 9250

THE COMPANY

Meets the 3rd Thursday morning of the month at 9:30 am
Contact: FRAN COLLINS - 636 329 1860

CRAZY QUILTERS

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Contact: Darla Gibson – 636 939 2504

NIGHTTIME NEEDLERS

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm
Contact: Anne Perry - 314-922-5965

PIECES OF FRIENDSHIP

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Contact: Nancy Muskopf – 636 458 0360

SCRAPS

Meets the 2nd Monday of the mo. from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Contact: Ivy Osborn - 636-284 7660

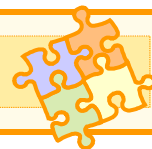
SOUTHERN STITCHERS

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
Contact: Lynn DeWitt – 314 342 6772



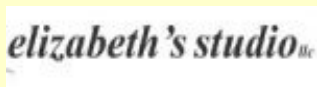


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DOOR PRIZE DONORS

Wendy Richards has received door prizes for our 2014 Quilt Show from the following popular name brands :



Charity Sharity

This group of sewing friends collects and distributes fabrics, sewing notions and sewing machines that might otherwise end up in landfills.

Those who receive the items are groups and individuals who use it in the service of others. Quilts, of course, are among the items made, but the list is extensive and broad in scope in includes such items as dance and stage costumes and backdrops for schools and churches; layette items; adult bibs; dresses and boys shorts for those in Africa, Haiti and South America; laundry and tote bags for those in women's shelters; stuffed animals for police and fire departments to give to kids in stressful situations; garment fabrics to teachers for students to learn to sew and design; and shawls for men in nursing homes, to name a few.

In October and November alone, an average of 75 white trash bags of fabrics, yarn, etc., a week have been distributed. Almost as much has been received as the items to be sorted rarely seems to decrease.

Uses have also been found for double knit polyester and vinyl (when cut into rectangles and used by midwives in Haiti to provide a clean surface for deliveries).

For several years now, Bits members have regularly given unwanted items from their stashes, and Cherie Garrette and I have collected them at the meetings. But with Cherie moving and with my irregular babysitting schedule for my grandchildren, we need to modify our pickups. I will send out a notice via the yahoo group as to whether or not I am able to attend an upcoming meeting.

If you are not on the yahoo group, you may contact me at bnnleebrown@gmail.com or call 636.821.1463 to find out if I will be at the meeting. If you have fabric, etc., that you wish to donate and I am not able to attend the meeting, please contact me to make arrangements for collecting it.

The Bits members have been very generous and we thank you for all you have given. Many have benefitted from your generosity.

- Bonnie Brown



January Babies

CHERYL COBERT

CHRIS WILEY

CHRISTINE ENBERG

CINDY HOLTEN

CINDY NEVILLE

*ELIZABETH
HOLMAN-GOULD*

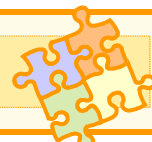
KATHY YOUNG

MARY MILLER

NANCY TURNER

SUZANNE GOULD

WENDY RICHARDS



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Pre-Super Bowl Sunday Sale and Sew-In Day!
(That's right! It's the Sunday before the Super Bowl!!!!)



Sale!! January 26 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm

100's of fabrics on sale

5th Annual Super Bowl Sew-In

Join us to sew for the day (11 am -7 pm). We'll have a very special Quilted Fox kit for you to purchase for the class. Come and let us surprise you with a mystery quilt especially for Pre-Super Bowl Sunday. Don't wait to sign-up because space is limited and you won't want to miss this special project.

\$10 registration fee with a \$15 store credit issued upon attendance at class.

Don't forget—we're open every Sunday from 12 – 4 pm

Visit us at: 10403 Clayton Road in La Chateau Village or call us at (314) 993-1181

Monday & Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30;

Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

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