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Eight Suburban Women *Linked* by Common Goal: Crochet Guild of America Conference

Lot's of "stitchin'" and no "bitchin'" the conference committee for the annual *Chain Link* Crochet Conference has been planning in anticipation since June of 2002 when they were named hosts of the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Crochet Guild of America. Back where it all began in 1994, "Sweet Home Chicago" is the theme of the weekend. *Very jazzed* about how everything will unfold during this weekend for crocheters, many of the committee members were in attendance at the first conference held at DePaul University in Aug. 1994. Now an international organization, the conference will take place at the Radisson Hotel O'Hare in Rosemont, IL July 24-27, 2003. Please see the Guild website for complete details: <http://www.crochet.org/2003conf>

Blowing their horns with pride, here is a look at the members of this committee:

Gwen Blakley Kinsler, of Rolling Meadows, is the Founder and first President of the not-for-profit organization. She serves as the local chairperson and has also planned the Tour to Joe Segal's Jazz Showcase. She enjoys exhibiting her work in art shows and has been accepted in "Crossed Connections" showing currently at the TLD Design Center in Westmont, IL.

Addie Brorsen of Chicago is in her 8th decade, continues to learn new techniques and crochets tiny accessories with beads. She is assisting with table decorations.

Rosalin Dano of Arlington Heights sells her work at craft shows and specializes in trendy scarves and *American Girl* doll outfits. She spends her winters in Florida where her colorful crocheted garments attract attention and connect her with friends of like interests. She is in charge of table decorations.

Hertha Fouch of St. Charles is a walking fashion show with her "free form" garments and color-coordinated beaded accessories. She is in charge of door prizes and goody bags.

Char Haschak of Mount Prospect is fairly new to crochet. A willing and able volunteer, she is in charge of volunteers during the conference weekend. If you would like to volunteer two hours of your time to teach Girl Scouts how to crochet, contact Char at www.nicrochet.com

Pat Kurfirst of Elk Grove Village is helping with the Conference Fashion show and she volunteers every Friday morning at the Schaumburg Township Center where she assists Seniors with their crochet. Pat says, "I get more from the women that I give. If I have half the energy when I get to be their age, I will be ahead of the game!"

Susan Lutz Kenyon of Libertyville taught herself to crochet 37 years ago and discovered beads 13 years ago. She now combines the two in her jewelry and teaches bead crochet nationally. Susan was on the committee for the first national crochet conference in 1994 and is the Chair of the Juried Exhibit for the 2003 conference.

Barb Mack of Arlington Heights keeps busy with her three boys, ages 10, 12 and 14, and courses to obtain her Illinois teacher's certificate. She is in charge of the marketplace of yarn and craft products, she still finds time to crochet!

Marge Scensny of Schaumburg has a crocheted top in every color of the rainbow and for every occasion! This is the second conference in which Marge has participated as chair of the Fashion Show, which is a highlight of the weekend conference. Semi-professional models will showcase crochet garments from members of the crochet guild with the latest yarns and designs and many are original designs.