

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



**AH Donations**

The donations for the end of November included: 18 baby sets to Best Start, and 305 baby blankets and toys



Keep up the good work!!!



**Smiles & Giggles**

**"Christmas Signs"**

Toy Store: "Ho, ho, ho spoken here."

Bridal boutique: "Marry Christmas."

Outside a church: "The Original Christmas Club."

At a department store: "Big pre-Christmas sale. Come in and mangle with the crowd."

A Texas jewellery store: "Diamond tiaras -- \$70,000. Three for \$200,000."

A reducing salon: "24 Shaping Days until Christmas."

In a stationery store: "For the man who has everything... a calendar to remind him when payments are due."



**QUOTE:**

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.  
- Shirley Temple



**? Now You Know ?**

**KNITTING FACT**

1 out of 3 women know how to knit or crochet. The number of women who do these crafts increased from 34.7 million in 1994 to 38 million in 2000.

**September 'Hot List' of the Most Popular Knitting and Crochet Patterns and**

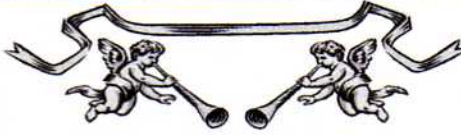
**Yarns**

Lion Brand Yarn Company the Web's largest supplier of hand-knitting yarns in the U.S. and the largest online knit and crochet site worldwide, released their monthly "Hot List" of patterns. These top ten lists are based on hundreds of thousands of searches done by people using the online search engines at the Lion Brand Web site in the month of September 2006.

Here are the top five pattern types searched for at their Website using the search tool called the Pattern Finder. This search tool allows users to search by selecting criteria such as type of item, size, skill level and yarn. The top five pattern types are determined by the total number of downloads of all individual patterns, sorted by type.

1. Afghans and Throws
2. Purses and Bags
3. Ponchos
4. Baby Blankets
5. Baby Clothing

The top 10 patterns and the yarns they were made with were as follows. This is determined by the number of pattern downloads for individual patterns.



1. Plush Throw (Chenille Thick & Quick)
2. Easy Purse (Wool-Ease Thick & Quick)
3. "Coming Home" Poncho (Homespun)
4. Bauhaus Washcloth (Lion Cotton)
5. Prayer Shawl (Homespun)
6. Hooded Baby Poncho (Babysoft)
7. Two Needle Booties (Watercolors)
8. Aran Cardigan (Fishermen's Wool)
9. Groovy Granny Poncho (Homespun)
10. Easy Does It Baby Blanket (Jiffy)

Note: The "Coming Home" poncho, the design of the famous poncho that Martha Stewart wore when she was released from prison, was first introduced on the Lion Brand Web site in March 2005, is still the number 3 pattern.

About Lion Brand, a favorite American brand since 1878, this fifth generation family business inspires and educates knitters and crocheters with beautiful patterns and yarns in over 600 colors.

*Thank you Melody for providing the article!*

- Debbie B – Dec 12  
 Karen M – Dec 29  
 Kay W – Dec 15  
 Jeanne W – Dec 1



**Start Date Anniversary**

**DECEMBER**

- 2003 – Helen K  
 2005 – Esperanca F.N. P  
 2003 – Madeleine S  
 2002 – Jeanne W



**November Meeting Contributors**

Pat M and Joanna G provided snacks. Jessie M donated the door prize.

**Angelic Recipe**

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/2 tsp orange extract
- 3 cups sifted flour



- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt

**Directions:**

Cream butter until very light. Add sugar gradually and continue creaming until light and fluffy. Add orange juice and extract.

Sift together flour, salt, soda and powder. Add to creamed mixture bit by bit. When well mixed, cover bowl with plastic wrap and chill at least 1 hour (or overnight) in the refrigerator.

Roll out on floured surface and cut with cookie cutters. Brush lightly with water and add colored sprinkles if desired.

Place on ungreased cookie sheets or use baking parchment (easiest) and bake at 350 degrees F for about 13 minutes or until delicately brown. Cool before storing.

**A Reminder about Ultra Mart, A&P & DOMINION SLIPS**

**\$38,923.78 has been collected which means we have approximately \$86.**

