DeBenedetti Creates Quilts for Women's 10K Run

For the past 24 years, the Women's 10K race has passed the front door of the Club. Now scheduled for the first weekend in March, our wahine members enjoy entering, and are always cheered by Club spectators, coffee cups in hand, in the grass divider along Kalakaua.

Times available are:

Vien Schwinn	52:12
Pam Gring-Fee	55:04
Candes Meijide Gentry	58:30
Jan Newhart	1:05 (4th age 70+)
Gerry DeBenedetti	1:35 (race walker)

Gerry DeBenedetti has completed all 24 of these races, and there are only nine other women in Hawaii that can make this claim.

Last year, after the 2000 race, reflecting on the fact that she had 23 10K shirts, she realized she could have the PERFECT 10K QUILT with all those T shirts. After all, every member of the Club has an overflowing T shirt drawer.

On her next trip to California to visit her mother, she took the T shirts, a design, and the backing material of a reverse brown tapa pattern.

She and her mother collaborated on not one, but two quilts, of 10 years each, which Gerry calls her decade quilts. Quilt one has 1978-87, Quilt two has 1988-97, and pending quilt three will start with 1998 and end with 2007. There is enough backing material set aside for long range quilt four, the year 2017.

Gerry plans to be the survivor of the original women who ran the Honolulu Women's 10K in 1978.

The Quilts and Gerry appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser in a Sunday feature article, on Channel 13 with Linda Hosek, Channel 4 with Jill Kuramoto, the quilts were displayed at the Women's 10K on March 4, and are now on display at the Queens Hospital Dining room wall.

If you participated in this race and your time is not listed above, please provide the information to *The Outrigger*, and we will print your time For The Record in our next issue.