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Welcome to the **30th Edition** of the AVL e-shuttle!

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1. AVL Olympics. Go for the Guild!

In honor of the upcoming Convergence and the Athens Olympics that will follow closely on its heels, we have just completed a huge mailing to all guild presidents announcing the first ever AVL Olympics. Please listen for the details at your next guild meeting, but the gist of it is to encourage members to combine their orders into one large "guild order", which will result in varying levels of discounts and free equipment for the guild.

The idea is that by going for the Gold, er Guild, everyone will be able to get a nice discount and if your guild purchases enough, then AVL will award "medals" in the form of free goods for your guild.

For complete AVL Olympic details, please visit our website at http://www.avlusa.com/links/AVL_Olympics.htm. (PROMOTION HAS EXPIRED)

2. Everyone Loves to Eat

Here's a fun one. This is an idea from Jannie Taylor, our ever-popular lead weaving instructor. The idea is to have a page on the web site -- *The AVL Cookbook: Recipes for the Loom and the Table*. Jannie is often asked about and for weaving patterns, so she usually shares something of her own to get them started.

Here are a few pairings that she has come up with:

For a Fall Month: Fiesta table runner in an 8- and a 16-shaft version paired with Enchiladas in Cream Sauce and nice Mexican beer like Bohemia.

For February: Huck Lace Hearts - 16 shaft scarf in cream and raspberry silk paired with Raspberry Cabernet Sauce on French Vanilla ice cream accompanied by Bonnie Doone, Ruby Tuesday Port.

We'd like to have a special place on our web site for recipes ... a new one every month. What do you think? Got any good ones? Let us know at info@avlusa.com; SUBJECT: Recipes.

3. Alice Schlein

In this modern age, how does one spell "famous" or "influential"? Here's one spelling ... G O O G L E. That's right: Google. It's even a verb these days, such as I googled Alice Schlein the other day -- don't worry it doesn't hurt!

If you do type Alice's name in Google, then you'll discover page after page after page of references to Alice. And not just in English. You'll see references in German, Norwegian, Swedish, and more.

The good news is that you can do more than just google Alice. You can actually meet her; and take a class from her, right here in Chico. Alice Schlein's class on Network Drafting and Twill Strategies will be held April 21-23. See <http://www.avlusa.com/school/html/NetworkDrafting.htm> for details.

4. WeavePoint 6 & It's Coming

WeavePoint 6 -- the newest version of our oldest and most popular software -- is in its testing phase. The beta version is being thought about, argued over, and analyzed by author Bjorn Myhre and some of his trusty associates (including us ...). It's got a host of new features including some that you have e-mailed into us; and there's still time for more. Any last minute ideas for improving *WeavePoint*? Drop us a line at info@avlusa.com; SUBJECT: **WeavePoint** Suggestions.