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Your board of directors will be meeting in January to set the schedule for the next years meetings. If you have any thoughts as to where you would like to go and do, please email President Loretta at lorettafour@yahoo.com or Newsletter Editor Chris at raespeedie@aol.com

For now, there will be no official January Meeting.

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Chartered:
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Meetings:

BOARD MEETINGS:
President's Discretion

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

Locations To Be Announced

Treasurer's REPORT

Respectfully submitted by: **Edward Hildner, Treasurer**

STARTING Statement balance 10/30/10	\$ 1,650.75
Deposits credited:	
11/3 Deposit	\$ 70.00+
(2 Dinners for Nancy's Hallmark)	
11/24 Deposit	\$ 560.00+
(1 Dinner for Nancy's and 21 Christmas Party Dinners)	
12/7 Deposit	\$ 124.00+
(4 Christmas Party Dinners and 2 new member dues)	
Checks cleared:	
1031 11/5 Bob Losekamp (Dinners for Retirement Weekend)	\$ 420.00-
1032 12/4 Sibley Gardens (25 Dinners for Christmas Party)	\$ 503.00-
Service charge	\$ 2.00-
Statement balance 12/31/10	\$ 1,479.75
Checkbook balance 12/31/10	\$ 1,479.75

OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: Annual Christmas Social
WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 2010
WHERE: Bretton Village Clubhouse

There was a house full! We had 25 people in attendance. **15 Members in attendance were Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Loretta Feroni, Peggy Gillie, Tish Goscicki, Wanda & Ed Hildner, Phyl & Ken Long, Carol Olgren, Babe Speedie, Chris Speedie, Martha & Fred Sullivan and Doe Vallade.** Our 9 guests and 1 spouse were: Bob Gillie (Peggy's husband), Lois & Joe DesRochers, Letty & Mike Grodin, Jim Hamby, Bob Kusak, Jr., Bob Kusak, Sr., Peggy Kusak and Ruth Miles.

I must say we do know how to throw a party! Real plates (thanks Loretta), Real silverware & Wine Glasses (thanks Wanda). The food was outstanding . . . new caterer - yummy food and massive amounts. Thanks to Andrea from Sibley Gardens. And a very special thanks to **Sherry Kay Rowland and Wanda Hildner** for all of the luscious desserts. They slaved over a hot oven for 2 days! And it was worth every drop of sweat! The fresh coffee again thanks to **Wanda!** A question from **Babe Speedie** was "did you bring your whole kitchen?" Answer "Pretty much!"

We had a great social hour and then we sat down to eat our Holiday meal. I don't believe anyone went away hungry. We then settled in for our "bring a gift, get a gift" portion of the evening. If you brought a wrapped gift, you exchanged with someone else's gift. Then there were the door prizes. WOW! One for everybody. And a special Santa thank you to **Loretta Feroni** for doing all the wrapping.

We started to break down the room and most in attendance stayed and chit-chatted for at least a 1/2 hour or more. It was a great evening.

Your new board of directors will be meeting in January to plan next years meeting schedule. If you have something special you want to do, please let us know.



WHAT: Open House
WHEN: Saturday, December 18, 2010
WHERE: Home of Phyl and Ken Long

There were 21 in attendance + our hosts (23). Peggy & Bob Gillie, Tish Goscicki & Bob Kusak, Jr., (Bob's 2 boys), Wanda & Ed Hildner, Jim Hamby, Letty & Mike Grodin, Peggy & Bob Kusak, Sr., Madeline & Sam Warren, Carol Olgren, Chris Speedie, Lois & Joe DesRochers, (and 2 friends of theirs) and of course Phyl & Ken Long. There was also a friend of Phyl's from her knitting group and her husband.

Thank you Phyl & Ken for opening your home. It was good to see everyone before the Holiday. Of course the food was excellent and in abundance. And as always the Long's home was decorated from top to bottom. Ken out did himself this year with the North Pole village downstairs. It was different. Upstairs of course was the huge Santa theme Christmas Tree in living room and the wonderful Nativity set. Ken's sister made the nativity set. She unfortunately passed away at a very young age. Ken said the set was fired 4 times (initial firing, paint firing, mother of pearl & gold leaf firing, and final firing). It took a long time to make and she made two sets.

NEW MEMBERS

After our Christmas Social we got 2 new members. I would like to welcome **Lois & Joseph DesRochers to the Detroit 56'ers. Their address is 18825 Doris Street, Livonia, MI 48152 and their phone number is: (248) 477-4744.** I will be putting together our new membership book and they will be included in it.

Another prospective member is **Ruth Miles.** Ruth belonged a few years back and her good friend **Loretta Feroni** is trying to get her to rejoin and have some fun with us since she is now retired. Looking forward to receiving her membership dues.

SAVE THE DATE(S) NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 2011

Well members, here is the first pitch to all of you to attend this years Retirement Weekend at Nancy Hallmark. Okay so it's a little early . . . we are asking you to save **November 3, 4, 5, 6, 2011 for Nancy's Hallmark Annual Department 56 Retirement Weekend Extravaganza** in Sharonville, Ohio. It's going to be FUN! **The place to be for the 2011 Department 56 Retirement Day!** More complete details will follow later in the year! Cost should be around \$50.00 per person for all of these fun events - Seminars; Door Prizes; Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant; EnterTRAINment - the largest indoor train display in the world! And last but certainly not least, dinner on Saturday evening at the Famous Montgomery Inn.

Several members are working with Nancy's Hallmark to make this a special retirement weekend for all in attendance. Nancy's Hallmark has been doing Department 56 Retirement for 10+ years and it has gone from a small group of collector's that sat outside and waited for the retirement list at five minutes to six Friday morning and then had dinner on Saturday evening at a restaurant (which they outgrew) to the larger event that it is today. Over the years, Bob added in store seminars and on several occasions they had a Department 56 Artist on hand to sign pieces. Visits to Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati. And just a couple of years ago they added on Thursday evening to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant for a light meal and a sneak peak at the retirement list. Friday would be shop till you drop for all the retired pieces and other stuff and then Friday evening all are invited to EnterTRAINment for pizza and pop and a look at the largest indoor train display. It is just magnificent. Seminars are on Saturday during the day with the possibility of adding on a few Friday. Dinner Saturday evening at Montgomery Inn tops off the weekend.

A Group Rate at the Holiday Inn - I-275 is \$69.00 per night (excludes taxes) This is the same rate we received 4 years ago. The hotel is located right down the hill from Nancy's Hallmark. Again we will let you know more information as it becomes available and when you can start making you room reservations at the Holiday Inn.

Retirement Weekend Photos

Thursday Evening - Abuelo's Mexican Emporium



Ted, Rose Marie, Jim, Ray & Lynn



*Chris and Ruth
Can't a girl get a drink?*

Friday Evening - EnterTRAINment Junction



Front of EnterTRAINment



The group waiting to have pizza & salad.



*Getting ready to go through the train exhibit.
What a fantastic display this is. Every
time we go, it's different. I can't wait for the
futuristic part to be done.*



Which way did that train go?

Nancy's Hallmark - Seminars, A Wake and then . . .



Several mourner waiting for the wake of Frank 'n' Stein.



Several Detroit 56'ers attentively watching Bob's Seminar at Nancy's Hallmark.



Bob Losekamp and Department 56 Artist Scott Enter waiting to sign pieces.



The boys and their toys . . . Jim, Ed, and Ray learn a little about lighting up the village.

The Montgomery Inn Dinner



The group at Montgomery Inn waiting to start the festivities.



Lynn and Ray long with Ted and Rose Marie waiting to have their dinner!



Bob & Nancy to the Detroit 56'ers:
She's Baaaaack.

After draining the pond, Marilyn is no longer sleeping with the fishes in the backyard of the Losekamps . . . or is she?

Could this be Marilyn 2!

There is a rumor that Marilyn is heading west with "The Pink Pony". Yee Ha!



Joe, Wanda, Tish & Bob calling up Nancy to present her with a very special Santa from the Gathering.



Very fitting, a Ronald McDonald Santa.

• *What Happens in Sharonville,
Stays in Sharonville* •



What Butt . . .



Who Butt . . .



Nothing Butt . . .



*Ed's Harem . . . wait is he sleeping?
We must have worn him out!*



*Here we are . . . seated: Bob, Tish & Chris
2nd row: Linda, Rose Maire, Lynn, Wanda & Ruth
3rd row: Ted, Ed, Jim & Ray*



*Good to the last drop!
And no that is not Maxwell House!
The Party's Over, it's time to call it a day.
Must be time to go back to Michigan.
A great time was had by all!*

*See you all
again next year!*



JANUARY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Happy</i> NEW YEAR
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Daphne Alexander's Birthday</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>Linda Ambrose's Birthday</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Babe Speedie's Birthday</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

SEPT./OCT. 2011 September 29 - October 2, 2011 - Litchfield Park, Arizona

The Arizona Department 56 Clubs (the Arizona Village Collectors, Desert Villagers and Southwest Villagers, along with the volunteer posse from Region 10 and others will be your hosts or the 1st gathering in Arizona. History, charm and authentic Arizona await at the destination hotel the Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa, 300 East Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, Arizona. www.wigwamresort.com. They have rustled up a great rate of \$125/night (plus tax). Call the Wigwam at 623-935-3811 or 800-327-396 and mention "Happy Trails to Arizona Gathering" or enter the following code: HAI29A if you book on line for the great rate. The Southwest Villagers website is up and running and updated frequently! www.southwestvillagers.com

Several members are already planning to attend.

NOVEMBER 3,4,5,6, 2011 - Department 56 and Nancy's Hallmark Retirement Extravanagza Nancy's Hallmark / Department 56 Retirement Weekend Extravaganza! in Sharonville, Ohio • It's going to be FUN! Nancy's Hallmark / Department 56 Retirement Weekend Extravaganza! in Sharonville, Ohio • It's going to be FUN!

Mark your calendar's for these very special Detroit 56'ers events and gatherings!