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Meetings:

BOARD MEETINGS:
President's Discretion

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

*Locations To Be
Announced*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

SAVANNAH'S RESTAURANT

2156 WEST JEFFERSON • TRENTON, MI 48183

AT 1:00 P.M.

We are starting out this year with a social event. We will be meeting at Savannah's in downtown Trenton. Most of you have been there as this is the old 1897 Smokehouse, same place, new restaurant. We had a couple of Christmas Socials there. It's the old white house that is across from the now closed Riverside Hospital. **RSVP to Chris Speedie at (734) 675-8528 or email at raespeedie@aol.com by February 25, 2010.**

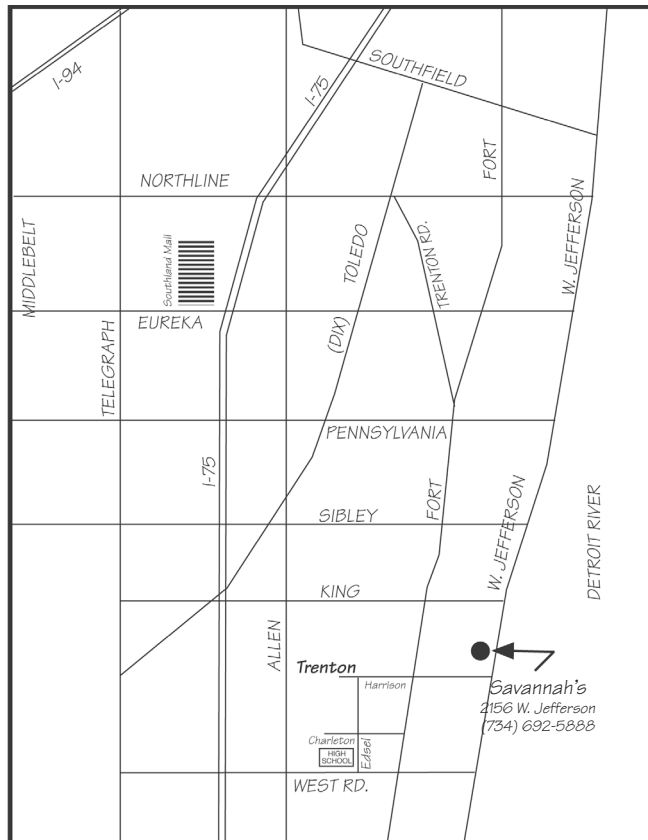
Anyway, we are meeting for lunch or dinner whichever you prefer to order. They will **NOT** do separate checks for a group. So bring your cash in small bills. You can go to their website <http://www.savannahs.biz> and look at the menu and maybe figure out what you want to eat and how much money to bring.

We will talk some business (if it's not too busy or noisy) and discuss the upcoming events and how important it is to have everyone's help in our planning and building of the centerpieces for the 2010 Seasons of Michigan

Gathering that is being held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Livonia, MI on September 16-19, 2010.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Get onto I-275 SOUTH via I-96 or however is best for you
2. Take the SIBLEY RD exit, EXIT 13
3. Turn LEFT onto SIBLEY RD. - continue all the way until it ends (in Trenton - approximately 12 miles. It deadends at WEST JEFFERSON) Michigan Foundation (cement company) is on the right corner
4. Turn RIGHT onto WEST JEFFERSON AVE
5. ARRIVE at 2156 WEST JEFFERSON AVE. The Restaurant is on your RIGHT.



JANUARY OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: NORTH POLE CHRISTMAS HOME WALK
WHEN: Saturday, January 9, 2010
TIME: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
WHERE: Home of member Peggy Gillie

14 Members (including Peggy) and several guests attended the North Pole Open House of member **Peggy Gillie**. In attendance were **Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Loretta Feroni, Rose Marie Gostomski, Wanda & Ed Hildner, Phyl & Ken Long, Babe Speedie, Chris Speedie, Martha & Fred Sullivan and Doe Vallade**. Our guests were Bob Gillie (Peggy's husband), Ted Gostomski (Rose Marie's husband), Jim Hamby, Tish Goscicki and Bob Kusak. Not sure you can count Bob Gillie as a guest in his own home, but he was there.

Peggy's display was absolutely wonderful. Everyone commented on her unique layout and her styrofoam sculpting ability. Her above the cupboard layout in the kitchen of S-A-N-T-A C-L-A-U-S and her mountain in the corner was a main focal point as well as her displays on the mantel, sideboard and piano. And as always the food was excellent. Thanks to Peggy and Babe for the yummy fare. Especially the German Apple Cake - Yummy (see the recipe on page 5). We did not have the cream cheese frosting, but Peggy said with is just as good without it. Which with only 2 pieces left, we can all attest to that.

WHAT: ROAD TRIP TO FLINT
WHEN: Saturday, January 16, 2010
TIME: Noon
WHERE: Lunch at Blackstone's Pub & Flint MTA

Also in January we traveled to Flint to view a large display by Seasonal Impressions, which put together the display for the Flint MTA. Chris got the information from the Department 56 Yahoo Group where Clark Harder posted the information for anyone living in or around Flint. Who knew? Detroit 56'ers are always ready for a road trip, so off we went.

First we had lunch at Blackstone's Pub and Grill at noon. There were 8 members and 12 guests that attended the event. **Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Loretta Feroni, Peggy Gillie, Phyl Long, Chris Speedie, Lana & Jim Updike**. From the Country Villagers of Flint, Alice & Bunny Birchmeier, Gladys & Phil Duncan and Madeline & Sam Warren and from VCOM, Tish Goscicki, Jim Hamby, Bob Kusak. We all also enjoyed the company of Clark & Linda Harder and Terry Dwyer, who joined us for lunch and also were on hand at the MTA to answer any question we had about the display.

The display was created by Seasonal Impressions, a division of Harder & Associates of Owosso, MI, the display includes more than 250 ceramic and porcelain houses, businesses and animated displays on loan to the MTA from the personal collections of Elizabeth Columbo of Dewitt, MI and Clark Harder of Owosso. Another approximate 1000 figures and trees round out the display. In addition, a separate 4' x 8' display will reflect Christmas at the North Pole. There are several building that have been altered to local historical business names depicted that visitors may recognize, are: Smith-Bridgman's Department Store, Summerfield Chevrolet, Kewpie Burgers (now Bill Thomas' Halo Burgers), the Citizen's Bank Weather Ball, WFDF Radio, Capitol Theater, US-23 Drive-In Theater, Otto Graff Ford, Hamady Brothers Supermarket, Woolworth's, the Palace Theater, Schipacassie's candy store, Economy Shoes, Vernor's Ginger Ale and more.

Great job on the display Linda, Clark & Terry and thanks for the invitation. And yes, it was well worth the trip!

IN MEMORY . . .

JAMES C. LEONARD, JR.



It is with great sadness I inform you that member Jim Leonard passed away on Monday January 11, 2010. He was 77 years young.

Several members attended the visitation on Thursday evening, January 14th and I know President Loretta was going to try to attend the funeral on Friday.

He will be taken back to Waverly, New York to be buried by his parents.

Born on November 19, 1932 in Waverly, New York, he was the son of James and Madeline (Faber) Leonard Sr. His twin sister Jane Elizabeth Peterson preceded him in death. He is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jim served in the U.S. Air Force as a Staff Sergeant from 1952 to 1960. He was employed with E & L Trucking as a dispatcher retiring in 1995.

Jim was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Father Huber 4th degree Color Corp. and the Woodhaven Moose Lodge 966. Jim also held several board positions with the Detroit 56'ers (a collectibles group) including Secretary, Vice President and President.

Our stories of Jim are many, most are funny. He was just that kind of guy . . . we will miss him.

The Detroit 56'ers sent a floral arrangement to the funeral home.

MEMBER STUFF

Hopefully all of you subscribe to the Village D-Lights magazine. Our very own **Immediate Past President, Ken Long** will be featured in the February/March issue. They contacted Ken a few months ago to be part of the collector's corner. Ken said he sent several photos and they asked him to submit his story of his village collecting. I can't wait to see which photos and thoughts they will be publishing in the article. Great job Ken!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rose Marie Gostomski and Linda and Clark Harder

Rose Marie lives in Highland, Michigan with her husband Ted and joined the Detroit 56'ers literally during our Christmas Party. She knows a great party group when she sees one. She collects Dickens, New England, Halloween, Seasons Bay and Snowbabies. Or as we like to say, a little bit of everything Department56!










Linda and Clark Harder joined us via our road trip to Flint to view the display at the MTA which was constructed by Seasonal Impressions, a division of Harder & Associates of Owosso, MI. Clark and his wife live in Owosso and they collect Snow Village.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Detroit 56'ers!



February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2  <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8  <i>Carolyn Cameron's Birthday</i>	9	10	11	12 	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>   <i>Carol Olgren's Birthday</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20  <i>Barb Rietsch's Birthday</i>
21	22 	23	24	25	26	27
28  Social Meeting at Savannah's Restaurant in Trenton						

YOUR 2010 CALENDAR OF DETROIT 56'ERS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Your board of directors met on Monday, January 18, 2010 to layout next years meeting schedule. The schedule is as follows: Meetings are pretty much set, but all meetings are subject to change and are not written in stone. This is just a guideline as to some of our plans. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

- JANUARY** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010** Peggy Gillie Open House
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010 Trip to Flint MTA with lunch at Blackstone's
- FEBRUARY:** **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010** at 1:00 P.M.
Social Meeting at Savannah's Restaurant in Trenton at 1:00 P.M.
- MARCH:** **SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010** AT 1:00 P.M. - Crafts 2000 in Monroe.
A Make & Take with a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass
- APRIL:** **SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010** - Visit to the home of Frank Rochowiak. To see
Trish's Christmas Room. To help Frank out with the food, we will be
bringing a dish to pass
- MAY:** **SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010** at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Phyl & Ken Long
Gathering Centerpiece production startup. We will be going over what we
have and what we might need to do the 35-40 centerpieces for the Saturday
Night Dinner at the 2010 Seasons of Michigan Gathering
- JUNE:** **SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010** at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Phyl & Ken Long
Gathering Centerpiece production continues. We will start building the 35-40
centerpieces for the Saturday Night Dinner at the 2010 Seasons of Michigan
Gathering
- JULY:** **SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010** at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Phyl & Ken Long
Gathering Centerpiece production wraps up (we hope).
We will be putting the final touches on the 35-40 centerpieces for the Saturday
Night Dinner at the 2010 Seasons of Michigan Gathering
- AUGUST:** **DATE TO BE DETERMINED - CLUB PICNIC** at the home of Barb & Joe Rietsch in
Grand Blanc, MI. Date will be determined when they get back from Texas.
- SEPTEMBER:** **THURSDAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2010 - 2010 SEASONS OF MICHIGAN
GATHERING** at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Detroit-Livonia, 17123
Laurel Park Dr., Livonia, MI 48152.
- OCTOBER:** **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010** AT 1:00 P.M.
ALWAYS CHRISTMAS in Lake Orion, MI - More details till be forthcoming
- NOVEMBER:** **THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4-7, 2010 -**
Retirement Weekend with Nancy & Bob. Our annual trek to Sharonville, Ohio to
Nancy's Hallmark for Retirement Weekend. This is subject to change. Not sure if
Enesco is keeping Department 56 Retirement Weekend the first weekend in
November or not yet.
- DECEMBER:** **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010 - The DETROIT 56'ers 12th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
SOCIAL. PLACE TO BE DETERMINED.**

GERMAN APPLE CAKE RECIPE from PEGGY GILLIE

CAKE BATTER:

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups peeled and chopped tart apples
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

FROSTING: Optional

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2 teaspoons butter or margarine, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; add to egg mixture and mix well. Fold in apples and nuts. Pour into a greased 13 inch x 9 inch baking dish. Bake at 350° for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and butter. Add confectioners' sugar, beating until smooth. Spread over cooled cake.

Refrigerate any leftovers.

Yield: 12 - 16 servings.

Notes from Peggy: You can reduce the sugar amount if you wish. I also have mixed part of the sugar in with the apples and nuts before adding into the batter.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Respectfully submitted by: **Edward Hildner, Treasurer**

STARTING STATEMENT BALANCE 11/30/09	\$951.10
Deposits credited:	
12/10 Deposit (Christmas Dinners, Dues, VCOM Payment for 1/2 of meat for picnic)	\$841.00+
12/15 Deposit (Christmas Dinners & Dues)	\$62.00+
Checks written and debited & fees:	
1024 12/12 Par-Fection Catering (30 Christmas Dinners)	\$587.75-
12/31 Service Fee	\$2.00-
Statement balance 12/31/09	\$1,264.35
Checkbook balance 1/25/10	\$1,264.35

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17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, MI 48152.
The hotel is taking reservations. Room rate is \$95.00 + tax.
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putting VILLAG in the promotional code box if you make your
reservation online. The gathering information is linked through the
VCOM webpage: <http://www.villagecollectorsofmi.com> then click on the
Seasons of Michigan Gathering 2010 icon in the upper right of the home page.