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Meetings:

BOARD MEETINGS:
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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

*Locations To Be
Announced*

JULY MEETING

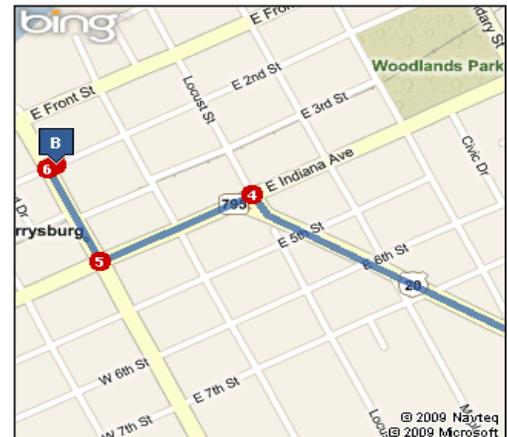
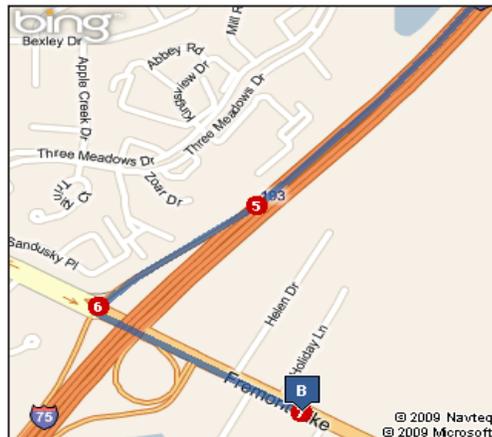
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009

**Lunch at 12:30 p.m. - The Holiday Inn French Quarter
& then to "House of Tradition" in Perrysburg, OH**

First, lunch at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10639 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 (419) 874-3111 at 12:30 P.M.

For those who are driving, get onto SOUTH I-75 however you want, get off at Exit 193, US-20/US-23S toward Fremont/Perrysburg - (keep left at the fork on the ramp). From the north you want to turn left when you exit (6 on the left map), go under the expressway and then make a left turn at the 2nd light. Use the main entrance to the hotel.

You will need to R.S.V.P. to Chris Speedie by Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at (734) 675-8528 or e-mail: raespeedie@aol.com if you are planning on attending.



Then after lunch we will be off to our final destination - to shop til we drop! Our hostess at the "House of Tradition" will be Debbie Elder. House of Tradition is a family operated business and an advertiser in our newsletter.

Directions to House of Tradition are: After leaving the Holiday Inn, turn right onto Fremont Pike and head back toward the expressway. Go under it (not on it) and continue, it will turn into Sandusky Rd. Turn left on E. Indiana (4 on the right map) to Louisiana. Turn right on Louisiana (5 on the right map) to 2nd Street. Turn right on 2nd (6 on the right map). The number is 111, it is a small white building which leans a little.

About the House of Tradition: Get out your wallets and credit cards - along with having a great Department 56 display, they also have a great collections of dolls featuring Barbies, Madame Alexander Dolls, German Dolls, Steiff Bears, Hummels, Seraphim Angels, Christmas Items, Nutcrackers, Christopher Radko Ornaments and Beer Steins.

As always, guests are welcome!

OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: JUNE MEETING
WHEN: Saturday, June 27, 2009
WHERE: Bretton Village Clubhouse
TIME: 1:00 p.m.

13 members and 4 guests attended this fun and productive meeting. Members in attendance were: **Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Loretta Feroni, Peggy Gillie, Wanda & Ed Hildner, Ken Long, Ruth & Bill Riedeman, Babe Speedie, Chris Speedie, Martha Sullivan and Doe Vallade.** Carol Olgren popped in to say Hi before going to her nieces graduation party. Our guests were Bob Gillie (Peggy's husband), Erin (Gillie) Udall, Cecilia & Edward (Peg & Bob's daughter & grandchildren).

We started with lunch. Chicken, ribs, rolls, all kinds of salads, macaroni & cheese, ham rolls, deviled eggs, and let's not forget dessert - Texas sheet cake, fruit salad, lemon/pineapple cake, banana cream pie, and more. As always, lunch was delicious. We do good work! Then we had our meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. We discussed the reasons for low attendance and our meetings. So we decided to switch up the meetings a little bit. Not so much traveling. They are not totally set yet, but for now, in July we will do House of Tradition with lunch at the French Quarter in the Holiday Inn, both in Perrysburg, Ohio. We will take August off, except for those who are attending the San Antonio Gathering, August 21-23, 2009. Then in September we will do our club picnic tentatively set for Sunday, Sept. 20th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, MI. We will be able to see the gazebo built in memory of Trish Rochowiak and hopefully have our picnic right there on the fairgrounds. October will not be a formal meeting, but a Halloween Open House at the Long's (possible dinner before somewhere in Canton, that way Phyl doesn't have to cook for us, we'll see!). November to Sharonville Ohio for Retirement Weekend and December the Christmas Party at Bretton Village. Everyone in attendance was in agreement with the new tentative schedule changes with not so much driving to do for most members. Staying local (so to speak) seemed to agree with everyone. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

A couple of members demonstrated make & takes. Ray Carpenter showed how to make a wood pile and Peggy Gillie showed how to make the ribbon eggs (not as easy as it looks huh ladies). I think all who attended had a good time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by: Edward Hilder, Treasurer

STARTING STATEMENT BALANCE 5/30/09	\$1,008.10
No Deposits	
Checks written and cleared & Fees:	
Check #1018 - A Touch of Glass Florist (Alice Olgren)	\$79.50
6/30 Service Fee	\$2.00
Statement balance 6/30/09	\$926.60
Checks written but not cleared yet by Bank	
Check #1019 Bretton Village (Christmas Party Rental)	\$100.00
Checkbook balance 7/1/09	\$826.60

AN EDITORIAL FROM BOB LOSEKAMP

Bob asked that I share this with the club

Years ago I went to a one-act play in a small theater in down town Cincinnati. It was in an old bank building. I don't even know if its still there. There were about 100-150 chairs in the place. When sitting in the first row your feet actually rested on the stage floor. The name of the play was "Get Out Of My Dream". It was a comedy about a guy who was dreaming in bed while various unwanted characters kept arriving uninvited. He also kept trying to wake himself, but even that was unsuccessful - Hence the name of the play.

Nancy's Hallmark has been living a similar dream, but in our case, it has been a nightmare. Well, the nightmare is finally over. The orders and the accounts with Enesco have been straightened out and product is flowing into the store. There are a few details to be sorted out, but for the most part, the confusion and frustration is over.

Nancy will soon be at work re-creating her village.

We thank everyone for his or her patience and support.

Bob Losekamp

P.S. We are really being conservative this year so if anyone in your group needs any pieces, I suggest they go on line and order them so Mike can allocate pieces. Thanks again.

This is the letter of introduction I received from the Hyatt Place. This is the hotel we are staying at for Nancy's Hallmark Retirement Weekend this year. It is right next door to the hotel we stayed at last year. We also will have a hospitality room.



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Dear Detroit 56'ers:

We have rooms held for your group at our hotel from November 5th through November 8th. **Your group's discounted rate is \$78.00 + tax.** This rate includes our standard continental breakfast and free wi-fi. There are 2 types of rooms available, kings and doubles. Both rooms are very large for a hotel room (about 400 sq ft.) and feature separate living and sleeping areas. Both rooms also feature a queen size pullout. If you are traveling with a smaller party, please consider reserving a king to allow those with larger parties to have the doubles. If you would like to come in on an earlier date or depart at a later date please contact me at the hotel directly and I will typically honor the group rate.

There are a couple different ways you can make reservations. You can call our national reservations line at 1-888-HYATT-HP and reference your group name, **"Detroit 56'ers"**. You can also go online to www.hyattplaceblueash.com and input the dates of your stay and the **"Group/Corporate number of "G-56RS"**. If you have any issues or questions about your reservations or the hotel, do not hesitate to contact me. The official cut-off day is October 24th , but I will typically honor your rate as long as we have rooms to sell, simply contact me directly. I am flexible and willing to work with you to make your hotel stay successful.

Official check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out is 12:00 PM. If we have the rooms available, however, we will allow check-in at any time. Please request late check-outs with front desk staff during your stay. Thank you again for your business, we look forward to hosting you this November.

Ryan Coey



July 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Wanda Hildner's Birthdays</i>	6	7	8 <i>Chris Speedie's Birthday</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 <i>Lynn Carpenter Birthday</i>	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Bill Riedeman Birthday</i>	23	24	25 Meeting Lunch at French Quarter then to House of Tradition all in Perrysburg, OH
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS!

August 21 - 23, 2009 - "Spooktacular" Region 8 Roundup.

It will be held at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade in San Antonio, Texas. Dust off your witches' hat and brooms because the theme is Halloween and they are planning a Spooktacular time for y'all. The website is: <http://www.region8roundup.org>

SEPTEMBER:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th - Club picnic

This is subject to change. It is being planned for the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville, 10871 Quirk Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111 Where we will see the gazebo that was built in memory of Trish Rochowiak (which we made a donation to). We are checking with Frank and the fairgrounds to see what we need to do.

OCTOBER:

DATE TO BE DETERMINED -

Ken Long has agreed to have us over to see his Halloween display. Depending on the day & time, we may be able to meet for dinner at a restaurant near his Canton home (there are lots of restaurants leading to the Long's house).

NOVEMBER:

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5-8,

2009 - Retirement Weekend with Nancy & Bob. Our annual trek to Sharonville, Ohio to Nancy's Hallmark for Retirement Weekend. NEW Hotel. It is the Hyatt Place right next door to the one we stayed at last year. See the letter and all information needed to make your reservation on page 3 of this newsletter.

Hotel Reservation deadline 10/24/09.

DECEMBER:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009 - Bretton Village Clubhouse

Similar to last year. Everyone loved the ease of moving around and the food was good too. Unless someone objects a lot, we will use the same caterer as we did last year.

SEPTEMBER 2010:

Thursday - Sunday, September 16-19, 2010

THE SEASONS OF MICHIGAN GATHERING

The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Detroit-Livonia, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, MI 48152. The hotel is taking reservations. Room rate is \$95.00 + tax.

Phone: 888-201-1718 and ask for the Village Collectors Group Rate.

More details will be coming soon as well as the new website. Tish is working on finalizing the brochure/registration form.