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Meetings:

BOARD MEETINGS:
President's Discretion

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

*Locations To Be
Announced*

AN INVITATION TO AN AUGUST EVENT SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2009 ALWAYS CHRISTMAS is having a COLLECTIBLES SHOWCASE

Come learn more about your favorite collectibles.

Department 56 Village display presentations with tips and tricks for set-up. They will have Linda, their display person and Sue Hinkle their Department 56 Representative doing 3 - 4 demos each day.

Demonstration times are:

Saturday: 12:00 pm; 1:30 pm; 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm

Sunday: 1:30 pm; 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm

This is not an official meeting, but the club got a call from Teresa Miller from Always Christmas and she extended the invitation for us to come and partake in this event. It is both Saturday, the 29th and Sunday, the 30th, but for the Detroit 56'ers, we chose Saturday. But of course you could go on Sunday if you can't make Saturday.

We will plan on going to Canterbury Village and have lunch if you wish. We will determine lunch when I get the RSVP's. Since it's a Saturday, we could go to either the Kings Court Castle or to the Clansman Gaelic Pub like we have done in the past. If we choose Kings Court Castle, we would order off the menu (no breakfast buffet on Saturday-no breakfast period)!

Other than those going to San Antonio to the gathering, we did not have anything planned for August as a club, so this is a great opportunity to say thank you for being an advertiser and stop by Always Christmas to the Collectibles Showcase Event.

You will need to R.S.V.P. to Chris Speedie by Wednesday August 26, 2009 at (734) 675-8528 or e-mail: raespeedie@aol.com if you are planning on attending. PLEASE mention if you would like to do lunch and at which venue - the castle or the pub when you RSVP. Thank you.

Also got notice that Barbara Lund, Department 56 artist, will be coming to Always Christmas on Sunday October 18, 2009. So you may want to add that to your calendar as well.

As always, guests are welcome!

OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: JULY MEETING
WHEN: Saturday, July 25, 2009
WHERE: House of Tradition
TIME: 2:00 p.m.

10 members and 2 guests attended this "Thank You" meeting. Members in attendance were: **Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Carolyn Cron, Loretta Feroni, Wanda & Ed Hildner, Carol Olgren, Barb & Joe Rietsch and Chris Speedie.** Our guests were Carolyn Cron's sister Evelyn and the Carpenter's brought Sue as a guest.

We started with lunch at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. After we ate, we had a short meeting to bring every one up to speed. Chris mentioned that she got a call from Always Christmas inviting us all to a Collectors Showcase on Saturday or Sunday, August 29 & 30, 2009. We chose Saturday to go as a club, even though there was no meeting planned for August.

The picnic at the Wayne County Fairgrounds is not finalized yet. We have a call in to Frank Rochowiak to verify the date.

Before we adjourned, we had our 50/50 raffle prize drawing and the winner was Carolyn Cron's sister Evelyn. She donated her winnings back to the club. Thank you Evelyn.

We then headed off to House of Tradition where we were greeted by Deborah Elder and her staff. We were all given a coupon (just for us) of 15% off ANY purchases. Thank you Deborah, that was very kind of you! I saw several bags going out the front door when we were done! I think it was a tie between Carolyn Cron and Wanda! Way to shop ladies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by: Edward Hilder, Treasurer

STARTING STATEMENT BALANCE 6/30/09	\$926.60
7/24 Deposit 2 pins @ \$5.00 each	\$10.00
Checks written and cleared & Fees:	
Check #1019 Bretton Village (Christmas Party Rental)	\$100.00
7/31 Service Fee	\$2.00
Statement balance 7/31/09	\$834.60
Checkbook balance 8/1/09	\$834.60

DUES ARE DUE!

Please find enclosed in this newsletter you annual dues billing. Dues are payable immediately and must be paid by September 1, 2009 to remain in good standing with the club. Your dues will run from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. Please mail your check to our treasurer as soon as possible. Thank you.

CLUB PICNIC UPDATE

I spoke with Frank Rochowiak and he is really excited that we are coming down to the fairgrounds to see the gazebo and have our club picnic. He apologized for not getting back to us sooner but the Country Fair is this next weekend and since he is the president, he has been a little busy.

The one thing he said was the date needed to be changed to Sunday, September 27, 2009 instead of the 20th. They have a dog show down there that weekend. Which I said was fine.

So, the date and time are set for our club picnic. Time will be 1:00 p.m. and as always we will be asking that you bring a dish to pass. I think this is a fitting tribute to Trish since she held so many of our picnics at her home, where she wined and dined us until we couldn't eat no more!

Frank said we could use the meeting room there in case of inclement weather. You never know if it's gonna rain or snow the end of September.

I am also extending the invitation to the Country Villagers of Flint and Village Collectors of Michigan as Trish was a member of all three clubs. I was told that the gazebo is up the planting are done and the only thing is the plaque is not done. Frank said he hasn't figured out what to put on it yet. And oh by the way, Frank said he will be in attendance at our picnic.

RETIREMENT WEEKEND



I have chatted briefly via email with Bob about Retirement Weekend. They are in Vermont and as soon as they return, he will get on finalizing the weekends events. He does have the Montgomery Inn on hold for the Saturday Night Dinner. So far, that's all I know.

I got an email from Karen Arens from the Nifty Fifty Sixers in Fort Wayne, Indiana. You may remember a couple of years ago they joined us at our hotel and the Retirement Weekend fun at Nancy's Hallmark. We have again extended our invite to them to join us. Karen said at their last meeting, they have 12 members who are interested in attending. Great news. I have given them the new hotel information and they will be using our group rate as well. **So don't forget to get your reservations in early!**





The room information is as follows: Hyatt Place Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio. There are rooms held for our group at the hotel from November 5th through November 8th. **Our group's discounted rate is \$78.00 + tax.** This rate includes the 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 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 the national reservations line at 1-888-HYATT-HP and reference our 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'**". **The official cut-off day is October 24th**, but they will typically honor the rate as long as they have rooms to sell, simply contact the hotel directly at 513-489-3666.

Official check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out is 12:00 PM. If they have the rooms available, however, they will allow check-in at any time. Please request late check-outs with front desk staff during your stay.



August 2009

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS!

AUGUST 29 & 30, 2009- Saturday & Sunday - Always Christmas at Olde World Canterbury Village - Collectibles Showcase Event - Demonstrations by Linda, their display person and Sue Hinkle their Department 56 Representative will be on hand.

SEPTEMBER:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th - Club picnic

It is finalized and will be on the 27th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 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). And we will be having our club picnic as well. More details will be in the next newsletter.

OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 18, 2009 - time to be determined
Barbara Lund will be at Always Christmas.

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** in Blue Ash, Ohio. See information in 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 or by putting **VILLAG** in the promotional code box. The gathering information is linked through the VCOM webpage: <http://www.villagecollectorsofmi.com> then click on the Seasons of Michgian Gathering 2010.