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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

*Locations To Be
Announced*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS . . . maybe a little premature!

We are starting into the holidays and our Christmas Social is just around the corner. You will need to send in your reservation form with your check by Friday, December 4, 2009 to Treasurer, Ed Hildner. Your reservation form along with your dinner choices are enclosed in this newsletter.

I have also put the call out to members if they wish to have a Holiday Open House - pre holiday or post holiday - to call and let Chris know what day you want to have everyone over. She will make sure members get the information.

Now for the Retirement Weekend Update

To all who did not attend Retirement Weekend at Nancy's Hallmark in Sharonville, Ohio please put these dates on your calendar now – Thursday, November 4, 2010 - Sunday, November 7, 2010. Those are the dates of next years Department 56 Retirement.

Nancy & Bob Losekamp owners of Nancy's Hallmark invite us down every year to experience Retirement Weekend with them.

This year was no different. Thursday we arrived at the Hyatt Place Hotel, got checked in and Peggy & Chris were off to Kroger to get supplies for the hospitality room.

When they returned Wanda & Ed were there and shortly after Rose Marie and Ted Gostomski joined us in the hospitality room. We shared travel stories and chatted for a while then we were off to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant (Nancy & Bob's favorite restaurant).

The Losekamps treated all of us to dinner – tacos, salad, beans, rice, chips & dip, etc. We met up with several of our friends from the Queen City Villagers who were also in attendance. And then Lynn & Ray Carpenter arrived. Bob gave us our "goodie envelopes", which included a coupon for \$10.00 off any purchase at Nancy's Hallmark, a chance to enter a drawing for a \$200.00 shopping spree and a meal coupon to the Red Squirrel (a restaurant that is right next door to the Hallmark Store). Also a list of the weekend events and a welcome letter. Susan (Bob & Nancy's daughter) also passed out the retirement list so we could prepare for our Friday shopping spree event with an additional 25% off retired buildings. After Abuelo's we returned to the hotel and chatted in the hospitality room until about 10:00 PM, then off to bed.

Friday, we returned to Nancy's Hallmark to make our purchases. Which we all did. Not sure who won the spending award this year. I know for sure 3 of us got 2 extra shopping spree coupons for spending \$100 or more to enter into the shopping spree drawing. Peggy, Chris,

Wanda and Ed went off to Jungle Jim's Friday afternoon and Rose Marie, Ted, Lynn and Ray went off to do some shopping as well.

Then back to the hotel and hospitality room before traveling to EnterTRAINment Junction for a pizza party (another treat from Nancy & Bob) and a look at the new train display at EnterTRAINment. It's hard to believe there are 2 more sections that have been added since we were there last year. Also, EnterTRAINment offered a scavenger hunt of the train display with the first 3 people to complete the list winning a chocolate bar with EnterTRAINment Junction on it. WELL - off Peggy & Chris went with the list – never assuming they would actually do very well. They were doing pretty good, but just could not find 2 of the items. Chris said to Peggy "I'm going back in.....and they did and found the last 2 answers and off to the gift shop to see how they "really" did. And even though they had one wrong (Chris thought Peggy said "what's the name of the movie that was showing at the drive in, she asked "what the name of the drive in movie theater). But the women at the counter said – "close enough" and she handed each of us a chocolate bar. Pretty cool and congratulations to Peggy & Chris for completing the task.

That evening was also the Hallmark Open House event at Nancy's along with the drawing for the shopping spree. The drawing was suppose to be at 9:00 PM but since the store was open until 10:00 PM Susan said they were not going to do the drawing until 10:00. We all declined to wait and headed back to the hotel to the hospitality room. We would have to wait until Saturday to see if we won! Chris did win a \$25.00 gift certificate in the shopping spree drawing.

Saturday morning found 4 of us from Michigan and 4 from Fort Wayne Nifty 56'ers off to see the Ronald McDonald House of Cincinnati. RMH is a place that is near and dear to the Losekamps. The tour was great and the new expansion is gorgeous. We headed back to Nancy's to enjoy several seminars put on by members of Queen City Villagers and Bob himself showing how to cut and sculpt styrofoam for your display. He has a huge hot wire it's like 3 feet high. Makes for a quick slice and dice to large pieces of styrofoam.

Then again back to the hotel for a short nap (for your editor) before getting spiffed up to attend the dinner at Montgomery Inn. Nancy & Bob really out do themselves every year. This is always a great finale to Retirement Weekend! We all arrive at Montgomery Inn and have an hour of hors d'ouvres and cocktails and then dinner service starts. We eat and then there are a lot of door prize drawings. The Queen City Villagers then entertained us with a trivia challenge. We did not win...oh well. Then there was a charity silent auction of several items sent to Nancy's Hallmark by Department 56. I did see a couple of items being taken to the car of Chris Speedie. Ronald McDonald House of Cincinnati was the charity recipient of any money bid on these items. After all was said and done at Montgomery Inn we thanked our hosts Bob & Nancy Losekamp and headed back to the hotel to clean up and check out of the hospitality room. Several of the Fort Wayne Nifty 56'ers joined us until about 11:00 PM and then all we off to bed for a good night sleep before heading home on Sunday morning.

This weekend is one of the highlights of collecting Department 56 lighted houses and accessories. Not only the fact that we get to see what houses retire but the fact that our hosts Nancy & Bob Losekamp enjoy our dedication to traveling down and joining them at this weekend event. They truly look forward to our attendance each year and I would like to extend the invitation to every member to next years Retirement Weekend.

Bob did tell me that they extended the lease on the building for 5 more years . . . so you have at least that many more chances to join us at Retirement Weekend at Nancy's Hallmark in Sharonville, Ohio! Hope you will consider joining us next year.

OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: Halloween Open Houses
WHEN: 2 Saturdays in October
WHERE: Phyl & Ken Long and Jim Hamby
TIME: 6:00 PM

I saw several members attending both Open Houses. And as always both did a great job of their Halloween displays.

Your board of directors will meet in late January to plan next year's meeting schedule. If you have any ideas to share or places you would like to go, please let any board member know, or call President Loretta Feroni with your ideas.

WHAT: Retirement Weekend
WHEN: Thursday - Sunday, November 5-8, 2009
WHERE: Nancy's Hallmark in Sharonville. OH
TIME: All Weekend

6 Members of the Detroit 56'ers were in attendance. **Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Peggy Gillie, Wanda & Ed Hildner and Chris Speedie.** Also attending from the Country Villagers of Flint were Rose Marie & Ted Gostomski. We all had a great time. Please read the update included in this newsletter. This is an excellent event to attend if you have never gone.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by: Edward Hilder, Treasurer

STARTING STATEMENT BALANCE 10/1/09		\$1,038.60
10/9 Deposit - (Dues and 1 Dinner)	\$203.00+	
10/29 Deposit - (7 Dinners)	\$245.00+	
Checks written and cleared & Fees:		
9/21 1021 Chris Speedie - flowers for Bill Riedeman	\$81.50-	
9/30 1022 Chris Speedie - meat for picnic (VCOM will be paying 1/2 - \$85.00)	\$170.00-	
10/30 Service Fee	\$2.00-	
Statement balance 10/30/09		\$1,233.10
Checks written but not cleared:		
11/6 1023 Nancy's Hallmark (8 Dinners)	\$280.00-	
Checkbook balance 11/9/09		\$953.10



December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Jim Updike's Birthday</i>	2	3	4 Detroit 56'ers Christmas Social Reservation DEADLINE!	5
6	7 <i>Angie Giacoma's Birthday</i>	8	9	10	11	12 Detroit 56'ers 11th Annual Christmas Social at Bretton Village
13	14	15 <i>Peggy Gillie's Birthday</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31		



JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy NEW YEAR Party!	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 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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2010:

Thursday - Sunday, September 16-19, 2010

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