



## From the President

*Hi, Everyone!*

I hope everyone had a great Easter! It is time to move ahead to that busy spring period of graduations, confirmation, communions, weddings and so many more events. What a great time to visit our sponsor to get some of the cards, gifts, etc. that we are all going to need.

### **Our next meeting will be back at the store in our old space.**

Carla Schaefer, the new manager, is excited about meeting all of us and sharing with us all the new merchandise and plans for the store.

They are working on putting out the latest village pieces that have been delivered. Come prepared to ask any questions about the store and the club sponsorship that you have. We will have a short business meeting to discuss plans for our garage sale and then there will be time to shop!

Speaking of shopping and garage sales.....what a day we had at the Department 56 garage sale. If you missed it, you really missed something special. I still have two large piles of stuff on my lower level floor! Melinda really went all out for her Minnesota club members! I really felt like I was stealing all of the stuff. I knew there would come a time when I would put those great big Department 56 bags to use! They didn't disappoint until the very end when Jackie kept stuffing and I picked up one and broke one of the handles! (Of course, that didn't keep Tom from filling it up again!) The really special part of the morning though was when I purchased the 6 and a half foot (we measured by having Cal stand next to it!) coffin

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#### **Dates to Remember:**

- May 5: NLCC meeting—at the store**
- May 13th & 14th: NLCC Garage Sale
- Sept. 29th-Oct. 2nd: Arizona Gathering

from the show room and shoved it toe pincher end first into my car. I really got nervous when Melinda and Jackie were cheering me on to fill it with more stuff but I had to draw the line somewhere! I think I have a whole case of the spooky fence pieces and at least 30 trees not to mention every accessory available for the Christmas Story set! I have the coffin standing in the garage; quite the conversation piece! Now how does all this bargain shopping relate to our garage sale you may ask? Well, I don't know about the rest of you but I have to make more room! I am going to be relentless in pursuit of items to donate to our sale and I hope each of you bargain shoppers will do the same! That date is May 14 and maybe the 13<sup>th</sup> if we think that will help! Come to our next meeting and help us plan!

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## **Northern Lights Garage Sale! May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Hey Everyone! Our treasury needs some funds and what better way of doing that than doing some spring cleaning! Mark your calendars for May 13-14<sup>th</sup>. We will have the garage sale at my house in Eden Prairie. My homeowner's association holds an Annual Garage Sale on May 14<sup>th</sup>. There are usually 60-70 homes with a sale so there is usually good traffic. We can have the sale on Friday if we want to have more opportunities to sell!

Remember that Dept. 56 items will not sell well at a garage sale. We will be looking for donations of other items from everyone. We need items that are in good shape as well! I have a couple of other points that we will need to discuss at our next meeting:

- We will need some good items from everyone! I don't believe at this point that we can handle large furniture items.
- We need volunteers on Thursday night to price items, set up tables and accept deliveries from our members. I will also schedule some time Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> or Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> to open my garage for weekend donations!
- On Friday and Saturday we will need volunteers to work in 2 or 3 hour shifts to staff the sale. We will discuss the hours we want to be open at our next meeting!
- On Sunday, I will need some assistance to take any items remaining to a thrift shop for donation. Nothing will be returned!

**I have never had a garage sale, but I hope we can raise some money for our treasury and have some fun doing it! Bring your ideas to our next meeting!**

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