

Just so you know! April 7, 2017

. . . For those of you that keep track of such things, the Christmas village display has been removed from Aftenro. Evonne, John, Linda and I did the job. The three tubs of Don Johnson memories are back in our garage.

. . . Images of past gatherings. We're happy to contribute pictures for June gathering in Tempe, AZ. We've sent some 'cause we liked the picture show in San Diego – and we were asked.

. . . Thanks to Kathy Balfanz, Regional Account Executive/Villages, ENESCO/Dept. 56 - boy, is that a long title. She provided the info on the new Dept. 56 Village releases. I was able to find them at: <https://www.enescobusiness.com/home.do?activebrand=d56>

. . . Have you seen 'Paws To The Rescue,' a new Dept. 56 North Pole offering? The 'rescue elf' by himself is cute. Search headlamp, skis, snow shovel on his shoulder. But the St. Bernard is the winner, big, really big, in a yellow outfit, keg under his chin. Don't know about the snow victim. Feet with skis sticking out of the 'Bunny Hill.' Hope he's OK.

. . . *Culvers* fresh frozen custard sundaes have replaced *Dairy Queen* Blizzards as our favorite 'frozen' dessert. But that doesn't mean I don't like the new Dairy Queen 'Sweet Treats' accessory. It's from Dept. 56 North Pole series. It's dad and child elf with Dairy Queen Sundaes. Child has the really big Banana Split. Dad has a small sundae. Note: We occasionally have a Bridgman's Ice Cream Turtle Sundae (with chocolate ice cream).

. . . There are no pictures with these words – just so you know!

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