

## Just so you know! . . . . May 13, 2017

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. . . Members have to be at the Village North May 17th meeting to have a chance to **win**. To win? the signed Dept. 56 piece Kathy Balfanz is bringing to the club meeting. She will have a few other give-aways, some catalogs as well. Kathy is our Dept. 56 Regional Account Executive/Village. . . She said she has a GPS so she shouldn't have a problem finding us at VIP, 1201 Tower Ave, Superior, WI., 5:30 p.m.

. . . We saw *La Cage Aux Follies* on May 3. It was a well done, local production, by the folks at The Duluth Playhouse. The comedy and singing were great - a fun evening with our friends Pat, John, Jerry and Carol. I do have one question – were does one find black, patent leather shoes (with a small heel) in size fourteen? Maybe called Mary Jane's. Note: The 1996 movie, *The Birdcage*, is based on the play.

. . . The best/nicest use of fans that I have seen. Debbie Shelgren used several of them as backgrounds for a patriotic display. Most are red, white and blue - they look like fireworks. Wish I'd thought of that. You can see the display on the Dept. 56 Facebook page.

. . . Village D-Tails?? Nothing new – yet.

. . . I really like the casual look of the 'Coffee Station Catch Up' accessory. It features two ladies sitting at nice table chatting. 2017 Midyear release, Dept. 56 Snow Village, Streets of Stillwater Series. Coordinates with the new 'Coffee Station.' Unfortunately, we don't do 'shiny.'

. . . Our ski hill is the only display still in place. We are way behind on the calendar (at least a month). And, the carnival took a whole lot of time to pack and put away. Note: ski hill is now 'in the box and on the shelf.'

. . . The Lemax *Berry Brothers Big Top* info sheet says "Sound track in English only" - just so you know!

. . . Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

. . . For some reason, I just discovered this source. If you are a member of an NCC club you can find some interesting/helpful info at: <http://ncc56.com/ClubNewsletters/>. Sure, lots of local/personal stuff, but new ideas, suggestions and plans too. If you can get there, it worth the trip.

. . . Happy Mothers Day!

