

## Just so you know! . . . . May 21, 2017

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. . . Dept. 56 (40<sup>th</sup>) *Anniversary Clock Ornament* – gift from the company (via Kathy Belfanz). We both like the look. Figure we can easily add one to a holiday (village) display. 2 ½ inch diameter ‘pocket watch’. Larger if you count the stem (it’s a pocket watch).

. . . Midyear 2017 Dept. 56 catalog coming in June.

. . . Dept. 56 Platinum dealers can offer three special items for 2017: ‘*Lot 59, Christmas Court,*’ (SV trailer house); ‘*Maggies on the Park*’ (CIC Dress Shop);’ and ‘*Great Yarmouth Light,*’ (DV lighthouse). You can see the list of Platinum Dealers at: <https://www.department56.com/category/club+retailers.do>

. . . Village D –Tails, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition - still nothing received.

. . . ‘*Sal’s Pizza & Pasta,*’ new building for Dept. 56 Christmas In The City 2017. Not sure if we will purchase the building. Very sure we will own the ‘*Pizza Date*’ accessory. Linda and I began having a ‘*Pizza Date*’ over twenty years ago - almost every Friday. We haven’t done it now since well, last evening. It was Friday.



. . . 2018 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dept. 56 Snow Village Halloween.

... The Village North Collectors Club *rummage sale* date has been **changed** to July 28, 29. Proceeds go to the Essentia Health Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in Duluth, MN.

... Sorry to hear that *Bloomington Drug*, Bloomington, MN, will no longer be a dealer. We only just met their Dept. 56 person, Lynn Johnson, and now, well it appears she will be gone. She was/is a very nice and helpful lady. Hope to make it there once more to take advantage of the 60% off sale – and to say goodbye.

... '*New Wenham Lake Ice Company*,' a New England Village 2017 introduction. We really like the '*Blue Star Ice Company*.' It was one of our original New England Village pieces. That will probably remain our only 'ice business.'

... Village North Collectors Club members **picnic** reminder - August 5<sup>th</sup>.

... '*Kringle & Sons Boutique*,' Limited Edition 2017, commemorates the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dept. 56 Christmas In The City. Very colorful, red and a special green are used (primarily). Three stories high. I've heard many folks say they like it. It could be hard to find.



... Please remember that I'm always looking for comments, questions and suggestions.

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