

Just so you know! . . . May 27, 2017

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Village North Collectors Club - Duluth, MN/ Superior, WI

*Club picnic - August 5, Kandi &
Rod's cabin*

*Fund raising rummage sale -July
28, 29, Gail & Jeff's*

Next meeting -September 20

National Council of 56 Clubs - Gatherings

Tempe, AZ - June 2017

Chicago, IL - September 2018

Cincinnati, OH - 2019

<http://www.ncc56.com/>

. . . In the past, Dept. 56 could be found in a bunch of stores. Locally that included department stores, gift shops, card stores, florists, office suppliers – a wide variety. Our friend Gail reminded me even *Daugherty Hardware* sold Dept. 56 – a hardware store.

. . . Village D -Tails, 4th Edition is ‘in the mail!’ So said a message posted May 25, 2017 on the National Council of 56 Clubs Facebook page. I’ll let you know when we receive ours. - **It came on May 27**. My thanks to the books author, Richard Puckett. He was so kind to include my name in his thankyou.

. . . It pays to always be on the lookout for things to be used in displays. In this case, an **outdoor garden house** we found at an art fair. The nicely done red house is one of a kind. It fit right in our display. The cost was less than a Dept. 56 building. All we had to add was the light inside. Many visitors have noticed it - all liked it. Well, all but the purists.



. . . *Crooked Pint Ale House* - the first bar/restaurant in our Kenwood (Duluth, MN) neighborhood. I’m going to talk to the owner to see if we can place an occasional seasonal vignette in their establishment. The worst he can say is no.
www.crookedpint.com

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... Tables from Minithings, people are Homies, signs from garden shop, buildings from Lemax, hot sauce from Cholula, bus from the Dominican Republic. I tell you, you never know **where** you can/will find things.



... How often do you find a **hockey puck** on your bathroom sink? And no, neither one of us plays hockey. I was then reminded that Linda glues a plate to a hockey puck and we use them as decorations in our gardens. The puck has a hole drilled and a piece of rebar inserted. At least one is a plate from Dept. 56.



... Dept. 56 at a garage sale. Only two blocks away. We drove over at 2:30. That was immediately after our pre-Memorial Day picnic. The home owner told me someone had been there a bit earlier. They purchased all the Dept. 56. Don't know what he had. It was just been purchased at an estate sale. We are still curious.

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