

Just so you know! . . . July 7, 2017

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

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

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

Next meeting -September 20

Department 56 Gatherings

*Chicago, IL - September 27-30,
2018*

Cincinnati, OH - 2019

National Council of 56 Clubs -

www.ncc56clubs.com

Minnesota 56 Clubs -

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. . . I didn't realize these people (elves and Mr. and Mrs. Claus) were **so darned cute**. The Dept. 56 North Pole 'Peppermint Skating Party' was available at recent estate sale - we bought it! I un-wrapped it and discovered how smart we were with the purchase ('cause of the cute elves). Not sure we have room for more skating elves but I'll bet we'll find a way (Linda is pretty clever).



. . . We now have our **NCC 25th Anniversary pieces** (umbrella couple and clock). Thanks to John and Gerry McGraw for their personal pickup (in Tempe, AZ) and delivery (in Duluth, MN). I understand the McGraw's found the maximum capacity of their car. Another purchase and one of them would have had to stay in Arizona. Thanks to Diane Welch, gathering Registration Chair, for making it all possible. Also, enjoyed their Margaritaville story. The McGraw's have begun a new collection.

. . . Anything new?? . . . **'Sweet Home Chicago,'** September 27-30, 2018. Crowne Plaza Hotel Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018. \$119.00 + tax (reservations mid-October 2017). Parking: \$14.00 per night with in and out privileges. www.chicagogathering.org

. . . Very few words seen/heard on the 4th Edition **Village D-Tails**. Is that good or bad? We haven't posted ours yet (with the Dept. 56 items we possess).

... The NCC Facebook page has a recent post by Red Misha. It features an old bakery he rehabed into an 'Ugly Sweater Shop.' **It looks great!** We have something, from Lemax, that looks like they were made to go together. Linda 'rehabed' the Lemax Ugly Sweater accessory. All four of the guys are now wearing ugly sweaters.



Red Misha Facebook image



... I listened to several minutes of **fireworks on the radio**. How do I know? They told me, "you are listening to fireworks on the radio." Below is a Facebook link to the 2017 fireworks in Duluth, MN. In the distance you can see the fireworks across the Bay in Superior, WI. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjIyeEcobYE>

... The neighbor had several items sitting by the curb. **Two signs** indicated they were free. A car pulled up, the driver got out, picked up the two signs, put them in his trunk and drove away. 'Free' signs ???

... I didn't know I had a Village D-Lights T-shirt. "Miniature Enthusiasts Unite" on the front and "Village D-Lights" on the back. "I don't remember ever seeing it before. It must be mine, it was in my dresser. - NP Sue (on Yahoo) said "I remember them selling the T-shirts at some gathering years ago. Don't remember which one." - It is a color I like. Maybe I made a purchase at a gathering.

... No more Minnesota 56 Clubs web site (as of August 2017). **Thanks** to Dave Erickson for all his work on behalf of the clubs (and for putting up with me). He probably won't mention it, but I'm sometimes tough to train.

... Linda said "My sandwich is so good I'm coming back here **without a coupon!**" We were having lunch at *Casa Latte* in Hermantown, MN. My turkey, apple, spinach, cheese sandwich was also more than worth repeating – we will go back.

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