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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. I, like many of you, love this time of year. I am mesmerized by all the lights and decorations and could find myself perfectly content to sit in a chair surrounded by all of it and dream away a whole day. Fat chance that I will be able to do that – but it doesn't hurt to dream – right?! I put the last of my touches on my villages and I must say that I am very pleased with how my displays turned out this year. I set up a new section of just Christmas Lane pieces. All the trees have lights in them – it's quite the magical experience. On my first date with my husband we drove around looking at Christmas lights. At the time in Mankato there was one street (I think it was Front) that about 2 or 3 blocks all the families decked out their homes and yards with lights. In North Mankato there was a whole development that decorated their homes. There were easily 50 homes in this area that decorated. It was by far the most romantic date! So when I was dreaming up this Christmas Lane display it brought back many memories and I was hoping to achieve the same feeling I had driving down those streets when I look at my display. Mission accomplished! I did use 40 AA and 10 C batteries for the displays!!! I wish I was crafty enough to figure out how to turn them all into electric.

On December 4th we had our annual Christmas Party at Jake's City Grille. What a great time we all had. The food was absolutely delicious and the party atmosphere got us all in the spirit of Christmas. And thank goodness the weather cooperated this year and we had no issues getting to or fro. We collected donations for Toys for Tots and I delivered over 20 gifts to them – thank you to all the members that contributed to this wonderful organization.

I am looking forward to our house hop which will be on January 10th. We have six homes this year on our tour! Wow! I cannot wait to see everyone's displays and yes, the ooh, aah, eats!!! The following weekend the Village North will have their house hop on January 18th. Please watch your emails for more details on both hops.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas Season

Your Prez - Chris

Special points of interest:

- New Years
January 1st
- House House
Saturday, Jan10th
- Only 79 days until
Spring
- Only 303 days until
Halloween
- Only 358 days until
Christmas

Christmas Party

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Our Annual Christmas Party was again held at Jake’s City Grille in Plymouth.

It was great to see everyone come together for a celebration of Christmas, good food, good company, games, a gift exchange, and of course a collection of toys for the Toys for Tots Organization.



As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

(The following is a fictional soap opera)

Season 2 Episode 1

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Sorry...
**TEMPORARILY
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Birthdays

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Cal Lepp	January 5 th	Darlene Seppman	February 3 rd
		Lani Kolanczyk	February 10 th

Help

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The Newsletter needs your help. It is taking longer than I had anticipated to find material for the newsletter.

I am asking for your help in sending in articles that you would like to see featured in the newsletter.

Ornament Review

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Community service in action...the ornaments we had so much fun with at our meeting were used by a local Girl Scout Troop.



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

Farewell 2014 ... Hope all of you can look back on some fond memories of the year gone by. I know the treasury can, because we have had solid membership this year.

Right now we have \$2,008.59 with two anticipated payments, \$200 for the care of Rocco the Crystal Police

Department K9 as a thank you for use of our meeting space. The other payment was the \$10 Christmas party gift coming to a total of \$170.

A special thanks to Shirley who helped out in that situation while yours truly was being serenaded by Johnny Mathis.

Have a 'wonderful, wonderful' start to 2015 and see ya at the House Hop.

Your Treasurer, Mel

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Upcoming Events



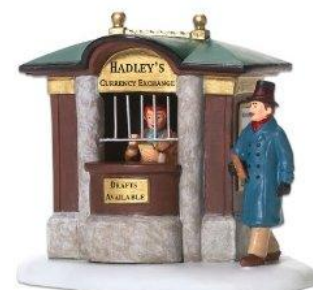
House Hop 2015

Saturday, January 10th



[California Gold Gathering](#)

Surf, Sun & Fun
September 11 – 13
2015
Sheraton Hotel & Marina
San Diego



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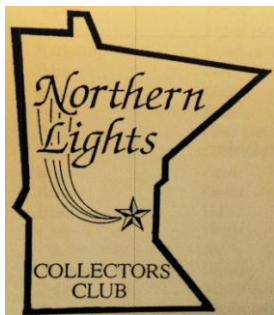
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Recipe Showcase

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Hot Ham Sandwiches



2 -12 packages of sweet
Hawaiian rolls (the small dinner
roll looking ones)

1 1/2 lbs of Virginia ham (NOT
honey ham)

12 slices Swiss cheese

1 stick of real butter...

2 tsp Worcestershire Sauce

1 tsp Garlic Powder

1 tsp Onion Powder

Use 2 9x13 pans. Place bottoms of 12 rolls on each pan. Place ham slices on rolls. Cut the cheese slices into 4 parts and place 2 small pieces on top of ham. Place tops of rolls on sandwiches.

In a saucepan melt butter, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, onion powder and poppy seeds. Once melted brush onto tops of rolls generously. Cover with foil and refrigerate for one hour or overnight. Do not remove foil and cook at 375° for 15 minutes. Enjoy!

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Did you know that you can donate to Toys for Tots all year around? They have two programs, ["In Memory"](#) and ["In Honor"](#), that allow you to make donations in the name of an individual or even in a family's name.

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Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the [Crystal Police Outreach Office](#). This is directly across from the Hallmark Store.