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## Presidential Notes

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### Special points of interest:

- Next meeting:  
Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- St. Patrick's Day  
Tuesday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>
- April Fool's Day  
Wednesday, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>
- Easter Day  
Sunday, Apr 5<sup>th</sup>
- Tax Day  
Wednesday, Apr 15<sup>th</sup>
- Only 16 days until  
Spring
- Only 241 days until  
Halloween

Greetings! Or as the Irish would say – Top of the morning to you! As we round this corner to March it signals the beginnings of Spring – we hope!!!! Enough of this freezing temp – we've all had enough of it.

Here are some Irish Blessings/Proverbs I found and wanted to share with all of you.

May Love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures.

May you always have walls for the winds, a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all that your heart might desire.

Who gossips with you will gossip of you.

A kind word never broke anyone's mouth.

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far.

Our February meeting was a great success. We had two stations set up to play with Styrofoam and our hot wire tools. Thank you to Darlene for showing us all your techniques for making mountain backdrops. Thanks also to Shirley for showing us how to make the stone/rock walls and roadways and use the dry brush painting. It was great to get in there and play with the various hot wire tools and learn from our fellow members there tips and tricks. We set off no fire alarms with all the fumes – whew!

At the March meeting we will be having a display contest, so bring your creativity and your competitive attitude and we will see which group will be crowned the winners. I posed a question out there for the group about our April meeting and only a few have responded that they won't be there. So it looks like our April meeting will be on and I'm pretty sure there will be an appearance from Sister Mary Francis and Father Flanagan – more on this later!

I bought my plane ticket for the California Gathering – I'm so excited – it will be great fun to see friends from far and wide! I will be doing some volunteering at the gathering and learning all the behind the scene things. We found out that David and Linda Spears will be one of the speakers at the convention – come show our Minnesota support to them!

That's all for now – see you in March – Your Prez Chris

## February Meeting Pictures

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## As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

Season 2 Episode 2

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(The following is a fictional soap opera)

We now turn our attention to another edition of "Coupon Corner".

Basics of fundamental Couponery:

- 1) When there are several coupon inserts in the paper, pick up a couple extras. Remember you can use up to four like coupons per transaction.
- 2) Early Sunday papers released Saturday morning like the Star Tribune can be cheaper than the actual Sunday paper and have the exact same coupons. Consider buying extra papers Saturday to save money.
- 3) Save time in coupon clipping by sorting the coupon sheets to cut 3 or 4 sheets at the

same time.

- 4) Remember you can use store coupon & manufacturer coupons at the same time for an item.

There are several popular websites available to help find those unique deals. Sometimes by buying multiple items at the same time you can actually save money.

[www.afullcup.com](http://www.afullcup.com)

[www.creativecouponing.com](http://www.creativecouponing.com)



## Birthdays

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|                |                        |                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Barbara Jensen | March 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Phyllis Fahey  | April 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Kathy Benson   | March 25 <sup>th</sup> | Daniel Tuset   | April 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
|                |                        | Diane Nelson   | April 18 <sup>th</sup> |
|                |                        | Mike Kolanczyk | April 27 <sup>th</sup> |

## St Patrick's Day with Dept 56

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[Check out Department 56 for everything Irish.](#)

There's Murphy's Irish Pub, The Brew House, and figures to add just the right amount of Irish blessing to your collection.



## New England Village

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The following is an excerpt from an article Pioneer Press writer Nick Ferraro did on a [Mendota Heights man and his New England Village](#).

*Lights glow from the windows of the houses, shops, and churches. Trains wind through the landscape. Children are skating.*

*"Here's Icabod Crane with his schoolhouse," the 88-year-old said, pointing out the character from Washington Irving's story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." "Here is the post office ... and the high school. This is a violin shop."*

*The tiny town represents (Milt) Hildebrandt's three-decades-long Christmastime tradition of collecting and displaying Department 56 porcelain pieces and figurines that are not quite 2 inches tall.*



## Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

Hi everyone,

Time for the reporting of the cold hard cash. And if it were kept outside it would certainly be frozen solid as the water on Minnesota's 10,000 ice cubes. Our balance is solid at \$1,752.59 and when I get to the bank it

will increase to \$1,767.59 because of our new member...Marlene. Welcome aboard!

Hope that all of you are staying warm.

Your Treasurer,

Mel

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## Upcoming Events



[California Gold Gathering](#)  
Surf, Sun & Fun  
September 11 – 13  
2015  
Sheraton Hotel & Marina  
San Diego



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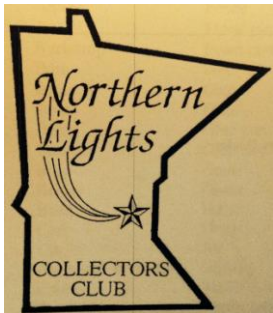
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## Recipe Showcase

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### Authentic Irish Lamb Stew



2 Medium Onions, chopped  
Oil, for frying  
1 ounce butter  
1 sprig dried thyme  
2 ½ pounds lamb neck, cut in pieces  
7 carrots, chopped into 2 inch pieces  
2 Tablespoons pearl barley  
5 cups chicken stock  
Salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
1 bouquet garni (parsley, thyme, bay leaf)  
12 Medium potatoes  
1 bunch parsley, leaves finely chopped  
1 bunch chives

In a large saucepan, cook the onions in oil and butter until translucent. Add the dried thyme and stir. Add the lamb and brown on high heat to seal in the juices. Add the carrots and pearl barley. Pour in the chicken stock so that it almost covers the meat and vegetables. Season with salt and pepper and add the bouquet garni. Cover and cook on low heat for 2 hours, being careful not to boil. Place potatoes on top of the stew, cover and cook for 30 minutes until the meat is falling beautifully off the bones and the potatoes are fork tender.

[Irish Stew recipe copied from Foodnetwork.com.](#)

## Club Charity Updates

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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.