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Welcome to Fall! The colors of the leaves on the trees this year has been so beautiful and what great weather we are having! It's hard to imagine that just around the corner is that darn 4 letter word coming(S-N-O-W – oh and C-O-L-D). As beautiful as it has been I am a bit anxious to get going on the villages (and my 8 trees, and my snowman collection, and, and, and) soon so I'm looking forward to these next few weeks of getting ready to start the madness.

In our last meeting in October we spent the night making Christmas Display Bags. It was so fun to see how different and creative everyone's bags were. Thank you to everyone that was at the meeting that helped make them and donated decorating supplies also. Kathy took some home with her to share at her brother-in-law's nursing home. The others will go to Lisa's mom's assisted living home. I know they will bring lots of joy and smiles to many faces.

These next three months will be busy for all I'm sure. We will end the month here with an invitation to go to Dan & Lisa's on Halloween to see their huge outdoor displays (personally I'm freaking out that I have to see the granny in the white dress in person – eeeeekkkk!!). our November will be busy with our Annual Chili Feed on the 6th – remember to let Janet know if you are attending and what you will be bringing to contribute to the ooh, ahhh, eats. November 12th we will be visiting Gertner's for the Girl's Night Out as a group. We wrap up 2014 in December with our Holiday Party at Jakes Grille in Plymouth on December 4th. And of course in January will be our house hop – let Tom know if you are interested in putting your house on the tour.

See you all soon – your Prez - Chris

Special points of interest:

- [Next Meeting](#)
Thursday, Nov 6th
7:00 pm Topic:
Chili Feed
- Veteran's Day
Tuesday, Nov 11th
- Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, Nov 27th
- Only 48 days until
Winter
- Only 51 days until
Christmas



Girls' Night Out
"The Christmas Wish"
**Book Signing, Meet and Greet plus
25% off a Christmas Item.**
Nov. 5th 5:00pm-8:00pm



Event starts Nov 5th, but our group will be going on Nov 12th.

October's Meeting – Holiday Bags

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At last month's meeting everyone got into the Holiday spirit and made Holiday Bags. Thank you to all who brought decorating supplies to help with this build.

The bags were made to brighten the lives of those living in nursing homes. Kathy took some for her Brother-in-law's nursing home and the others will go to Lisa's mom's assisted living home.



As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

(The following is a fictional soap opera)

Season 1 Episode 11

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It's a known fact that you have to get through Halloween and Thanksgiving in order to celebrate our beloved Christmas. Well as of Friday, one down and one to go. Jack Frost was in rare form Friday giving the skeletons a bone chilling effect, hinting to the Trick or Treaters the cold is on its way.

Nothing says Halloween like nibbling on some of [Frankenstein's Toenails](#), thanks to Jan and Darnell for providing such a wonderful treat. Jan has a heart of gold and is always willing to pitch in. I can't thank her enough for frosting the cupcakes,

and to top it off, she gave several of them the finger (bloody finger in honor of Halloween). Thanks also to Darnell for feeding all the little monsters that arrived at the door.

Shirley arrived and showed us she knows what to put on your tombstone, so beware. It was an activity based event to keep the Tuset Haunt on track. As soon as the cupcakes were decorated, it was time to move onto the next challenge. All eyes were on the next task, since none of us have made these before. Soon Jan was busy slicing and Shirley showed off her fondue skills and I threw in lifesavers. Yes

we are making the tasty [Crunchy Doughnut Eyeballs from Delish.com](#). Chris completed the task by ensuring the eyes were bloody enough for any Halloween enthusiast.

Soon another Halloween has come and gone, but not before Shirley hinted Halloween is on a Saturday next year. Halloween is the second most popular holiday, why not consider moving to the dark side and enjoy a Phantoms Feast, haunted hayride, or get lost in a corn maze? Since Minnesota has the Halloween capital of the world, there are lots of events to discover. Are you game?



Birthdays

Paul Shefvland

November 15th

Tom Iacoviello

December 9th

Doris Stokes

December 23rd

Cal Lepp

January 5th

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Department56.com spotlight

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Coming this January to a retailer near you... [Garden District Collection](#). There will be three parts to this collection. The Garden Gaurdians, Let it Bee, and Forest Lane.

a Bee theme on each.

And the Forest Lane collection will feature wooden trays with either a willow bamboo, fern bamboo, fern willow, or a pussy willow theme on them.

The Garden Gaurdians are a mix of playful magical creatures from an Enchanted Kingdom.



The Let it Bee collection hosts cups and plates with

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A good design and layout is never complete unless you add [accessories](#).

There are several different types of accessories that are available. Everything from flagpoles, park benches, to people.



Collecting is more than just lighted houses, its about building a world or your own imagination.



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

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BOO!!!

Scare ya ???

Well, probably not...sorry I missed the last meeting. But WILL be there for the Chili Feeding Feast. Speaking of scary or not so scary, there is nothing

scary about our balance, holding steady at \$2,178.59. In fact it should go up a little, just need to connect with a few of our members. Not much else here...so why are you still reading??

Your Treasurer...Mel

Upcoming Events



Gertens' Girl's Night Out

November 12th

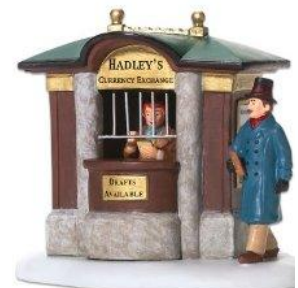


[California Gold Gathering](#)

Surf, Sun & Fun
September 11 – 13

2015

Sheraton Hotel & Marina
San Diego



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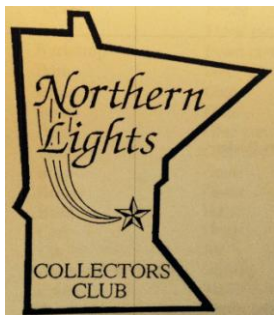
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Recipe Showcase

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We will be starting a new feature this month. A place to showcase your favorite recipes. I know everyone has several favorites out there. If you would like to have one included in the Newsletter, please have it submitted to me no later than the 20th of the month. Try to include a picture if you can.

I will start out this month with a recipe I'm sure we all grew up with.

Goulash

1 ½ lbs ground beef
2 (15 oz.) cans tomato sauce
1 small can tomato paste
1 (15 oz.) can stewed tomatoes
1 can hot water
2 cups wide egg noodles
1 Basil Leaf*



Brown ground beef and drain off excess grease. Add tomato sauce, stewed tomatoes, tomato paste, and hot water to ground beef. Stir to mix. Boil egg noodles until done. Drain and rinse noodles and add to meat mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Simmer for 15 to 20 minutes on medium heat. Serves 4 to 5. You can substitute elbow or rotini noodles for the wide egg noodles. *Add the Basil leaf only if desired.

Dept 56 at Sears

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Sears will be having a Friends and Family Event next Sunday, November 9th from 6pm to 9pm. During this event they will have 25% off of the Mickey Mouse and Charlie Brown Dept 56 Collections.

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.