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Presidential Notes

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I hope you were able to enjoy some quality time with your family and loved ones during this busy time of the year. It sure does seem more like Christmas with the cold weather and all the snow we have in the north side of the cities.

This month our group participated in the girl's night out on November 12th at Gertens. This is my second year doing this and I was able to control myself a bit more than I did last year! They have so many things to look at. I think a person could easily spend several hours there and still not see everything. Lisa, Gerry & Shirley were able to pick up some good deals on Halloween stuff. Doris and Jan helped themselves to the Snow Babies and Doris even stood in line to get the autograph from the artist. I personally broke my tradition and bought a few new pieces for my village. I typically wait until the pieces retire or are older – hoping to score a deal. But I had to have the new food truck for Snow Village and the accessories and I also purchased the Ornament House – thank you Lisa for letting me use your 25% off coupon! Jan and I have rode together the past two years and I'm happy to report that we did not get lost this year on the drive to or from! Last year we took a few detours – it will be nice when all that construction is done in that area.

After we all spent our money (haha!) we headed over to one of Deb's favorite pizza joints – Old World. It was so nice to have dinner and visit with everyone. What a great group of people we have and I'm so lucky to be a part of it!

I had the pleasure of helping Tom with his village a few weekends ago. Since I am the "baby" of this group – I of course was excited to see all his displays up close and personal and hoping to learn some tricks from him. Well he put me to work right away using my hot wire tools – which I might add I bought two years ago and had never really used. I must say that I had so much fun working with the tools – it was a lot easier than I thought – and now it has only made me want to learn more. But I've decided that is something I will wait to do after the "Village Season". Tom has the most fabulous storage area – I was in shock and awe – if only I could be as organized! We didn't get as much done as he wanted to (isn't that always the case – right?!) But the one table we did get done turned out wonderful. Now he has three more tables to complete on his own – I wonder if it's too late for me to change my phone number – hah – just kidding. My villages are almost complete – I'm on the last step of just putting in all the trees – I keep telling myself that I need to stop buying pieces as I'm running out of space to display – and then I laugh and think yea right – that will never happen.

I hope to see you all on December 4th for our Christmas Party at [Jakes City Grille](#). Please remember (if you wish to participate) to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and a wrapped ornament for our exchange.

Blessings to all of you – your prez Chris

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Special points of interest:

- Christmas Party
Thursday, Dec 4th
6:00 pm
[Jakes City Grille](#)
3005 Harbor Lane N
Plymouth, MN 55447
763-559-1595
- Christmas Day
Tuesday, Dec 25th
- Only 18 days until Winter
- Only 22 days until Christmas
- Only 107 days until Spring

November's Meeting – Chili feed

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Our Annual chili feed at November's meeting again turned out to be one of the most attended meetings. Thanks to all that brought chili and deserts to share.

We of course had our meeting as well as stuffing ourselves with food. One of the topics was our upcoming annual House Hop. So far the following are on the list for stops this year: Deb, Chris, Barbara, Jan&Darnell, and Tom. Look for more information to come.



As the Village Turns by Lisa Tuset

Season 1 Episode 12

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(The following is a fictional soap opera)

Screamed through Halloween ✓
 Ate our way through Thanksgiving ✓
 Survived the DATG rush ✓

Now we are checking our list and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, so let it snow, let it snow, let it snow, because I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. It's time to break out the mistletoe and holly, and start rockin' around the Christmas tree.

O' Christmas tree, if you could only talk about how I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus. Also when grandma got run over by a reindeer, we decided to stay home for the holidays. Santa baby you must know you caused many a blue Christmas and I want nuttin' for Christmas.

Wow do you hear what I hear, it came upon a midnight clear, on a sleigh

ride, here comes Santa Claus, Santa reminded us this is the most wonderful time of the year and we need a little Christmas. Then I heard the bells on Christmas Day, the bells of St. Mary, yes those silver bells. Remember it's a marshmallow world, so have yourself a merry little Christmas in this winter wonderland.

.There were no Christmas songs harmed during the making of this story.

How many Christmas songs did you count?



Birthdays

Tom Iacoviello

December 9th

Cal Lepp

January 5th

Doris Stokes

December 23rd

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[2014 Village Holiday Special Sets](#)

There are three special holiday houses this year. One for the North Pole series, the Dicken's Village, and the Snow Village series. There is also Santa's Magic Sleigh.



How did they do that??

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[The making of a village.](#)

Straight from the Dept56 website here is a 20 minute video on how a lighted building is created.



Cash Corner

Carmela Ariemma

Hope everyone had a GREAT Thanksgiving! I am sorry I will miss the Christmas Party with you guys, but I am not sorry for the news on our bank account. The latest deposit of \$130 gives us a balance of \$2,208.59. There are two checks to be written, one for the care of the Chrystal Police dog Rocco, for \$200. It is

also a nice way to say thank you for the use of their sub-station for our meetings. Speaking of our Christmas Party, the treasury will contribute \$10 per member towards the meal, which could run approximately \$100...the end result will be \$1,908.59 to close out 2014.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful start to 2015! And what does January bring...the House Hop! See ya then,

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Your treasurer Mel



Upcoming Events



Christmas Party

[Jakes City Grille](#)



[California Gold Gathering](#)

Surf, Sun & Fun
September 11 – 13
2015

Sheraton Hotel & Marina
San Diego

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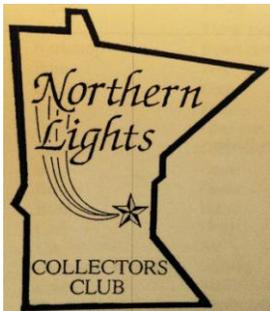
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Recipe Showcase

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I did not receive any recipes to put in the newsletter for this month. If you would like to have one of your recipes featured, please send the recipe along with a photo if possible to me at: Halloweendan@live.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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Crystal, MN 55428



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