



Village Addicts GAZETTE

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by Brian Allen, Co-President

CO-PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another meeting past and many more to enjoy,

To everyone who found themselves under the weather this flu season I wish you quick recoveries. I know many have had colds and flu. Stay warm and take care. As an after thought I want to remind everyone that while we all enjoy our creations of displays, we are all a little older than yesterday and need to be careful about passing colds and flu around. If you are sick, getting sick, or getting over a cold or flu, please

be careful when interacting with others and stay home to get better. We want to see you, but we also want you to be healthy.

For those of you who were at the white elephant sale I hope you all found something you have been looking for. It was a successful day and we look forward to next year.

Let's try to make this year as memorable as last year. Should you have any ideas for future events please pass your ideas along. It would be interesting to hear from everyone as to what you would like to suggest the club entertain and we will bring those suggestions to the club.

Please don't forget that there are spring open houses which should prove to be very different and enjoyable. I hope to see everyone come out to share in the other interests of both Claudette Fillet & Judyth Rischall on March 17th and Karen Holley & Myrna Richardson on the 28th of April, at their spring open houses, it should be fun.

I want to thank Karen Holley for accepting the job of setting up open houses, she is off to a great start.

Stay safe and see you at the April 7th Meeting.

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WE WANT YOU!

Uncle Sam used to have posters up everywhere telling us, "Uncle Sam Wants YOU!" He was trying to get men and women to enlist in a branch of the Armed Forces.

Now, I'm saying, "Aunt Alita Wants YOU!" I want V.A.A. members to step up and run for the office of Co-President. This year I will have served my two-year term of office. And, I served two years from 2000 – 2002 previously. It's now time for YOU to consider running for president. There is no prior experience necessary.

We have so many terrific people in this club and many of them volunteer to help in any way they can. So, you will have lots of help. And, believe me, being co-president is not at all like being a brain surgeon! So, PLEASE, give it some thought and give it a try. We need some new people with new ideas to step up and take an office.

We will ask for nominations in June and will have a vote at that time. If you choose to nominate someone, you must ask their permission prior to nominating him/her.

Khia has agreed to continue serving the club as our secretary and Marvella has agreed to continue as treasurer.

Our Next V.A.A. Meeting is:

Saturday, April 7
at **11a**

Don't Forget:

★ Bring something to share for Potluck!



Meeting Location:

Robert M. Wilkinson Sr. Citizen Center
8956 Vanalden Avenue | Northridge 91324
(Between Nordhoff & Parthenia
and Tampa & Reseda)

Click for map: <https://goo.gl/maps/1FsWN>

Village Addicts Anonymous
Proud Member - Region 10





by Khia Silberkleit, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was opened by Co-Presidents Alita Rabe and Brian Allen. Guests in attendance included three grandchildren, Ava, granddaughter of Brian & BJ Allen; Maya, granddaughter of Mike & Karen DeConza; and Alyssa, granddaughter of Michele & Vern Brown..

Alita shared that the upcoming June meeting would be "Christmas in June" and would have a North Pole centerpiece at each table. Those interested in creating one of the centerpieces were encouraged to let her know.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Peggy Jauregui presented her Sunshine Report. Please refer to this report for updated information.

N.C.C.: Judyth Rischall reported fat quarters in blue, yellow and white are being requested for the quilt that will be made for the charitable auction at the Chicago Gathering. This year the charity that will benefit is the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation.

OPEN HOUSES: Karen Holley has assumed this responsibility. She is looking forward to having a member share his or her spring display in an Open House. She encouraged members to consider hosting an open house, regardless of how large or small the displays might be. Contact Karen directly if you are interested in holding an Open House.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: Jan Lauritzen outlined the format for the White Elephant Sale. All items are sold as is and nothing may be removed from the sale tables until the sale starts. This year, there will be no half-price sale as a member will ensure the remnants are used for a charitable cause.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marvella provided members with an update on our finances and noted that today's White Elephant Sale benefits the club's account.

BIRTHDAY DRAWING: Winners of the birthday drawing were Debra Cross for January and B. J. Allen for February.

Lunch was served followed by the White Elephant Sale.

by Judyth Rischall,
N.C.C. Representative

NCC REPORT

Melinda Seegers is creating a fabulous quilt for the September Chicago Gathering. The quilt will be auctioned off at the Gathering. The 2018 Chicago Gathering will be raising money for their charity, The Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation. VAA donated these 'fat quarters' for the quilt.

These six limited editions have been announced:

- Alpine Village – #6000564 "*Rhineland Glockenspiel*" Price \$140
- Christmas in the City – #6000572 "*Stems & Vines Garden House*" Price \$120
- Dickens' Village – #6000586 "*Marshalsea Debtors' Prison*" Price \$90
- New England Village – #6000608 "*West Haberdine Lighthouse*" Price \$135
- North Pole – #6000615 "*Santa's Hitching Station*" Price \$85
- Snow Village – #6000640 "*Buck's Fish Shack*" Price \$65

There will be two more releases this year, one in April and another in June.

I'm hoping for a Halloween piece!



DON'T FORGET! Get those reservations in for the 2018 *Sweet Home Chicago* Gathering. The form is on the website www.chicagogathering.org be sure to add the \$1.00 for the Bingo tax.

To make hotel reservations for the 2018 Gathering in Chicago, Dates are: September 27-30, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Chicago, O'Hare 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018, Rate: \$119.00/night + taxes, Parking: \$14/night with in and out privileges. Let the Hotel know that you are with the Gathering. If you have a problem making the reservation, you can call the hotel at 847-671-6350.

Up for AUCTION



At the April meeting, we will have three auctions.

The first item for bid is from the Danbury Mint titled "Disney Winter Wonderland." It's a 13 piece, plus track, train set with accessories. It is NEW, never displayed.

The next item is a beautiful, animated Mrs. Claus. She comes complete with electrical cord. She is approximately 23 inches tall, wears a bright red dress with a cap, collar & apron all decorated with holly leaves and berries. She is holding a lantern. She is for indoor use only.



The third item for bid is an HP Officejet 4630 Printer. This printer is like new and was only used at the California Gold Gathering held in San Diego. The printer is compatible with Windows or Mac Operating Systems. You can use it to print, fax, scan, or copy. It does 2-sided printing, has an automated document feeder, and



you can print from your Smartphone using it.

These are all great buys and just waiting for you to take them home!

NEW PRODUCTS... New Ideas!



by Debbie Shelgren

It's that time of year. We are taking down our Christmas Villages and planning for next year or, in my case, Spring vignettes and 4th of July displays.

▼ Department 56's new item for 2018 is Village Gates.



I've been looking at miniature items and Amazon had some good ones. This was a 100-piece mini set for \$10.99 and the benches and the lamp posts were worth the money. ►



Walkways, I think, can be used in any village. Check these out that I also found on Amazon. Miniature Fairy Garden Walkway \$10.95 and Miniature Fairy Garden Stone Walkway \$16.24.

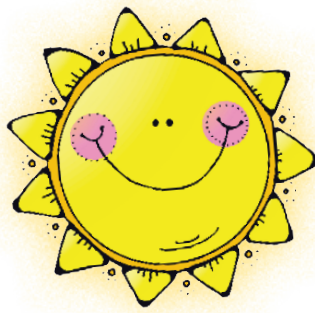


JERRY & JUDYTH RISCHALL Open House



CLAUDETTE FILLET Open House





Ms Sunshine

This happens once in a blue moon, all is well with the Village!

Please contact Peggy with news about members, including health issues, deaths, as well as information about happy events such as family milestones, awards, trips, and any other happy news that you want to share.



Spring Open Houses

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- *Myrna Richardson* 11:00a -12:30p
- *Karen Holley* 12:30p - ? Lunch will be served

Please RSVP to each of the hosts so plenty of food can be readied.

