



# Village Addicts GAZETTE

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by Brian Allen, Co-President

## CO-PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### BABBLINGS FROM BRIAN

Hello Everyone,

I hope it has been a great beginning to the summer for most of you. As everyone knows we have a couple of our members under-the-weather.

I know you all join me in wishing both Al Acampora and Bill Reyna the best and a quick recovery.



Many of you attended the Gathering in Arizona but for those of you who did not you missed a wonderful 117 degree, oven of a time! I am happy to report that everyone had a good time and many are looking forward to Chicago next.

There was one new thing, at least new to me, that is now being done.

The Idea of Rehabing houses is a rage. If you do not know what that is, it is the action of taking a house, either broken or not, and materially changing its look by whatever means you desire, to create your own look or feel. For me I am not in love with the idea in all its forms but it is interesting. In some cases the effort is so radical that I dare you to identify the original house.

It is getting closer to the time to start thinking about the setup of Shriners and Ronald McDonald house so when the time comes please join us in spreading the holiday cheer.

I believe there will be some interesting items for sale and auction at the August meeting so be there, you may have a burning desire to take something home.

Take care and see you on August 5<sup>th</sup> —*Brian*

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August Potluck...

## SALAD BAR

A few easy, tasty ideas:

Southwest Salad	Cobb Salad	Jello Salad	Chopped Salad
Spinach Salad	Antipasto Salad	7-Layer Salad	Seafood Salad
Fruit Salad	Cole Slaw	Tuna Salad	Corn Salad
Broccoli Salad	Green Bean Salad	Tossed Salad	Quinoa Salad
Chinese Chicken Salad	Pasta Salad	Wedge Salad	Strawberry Salad
Tortellini Salad	Caesar Salad	Tri-Tip Salad	Kale Salad
Macaroni Salad	Greek Salad		
Potato Salad	Cucumber Salad		
Grand Parisian Salad	Ambrosia Salad		
Waldorf Salad	Bean Salad		
Caprese Salad	Chicken Salad		
Taco Salad	Egg Salad		



Our Next V.A.A. Meeting is:

**Saturday, August 5**  
at **11:00a**



*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-president, **Alita Rabe**. **Margaret Reichenbach's** guest, **Becky**, was introduced and is a new collector with only a church at present. A special thanks was given to **Joe Morabito**, **Dayleen Dutcher**, and others who helped so much with setting up the tables and chairs for the meeting.

**SUNSHINE REPORT** – **Peggy Jauregui** reported **Carol Collard** is home from the hospital and is rehabilitating, but Peggy has been unable to reach her recently so it is unclear if she is back in the hospital or where she is at the moment. In regards to **Joe Egizi**, Peggy has asked the care facility to pass the Club's information to Joe's half-sister in hopes that we can get an update on his condition. Peggy is unable to get further information at this time as we are not related to Joe. **Bill & Barbara Reyna** are still having health issues. Bill is getting dialysis and Barbara is slowly recovering from ankle surgery. **Pat Campbell** is in Nashville for a family event and is doing well.

**NCC** – **Judyth Rischall** reminded members that the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering is in Tempe in 11 days. Judyth also shared information about a site called [VillageCollector.com](http://VillageCollector.com). It is not affiliated with Department 56, but has a lot of collectors that share their ideas for displaying their collections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Marvella** shared details of our account and noted that all the bills were paid, with the exception of Deana's newsletter costs. Marvella also reminded members to pick up current senior center cards from the reception table.

**MEMBERSHIP** – **B.J.** reminded all members to pay their annual dues if not already done.

**WHO IS THIS ADDICT?** – Who once owned a wild cat? The question was posed by **B.J. Allen** to the members and **Ridi** identified the member as **Alita** who once owned an ocelot. Alita will prepare the question for the August meeting. The member who correctly identifies the mystery addict gets a pass to the front of the lunch line and an extra door prize ticket.

**VILLAGE ADDICT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS** – The procedure for nominating members who have done extra service for the club (i.e. setting up tables for the meetings, helping with the Ronald McDonald House & Shriners setups, etc.) for the Village Addict of the Year Award was outlined by Alita. Nominations must be submitted by the close of the December meeting and the winner(s) will be announced at the April 2018 meeting.

**SOLVANG TRIP** – **Alita** detailed the excursion on Saturday, October 14. The motor coach has 50 seats and the cost will be \$30 per member, and \$40 per non-member. A walking tour of Solvang is being offered as well as a pastry-making demonstration by a local chef. The bus will leave promptly at 9a. The last day to sign up and pay will be **AUGUST 5**.

A potluck lunch was enjoyed by members and was followed by a water-making demonstration by **Alita Rabe**. Alita has a tutorial that she will be happy to email to anyone requesting it.



**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE** – **Dave Vacarro & Ted Eckberg**

## RAFFLE PRIZES

CIC *Cupcakes by Bella* – Linda Botts  
NEV *Peeky Toe Crab Shack* – BJ Allen  
SBay *Spring and Summer Trees* – Alita Rabe



## SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZES

SBay *Bay Street Shops* (Designed by Khia Silberkleit) – Doris Morton

**50/50 DRAWING** – Won by **Margaret Reichenbach**

SVH *Voodoo Lounge* – Nancy Cifarelli  
DV *Criterion Magic Lantern Theatre* (New for 2017!) – Marty Kravchak  
NP *North Pole Candy Crush Factory* (New for 2017!) – Cora Smith  
SV *Bon Appetite Bistro* (New for 2017!) – Ann Mueeting

LitC *LW, The March Residence* (Designed by Khia Silberkleit) – Linda Pressman

## AUCTION ITEMS

NP *Clarice's NP Bakery, A Special Cookie For Rudolph & Training For Christmas Eve*, signed by artist (Donated by Lisa Johnson) – Marvella McAllister  
Platform for displaying a building – Karen DeConza

Mini Vignette (Designed & Donated by Dayleen Dutcher) – Robert Howard

## DOOR PRIZES

CIC *Christmas Cupcakes* – Cora Smith  
NEV *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe* – Ann Mueeting  
SVH *Let's Have A Little Fun* – Dave Vaccaro (birthday)  
GV *Willow Tree* – Lynn Pulte  
Whimsical Standing Santa – Gary Kukura  
Radko Frosty Kotton Kids, Set of 3 – Linda Botts

DV *An Evening Stroll* – Robin Kukura  
NP *Skip With A Twist* – Marvella McAllister  
SV *Girl Scout Cookie Time* – Claudette Fillet  
GV *Backyard Birdhouses* – Ted Eckberg (birthday)  
Radko Covered House Box – Peggy Jauregui  
Mystery Bag – Joe Morabito





# Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Time	What	Speaker	Topic
AUGUST	5	11:00a	VAA Meeting	Lisa Johnson	"Mid-Year Releases"
			Last Day to Sign Up for Solvang Trip!		
OCTOBER	7	11:00a	VAA Meeting	Nicki Mitchell	"Is that REALLY made of Styrofoam?"
	14	8:30a	Trip to Solvang by Motorcoach		
NOVEMBER	25	TBA	Ronald McDonald House Village Set-Up (tentative)		
	26	TBA	Shriners Medical Center, Pasadena, Village Set-Up (tentative)		
DECEMBER	2	11:00a	VAA Meeting	Debbie Shelgren	"Making Wreaths"



**THE CALENDAR IS EMPTY!** Contact *Deana Princiotta* and let her know when YOU would like to have a Holiday Open House! Yes, it's a lot of work, but there is nothing more satisfying than showing off your collection!



NCC COLLECTOR OF THE YEAR!

*Debbie Shelgren*

**AUCTION**  
Auction! Auction!



At the National Council of 56 Clubs' (NCC) recent Gathering in Tempe, Arizona, **Debbie Shelgren** was named Collector of the Year from a group of ten nominees across the U.S. and Canada. It was a great honor and Debbie was overwhelmed.

Debbie received a building and accessory for her Snow Village Collection, certificate, and a beautiful plaque inscribed with her name and the title, Collector of the Year, 2017.

The honor and award could not have gone to a better person.

**Congratulations, Debbie!!!**



**Haunted Mansion (with Green Roof)**

This is the first building produced by Dept. 56 for the Halloween village. Images on a screen inside the building are created by a carousel inside. AC adapter included. Original price was \$110.00.

**Village Express 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Van**

The Delivery Van has a new look and ruby red color for the company's anniversary. The van is over 3" tall and has company logos in gold on the sides & wheels. Signed by 4 Dept. 56 artists: Scott Enter, Tom Bates, Paul Lundberg and Tate Yotter. Original price was \$35.00.



**Lighted Christmas Tree**

This lighted tree was made exclusively for Sears stores. The star & small colored lights are removable and are lit from the inside by a bulb. With the stand, it is approximately 15 inches tall. Original price was \$49.99.





by Judyth Rischall,  
N.C.C. Representative

# NCC REPORT

## and Silver Rush Gathering Information

The NCC Silver Rush 2017 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering is history and a wonderful time it was! The NCC chose **Debbie Shelgren** Collector of the Year. Debbie made the beautiful center



pieces for both dinners. The NCC President's Award will be presented annually beginning with the organization's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This year's recipients are **Melinda Seegers** of Dept. 56, and **Harry & June McGowan** of Dept. 56 Retirees. The NCC presented the charity, **CROPS OF LUV**, with a check for \$30,000.

### To qualify for Collector of the Year you must be:

- A member or a couple of an NCC member club for at least five years.
- Is/are positive in thought, word and act, who positively promotes their club, the NCC & Department 56.
- Is/are one(s) who encourages others in collecting.
- Is/are one(s) who gives of their time with their club, with other clubs and with the NCC (Note - the size and scope of their personal collection should not be the main component. This award is given from the heart and therefore should incorporate the giving heart of the collector(s) who is/are chosen.)
- Have not previously won "NCC Collector(s) of the Year".
- Is/are one(s) who volunteer time for club activities
- Is/are one(s) who actively seek out ways to find new members whether it be for their own club, another club, or the NCC.



The **'Blues Brothers'** announced the next Gathering, **SWEET HOME CHICAGO**, September 27-30, 2018. More information will be available at [www.ChicagoGathering.org](http://www.ChicagoGathering.org). Reservations at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Chicago O'Hare will not be taken until mid-October, 2017.

Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, CA is a new NCC Associate Member.

The **NCC President's Award** is a milestone award that will be presented annually, beginning with the organization's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The award shall have a broad reach in an effort to recognize an individual, individuals or entity who through their selfless actions have left a permanent and positive imprint on the National Council of 56 Clubs, its Member Clubs and Department 56 collecting. Recipients may include Department 56 employees, NCC officers, Clubs, individual collector(s), Associate Members, retailers and the like. The award(s) shall be presented, publicly, at the gathering of the sitting President's choice.

## EXCITING NEWS



### HIP HIP HOORAY!

The program for the August meeting will feature **Lisa Johnson**, regional sales rep for Dept. 56. Lisa will do a presentation of the Dept. 56 Mid Year Releases. There are some very nice pieces. I especially like the new train car for the Halloween village.



A **BIG** thank you to the members who arrived early to the June meeting and helped us set up the tables and chairs!

**BJ Allen, Marvella McAllister, Dayleen Dutcher, MaryJean Floryan, Greg Gilbert, Karen Holley, Robert Howard, Peggy Jauregui, Joe Morabito, Susan Neiberg, Alita Rabe and Judyth Rischall.**

Your help was much appreciated!

And, thank you, too, to everyone who helped take down the tables and move the chairs after the meeting. It's a big job, but when everyone helps, it goes quickly.

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by Debbie Shelgren

# NEW PRODUCTS...New Ideas!

Looking for palm trees for Margaritaville? On the day Margaritaville came out, I was at Knott's Berry Farm at the Emporium buying the complete set.

I came home and on a green and white dish towel, I made a little vignette. I just could not wait to see the buildings and the accessories all together.

Pictured to the RIGHT is a Fontanini set of 3 palm trees that cost \$50.►

The set of 3 singles cost \$25 at Millie's Hallmark in AZ.

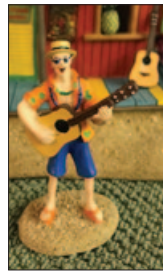
◀ On the LEFT, I bought these trees at the Marketplace from Patty Duncan for \$20 for the lot. I call them the Fontanini knockoffs. They are very nice and very tall.

On the RIGHT, I was doing a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Mission project and we needed palm trees ►

so I made three. I think the cost was less than \$10!



Here is the new Margaritaville series introduced in 2017, you know, just in case you haven't seen it and aren't currently dreaming of a Margarita on the beach somewhere...



## SOLVANG DETAILS!

Do you hear Solvang calling your name? I can! And, there is one particular shop there that is calling louder than the others.

We will board an air-conditioned coach at the Wilkinson Center on **Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 8:30a**. The coach will leave promptly at 9:00 am. Solvang is 111 miles north of our meeting location and takes approximately two hours travel time. The coach will be returning at about 7:00p.

We have also been offered a walking tour of Solvang. It is about a 90-minute walk. We learned that the cooking demonstration is only done on weekdays so we have had to eliminate that choice. But, there are lots of shops! Can you hear them calling?

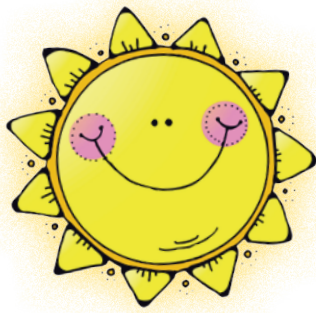
The cost is \$30 per person for club members and \$40 per person for non-members. Water and snacks will be provided on the coach and there will be a couple of surprises! YAY!

If you would like to go on the trip, sign up and pay at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting OR please send a check made out to V.A.A. to: Marvella McAllister. The Deadline for signing up & making payment for the trip is **August 5**.

The lunch in Solvang is a no-host lunch and there are over 40 restaurants to choose from to enjoy a delicious meal. There are three museums, Mission Santa Ines, 40+ restaurants and bakeries, and 150 unique retail shops. This should be a fun trip and you won't want to miss it.







## Ms Sunshine

Cards were sent to **Bill & Barbara Reyna**, **Al Acampora**, and **Carole Collard** who are all recovering.

Myrna advised that **Stan Higgins** fell at home. Nothing is broken, but he needed some time at rehab to work on his balance. Stan recently underwent surgery and cards would be appreciated

Condolences were sent to **Joan Thomas** on the passing of her mother on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact **Peggy Jauregui** 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.

## WANTED, WANTED, Read All About It!

Please call **Daphne Lawson** if you find/have as she is looking for...

- Lemax – *Chan Chinese Antiques, Cherry Blossom Chinese Restaurant, May's Tea House*
- Christmas in the City – Buildings: *Jade Palace Chinese Restaurant, The Golden Ox Market and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Shoppes*, and Figures: *Welcome to China Town*
- Dickens Village – Buildings: *Canton Tea Trading, Christmas at Ashby Manor, T. Smith Christmas Crackers*, 1 Royal Tree Court and Figures: *Tea Time, Tipping a Pint, Pausing for a Leisurely Pipe*, 2008 *Dickens Shopkeepers* #807229, *Dickens Family Stroll*
- Accessories – *Pencil Pines and Snowflake Light Poles*

Remember the Department 56 ornaments each of us received for attending the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party? Here is a sample: If you have one that you are not planning to use and would like it to go to a good home, please contact **Debbie Shalgren**. Debbie is looking for several of these ornaments to be used in a display. Thanks for your help.



**Robert Howard** is looking for Department 56 churches. So, if you have a church you would like to sell, please contact Robert.

Please contact **Deana Princiotta** with anything you are looking for to be put into the next Gazette!



VILLAGE FRIENDS

## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT VILLAGE FRIENDS?

Department 56 has launched a new incentive for collectors who want to be connected to the Village Team! Visit [www.department56.com/villagefriends.com](http://www.department56.com/villagefriends.com) to learn more about the exciting benefits of this program.