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HOUSE TOUR '96 JANUARY 7, 1996 AT 5:00 P.M.

The 1996 Open House Tour for Annapolis Villagers will be held in the Lanham area at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 7, 1996. We hope that all members will come. Light refreshments will be served at the last home. We will meet at the home of Bob and Dorothy Brown at 5:00 p.m. After viewing the Brown's display, Jeannette Grabowsky will lead us to the other homes on the tour. Please be prompt.

Directions to the Browns' home in Lanham,MD

Take Rt.50 West to Rt 197. Go West on 197 to Rt. 450. Left onto Rt.450 to Rt. 193 (Greenbelt Road). Right on Rt. 193 to Good Luck Road. Left on Good Luck Road (Duval High School). At the third traffic light, make a right onto Lamont Drive. Take first left onto Newberry Lane. The Brown's house is the first house on the left -5553 Newberry Lane.

Second home:

Bob and Kate Eustace
7009 Woodthrust Drive, Lanham

Third home:

Jerry and Jeannette Grebowski
8404 Margo Road, Lanham

Fourth home:

Sophie Harrigan
7011 Kingfisher Lane, Lanham

Fifth home:

Paul and Millie Hurlbutt
7013 Wren Lane, Lanham

All of the homes on the tour are within a short distance from one another. It will be a delightful tour and we appreciate our Lanham area members for inviting us into their homes.

MEMBERS MEETING JAN. 9

The next General Meeting of The Annapolis Villagers will take place at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 1995. The meeting will be held at the American Legion, Post 175, Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park, MD. Directions can be found on page 8.

We will have a brief meeting and then goto the Ehrenreich's home. If available, we will also have pictures of Dept 56 introductions for 1996 at the meeting. Of course, we will have door prizes, as well as surprises, for members who attend.

Refreshments will be at the home of Pat and John Ehrenreich who live down the road in Manhattan Beach. The Ehrenreich's have on display their Dept. 56 collections.

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THE PRES SEZ!

by
BILL MURPHY

In the short period of time since I have assumed the presidency we have had a hectic but enjoyable schedule. It is very gratifying to see the outpouring of enthusiasm. Many thanks to Pete Baer who has agreed to serve as the Vice President for remainder of the Vice President's term. We now have a full slate of officers. The Committees have plunged into all aspects of making The Annapolis Villagers a vibrant and exciting club for all of the members. I hesitate to expand on all of the individual efforts as I would inevitably forget someone.

At our November meeting, the club planned to present Charlotte Leventry, our immediate Past President, with a "Thank You" gift. Unfortunately, Charlotte was unable to attend. The gift is a token of the club's appreciation for the years of service Charlotte, as well as her husband John, have given to the club. I am looking forward to making this presentation, on behalf of the club, in the very near future.

One of the more pleasurable moments of my presidency has been my presentation of a Charles Dickens ornament to Sharri Ogle at the November meeting. The presentation, also on behalf of the club, was to thank Sharri, our first President, for her continuing and untiring efforts on behalf of The Annapolis Villagers.

If the number of members attending our meetings continues to grow, we will need more space! We had 38 members at the November meeting and we are looking into using larger facilities at the American Legion.

Lynne and I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. We are looking forward to the House Tour on January 7 and the meeting/Ehrenreich tour on January 9.

A DICKENS' CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

by
JEANNETTE GRABOWSKY

When I was growing up, Christmas was the best time of year. Since we lived in the country, my brother and I would go into the woods to cut down a Christmas tree.

We thought it had to be the biggest and best Christmas tree we could find. Many times we had to come back to the house for help to bring it home. We spent weeks decorating, as well as putting up a village and train set. We originally had cardboard houses and later plastic houses. I can remember visiting the homes of family and friends to see what they had in their Christmas village each year.

The tradition and the spirit followed me when I grew up. But, for one reason or another, it was not until 1989 that I started buying houses for a Christmas village of my own. A friend had a couple of Dept. 56 Dickens houses that I liked. I started my Christmas village by buying 5 houses: the Old Curiosity Shop, Ebenezer Scrooge's Flat, Fezziwig's Warehouse, Scrooge and Marley and Tiny Tim's. By the end of the holiday season, I added the Blythe Pond.

At the time, I did not realize that I was on my way to becoming a Dept. 56 Dickens Village collector. When I started shopping early for Christmas 1989, I also had the \$35 Brick Abbey in my hands at the store. I did not buy it because my sons said they would give it to me for Christmas. We did not know about retirements and the Brick Abbey was gone from the stores before they got around to their shopping. After Christmas, I could not find it in the stores so I responded to an ad in the newspaper. The lady shocked me when she said she was asking \$350. She was kind enough to explain to me what collecting Dept. 56 Dickens houses really meant.

A DICKENS' CHRISTMAS VILLAGE CONTINUED

I followed up on this discovery to learn more about the Dept. 56 village collections and have become a collecting addict. I enjoy collecting the Dickens houses and accessories. I have also met many new friends through collecting. One thing though, I still don't have the Brick Abbey.

With or without the Brick Abbey , you can see Jeannette's beautiful village display on our 1996 house tour.

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1995 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annapolis Villagers held a gala Christmas Party, Friday, December 8, at the Fleet Reserve Club in Annapolis. Twenty five members and their guests attended. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the dinner of their choice and after dinner cordials.

Many thanks go to Bernice Smith and Lynne Murphy for the handcrafted table centerpieces. A lucky person at each table won the centerpiece to take home. Everyone took home a mini-goodie bag also prepared by Lynn and Bernice. The stylish goodie bags included the club's gift and candy canes. We also enjoyed a grab bag ornament exchange and door prizes.

Door prize winners:

Village HO Train Set

won by Bernice Smith

Christmas Diary autographed by Judith Price

won by Debbie Frazer

The winner of the Bachman's 110th Anniversary Squash Cart Raffle was also announced. A total of 134 chances were sold. The lucky winners were Bill and Lynne Murphy who purchased their ticket at Banner's Hallmark on October 28.

The Christmas Party was a memorable evening. Special thanks go to President Bill Murphy and his wife, Lynne for the wonderful job they did in organizing the Christmas Party.

DEPARTMENT 56 ANNOUNCES RETIREMENTS ON DECEMBER 1

Department 56 announced 1995 retirements in ***USA Today*** on December 1. If anyone missed it and would like a copy for reference, copies will be available at the January 9 meeting.

RETIREMENT CONTEST WINNERS

Annapolis Villagers put their thinking caps on to enter our second annual "Guess the Department 56 Retirements Contest." This year a total of eight members (up from 3 in 1994) turned in their

predictions. We would have had 9 entrants but a member turned her predictions over to an elected officer who did not mail them in--boy is he in trouble!)

There were some interesting retirements from Dept. 56 this year. Only 1 member, Don Smith, predicted the retirement of the Christmas Carol Set of 3. None of the entrants guessed any retirements for All thru the House, Merrymakers or Winter Silhouettes. The winners were announced at the Christmas Party.

Congratulations to the winners:

1st prize--Retired Red Brick Firehouse (CIC)

Bill and Lynne Murphy (for the second year in a row--they are good!)

2nd prize--Retired Birdseller accessory (DV)

John Ehrenreich (Pat was happy as she broke their Birdseller last year)

3rd prize--Outdoor Nativity Scene

Jeannette Grabowsky

ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS ASSIST LOCAL DEALERS DURING "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

Many Annapolis Villagers found their way to several area dealers during the recent events. Some dealers also asked Villagers to be present during the event period, Oct. 28 through Nov. 6 to answer questions, share information on Department 56 and display techniques as well as offer information about our club.

For example, Pat Fisher and Bernice Smith were at Remembering You, Annapolis Mall. Sharri Ogle and Bill Murphy were at Banner's Hallmark. Pat and John Ehrenreich and Lynn and Bill Murphy were at Country Cottage, Severna Park. Quite a few members were on hand at The Christmas Goose, Queenstown.

Need a list of local dealers? The list is available to members at meetings or by calling Bill Murphy at (4 1 0) 7 5 7 - 4 5 8 2 .

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We want to welcome the following people who recently joined The Annapolis Villagers:

- Doug and Jennifer Hayden
- Leonard and Nancy Lindenmeyer
- Debbie Reeder
- Dino and Stacy Minoglio
- Jennifer Balla
- Dorothy Ferguson
- Bob and Sharon Foust
- Ruth and Gary Palmer
- Jon and Cathy Kramer
- Mary and Phil Whalen

Len Lindenmeyer will be at the January 9 meeting with his handmade, solid oak display case for Dept. 56 Villages and collections.

***JEANNE MARIE DICKENS TO ATTEND
PA5-6000***

The clubs putting together the PA5-6000 Gathering in Lancaster, PA are working overtime! The Village Crier learned that nineteen guest speakers are now confirmed and topping the list is Jeanne Marie Dickens. Several Annapolis Villagers will be attending.

If you are interested but have not purchased tickets or made hotel reservations as yet, they are going quickly. For information about Gathering tickets and hotel availability, contact Greg Roth at 717-653-0369.

For more information about the Lancaster area, contact:

The Downtown Visitors Center
100 South Queen Street
Southern Market Center
Lancaster, PA 17603
1-717-397-3531

POT LUCK DINNER ON FEB. 9

On Friday, February 9, 7 P.m. to ?, the Annapolis Villagers will hold a Pot Luck Dinner at the American Legion in Severna Park. All members are asked to bring a covered dish. Vice President, Pete Baer, is coordinating this event and the food. Please call him at (410) 867-0086 by January 31 to let him know what you are bringing or for suggestions on what to bring.

Annapolis Villagers will host an Open Bar for the first hour. There will be a cash bar thereafter. Music will be provided. This event is limited to those over 21 years old.

DEPT. 56 NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1996

(Prices are tentative or unknown at this time)

(Note: Dept. 56 has changed its numbering system)

(w/drydocked boat off side of building)

DICKENS VILLAGE

58238-J.D. Nichols Toy Shop	\$48.00
58329-Dursley Manor	\$50.00
58330-Blenham Street Bank	\$60.00
58331-Wrenbury Shops, set/3	\$100.00
--Wrenbury Bakery	
--The Chop Shop (Butcher)	
--T .Puddlewick Spectacle Store	
55734-The Grapes Inn--Signature Inn Series	\$120.00

Note: Item #58332, Christmas Carol, Set of 2, Tiny Tim's House, Scrooge & Marley from the original set of 3 houses will NOT be produced as previously announced. Word is that D56 got so much flack from collectors about this that they decided not to release them as a set of 2.

DICKENS VILLAGE ACCESSORIES

58378-3 French Hens, set/2	\$32.50
58379-4 Calling Birds, set/2	
58381-5 Golden Rings, set/2	\$27.50
58381-6 Geese-a-Laying, set/2	\$30.00
58390-Brixton Rd. Watchman, set/2	\$25.00
58391-Tally Ho!, set of 4	
fox hunt w/horses, dogs, fox, etc.	
58392-Chelsea Market Hat Monger	
58393-Ye Olde Lamplighter w/DV sign	\$20.00
58394-Cobbler & Clock Peddler, set/2	\$20.00

ALPINE VILLAGE

56171-Camm Haus

ALPINE VILLAGE ACCESSORIES

56180-Silent Night Music Box	\$32.00
small outbuilding to go w/St.Nikolaus Kirche, plays Silent Night	
56182-Alpine Horn Player w/AV sign	\$20.00

DISNEY PARKS SERIES

53521-Silversmith
53522-Tinkerbell's Treasures
(HEAR YE!The Crier's Rumor Mill correctly reported these 2 new DP additions in Nov.)

DISNEY PARKS ACCESSORIES

58539-Balloon Seller, set/2	\$25.00
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NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE

56571-Chowder House	\$40.00
56572-Woodbridge Post Office	
56573-Pierce Boat Works	

NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE ACCESSORIES

56588-Farm Animals, set/8	\$32.00
56589-Lobster Trappers, set/4	\$35.00
56590-Lumberjacks, set/2	
56591-Harvest Pumpkin Wagon	\$45.00
(similar to Bachman's squash cart w/ orange pumpkins instead of green squash)	
56592-Fresh Paint for NEV sign	\$20.00

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

58875-Holy Name Church w/gold dome	\$96.00
58876-Brighton School	
58887-Brownstones on the Square, set/2	

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY ACCESSORIES

58890-"Yes, Virginia...", set/2	\$12.50
main in overcoat -obviously Santa& small girl	
58891-One Man Band & Dancing Dog, set/2	\$17.50
58892-Choirboys All in a Row	\$20.00
58893-Mayor w/key to City @CIC sign	\$20.00

NORTH POLE VILLAGE

56383-Elfin Forge & Assembly Shop	\$65.00
56385-Weather & Time Observatory	\$50.00
56386-Santa's Rooming House	
56387-Elves Trade School	

NORTH POLE VILLAGE ACCESSORIES

56364-Charting Santa's Course, set/2	\$25.00
56365-"I'll Need More Toys", set/2	\$25.00
56366-Busy Elf Sculpts North Pole Sign	\$20.00 #?
-Last Minute Delivery	
(Cancelled last year, back again this year)	

NEWS FLASH! Although it is not listed, The Crier learned D56 will also introduce a working stand-alone street clock in 1996--sounds like it would go nicely in any of the Heritage Villages.

**DEPT 56 NEW RELEASES FOR 1996
CONTINUED**

SNOW VILLAGE

54850-Snow Carnival Ice Palace	\$96.00
(Note: This piece is already being touted as the most magnificent piece in a long time from D56 and it certainly sounds like the rumored NP piece of last year that never materialized. With an entry gate that looks very similar to the NP gate, other details include that it looks like Cinderella's Castle with clear acrylic lighted trees on each spire but that's not all--a lighted carved Santa is over the entry way. This Snow Village piece sounds like it would fit in NP and Disney Parks, too--even if you didn't care for "shiny" porcelain before. The Crier suggests you get on your dealer's list early for this one.)	
54851-Pisa Pizza	\$35.00
54853-Village Police Station	\$48.00
54854-Holly Brothers Garage	\$48.00
54855-Ryman Auditorium	\$75.00
(home of the original Grande Ole Opry)	
54856-Dutch Colonial	\$45.00
(American Architecture Series)	
54857-Beacon Hill Victorian	\$60.00
54858-Bowling Alley	\$48.00
54859-Starbuck's Coffee	\$48.00

SNOW VILLAGE ACCESSORIES

54860-Frosty Playtime, set/3	\$30.00
54861-Poinsettias for Sale, set/3	\$30.00
54862-Santa Comes to Town-1996	\$32.00
54863-Chopping Firewood, set/2	\$16.00
54864-Firewood Delivery Truck	\$15.00
54865-Service with a Smile	\$25.00
54866-Pizza Delivery Truck, set/2	\$20.00
54867-Grand Ole Opry Carolers	\$25.00
54868-Snow Carnival Ice Sculptures, set/2	\$27.50
54869-Snow Carnival King & Queen	
54870-Starbuck's Coffee Cart, set/2	\$27.50
54879-Just Married, set/2	\$25.50
(Groom carrying the bride)	

Well folks, we better start saving our money now--and adding more display room in our homes. From this list and early reports that we have heard--many of the pieces are "must have." Bet we all can't just buy just 1, 2 or even 3!

**TOP TEN WAYS TO KNOW YOU ARE
ADDICTED TO PORCELAIN
by: ANN YOUNGSTROM**

10. Your Showcase Dealer's phone number is on your speed dial.
9. Your phone number is on your Showcase Dealer's speed dial.
8. Your "Real Estate" is worth more than your Real Estate.
7. Your attic is energy efficient from the extra layer of insulation from empty styrofoam boxes.
6. You keep a pair of binoculars in the car for drive-by viewings of garage sales.
5. You are more familiar with the shape of porcelain buildings than you are with your own children's faces.
4. You started someone else's collection for them- whether they wanted to or not.
3. You have your copy of *USA Today* before 5 a.m. on the first Friday in December.
2. You helped a customer at the dealer's but you are not an employee. **Bonus points**-if you know more than the dealer.
1. You are reading this list in the newsletter of a collector's club that you have joined.

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DAY TRIPPING

On November 25, Judith Price (Dept. 56's Ms. Lit Town) was the guest at an event sponsored by Washington Square, Christiana Mall. The event was held at the Christiana, DE Hilton. The Annapolis Villagers were well represented by Sharri Ogle, Bernice Smith, Ann Graff, Lynne and Bill Murphy. There was an interesting video about Dept. 56 and time for discussion with Judith Price. She also autographed Dept. 56's Christmas Diary.

DAY TRIPPING CONTINUED

After the event, the Villagers were off to visit the Washington Square store at the Mall to take advantage of special event prices on Dept. 56 items. Adding to the Villagers great fun was a stop at Maren's shop in Chesapeake City on the way home.

Saturday, December 9, Villagers trekked to the Mount Hope Winery Mansion for "A Charles Dickens Victorian Christmas." At the same time, the Delaware Valley 56'ers had a weekend event that was attended by members of many area clubs, including our Villagers. In addition to the "Victorian Christmas" at the Winery mansion, those that spent the weekend enjoyed a variety of things to do including seminars by Peter and Jeanne George of *The Village Chronicle* and Gina Stevenson of *The Village Phone Book*.

"The Victorian Christmas" at the Winery Mansion was delightful. There were games, wine tasting, skits and stories presented by actors portraying Charles Dickens friends, relatives and contemporaries. One of the characters was also Charles Dickens in disguise. The highlight of the afternoon was a wonderful rendition of *A Christmas Carol* that all the actors took part in. We were also given more clues to the "real identity" of Mr. Dickens. It turned out he was masquerading among us as none other than Sherlock Holmes!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

We had a great turnout for our Nov. meeting. Jeannette Grebowsky arrived at the Legion around 5 p.m. and went to work setting up houses and accessories from her own Dickens Village. By the time members arrived, Jeannette had put together a magnificent display on a folding table that was not only lighted with Victorian street lights but it was also beautifully landscaped as well! Jeannette gave an informative talk on her display. John Ehrenreich provided members with display ideas and techniques that could be used in almost any village. Many thanks to Jeannette and John for their informative presentations.

By-law changes were approved by the members. Members also brought canned goods for the needy.

Judy Picciotto made the donation to "My Brother's Pantry" on behalf of the club.

PRIZES: Annapolis Villagers have received donations from members and local dealers for door prizes and contest prizes. Due to space limitations, we are unable to print them in this month's Crier. At the January 9 meeting, a special supplement to The Crier will be available thanking all of the donors and congratulating all of the winners. It will also be sent to those unable to attend.

VALENTINE'S RAFFLE UPDATE

Over \$300 has been turned in to date by members on the sale of tickets for the Valentine's Raffle. Bernice Smith turned in 120 ticket stubs on 12/8 at the Christmas Party to win a \$25.00 gift Certificate. Carol Dietz turned in 137 stubs on 12/9. Others have sold smaller amounts. While it looks like a two-person seller's contest for the "John Falstaff Inn" (Grand Prize for seller of the most tickets) right now, there is still time for anyone to come from behind for a first place finish!

The Valentine's Raffle is a fund raiser to benefit The Annapolis Villagers. If all tickets still out are sold, we will break even or make a small profit. Please turn in your stubs and monies at the January 9 meeting. If you need more tickets, call John Ogle at 268-5069.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 9 7:00 p.m. Annapolis Villagers General Membership Meeting
- Jan. 29 Valentine Raffle Drawing
- Feb. 9 Pot Luck Dinner
- Feb. 13 7.00 p.m. Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting
- Mar. 13 7:00 p.m. Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting
- Mar. 15-17 North Carolina Gathering, Raleigh, NC. For info, call Jackie Norris at (910) 822-5434.
- Apr. 11-14 National Collector's Expo, Secaucus, NJ *A joint bus trip with the Black Eyed Susan 56ers is being planned.
- Apr. 26-28 PA5-6000 Gathering, Lancaster PA. For info packet, call Greg Roth (717) 653-0369.

CLUB TRIP TO SECAUCUS, NJ UPDATE

If you are interested in going on a one-day Bus Trip to Secaucus with the club, please contact Vice President Pete Baer at (410) 867-0086 no later than Jan. 31. No money is due now but we must know how many are interested in going to determine the cost to the members. More details at the Jan. 9 meeting or from Pete Baer after Jan. 9.

DIRECTIONS TO JAN. 9 MEETING

From Route 50, take the Route 2 North Exit. Follow Rt. 2 North (Ritchie Highway) through Arnold. After the traffic light at College Parkway, the next light is Jones Station. On the right: Amoco Gas Station and a Crown Gas Station on the opposite corners. Make a right turn thru the intersection and an immediate left turn onto Manhattan Beach Road which is between the Crown Gas Station and the wooden signs on the right side of the road for Manhattan Beach and American Legion, Post 175. Follow Manhattan Beach Road approximately two-tenths of a mile, the *American Legion Hall* will be on your left. There is a large parking lot. Enter by the front door of the Legion. Meeting is on second floor.

From Route 2 South (Ritchie Highway). Make a left at the Jones Station intersection and an immediate left to Manhattan Beach Road. Proceed as above.

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope that all members can take advantage of the House Tours. Our gracious hosts are putting forth much effort on behalf of the club. The best way to show our appreciation is to visit them and their displays during the Tours.

In our next issue, we will have a new columnist debuting in the Village Crier--he was all ready to start this month but we ran out of space! Enjoy the New Year--and don't forget to send in your articles of interest to the Crier.

Pat Ehrenreich

Deadline for the February Village Crier is January 20. Please mail your items of interest so they are received prior to January 20.

Patricia Ehrenreich
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Severna Park, MD 21146-4319
Thank you.



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THE BLIZZARD OF 1996 LEAVES VILLAGERS SNOWBOUND-- BUT NOT FOR LONG!

LANHAM AREA HOUSE TOURS CANCELLED

Due to the Blizzard of 1996, the Lanham area House Tours, scheduled for January 9, 1996, were cancelled. Unfortunately, a postponement date for the House Tours was not available. We want to thank all of the Lanham members who were on the tour. We will try again--next year.

BLIZZARD POSTPONES JAN. MEETING

Due to snow, snow and more snow the week of January 7, the members meeting was moved to Tuesday, January 16 at the American Legion.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

Whenever there is inclement weather, Annapolis Villagers will follow the schools i.e. if schools are closed, our meeting or activity will be postponed.

PICCIOTTO'S HOST DECEMBER OPEN HOUSE

We want to thank Judy and Dan Picciotto for opening their home to Annapolis Villagers for a house tour of their home on December 16.

MURPHY'S TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Lynne and Bill Murphy will be hosting an Open House in the near future which will include their train display. Members will be contacted on the date and time.

FEBRUARY 9 POT LUCK DINNER

Winter blah's starting to set in already? Well, beat the blah's and come to the Annapolis Villagers Pot Luck Dinner, Friday, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m. to ? at The American Legion, Post 175, Manhattan Beach Road, Severna Park.

There will be an Open Bar, compliments of The Annapolis Villagers, for the first hour. After dinner there will be dancing. Of course, there will be prizes and surprises--including a raffle for a mystery lighted house.

All you need to bring is one food dish to share. Vice President Pete Baer is coordinating the event and the food. Call Pete (410) 867-0086 by January 31 to let him know what you are bringing or if you need ideas.

***LOOK FOR NEW FEATURES COMING NEXT
MONTH IN THE VILLAGE CRIER.***

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Recent prizes and the winners:

PRIZE	WINNER	DONATED BY
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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS		
One Year Membership to The Annapolis Villagers	Debbie Reeder	Pat and John Ehrenreich for raffle at Country Cottage, Severna Park

NOVEMBER MEETING		
Gift Certificate	Bob and Carol Emory	Remembering You, Annapolis Mall
Heritage Village Apron	Trudi and Pete Baer	Annapolis Villagers
T-shirt from The Lemon Tree	Debbie Reeder	Sharri Ogle
Dec. '95 issue of Dickens Exchange	Hilda Rapp	Bernice Smith
Miniature Snowbaby	Bonnie Boberg	Annapolis Villagers
Christmas Stocking w/Teddy Bear and Department 56 Quarterly	Trudi and Peter Baer	Made and donated by Lynne Murphy

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY		
Heritage Village Train Set	Don and Bernice Smith	Annapolis Villagers
Christmas Diary, signed by Judith Price of Department 56	Debbie Frazier	Banner's Hallmark
<p>*****<i>The gifts for the goodie bag, which were given to everyone attending the Christmas Party, were purchased at Banner's Hallmark, Annapolis Mall. We thank member Debbie Frazier, Manager of Banner's, for her support of the club.</i></p>		

RETIREMENT CONTEST		
1st Prize: CIC Fire Station-retired	Lynne Murphy	Annapolis Villagers
2nd Prize: HV Puppeteer acc.-retired	John Ehrenreich	Annapolis Villagers
3rd Prize: Snow Village Nativity acc.	Jeannette Grabowsky	Annapolis Villagers
<p>*****<i>Prizes for the Retirement Contest were purchased by The Annapolis Villagers at Banner's Hallmark, Annapolis Mall. Once again, we would like to thank member Debbie Frazier, Manager of Banner's for her support of the club.</i></p>		

RAFFLES	
50-50 for November Meeting	Pete and Trudi Baer
Bachman's Squash Cart drawn at Christmas Party	Lynne Murphy