



The Village Crier

Newsletter of

THE ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS



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OFFICERS ELECTED

The following people were elected at our July meeting for a two year term.

Vice President: Bernice Smith
Treasurer: Peter Baer

We want to thank Jennifer Balla, Shelley Seyer and Bernie Dvorak candidates for Vice President and Dick Baker, candidate for Treasurer for their participation in the elections.

The offices of Vice President and Treasurer are two year terms. Installation will take place at our September meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ENCLOSED

Please see the enclosed membership renewal form. We had a great year this year thanks to you, the membership. We look forward to the year ahead!

MEMBERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

We previously announced that L and H Miniatures would be our guests. However, due to a communications mix up on our part, they are unable to attend. They are now confirmed for the November 11 meeting.

The next meeting of *The Annapolis Villagers* will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 1997. The meeting will be held at *The American Legion, Post 175, Severna Park, MD*. Directions to the meeting are on page 8.

Agenda: Business Meeting
Installation of New Officers
Display Ideas for the Holidays

VILLAGERS' TO CELEBRATE 5TH ANNIVERSARY

We are going to have a grand celebration for our 5th anniversary. By popular demand, we are returning to *The Fleet Reserve Club*, Compromise Street, Annapolis, MD for our celebration dinner and dance on Friday, September 19, 1997. Dinner includes salad bar, any entree from the menu, and an after dinner cordial.

Music for the evening will be provided by the popular local band, *Yellow Brick Road*. To show our appreciation for the support of our members, each person attending will receive a thank you gift from the club. There will also be other prizes and surprises.

Tickets for our gala anniversary party are \$25.00 per member and \$35.00 per person for non members. Single memberships may bring one guest at the member price. Seating is limited so please contact John Ehrenreich, (410)647-1680 to reserve your place. Payment is due by the September 9 meeting. Make checks payable to:

The Annapolis Villagers
P. O. 2083,
Annapolis MD 21404.

L AND H MINIATURES GUESTS AT NOVEMBER 11 MEETING

We are very pleased to welcome back Linda and Howard (Huffy) Hoffman, at our November 11 meeting. Linda and Huffy hand make beautiful, affordable metal (non lead) miniatures that fit in wonderfully with D56 village displays--just in time to add to your Christmas displays. After an informative presentation, Linda and Huffy will have miniatures available for sale.

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THE PRES SAYS.....

I must say that I was greatly disappointed with the turn out of members at the July elections. With the exception of Pete Baer and Bernice Smith's presence and Dick Baker calling, no other candidates were present. Congratulations to Pete and Bernice on their election. I look forward to working with them on the upcoming events. I will be in touch with the members who recently indicated an interest in working with us on one of the standing committees. I also wish to invite anyone interested in working on a committee to let me know.

Once again, a good time was had by all who attended our **Christmas in July Picnic** at the home of Trudi and Pete Baer. On behalf of the club, thanks go to the Baer's as well as to Bernice Smith for the many prizes and surprises for the attendees.

We are now making final arrangements for our **5th Anniversary Dinner Dance** (see page 1). If you have not made your reservations yet, you could be missing one of our best club affairs yet. This event is gearing up to be full of surprises and prizes to surpass our previous parties. Final date for making reservations is September 9. If you would like to join us, please make your reservations now with John Ehrenreich.

Look for information about our new club hat on page 3 and 7 of the newsletter. We are very pleased with the look and quality of the hat.

Last but not least, do not forget to renew your membership. We are already making plans for another great year for the club.

See you at the meeting. *Bill Murphy*

SHOW AND TELL TABLE NOW AVAILABLE AT MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Starting with the September meeting, we will have a **Show and Tell Table** available. It will be a regular feature at our meetings. It may be used by members who would like to bring an item purchased or made or display technique that can be used with D56, etc. Dealers are also welcome to use the **Show and Tell Table** to display new D56 houses, accessories, or other items that may be used with D56.

Whenever you would like to bring something for the **Show and Tell Table**, please contact Bernice Smith before the meeting at (410) 268-7158.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY

Good weather, good food, good company! Presents under the decorated Christmas tree by the pool! And, if that's not enough, lots of prizes for those who attended. Who could ask for anything more? Our **Christmas in July Party** was great fun for the members who attended. Everyone won a prize in the **Lucky Duck Grab Bag Game**. See page 6 for more **Christmas in July Party** prizes. Pictures will be available at the September meeting. Guests also got to see Pete and Trudi Baer's beautiful year round display of Dickens Village.

CLUB HATS

Add club hats to your *Annapolis Villager* wardrobe! The new hats are white with embroidered logo and a red bill.

The stylish hats will be sold to club members at the September meeting. Member price is \$8.00 per hat. Non members may purchase hats at \$10 each. Shipping and handling to mail is \$2 per hat. If you would like to pre-order, you can call Bill Murphy at (410) 757-4582.

A VERY SPECIAL RAFFLE

The Villagers will be holding a very special raffle on the Snowbaby display, and Dickens Village Crown and Cricket Inn, signed by Jeanne Marie Dickens, from the 1997 Mid Atlantic Gathering in Williamsburg.

Only 60 tickets will be sold for the Snowbaby display, valued at over \$200, and 60 tickets will be sold for the Crown and Cricket. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the September meeting. Drawing will be on December 7 at our Theater Party.

THE SOCIAL SCENE

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE ANNAPOLIS VILLAGERS

.....ANNAPOLIS DINNER THEATER.....
December 7, 1997

Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"

For the holidays, *The Annapolis Villagers* have planned a special treat. We have reserved seating at *The Annapolis Dinner Theater*, Sunday, December 7, matinee performance of *Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"*. The doors open at 1:30 p.m. and we will be served a gourmet dinner. The performance of the play begins at 3:00 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to get into the holiday spirit, enjoy a performance of a timeless literary masterpiece and have a grand dining experience.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and includes dinner and the show. If you are interested in attending, contact Lynne Murphy at (410) 757-4582, the earlier the better. We have arranged for

sixty reserved seats. Additional seating will be available only if the theater has space available. So, do not delay in letting us know as soon as possible if you want to join us. For those interested in attending, payment is due by November 11, 1997 at the member's meeting.

Ed. Note: Look for more information in future editions of *The Crier* for club events now being planned for our members.

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS FOR D56 COLLECTORS

CHRISTMAS GOOSE FALL SWAP AND SELL

The Christmas Goose, Queenstown, MD, will hold its annual Fall Department 56 Event and Swap and Sell on Saturday, September 13, 1997, 10am to 4pm. The Swap and Sell will be held under tents set up in the parking lot. As we go to press, enough vendors have reserved space to fill three tents. Check inside the store during the event for specials on items to accessorize your village. For information call, 1-800-366-5356.

The folks at *Christmas Goose* asked *The Annapolis Villagers* to sell refreshments, club memorabilia, pins and shirts for the benefit of our club. If you would like to volunteer a brief period of your time, contact Bill Murphy at (410) 757-4582 or Bernice Smith at (410) 268-7158.

RUSS COUNTRY GARDENS FALL FESTIVAL & SWAP AND SELL

Tom Russ will be holding two events in September. The Fall Festival Weekend will take place on September 6 and 7, 1997. Look for raffles, demonstrations and display classes on both days. As an extra added attraction, you may also try to *Dunk Richard for Charity*. Richard told *The Crier* that while this may seem a little crazy, it's for a good cause. *This just in: We learned that you will also have the chance to dunk Cathy & Jon Kramer, D56 reps, too, but just on Sunday. All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House.* Richard, Cathy and Jon are hoping everyone will try their luck at the dunk so lots of money will be raised. Hours for the Fall Festival Weekend are 9am to 7pm on September 6 and September 7, 10am to 5pm.

Russ's Fall Swap and Sell will take place on Sunday, September 21, 1997, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Winfield Fire Hall, Taylorsville, MD.

For more information on the Fall Festival or Swap & Sell, directions, Swap & Sell table availability, call 1-800-371-2385.

THE GOLDEN GOOSE
FALL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 19, 1997, *The Christmas Goose*, Occoquan VA will be holding its annual D56 event. Guest speakers include Peter and Jeanne George, publisher and editor, *The Village Chronicle* and Carl and Rita Carter of *Water, Water Everywhere*, as well as seminars on display building, hourly door prizes and more. For more information or directions, call (703) 494-4964.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Writing and editing the newsletter has been a wonderful experience. In the near future, I plan to return to the University of MD. I do plan to continue as Editor of *The Village Crier* but it will not be easy with a full time job and school.

In order to continue the amount of news and information provided in each newsletter, volunteers are needed to gather information and/or write brief or extended articles.

At least one volunteer is also needed to get the newsletter commercially copied and mailed to members six times a year in a timely manner. This job takes one person approximately 2 to 3 hours for each newsletter. All costs for printing and mailing are reimbursed.

Journalism degree or experience not required, just an interest in Department 56! Please contact Pat Ehrenreich for more information at (410) 647-1680.

Thanks,
Pat Ehrenreich

Welcome!

Madison Elizabeth (Maddie) Ehrenreich, the first grandchild of Pat and John Ehrenreich, was born June 30, 1997.

(*****)If you have announcements that you would like to share with the Villagers in the newsletter, please contact Pat Ehrenreich at (410) 647-1680 or email News56@aol.com)

HERE WE GROW
A.G.A.I.N!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kay Hoyle and Dixie Boucher
of *Main Street Corner Shoppe*, Laurel, MD
Ret. Col. Edward Butkiewicz, Glen Burnie, MD

Ed. Note: In the last Village Crier, the names of new members were incorrectly listed. The correct names are:

Michael and Joy Reece, New Market
Deanna and Mel Shapiro, Upper Marlboro

Our apologies to Michael & Joy and Deanna & Mel.

BACHMAN'S D56 GATHERING
NCC 56 CONVENTION

August 16 and 17 *Bachman's* (Dept 56's original owners) held its annual *Department 56 Gathering*. During the Gathering, the *National Council of Department 56 Clubs (NCC 56)* held a convention of member clubs. Bernice Smith, Vice President Elect, attended the Gathering and Convention. On behalf of the club, Bernice entered our club, banner, pin, hat and shirt in the *NCC 56* club competition. Club mementos continue to be a hot item at *NCC 56* functions and Gatherings all over the country. Bernice also took lots of our club merchandise to sell at the NCC Convention. *See The Village Market on Page 7 for ordering information on the new NCC 56 Pin.*

BACHMAN'S EXCLUSIVE EVENT PIECES

Even though the Bachman family no longer owns, D56, each year D56 make special event pieces for the Bachman's Gathering. If you were unable to attend but would like to purchase the Event Pieces, including the exclusives, you can order them over the telephone now. Call 1 800 4 Blooms to place your order. The items will not be shipped until after the Gathering and orders will be filled on a first in, first out basis.

Bachman's Floral Delivery Truck: \$29.95

The truck is a 1919 Wilcox replica. It is non-glossy and can be used with Heritage Village displays. The wheels

turn and the truck can be used on D56's new animated track. The crank on the front of the truck turns and inside the truck you can see bouquets of flowers.

BACHMAN'S (CONTINUED)

Bachman's Flower Shop: \$50.00. Back ordered at this time.

Very similar to the SV Secret Garden Flower Shop, it is also glossy ceramic.

Santa's Dress Rehearsal: \$39.95

Bachman's exclusive annual porcelain Santa This year, Santa is sitting in a rocking chair. The Santa is 7 inches tall and the rocking chair is a little taller.

1997 Commemorative Event Pin: Check on availability

Replica of 1919 Wilcox Truck

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT 56

DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOUSE SWEEPSTAKES

In the last edition of *The Crier*, we reported to you that dealers participating in *D56's Home for the Holidays* will receive passports and commemorative stamps to distribute to collectors as entries for a D56 Sweepstakes. The grand prize for the Sweepstakes will be the opportunity to design a house for D56.

The commemorative stamps have been the "mystery" stamps that created a frenzy among collectors. While D56 kept saying just hold on to the stamps, rumors were flying. Collectors were speculating D56 would redeem the stamps for a special, limited edition. More than a few collectors around the country were paying \$35 or more or trading for sets of four stamps from Gatherings they could not attend. Competition for getting every stamp one was fierce.

Editor's Comment: D56 just formally announced the Sweepstakes and no mention was made about redeeming the stamps for a special limited edition. It is my personal opinion that the idea of redeeming stamps would guarantee collectors of a limited edition was always only a rumor. So, if I get a passport and stamps during *Homes for the Holidays*, I will use them to enter the Sweepstakes. I am not saving the stamps or holding my breath that collectors will be able to redeem the stamps for a limited edition. Besides, I would love the opportunity to design a lit house if I win the Sweepstakes!

D56's Carol Christian

Named Coordinator of The Snowbaby Friendship Club

D56 just announced that Carol Christian will oversee new *The Snowbaby Friendship Club*. Ms. Christian worked for many years in Consumer Services answering collectors questions. Most recently, she was D56's Gold Key Dealer Coordinator.

COMING SOON!

***SNOWBABY COLLECTORS TOLL FREE
INFORMATION NUMBER***

Calling all Snowbaby collectors! In response to the continued and growing interest in Snowbaby's, Dept 56 is planning a Snowbaby Consumer Services toll free line. According to D56's business newsletter, *On Time*, the direct Snowbaby information line will be 1-888-SNOW BABY. Do not call yet as the line is not operational. Look for more information at the September members' meeting and the next edition of *The Crier*.

SNOWBABY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We can tell you that details of the long awaited Snowbaby collectors club are now available. Membership is \$35 and membership kits will be available at dealers who are participating in the *Snowbaby Event*, December 5 - 7. Once the *Snowbaby Friendship Club* is formally introduced at the Snowbaby event, collectors can also join at D56's web site or through the mail.

Each of items in the kit will only be available exclusively to members of *The Snowbaby Friendship Club* and will not be available to non Snowbaby club members. There will be a club pin and charm for charter members in the kit. (The Crier learned that the charms may be available yearly for the Snowbaby club members.) The kit also contains a Welcome Letter, new Snowbaby *You Better Watch Out*, a framed mechanical Snowbaby illustration signed by Kristi Jensen Pierro. The membership kit includes a redemption certificate for a limited edition available only to Snowbaby Club members *Together We Can Make Things Bright*. D56 has not announced the price for this limited edition as yet.

QVC

We contacted QVC on the dates for the D56 shows. No dates are scheduled through September 14, 1997. We previously reported, D56 plans to appear on three QVC shows with villages and Snowbabies in the fall.

PROFILE SERIES

In the April-May Crier, we told you about The Heinz House,

made by D56 exclusively for the *H. J. Heinz Company*. D56 has since confirmed that they will be do specialty items for major companies as part of a new *Profile Series*. These items will not be included in the D56 line but no further specifics are available at this time.

**A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS
AT CHELSEA MANSION**

To commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Dr. Clement C. Moore's timeless and beloved poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, D56 introduced Chelsea Mansion as a 1997 mid year release. When you purchase the Chelsea Mansion, it includes a hardcover book which contains the poem as well as a history of Dr. Moore and the mansion.

UPS STRIKE AFFECTS D56 SHIPMENTS

The UPS strike had its affect on all business, including D56 shipments to dealers. Now that the strike is settled, it may still take some time for UPS to get deliveries back on track. Keep in touch with your dealer for arrival news.

SNOWBUNNY INTRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCED

2628-6 Tisket/Tasket Basket	\$45.00	
2628-7 Bunny Express		\$22.50
2628-8 Little Birdies Go Tweet	\$28.00	
2628-9 Are You My Momma?	\$18.00	
2629-0 And B is for Bunny	\$30.00	
<i>(Moving musical figurine of bunny wearing glasses reading and sitting on top of 3 books, similar to the Snowbaby "Once Upon A Time")</i>		
2629-1 Rain, Rain Go Away	<i>No price announced as yet</i>	
2629-2 You Are As Cute as A Bug's Ear	\$16.50	
2629-3 Double Yolk	\$20.00	
<i>(Limited to year of production, 1998)</i>		
2629-4 Be My Baby Bunny Bee		\$32.50
<i>(Revolving Music Box)</i>		
2629-5 Is There Room For Me?		\$25.00
<i>(Waterglobe Music Box)</i>		
<i>Snowbunny Porcelain Hinged Boxes</i>		
2629-7 Tweet Tweet	\$15.00	
2629-8 Abracadabra		\$15.00
2629-0 Piggy Back	\$15.00	

(Note: See last month's Crier for Snowbunny retirements)

**SV HARLEY DAVIDSON
AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT HARLEY DEALERS**

The SV Harley Davidson Shop continues to be a hot seller for D56. Now, Harley Davidson customers may be surprised and happy to see the D56 lit house when they stop in to a real Harley Davidson store. In addition to the real Harleys, parts and/or services, Harley Davidson dealers will be selling the SV lit house.

D56, in its efforts to expand its marketing, is working with Harley dealers to introduce their products to as many new customers as possible. So, don't be surprised if you see a SV Starbuck's lit house at a Starbuck's Coffee in the near future.

**HISTORICAL LANDMARK SERIES
Just for Dickens Village Only????**

In the last edition of The Crier, we told you about D56's mid year introductions. After we took a closer look, we could not help but notice the name of the new series for *The Tower of London*. The full name is the *Heritage Village Dickens Village Series Historical Landmark Series*. We contacted Department 56 Consumer Services and asked if D56 plans to produce historical landmarks for the other Heritage Villages such as Christmas in the City, New England, etc.. The response was "That's a good question." No information is available yet, so we will just have to wait and see if D56 will be introducing historic landmarks for other than Dickens Village.

"Bob Villager"

It is not too early to start thinking about you 1997 display. Whether or not you make a small or large display, the one thing that just about everyone uses is styrofoam. Buying styrofoam can get expensive. Last year, we told you about using styrofoam insulation board panels. For our new members, the packaged panels are considerably cheaper than purchasing styrofoam at craft or hobby stores. Look for panels at hardware and home improvement stores.

If you use styrofoam, a hot wire is a handy little tool that cuts styrofoam like butter. Hot wires vary in price from approximately \$15 to over \$150 for the deluxe model. The least expensive hot wire can be found at most craft stores and some dealers. With a hot wire, you can make easy work of cutting styrofoam or making mountains.

PRIZES

We want to thank Bernice Smith, those who work with her and our supporting dealers, organizations and members who donate prizes. We ask that all members let dealers know they are members of The Annapolis Villagers.

At the July meeting, non D56 house candles donated by *The Christmas Goose*, Queenstown, MD were won by: Bob Keefer, Charles Rapp, Trudi Baer. Items donated by *The Annapolis Villagers* were won by: Linda Wallesa, D56 license plate, and John Ehrenreich, Mid Atlantic Gathering Hat.

At the *Christmas in July Party*, prize winners were: Dean Stevenson: \$40 Gift Certificate from the club and *Christmas Goose*, John Dietz: Dickens Mug, and Carole Dietz: Dickens place mats, Thanks to Bob and Ann Keefer who brought the Dickens items back from England and donated them as prizes Prizes in the *Lucky Duck Grab Bag Game*

VILLAGE MARKET

Unless otherwise noted, call Bill Murphy
(410) 757-4582 for these items.

CLUB BADGES — Green & White badges containing Club Name, Logo and Your Name. \$4.25.

CLUB PINS — Specially designed club pin feature club logo. \$5.00 for first pin to club member, \$7.00 for additional pins or for non-members. Add \$1.00 S&H if required to mail. Contact Peter Baer at (410)867-0086, E-Mail Peter.Baer@mail.house.gov

CLUB SHIRTS — Club Shirts, with embroidered Club logo, are available in a variety of colors in S, to XL at \$20.00 and \$22.00 for XXL. Non Members may order shirts at \$25 and \$27 respectively. Add \$3.00 S&H per shirt for orders that are to be mailed.

NEW CLUB HATS--White hat with embroidered club logo and red bill. For men or women, one size fits all. \$8 members and \$10 non members. Add \$2 for each hat mailed.

MID ATLANTIC VILLAGE GATHERING MEMORABILIA

1997 Event Pin — \$6.00

1997 Event Piece - The Arbor — \$15.00

Set of Three Christmas Tree Ornaments with 1994, '95, & '97 Logos. \$45.00 per set of 3.

NEW NCC 56 PIN

National Council of 56 Clubs Pin--\$8 per pin introductory price for limited time.. Add \$1 for S & H.

included

a

Shoppers

Bag

and

a

D56

Cookbook

from

the

Golden

Goose in Occoquan, retired Hallmark ornaments from

Bay Hills Cards and Gifts, Arnold, and lots more of the

game prizes were donated by the club.

DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TO CLUB MEMBERS

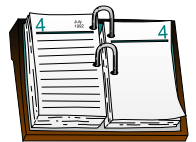
FOR WILLAGE MANIA

Willage Mania, by Lynda Blankenship, publisher of *The Dickens Exchange*, combines a history of the items in each D56 village with a secondary market guide. Both the history and secondary market prices are updated annually for retired and new introductions. Regular price for *Willage Mania* is \$4.25 plus \$5 shipping and handling. If you have an updated book, you only need to purchase the 1997 supplement at \$9 plus shipping and handling. When you order through the Villagers, you can save \$5 on either *Willage Mania* or the 1997 supplement if you order through the club. If you are interested, contact Bill Murphy at (410) 757-4582.

GREENBOOK SECONDARY MARKET GUIDE DUE IN STORES

The 1997-1998 Greenbook Secondary Market Guide for Department 56 Villages, 7th Edition, should be available in stores shortly.. Price for the new edition will be \$19.95. Contact your dealer for more information on availability.

CALENDAR



Let us know about dealer events, swap & sells and open houses, etc and we will list them here.

- Aug. 29- 31** *Southern Regional Gathering*, Renaissance Concourse Hotel. Atlanta, GA. Contact Glenn Baker for details. (770)461-4257.
- Sept 6 & 7** *Russ Country Gardens Fall Festival*, Westminster MD store. Raffles, demonstrations, display classes, For information/directions, call 1-800-371-2385.
- Sept. 9****** *Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting. 7 p.m.*
- Sept. 13** *The Christmas Goose Annual D56 Swap-n-Sell*, Queenstown, MD. 10AM to 4PM. Tables available under tent. For more info call Yvonne or Bob Genova, 1-800-366-5356.
- Sept. 21** *Russ Country Gardens, Swap & Sell*, Winfield Fire Hall, Call for information, table or directions, 1-800-371-2385.

- Sept. 19** *Annapolis Villagers Anniversary Party.* Fleet Reserve Club, Annapolis. Call Bill Murphy (410) 7575-4582 or John Ehrenreich at (410) 647-1680. Berryville, VA. Info: Ellen Rivers, 540-662-0911
- Sept. 20** *Shenandoah Valley Villagers Annual Swap & Sell.* Clark County Ruritan Fairgrounds.
- Sept. 27** *Main Street Corner Shoppe, Laurel. How-To-Do-It Display Tips* presented by Steve & Mary Myers. Call for time and info (301)725-3099.
- Oct. 4** *Main Street Corner Shoppe, Laurel. How-To-Do-It Display Tips* presented by Annapolis Villagers' members Karen Shiflett & Cheryl Powell. Call for time and info (301)725-3099.
- Oct. 17-19** *Display Expo '97.* (Formally Niagara Falls Gathering) Saratoga, NY. For hotel reservations call (518)584-4550, for other info call Gary at (518)273-2057
- Oct. 14***** *Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 PM*
- Oct. 18** *Williamsburg VA D56 Swap & Sell,* Commonwealth Hall next to the Visitors Center. Tickets \$3 at door, \$2 if pre-ordered. To pre-order, send self addressed, stamped envelope to B. Montgomery, 204 Tiger Run, Yorktown, VA 23693-4122.
- Oct. 19** *Golden Goose Open House.* Occoquan, VA. (703)494-4964 for info.
- Nov. 1 - 9** *Dept. 56 1997 Home for the Holidays Event*
- Nov. 7** *Dept.56 Village Retirements Announced*
- Nov.11***** *Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7p.m.*
- Nov. 8** *Main Street Corner Shoppe, Laurel. How-To-Do-It Display Tips* presented by Larry & Marsha Voight. Call for time and info (301)725-3099
- Dec. 5 - 7** *Dept. 56 Snowbaby Dealers Event*
- Dec. 5** *D56 Snowbaby Retirements Announced*
- Dec. 5 - 7** *Great Escapes Tours* of Bensalem, PA presents *A Victorian Christmas with Charles Dickens.* Includes 2 nights accommodations, evening dinner theater presentation of "Broadway Christmas", 2 morning buffet breakfasts, tickets to *A Victorian Christmas* at Mt. Hope Estate & Winery and open house at *Dutch Indoor Village.* \$299 for 2 nights / 2 people and \$250 for 2 nights / 1 person. Contact Tim Kearney, (215)245-5262 for info.
- Dec. 7** *Annapolis Dinner Theater includes production of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.* Reserved club seating limited. \$25 per person for dinner and

ED. Note: Information in the calendar is provided as a service. Event information may be subject to change. Please verify date, time, information, etc. with event sponsor prior to event.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 175

*******Unless otherwise noted, all Annapolis Villager Members' Meetings and Board Meetings are held at American Legion, Post 175 and meetings start at 7 P. M.**



From Rt. 50, take Rt. 2 North Exit. Follow Rt. 2 N (Ritchie Highway) through Arnold.

After the traffic light at Rt. 2 and College Parkway, the next light is Jones Station Road. On your right, you will see an Amoco Gas Station opposite a Crown Gas Station.

At the Rt. 2 N and Jones Station Road intersection, turn right onto Jones Station Road and make an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road which is between the Crown Station and the wooded area with the Manhattan Beach Community and American Legion Post 175 signs. Follow Manhattan Beach Road approximately two tenths of a mile. Make a left into the parking lot of American Legion Post 175. The entrance to the Banquet Room is to the left side of the parking lot in the rear.

From Route 2 S (Ritchie Highway) At Jones Station Road, make a left and then an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road. Proceed as above.

FROM THE EDITOR.....We look forward to seeing everyone at our September 9 meeting as well as our 5th Anniversary Party.

*Happy Collecting!
Pat Ehrenreich*