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MEMBERS MEETING--MARCH 10, 1998

Insuring Your Collection

The next meeting of *The Annapolis Villagers* will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at the *American Legion*, Post 175, Manhattan Beach, Severna Park, MD. Directions to the meeting are on page 8.

After our business meeting, our guest speaker is Don Bullock. Don is an insurance agent and a D56 collector. He will discuss the ins and outs of insuring collectibles and answer any questions on the topic.

Dept 56 Trivia: Which retired DV building and current DV building would Charles Dickens not approve of and would try to avoid? *Answer on page 6*

HOUSE TOUR 98 A GRAND SUCCESS!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

By Dean Stevenson

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank the following people once again for opening their homes for the House Tour on January 9 and 10, 1998:

Bernie and Penny Dvorak
Julius and Stella Angelucci
Pat Fisher
Bob and Carol Emory
Bob and Ann Keefer
George and Carla Barth
Ina and David Devine
Norma Damico
John Stevenson

Thanks also go to Pat and John Ehrenreich for having the final House Tour and refreshments at their home after the January 13, 1998, meeting.

The House Tour was a great success because of members like these who opened their homes. We also want to thank everyone who donated baked goods. Some people donated baked goods even though they were unable to attend the Tour.

Our hosts and hostesses are both gracious and talented. If you were unable to attend, you may be a few pounds lighter due to all of the wonderful food served. Everyone on the tour was willing to answer questions and share display secrets to help one another. New collectors with just a few houses and veteran collectors with lots of houses, got to see many ideas and items to enhance village displays. Many of the ideas and items were not D56 but they all added to the displays.

Janice Zimmer, our Club Photographer, was ill for the weekend House Tours and unable to take pictures. Many thanks to the members who took lots of pictures and donated them to Janice for the club album. Look for the club albums at the March members meeting. If you have pictures you would like to donate, see Janice at the March meeting.

Our first House Tour Prize Raffle was also a great success. See page 7 for the winners.

Last but not least, thanks to all the members who took the House Tour. Thanks to you and our ten hosts and hostesses, House Tour 1998 was one of the highlights of the holiday season.

Also, see page 3 for The Wofford's House Tour Story!

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THE PRES SAYS.....

Based on the results of our recent survey, you, the membership intend to keep the activity level of the club in high gear. I sincerely hope you will also be available to help plan and work on the upcoming events.

Bernice Smith has presented the Board her calendar of events for the ensuing year. You have already received the flyer on our Bus trip to the International Collectibles Expo. This event in 1996 was one of the ingredients that catapulted the Villagers to new heights. Those returning from that trip were a closer, friendlier group and that enthusiasm spread throughout the club. I expect this bus trip will be as spectacular with lots of prizes and surprises.

The survey also revealed that you would like to have more creative workshops, contests, guest speakers, etc. at the meetings. To accommodate these ideas, I will have to start the meetings at 7 p.m. sharp. In order to do this, we all have to arrive earlier so that name tags, raffle tickets, door prize stubs, payment of dues, correction of addresses, etc. can be completed earlier. I usually arrive one half hour early to start setting up tables, chairs, our bulletin board, etc. All officers and committee chairpersons are encouraged to come earlier so that we can complete the business and have time for all of the other social and creative functions you asked for. By the way, all of the chairs and tables have to be re-stacked after the meeting. We accept all of the help we can get.

In closing, I would encourage all members who have club shirts, hats, vests and pins to wear them so that new members will have a chance to see the items.

See you at the meeting,

Bill Murphy

SHOW AND TELL TABLE

By Bernice Smith

Do you have a display idea that you could share with other members, new D56 item or an any item, including non-D56, that would go with our villages? Do you have an interesting D56 non village item? At each meeting, we have a table (on the platform) reserved for members to use for show and tell. Dealers may also use the table to show and tell us about new D56 village houses and accessories. Please call me at (410) 268-7158 before the meeting if you would like to use the Show and Tell Table.

Do you have any Easter display ideas for the Show And Tell Table at the March Meeting???

CLUB LIBRARY

by Janice Zimmer

Our club albums are full of great pictures--many new ones have been donated from the House Tours. The most recent addition to our library are two new train videos that include D56 village displays. Our library also maintains samples of publications and many other items related to collecting and displaying D56.

Be sure to check our club photo album and library are at each meeting. If you would like to donate pictures or publications, call me at (410) 239-1124 or contact me via email MDLUVU2@aol.com

JANUARY MEMBERS' MEETING

During the business meeting, the prizes for the retirement contest were awarded (see prize list, page 7). The members went to the home of Pat and John Ehrenreich for refreshments, the final house on our 1998 Tour and the grand drawing for the House Tour Prizes.

“WHAT A COINCIDENCE”

by Betty and Don Wofford

Don and I joined *The Annapolis Villagers* November, 1997 but we were unable to attend the members meeting in November. However, we looked forward to attending the club's House Tours in January. When we received the December-January Crier, we were surprised to see an address that we recognized immediately, Cowpens Lane in Towson. Up until the House Tour, we did not know the owners of the home, Penny and Bernie Dvorak.

Because we live in Cockeysville, Don and I use Cowpens Lane often. About two years ago, we happened by during the holidays, and I noticed a vast D56 Heritage Village display in the bay window and beyond. I was so excited that I made Don turn around and go past again so that I could show him.

We wanted to go up to the house, knock on the door and tell whoever lived in this home that we also collected D56. We wanted to ask if we could see the collection but how many people would let perfect strangers come into their home just like that?

Now, you can imagine how amazed we were when we found out we had an invitation to view this display on the club's House Tour. What a coincidence! Thank you Penny and Bernie; we loved it. Many thanks to all of the other club members who so graciously shared their displays. Don and I enjoyed them all so much.

THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

By Bernice Smith

Thank you to the members who took the time to return the activity survey that was enclosed in the last Crier. The Planning Committee met and some suggestions have been finalized.

Check out our Bus Trip on this page and our events calendar on page 8.

We are still working on finalizing display classes for members as well as activities and meeting topics through December. More to follow....!

VILLAGERS' BUS TRIP TO NJ

April 18, 1998

INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIBLE SHOW

By Bernice Smith

By now all members should have received the flyer for our one day Bus Trip to the International Collectible Show in Edison, NJ on Saturday, April 18, 1998. This is the same all collectible event held previously in Secaucus, NJ.

What is the International Collectible Show?

Over 100 collectible exhibitors will be at the show, including Department 56, Inc. Many of the exhibitors will have artists signing their creations. Kristi Jensen Pierro will be signing Snowbabies for D56 collectors. See all of the 1998 introductions for D56 and the other exhibitors. There will also be an all-collectible Swap and Sell on Saturday until noon.

Early Bird Discount

We have only 42 seats available on the bus. You can save if you pay by March 10. Tickets are \$30 per person for the bus trip, including admission to the show. After March 10, any remaining tickets will be sold at \$35 per person.

We have fun on our Bus Trips!

If you attended either or both of the club's previous bus trips, you remember the emphasis on fun and prizes during the trip to our destination. If you have never been on a bus trip with the Villagers, you are in for a real treat. Even the bus drivers said we were a fun group!

Do not be left out!

Our previous bus trips were sell outs. Contact me as soon as possible at (410)268-7158 if you want to go on the bus with us.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since the last newsletter, we would like to welcome our newest members:

Charles & Shirley Brown, Glen Burnie, Md
 Jeannette Groth, Ocean Pines, MD
 Mark Illuminati, Baltimore, MD
 Barbara Jackson & Debbie Brown, Lusby, MD
 Doris & Leonard Jakubczak,
 Montgomery Village, MD
 Georgina Schultz, Annapolis, MD
 Leo & Joann Stepp, Pasadena, MD
 Bette & Celeste Tolles, Columbia, MD

3rd ANNUAL MAY DISPLAY CONTEST

By John Ehrenreich

Winter is almost over and spring is on our minds therefore it must be time for another Villagers' display contest. Calling it a contest is something of a misnomer. Like the recent open houses, this contest at the May 12 members' meeting is another way of sharing display ideas.

I know a lot of you are already thinking that you can't do anything special. However, having seen all of the displays during the open houses, I know there is a lot of hidden talent out there. This year the contest will have a different twist. It will not be a theme display contest as in the past.

Our contest will actually involve three parts:

- 1st **A Judged Contest.** Bring an original accessory that you created to the May 12 meeting. Judging will be of the accessory only. (*Prizes will be announced in the next newsletter.*)
- 2nd **An Accessory Swap.** Everyone participating in the contest will have an opportunity to swap their creation for one created by another member (*there will be extra accessories available to select from*).
- 3rd **An Accessory Auction.** At the end of the Accessory Contest and Accessory Swap, any unclaimed accessory will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Everybody can participate in the auction, even if you did not submit an accessory.

The rules of our display contest are very simple.

- Make an original accessory or modify an existing D56 accessory to serve a new purpose.
- The cost of your accessory should be under \$15.00
- For each accessory you submit, you will receive a claims ticket. At the end of judging, you can use your claim ticket to claim any accessory on display. Order of claim tickets will be by drawing.
- You can submit more than one accessory.

Here are some ideas to get your creative juices going. Many of these were seen on the house tour: Fences, Hedges, Billboards, Signs, Snow Banks, Tombstones, Wooden Bridges, or Statues. The only limit is your imagination.

BONUS INCENTIVE: *For each accessory you submit, you will receive an extra ticket for that evening's door prize. Bring instructions for making the accessory and receive another extra door prize ticket.*

If you plan on entering an accessory, please call John Ehrenreich (410)647-1680 so that we have enough display space set up. Also call if you have any questions or need help in formulating an idea.

CHARITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

By Ruth Baldwin

The Charity Selection Committee is ready to take nominations

of charities for 1998. Last year, the committee recommended, and the membership approved, donations of \$250 each to Hospice of the Chesapeake and House of Ruth. If you would like to nominate a charity, please contact me at (410) 923-3239. If you recommend a charity, we ask that you submit a flyer or other information which describes the charity and its purpose. You may also want to include why you support a particular charity.

1999 MID ATLANTIC VILLAGE GATHERING

by Bill Murphy

As this edition of The Crier goes to press, the Committees are meeting in Williamsburg. It is full speed ahead for the 1999 Gathering.

All of the Committee Chairpersons are working hard to put together a great Mid Atlantic Gathering in 1999. Thanks to the members who have already offered to work on the Gathering with us.

If you would like to help on the Logistics Committee, contact me at (410)757-4582. To help on the other committees, contact: Pete and Trudi Baer, Show and Sell Committee (410) 867-0086; Gerry and Janice Zimmer, Swap and Sell Committee (410) 239-1124; Bernie and Penny Dvorak, Volunteers Committee at (410) 337-0380 or Bernice Smith Sub-Chairperson at (410) 268-7158.

Annapolis Villagers Wish List

by Jeannette Grebowsky

Is there a retired piece you are looking for? Do you have D56 to sell? If you are a club member and the answer is yes to one or both questions, the Villagers' Wish List may be able to help you.

If you are interested in buying or selling, contact me at (301) 552-2910. The club is not a party to any transactions. We only pass on information provided to the Wish List. It is up to the buyers and sellers to conduct the transaction.

THE RUMOR MILL

Which D56 trademarked line in Snow Village is not likely to be around too much longer? In Snow Village, does D56 have other things planned to go better with the new 1998 licensed introductions of McDonald's and Hershey's Chocolate Shop? Now do not pop your top, but you may want to get your shopping done early. We will just have to wait and see but this is one rumor we do not think will fizzle out.

PA5-6000 GATHERING

LANCASTER PA

MAY 1, 2, 3, 1998

The PA5-6000 Executive Committee reported that the Host Resort & Convention Center is completely booked for hotel accommodations. Rooms are available at two nearby hotels at

the Gathering rate. Tickets are still available for Seminars, Meals and Swap & Sell / Show & Sell for the weekend or the day. All activities are under one roof except for the Swap & Sell / Show & Sell, which is in an adjacent building. Entertainment during the Saturday night dinner will be a "murder mystery" with audience participation. The Grand Raffle is for a replica of Charles Dickens' Desk and Chair. It has a retail value of \$7,100 and you do not have to be present. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.00. John Ehrenreich has raffle tickets.

Co-Masters of Ceremonies are Greg Roth and Ron Drapeau. Jeanne Marie Dickens will also be available to sign attendees' D56 Signature Series items. Speakers and guests are listed on our calendar (page 8) along with telephone numbers for information, hotels and tickets.

For those arriving Thursday night, there will be a Social at the Host Resort. If you have pre-registered, you can register and pick up your goodie bag during the social.

Villagers Caravan to PA5-6000

Car pools are forming for members who would like to attend PA5-6000 for one day, Saturday, May 2, 1998. If you would like a ride or have room in your car for one or more people, please call Bill Murphy (410) 757-4582.

Volunteers Needed

With as many of the Villagers attending PA5-6000 for the full weekend, we need volunteers to give out club information and sell club merchandise. Anyone willing to volunteer for an hour or so, please contact Peter Baer at (410)867-0086.

NCC Will Host a House Party at PA5-6000

The National Council of 56 Clubs has just announced a House Party on Friday, May 1, 1998 at PA5-6000. More information on the NCC House Party will be available at the March meeting.

Gathering Tips

If PA5-6000 will be your first Gathering, here are some tips: wear your most comfortable shoes (there will be plenty of walking during the day and room hopping) bring pencil and paper for notes, bring your address labels to save time when filling out tickets, coupons, etc., have fun, meet lots of collectors from all over, enjoy the weekend, and last but not least--bring money!

NEWS ABOUT D56

Snowbabies Thrive Out on Their Own

By Janice Zimmer

On December 5-7, Dept. 56 debuted its first separate Snowbaby Event at dealers across the country. This event was held in conjunction with the December 5 Snowbaby retirements and the introduction of the Snowbabies Friendship Collectors Club--all of which helped celebrate the 10th anniversary of the increasingly popular Snowbabies.

The Snowbaby Friendship Club is D56's first venture as

a company-organized collectible club. Many other collectible lines have launched successful clubs. Much to the delight of Snowbaby collectors, D56 has decided to jump on the bandwagon. Many Dept. 56 collectors feel that this is a way for the company to "test the water." If the Snowbaby club proves to be a success, a village collectors' club may not be far behind. But, as D56 has always said "You'll just have to wait and see."

The initial reaction to the Snowbaby club has been positive. According to some dealers I spoke with, the club has been a tremendous success and dealers could not have been happier. They easily sold out of the instant gratification club kits on the event weekend. Included in the kit was the Club piece, "You Better Watch Out," a Snowbaby Club pin, and a small framed print from Snowbabies creator Kristi Jensen Pierro. The print is an illustration of the club redemption piece, "Together We Can Make the Season Bright." This piece is the first to feature the small girl from the book "Winter Tales of the Snowbabies". The little girl will be seen only on club pieces.

After collectors send in the club registration they will receive a membership card and certificate, redemption voucher, and the first charm for the club pin. **(Editor's Note: According to D56 Consumer Services, these items are being mailed out now to club members.)**

Due to the larger number of village collectors and the way D56 previously geared promotions primarily for the villages, Snowbaby collectors sometimes felt neglected. With the separate retirements and Snowbaby event, Snowbabies are finally the focal point of a promotion all of their own.

Dealers were also enthusiastic about the special Snowbaby events and helped promote them in unique ways ranging from the likenesses of Snowbabies painted on store windows at *Bowmans'* in Westminster to an ice sculpture of "Two Little Snowbabies on the Go" at *Russ Country Gardens and Gifts* in Taylorsville. There was as much, if not more, excitement and interest during the Snowbaby event weekend as there were with any other event D56 has promoted, including the *Homes for the Holidays* events. It seems that Snowbabies have finally started to come into their own.

SNOWBABY LAMP FINIAL

By Janice Zimmer

If you purchased the Snowbaby Lamp without the attached Snowbaby piece, "A Little Nite Light", it originally came without the Snowbaby finial on the top. However, the \$45 lamp is meant to have the finial just like the \$75 lamp. D56 has shipped the finials to the stores separately. So, if you purchased the \$45 lamp, contact your dealer so they can receive the finial for it. There should be no extra charge for the finial.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT 56

TOM UNDERWOOD LEAVES D56

Tom Underwood, Merchandise Coordinator and the most visible of D56's display gurus, has left the company. Tom is working for Christopher Radko. As we go to press, Department 56 was mum

on who would be filling Tom's place in the company.

MORE ON THE Old GLOBE THEATER

There seems to be some confusion among collectors on the Globe Theater. Is it one piece or two pieces that open? We contacted D56 Consumer Services and the representative told us that due to its size, the Globe Theater was made in two pieces and then it was put together on a base in one piece. It does not open.

NEW MOTORCYCLE ORNAMENT DESIGN CHANGES
"We Harley Knew Ya"

The Crier has learned that D56 is changing the design of the engine and gas tanks on its new mercury glass motorcycle ornaments. If you have the originals, you just may have something special.

Mid Year Introductions

Just as the first of the 1998 introductions start arriving at dealers, D56 will announce mid-year releases at the Stationary Show during the 3rd week of May. Of course, if you are a stockholder and attend the annual meeting, you will know the day before the announcements are made at the show. Last year, no mid-year village retirements were announced. Can you make any prediction? **(Editor's Note: If D56 can produce a round Globe Theater for Dickens Village, how about a baseball stadium for Christmas in the City???)**

ITS NO YOKE!
Double Yolk Snowbunny Misprint

Double Yolk is the 1998 Snowbunny Limited to Year of Production, and it says so right on the box. However, do not look for the year 1998 to appear on the bottom of the piece. Sharp eyed member Janice Zimmer noticed the missing date and told us about it. When we asked D56, we were told that they are aware of the mistake. Some of the pieces were produced with 1997. According to D56, collectors will find

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES
by Stella Angelucci

January Meeting		
Prize	Winner	Source
Large Tin filled with Prizes	Carol Emory	Annapolis Villagers

Double Yolk with either 1997 on the bottom or no date at all.

We asked D56 how many were manufactured of each. In keeping with their policy not to release production numbers, we could not obtain that information. Which one will be more valuable on the secondary market? As Ms. Lit Town would say, *We will just have to wait and see.*

Profile Series
D56 Makes Snow Globe Exclusively for H. J. Heinz

D56 has produced a miniature musical Snow Globe exclusively for H. J. Heinz Company. The Snow Globe depicts Heinz's Time Office. According to Heinz *1998 Second Quarter Shareholders Report*, the Time Office was built at the entrance Pittsburgh factory in 1897 and "for more than 30 years, employees went to the Time Office twice a day to record their compensable hours of labor." Henry J. Heinz designed the building after seeing published plans of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, which was also built in 1897. The Time Office reproduction shows the building and its distinctive cupola with an eagle perched on the top. The Snow Globe is 5 1/2 inches high, 4 inches wide and plays Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* "believed to be a favorite of Mr. Heinz." The base is decorated with hearts and tulips also designed by H. J. Heinz for Heinz crocks before the turn of the century. It also shows the Heinz logo.

Heinz commissioned D56 to make the exclusive and limited Snow Globe for its shareholders. The Snow Globe will never be part of D56's product line or for sale through a D56 dealer. The price is \$29 each (includes shipping and handling). If you are interested in obtaining a Snow Globe, send your check or money order to: Heinz Snow Globe Offer, c/o Direct Mail Service, 930 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 1522-3785.

Trivia Answer: Charles Dickens would not have approved of Chadbury Station & Train (6528-5), issued 1986 & retired 1989 or Victoria Station (5574-3), issued 1989 and still current. He would have avoided them if possible because he had a fear of trains (much as someone today fearing flying) and traveled by coach as often as possible.

Large Tin filled with Prizes	John Dietz	Annapolis Villagers
Victorian Station, train platform and travelers	Nancy Lindemeyer	<i>Christmas Spirit</i> , Annapolis

1997 Guess the Retirements
 At the January meeting, contest winners were also presented prizes

1 st : Place: DV Dudden Cross Church	John Ehrenreich	The club purchased the prizes for the winners at <i>Banner Hallmark, Annapolis Mall.</i>
2 nd : CIC Hot Dog Vendor	Bill Murphy	
3 rd : Holly & the Ivy, 1997 Event Piece	Lynne Murphy	
HOUSE TOUR DRAWING		
Dickens Village Throw	Linda Wallesa	<i>Christmas Goose, Queenstown</i>
Gold Santa & Sleigh Candle Holder	John Ehrenreich	<i>Christmas Goose, Queenstown</i>
\$25 Gift Certificate to the Christmas Goose	John Stevenson	Purchased by <i>The Annapolis Villagers</i>

**“This Olde Village”
by “Bob Villager”**

A thought came to mind on hearing the news of Tom Underwood's departure from D56. Those of us who have seen Tom's work in the D56 Quarterly, on the D56 videos and in person always enjoyed his creative ideas. If he did nothing else, he introduced many collectors to the WonderCutter--that great little battery-operated tool that makes cutting styrofoam like slicing butter.

Video Specially Priced for Villagers

In the last edition of The Crier, we told you about Tom McComas' *Toy Trains at Christmas #1 and #2*. D56 displays are featured in both #1 and #2. The videos will be shown on our Bus Trip to Edison in April. Tom's company, **TM Books and Videos**, has a licensing agreement with D56. The videos are \$19.95 each and run 55 minutes each. In a special arrangement with TM and *The Annapolis Villagers*, the videos are available to members of the Villagers at \$11.95 each! We will have an order form available at the March 10 meeting.

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.

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 features 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 for men or women. Size S to XL is \$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.

DEADLINES, DEADLINES, DEADLINES

Keep those great articles coming! Deadline for April-May Crier is April 10, 1998. Please send your items of interest so that they are received by April 10.

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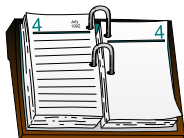
Follow Rt. 2 N (Ritchie Highway) through Arnold. After the traffic light at Rt. 2 and College Parkway, the next light is Jones Station Road. On your right, you will see an Amoco Gas Station opposite a Crown Gas Station.

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 than an immediate left onto Manhattan Beach Road. Proceed as above. **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, WE FOLLOW THE SCHOOLS.**

CALENDAR



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

- Mar 10** **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7p.m.**
Guest Speaker, Don Bullock to speak on collectible insurance.
- Mar21-22** **Greenberg's Great Train, Dollhouse & Toy Show**, MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Admission charge. Call (410) 795-7447 for information and time.
- Mar. 29** **Russ Country Gardens and Gifts**, Spring Swap & Sell, 1 to 3 p.m., Winfield Fire Hall. For tables & information, call (800) 371-2385.
- Apr. 14** **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7p.m.**
- Apr. 18** **AV Bus Trip to International Collectibles Exhibition**, Edison NJ. Call Bernice Smith, (410) 268-7158 for more info.
- May 1-3** **PA 5-6000 Village Gathering**, Lancaster, PA. Guest speakers include Ron Drapeau, Peter & Jeanne George, Judith Price, Lynda Blankenship, Roger Bain, Marianne Moore, Frank Wilson, Allen Black, Matt Storer, Alan & Lynn Wagner and Greg Roth. Swap & Sell, room hopping and much more, including Jeanne-Marie Dickens and raffle for Charles Dickens reproduction desk. Call (610) 678-7182 or (610)255-0669 for information. **See page 5 for updated info on PA5-6000.**

- May 12** **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7p.m. Display Contest/Swap/Auction. See page 4 for details.**
- Jun 9** **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Jun** **Annapolis Villagers Sunday Brunch**, Fleet Reserve Club, Annapolis. Date and time to be determined. *Look for more details in the next Crier.*
- Jul 14** **Annapolis Villagers Meeting 7 p.m.**, election of Officers.
- Jul** **Christmas in July Party**, date time and location to be announced.
- Aug 11** **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Aug** **Annapolis Villagers Display Classes**, date time and location to be announced .
- Sep 8** **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Oct 13** **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Oct-Nov** **Annapolis Villagers Bus Trip**, in the planning.
- Nov 10** **Annapolis Villagers Members Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Dec 8** **Annapolis Villagers Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Dec** **Annapolis Villagers Christmas Party**, date, time and location to be announced

EDITOR'S 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.

FROM THE EDITOR.....

We hope you enjoyed this edition of The Crier. Thanks to those who contributed articles or information or helped get the Crier printed and mailed. We look forward to seeing everyone at the March Meeting.

**Happy Collecting,
Pat Ehrenreich**