



# Village Views

“The voice of the San Diego Fifty-Sixers”  
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## Lighting Up Lives and Art Drive 2008



On November 22<sup>nd</sup> San Diego Fifty-Sixers will be once again creating tabletop displays for Rady Children's Hospital. I hope to see everyone there.



This year we are also holding an Art Drive to collect art supplies for the children at Rady Children's Hospital. I encourage everyone to support this new event by bringing new unopened art supplies to either the November club meeting or the hospital main entrance between 9:00AM and noon on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. See more details in Marge's article.



Open house season is upon us. Once again this year we ask you to support the host's charity in lieu of bringing a gift. Try to go to as many open houses as you can.

This month we will be making and taking at the club meeting. You can make your own San Diego Fifty-Sixer Christmas ornament. It should be lots of fun. See all of you there.

Jon

**MINDLESS MUTTERING...**

...by Bob O'Connor

As we come into our usual busy year end with open houses and Lighting Up Lives, this year we have even more activity having to do with Children's Hospital. Thanks to Marge Bramfeld's efforts we are now actively collecting art supplies for the young patients. With contacts Sue O'Connor has with Starbucks Coffee donations of art supplies are also being collected at fifteen of their locations. In addition Starbucks Coffee has a program where they pay \$10.00 per man hour (up to \$1000.00) for participants of display creation at Children's Hospital. The San Diego Fifty Sixers will use the money raised to recover expenses of making new backdrops for the current displays and to add a fourth display.



Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> is the day for you to do what you can to help this endeavor. Even if you don't wish to help **Create a Magical World on a Tabletop to Bring Happiness to Children Suffering with Reality** you, and your family and friends can bring crayons, coloring books or other art supplies to the collection bins at Children's Hospital. All this activity will be covered by the media and can only help to make our efforts known to the public.

Remember, after all the activities at Lighting Up Lives are through, your day has just begun. Bob and Annie Dallow will host the first of eight Christmas open houses. If you have never been to San Clemente to see the Christmas In The City display of Bob and Annie check your itinerary, this is one you won't want to miss. Actually, there are eight open houses planned and it would be a disservice to yourself for you to miss any of them. They are listed on a separate insert in the newsletter along with directions, times, and the charity being supported by the hosts.

**Raffle Prizes**

**From Canterbury Gardens:**

Village Straight Fence.....Bob O'Connor  
Green Spruce Trees – set of 2.....Bob O'Connor

**From Casual Living:**

\$50.00 Gift Certificate.....Jonathan Sage

**From The Christmas Mart:**

\$25.00 Gift Certificate.....Sherri Struthers  
\$25.00 Gift Certificate..... Michele Brown

**From City Lights:**

Village Memorial.....Jim Murphy  
Campbell's Mm Mm Good.....Winnie Sage  
Gumdrop Pine Trees.....Bob O'Connor

**From Creative Memories:**

Disney Magic Cutter.....Jim Murphy

**From The Mole Hole:**

Snowman Water Tower.....Sue O'Connor

**From The SD 56ers:**

Jolly Jigsaw .....Winnie Sage  
A Puzzling Sign.....Winnie Sage

Bobble Head Doll, Marilyn Oblinger; Three Pumpkin Name Tag Holders, Montse Hohnhorst; "Welcome – the Witch is In", Sherri Struthers; Cocktail Tree Decoration, Claire Caldwell; Cocktail Tree Decoration, Janet Rodgers; Decorated Metal Box, Winnie Sage; Button Necklace, Wayne Warner; Santa Cruise Ornament, Annie Dallow; Flamingo Ornament, Judy Huhn; Feather Scarves, Marge Bramfeld; Pumpkin Plate, Mary Marshall

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**DOOR PRIZES – Contributed by Lisa Johnson from Dept. 56 and Sherri Struthers**

1960's Santa, Linda Morgan; 1960's Santa, Norma McColley; Pumpkin Salt and Pepper Shakers, Jonathan Sage; Pumpkin



### Lighting up Lives -- November 22, 2008 at Rady Children's Hospital

This year will be different, but still an exciting experience. We will be designing 3 table top village displays that we hope will please and excite the children, their families and the staff of this very busy hospital.

The different part of this experience will be: **First** - the donation of \$10.00 per hour per person for each volunteer club member who will work on this project, from Starbucks. **Second** - the collection of art supplies, (which will be donated to Rady Children's Hospital) for example, crayons, coloring books, pencils, activity books, puzzle books etc. This collection will take place directly in front of the hospital along the curved driveway. With all the publicity that has been arranged for we hope this project will be very successful.

We are expecting KUSI to be there at about 8:30 am and they will be with us for about 1 hour.

If you are working on the table top displays please be there by 7:30 am. If you are planning to work the collection site for the entire morning please be there for 8:30 am.

I will have a log that all club members must sign in and out on. This will provide us with a correct log of the time spent and the numbers of members who have participated. We will need to provide this log to Starbucks for their monetary donation to Rady Children's Hospital.

If you can not participate in this event, there will be a collection box at the November meeting where you can drop off art supplies.

Thank you all for your time and efforts, I know that this project will be successful, remember the LUL mission statement, "***We create a magical world on a tabletop to bring happiness to Children suffering with reality.***"

See you all at the November meeting.

*Marge*

# Collectively Speaking

room for the new buildings and accessories that will be announced next month. This year's retirement list of 145 items is considerably less than last year's relatively low total of 173 pieces. Will the number of new introductions match the retirements? Check back next month when we'll start to take a look at the new releases.

## ...BY BOB DALLOW

It's that time of year again! Annually Department 56 reveals which pieces it is retiring in order to make

### ALPINE VILLAGE: [1,1]

Burgemeister Haus

Alpine Traveling Band

### CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY: [11,8]

Baltimore Arts Tower

Caffe Tazio

City Post & Telegraph Office

Lenox China Shop

Miller & Sons Hardware/Garden

Miss Shannon's Dance School

Pier 56, East Harbor

Regal Ballroom

Royal Flush Casino

St. Mary's Church

Woolworth's

Caricature Artist

Dockside Stevedore

Learning The Charleston

Let's Get Out Of This Wind

Lobster Trap Boardwalk Booth

Luigi's Gelato Treats

Sidewalk Coffee Break

Your Telegram Ma'am

### DICKENS VILLAGE: [8,10]

AG Scott Hats & Walking Sticks

Barrow Manor S/2 with Fountain

Barton's Holiday Greens

Frasier Family Barn

Frasier Family Farmhouse

Mead & Mutton Public House

T. Watling Ships & Sails

William & Robert Glaser,

Stained Glass

Big Prize Turkey

Dickens Submitting His First Manuscript

Fetching the Day's Water

Lavender Costermonger

London's Finest Gin Delivery

Our Best Vintage, Sir

Posy's Perfumes

Ship Figurehead Carver

Stained Glass Artisan

Tending the Royal Horses

### NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE [4,6]

Apple Valley School

Chas. Hoyt Blacksmith

Union Oyster House

W. Bartell, Physician

Baby Doll's First Check-Up

Fresh Oysters

Hitching Post

New England Town Tree

Not Too Fast, Please

Town Blacksmith

### NORTH POLE SERIES [9,13]

Brite Lites Bulb Factory

North Pole Snow Bank

Polar Bear Palace

Reindeer Spa

Robbie's Robot Factory

Santa's Hat Inn

Santa's Paper Snowflake Studio

Sesame Street Building

Ulysses, Christmas Bell Maker

Breaking The Bank

Christmas Around The World -

Scandinavia

Christmas Bell Choir

Christmas Carol Rehearsal

Christmas Gifts From Elmo

Hope This Is The Correct Bulb

Moving Day

No Two Alike

Polar Carving

Santa's New Sleigh Design 56

Teddy Bear's Truck Ride

Time For A Tune-Up

Well Deserved Reindeer

Massage

### SNOW VILLAGE [10,11]

Angel House

Frost University

Little Sunshine Day Care

Lot 56, Christmas Court

Lyndale Tree Lot

Miss Mae's Rooming House

Noah's Stuffed Animals

Scarecrow Harvest Festival

Snow Village Gazette

Tinsel & Garland House

Village Pets, Sales Service

Angels in the Snow

Christmastime Trimming

Decorating Elsie For Xmas

Flash Photo Hut

Homework Can't Wait

More Decorations

Neighborhood Poinsettia Sales

One Malt - Two Straws

Santa Comes To Town - 2008

They Have A Room For Us

Who's Walking Who?

## Some Comments on Retirements

Perhaps the biggest surprise to me was Department 56's seeming reluctance to retire many of the pieces that had remained the longest in most collections. The current list of old-timers (see below) has only two changes from the list that was in existence a year ago.

As for the most retirements, Snow Village, by far the largest community, retired 11 buildings and 11 accessories. Christmas in the City equaled that building total. There will be a few less elves hopping around in North Pole as the frosty clime retired 13 accessories. With 27 Halloween accessories leaving the active roster, it certainly tells you how big that collection has gotten. And they keep adding, so the retired pieces will probably not even be missed.

A final question: Will Snow Village's Phone Booth ever retire?

## WHAT'S OLD?

No...not Ed Oatman...or Fred Orlando...or Bob Dees. I'm talking about the other survivors – the buildings and accessories that have managed to stick around the longest. Here's that list...

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Accessory</u>
Snow Village	Shelly's Diner (1999)	Village Phone Booth (1992)
Dickens' Village	Scrooge & Marley (2000)	Caroling With Cratchits (1996)
New England Village	Pine Creek Hunting Lodge (2006)	The Perfect Tree (2000)
Alpine Village	Christmas House (2006) Wolfsteiner Brewery (2006)	Sisters Of The Abbey (1999)
Christmas in the City	Molly O'Brien's Irish Pub (1999)	Central Park Carriage (1989)
North Pole	Yummy Gummy Gumdrops (2004) Christmas Critters Pets (2004)	Mickey Builds A Snowman (2003)

### RETIREMENTS (cont.)

#### SV HALLOWEEN [3,9]

Dr. Lunatic's Laboratory  
Monsters Of The Deep  
Zelda's Wax Museum

A Gravely Haunting – 2008

Black Kittens For Sale

Candy Kids

Dr. Lunatic, The Mad Scientist

Getting Candy For Halloween

Halloween 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Sign

Haunted Taxi

How About Our Layaway Plan

Madame Zelda At Work

#### GENERAL VLG. ACC. [22]

Black Spruce Pines

Christmas Carolers

Christmas Front Yard

Classic Village Square

Clothes Line In Yard

Decorated Sisal Trees

Formal Fountain

Globe Street Lamps

Gumdrop Pine Trees

Gumdrop Street Lamp

Jingle Bells Sound Scene

Juniper Shrubs

Lighted Xmas Gift Trees

New Bike For Christmas

Promotional Tree Set, 2008

Santa Land Train Ride

Scotch Pines

Village Autumn Trees

Village Fence

Village Moss

Winter Sleigh Ride

#### GEN. VLG. HALLOWEEN [18]

Bewitched Street Lights

Campfire Scary Stories

Creepy Lighted Front Yard

Ghastly Organ Grinder

Ghostly Glow Street Lights

Halloween Accessory Set

Halloween Festival

Halloween Festival Billboard

Hallow. Monsters Rock Band

Halloween Rat Race

Halloween Sounds Scene

Hanging Around

Harvest Mailbox

Lit Spooky Eyeball Hedge

Promo Decorating Set

Ship Of Sea Phantoms

Skull Lawn Lights

Spooky Lemonade Stand

## ***ON TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE***

At one time, a bulb was a bulb. If one burned out in your Department 56 building, you automatically grabbed a replacement and screwed it in. Not any more! Everything is specialized these days, and many buildings require unique bulbs. Here's a helpful list recently supplied by Department 56. Keep it handy...you never know when you'll need it.

### **"Village Replacement 3 Volt Bulbs"**

#### **56.53121**

56.54604	"Bewitching Costume Shop	56.55612	"Bud's TV & Hi-Fi"
56.54605	"Zelda's Wax Museum	56.55614	"Sharkey's Pool Hall"
56.54609	"The Candy Counter"	56.56749	"Polar Power Company"
56.54610	"HOWL Radio"	56.56754	"Coca-Cola Fizz Factory"
56.54706	"Grimslly's Garage"	56.56757	"Checking It Twice Wind-Up Toys"
56.55096	"The Cocoa Stop"	56.56758	"Naughty or Nice Detective Agency"
56.55171	"Home Away From Home"	56.56759	"Mickey's North Pole Holiday House"
56.55305	"Rocky's 56 Filling Station"	56.56761	"KOLD Radio"
56.55316	"Helga's House of Fortunes"	56.56762	"The Christmas Candy Mill"
56.55318	"Frozen Swirl"	56.56764	"Polar Roller Rink"
56.55319	"Black Cat Diner"	56.56767	"North Pole Town Hall"
56.55321	"Year Round Holiday House"	56.56775	"Bjorn Turoc Rocking Horse Maker"
56.55323	"Sweetheart Candy Shop"	56.56851	"Coca-Cola Sliding Hill"
56.55324	"Hard Rock Cafe Snow Village"	56.57007	"Christmas At Salt Bay Lighthouse"
56.55330	"High Roller Riverboat Casino"	56.58700	"London Skating Club"
56.55335	"Lot 56, Christmas Court"	56.58709	"Williams Gas Works"
56.55337	"KBRR TV"	56.58714	"Lighthouse, Queens Port"
56.55341	"The Noel House"	56.58760	"Abbey Lane Chocolates"
56.55343	"1031 Trick-Or-Treat Drive"	56.58924	"Radio City Music Hall"
56.55345	"Haunted Windmill"	56.58946	"East Harbor Fish Co."
56.55348	"City Lights Christmas Trimmings"	56.59206	"Church of the Holy Light"
56.55350	"The Peppermint House"	56.59207	"Empire State Building"
56.55351	"Winter Park Warming House"	56.59237	"Pier 56, East Harbor"
56.55378	"Silent Night Church"	56.59243	"Visiting Santa at Finestroms"
56.55380	"The Jingle Bells House "	56.59244	"Royal Flush Casino"
56.55382	"Fire House No. 4"	56.59262	"Light Nouveau"
56.55390	"The Snowman House"	799912	"Wellbourn Bros. Lanterns"
56.55394	"Happy Holidays Barn"	799918	"Polar Bear Palace"
56.55604	"Big League Sports"	799929	"Lot 57, Christmas Court"
56.55608	"Franky's Hot Dogs"	799930	"The Flamingo Hotel"
56.55609	"The Tinsel & Garland House"	799933	"The Gingerbread House"

### **"Village Replacement Round Bulbs"**

#### **56.99245**

56.51454	"Village Warming House"	56.58352	"Chancery Corner"
56.54949	"The Secret Garden Greenhouse"	56.58353	"Dudley Docker"
56.55008	"Shelly's Diner"	56.58954	"Clark Street Automat"
56.55087	"The Spooky Schooner"	56.59213	"East Harbor Ferry"
56.56210	"Glockenspiel"	56.59437	"New York Yankees Refreshment Stand"
56.56581	"The Emily Louise"	56.59440	"Chicago Cubs Refreshment Stand"
56.56636	"Breakers Point Lighthouse"	56.59441	"Chicago White Sox Refreshment Stand"
56.56748	"Santa's Reindeer Rides"	56.59442	"Boston Red Sox Refreshment Stand"
56.58346	"Christmas Cove Lighthouse"		

**“Village Replacement 12 Volt Bulbs”**  
**56.53161**

56.53184	“Clearing the Driveway Again!”	56.56782	“North Star Commuter Train Station”
56.54608	“Rest In Peace Tombstones”	56.56784	“Hot Wheels Custom Car Shop”
56.55359	“Santa’s Wonderland House”	56.56959	“Elfin Toy Museum”
56.55368	“Long Haul Truck Stop”	56.56960	“Christmasland Tree Toppers”
56.55376	“Witches’ Brew Pub	56.57203	“North Pole Maintenance”
56.55399	“Snow Village 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball”	56.58732	“Christmas At Ashby Manor”
56.55619	“The Dutchman’s Pancake House”	56.58746	“London Gin Distillery”
56.55621	“Kringles’ Korner”	56.59257	“Victoria’s Doll House”
56.56449	“Frosty’s Sleds ‘N Saucers”	799914	“Wilkenson & Kidd Saddlery”
56.56762	“The Christmas Candy Mill”	799920	“Rubber Ducky Factory”
56.56773	“North Pole M&M’S Candy Factory	799936	“Monsters Of The Deep”
		799942	“The Regal Ballroom”

**“Replacement Flickering Bulbs”**  
**56.52904**

56.55055	“Creepy Creek Carriage House”	56.55060	“Haunted Barn”
56.55058	“Hauntsburg House”	56.55088	“Shipwreck Lighthouse”

**“Replacement Lighting Bulbs, Set of 6”**  
**56.52846**

56.55004	“Grimsly Manor”
800000	“Rickety Railroad Station”

**“Replacement 3 Volt Red & Green Bulbs**  
**804457**

799997	“Brite Lites Bulb Factory”
804443	“Screech Owl Farm”

**“Replacement Clear Bulbs”**  
**56.52707**

56.54933	“Carnival Carousel”
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**“Replacement Yellow Bulbs”**  
**56.52708**

56.54935	“Haunted Mansion”
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**“Village Replacement Halogen Bulb”**  
**56.53027**

56.55346	“Castle Blackstone”
56.56742	“Starlight Dance Hall”

**“Replacement 12 Volt Orange Bulb”**  
**800031**

56.54606	“Dead Creek Mill”
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Most of our retailers carry a variety of replacement bulbs. If you are looking for a rarer bulb, or the retailer is temporarily out of stock, you can purchase items directly from Department 56 by telephone at 1(800) LIT TOWN (548-8696) or on the web at [www.department56.com](http://www.department56.com)

**Because we are now in the process of setting up our villages, Winnie has determined this information collected by Bob Dallow from Department 56 is timely and important to the club members. The Tipster column will resume next month.**

# San Diego Fifty-Sixers

PO Box 23285  
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Our next meeting will be on the  
third Wednesday of the month,  
November 19<sup>th</sup>

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At the Sharp Spectrum Center Court  
8695 Spectrum Center Court  
6:45 social, meeting at 7:15



Directions: From either I-805 or I-163 take the Clairemont Mesa exit and proceed east, turn right onto Kearny Villa Road, at Spectrum Center Blvd. turn left. Sharp Spectrum Center Court is the first right after the Marriott Courtyard. When entering the Sharp property the parking lot is through the gate to the right.

The **San Diego Fifty Sixers** are members of the  
**National Council of 56 Clubs**



SAN DIEGO FIFTY SIXERS		
Calendar of Events – 2008/2009		
November	19	Make and Take
November	22	Lighting Up Lives Setup at Children's Hospital
November	22	Open House / Annie & Bob Dallow
November	23	Open House / Sue & Bob O'Connor
December	6	Open House / Winnie & Jon Sage
December	12	Open House / Shirley & Dave Bechtel
December	13	Open House / Sue Jones
December	14	Open House / Janet & Jim Rodgers
December	20	Open House / Phyllis & Ed Oatman
January 2009	3	Open House / Michele & Vern Brown
January 2009	3	Lighting Up Lives Takedown at Children's Hospital
Please check the Calendar regularly. These programs are subject to change.		
The board meets each month on the Wednesday before the regular club meeting. Any member is welcome to attend the board meeting. Meetings start at 5:30 pm at the Miramar Café in Mira Mesa.		

## Cookie Elves – November

Carol Orlando, Norma McColley, Michele Brown, Sherri Struthers