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**Hand painted jars with biscuits and bags of dogfood and treats were delivered to Animal Friends for Christmas**

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's a great time to be with family and friends.

I know this Newsletter is late but your Board is planning so many wonderful things for you this year from classes to services projects we wanted to finalize them and let you know before the January Meeting to give you time to think about them and give us any suggestions/feelings you have about them. Due to the weather we had to cancel our original meeting day and reschedule it for the January 12<sup>th</sup>.

I sent a special notice out to everyone about the service project we are painting at the January Meeting and I've included it again under program to remind everyone what's going on at the Meeting.

Hope you have all been keeping warm during this horrible cold weather. Don't know what it's like for you, but I hate the winter and cold but I love the way the fresh snow looks on the trees and ground. At least as long as I'm inside looking out the window. Wouldn't you know I'm living with a husband and dog who think snow and winter is the best time of year.

Rosemary Habers  
2017 Newsletter Editor  
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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

We can celebrate another successful year as 2017 comes to a close. A big thank you to Rosemarie Geer for a wonderful Christmas party. As usual she created many wonderful prizes and decorations with the help of Virg Simmons and Paulette Caldwell. I was so proud of our wonderful group who responded so graciously when our dinner didn't arrive as expected. As the old saying goes "back up and punt". Cindi has worked out a deal with the caterer for our Founder's Day meal in January because of their failure. Door prizes were generously donated by the family of Ellen Hildenbrand. Her legacy will be shared by many.

Although we didn't have a wide variety of MITI at the meeting, maybe we need to rethink the program for the November meeting. Any suggestions???

Looking forward to 2018, we have quite an exciting agenda of teachers coming this year. Our treasury is bulging with surplus so we are going to share the wealth with those members who have supported us throughout the year. Rewards will be announced at the January meeting. Remember to pay your dues early to benefit from the rewards program. Laura will have a sign-up sheet for the upcoming classes as class size will be limited to first come first paid for these national teachers. Hopefully most of you will have taken advantage of the points turned into Rosann. The more participation in Chapter activities the more you will benefit.

I had announced at the November meeting that we were considering cancelling the basket luncheon if we didn't get more volunteers other than the board to participate. I am excited to announce that Rose Marie Geer and her daughter have jumped on the band wagon and will be the Basket Luncheon Chairs. Mark your calendar for April 15 at the Fairview Sunset Room. After you pay your taxes you deserve to celebrate. NOW we need volunteers for centerpieces, favors, door prizes and grand door prizes. No is no reason that every member could not donate at least a door prize. Have already heard of several unique ideas for baskets. It would be especially nice to see 30 baskets up for winning. The success of the Chapter is a responsibility of each and every member.

January meeting will be a continuation of our service project since we can never predict the weather. We will be painting on walker bags so bring your acrylic supplies. We will all be painting the same patriotic pattern for the veterans and I will be your teacher.

The next board meeting will be on Saturday, January 6 at Cindi Martincic. We will be discussing the basket luncheon and the budget. All are welcome. If you have suggestions or ideas, I would love to hear them. Please stand up and be counted. Your help will truly be appreciated.

Hope each of you had a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mandy Steele  
2017 President

## **BASKET LUNCHEON**

Chairman – Rosemarie Geer

*Editor's 2¢ worth: I am so grateful to Rosemarie Geer and her daughter for volunteering to be the Chair for our annual Basket Luncheon. If it is anything like the Christmas Party, we are in for a treat.*

*The theme for the Luncheon is "Birds 'N Blooms". We will be having painted clay pots for centerpieces with live flowers. Clay pots will be at the January meeting and if you can paint one please see Rosemarie.*

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Chairman – Danny Porterfield

*Editor's 2¢ worth: A card was sent to Paulette Caldwell after her husband's passing. Debbie Carosone is in the hospital, please send her a card. If you know of anyone who needs a card please let Danny know*

## **DECORATIVE PAINTING MONTH**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie No Report.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Chairman – Cindy Martincic

*Editor's 2¢ worth January Meeting will be catered but we can always use desserts.*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman – Rhonda Gillespie

*Editor's 2¢ worth: Membership books are handed out at the March meeting. There will be an old book at the Registration Desk at the January meeting. Please let us know if the information is correct.*

*Remember that to be a member in good standing you need to be a member of National. Proof of membership must be shown. National will again be delivering our Membership cards via e-mail in February. However, when you pay your dues you do get a receipt. You can print it and use this as proof in January.*

## **POINTS**

Chairman – Rosann Wagner

Thanks to everyone who turned in points. The points will be distributed at the January meeting. This is a good time to start keeping track of your points for 2018. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

## **RETREAT**

Cindie Martincic

Some of us don't throw any memorabilia away. To that end, I am looking for Retreat Booklets from the years 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008. If you would be willing to part with them, then our notebook with all retreat booklets from the beginning would be complete.

*Editor's 2¢ worth: The 2018 Retreat will be October 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars NOW!*

**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
**Golden Triangle Decorative Painters**  
**November 19, 2017 IOOF Hall, Finleyville**

Meeting called to order at 12:20 by Mandy Steele.

Mandy explained that all the wood items on the table were donated by Ellen Hildenbrand's sisters to be given away to members. All of Ellen's painted pieces that were donated will be given to members who called to RSVP that they would be at the Christmas party.

Mandy asked for someone to make a motion on accepting the minutes in the last newsletter. Cindie made a motion to accept the minutes, Sharon Livingood 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

**Program-Laura Angelo**

Laura stated that Sandra Camarota will teach at the March meeting. They are ink blocks on a wooden box.

Rosann will teach a scarf on the Saturday before the next meeting.

Laura discussed the Sherry Nelson Seminar Sign up will begin the March. The seminar will be in May.

**Membership-Rhonda Gillespie**

There were 36 members and 1 guest present (Connie Klein). Sandra won the \$5.00 in Golden Dollars.

**Newsletter-Rosemary Habers**

Newsletter deadline is December 1st.

**Treasurer-Rosemary Habers**

Rosemary gave the treasurers report.

Web site is up for renewal for \$430.00. It will be posted in the 2018 budget.

This cost is for 3 years.

## **Ways N Means-Jeanne Delbusso**

Sandra Camarota won a snowman by Mandy

Judy Shuba won an Angel by Karen Pagasky

Grace Fatchet won a train donated by Cindie Martincic

Rosann won a basket of goodies donated by Dot and Rosemarie Geer

Dot Hoffman won a Santa by Rosann Wagner

Sandra won a wreath by Rosemary Habers

Rhonda won a Santa Nutcracker Watercolor painted by Delores Khalouf

Rose Geer won the 50/50 of \$42.00

Members feeling under the weather:

Lucille Hanna has a pacemaker inserted.

MaryAnn Dunbar has a torn meniscus in her knee

Gail Bodkin needs a knee replacement. Carol Neth and Gerri Dille thanked the membership for the cards sent to them for their recent medical problems.

Mandy thanked Rosie Geer for all the work she did for the wonderful Christmas party. Rosie introduced her 2 daughters.

## **New Business**

Basket Luncheon-Mandy announced that if we do not get a Basket Luncheon Chairman other than a board member, we will not be having the luncheon in 2018.

Rosann Wagner asked for nominations from the floor other than the existing officers. After naming each office no one made a nomination. The current board officers will remain the same for 2018.

Due to the food not arriving, we ordered Pizza and had a ball socializing. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night

Sincerely

Recording Secretary

Debbie Carosone

## SPECIAL NEWS

There was a mix-up of coats at the November Meeting. If you accidently picked up the wrong coat, navy blue P-coat, please bring it back. The coat belongs to Audrey Wagers.

Also, a pair of reading glasses was found near the coats. If they are yours Jeanne will have them at the Ways & Means Table.

## BIRTHDAYS

### December

07 Paulette Caldwell  
12 Susan Jaap  
23 Judith Shuba  
30 Carol Neth

### January

01 Gail Bodkin  
25 Ellen Belisle

### February

06 Karen Pagasky  
07 Gwen Bonomo  
09 Danny Porterfield  
18 MaryAnn Dunbar  
25 Marjorie Morris

*Editor's 2¢ worth: If I miss any of your birthdays let me know.*

## TREASURER

Rosemary Habers

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure that ALL checks written for classes, dues, the Basket Luncheon, Retreat, any Chapter activity **MUST** be written to GTDP not the Chairman of the activity.



## SERVICE

Chairman – Pat Jenkins

*Editor's 2¢ worth: We will be doing something different this year for service projects. We will still be doing walker bags for the veterans, but we are starting 2 new projects. One, this year ALL the money from Ways & Means sales in 2018 will be collected and donated to St Jude's after the November Meeting. Second, any profit from the Basket Luncheon will be used to purchased toiletries for the woman's shelter.*

*In addition to the walker bags, the Animal Friends project will be continued. Please bring your saved jars, painted or unpainted, to any Chapter meeting and give them to Rosemary. Thank you.*



Ellen Hildebrand's family donated some of Ellen's surface collection to our Chapter to raffle off at our Christmas Party.

## PROGRAM

Chairman – Laura Angelo

### CLASS PROJECT FOR JANUARY

“God Bless America” Walker Bags for Veterans

Provided by Teacher – Mandy Steele: Canvas tote 8 ½ x 10 1/2 (Chapter sponsored for Service Project). Textile medium, prepared iron-on pattern. Limited amount of paint.

Please bring: Board to put between the bag to keep the paint from coming through, at least 8 x 10, Small container for medium, assorted fabric brushes sizes 1/4 “ thru 3/8 “, #1 liner, 3/8 angle. You can also use your regular acrylic brushes with my method of painting on fabric just need one ½ stiff brush for applying medium. Acrylic paints: whatever brand you have will work. White, Cad Yellow, Antique Gold, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Opaque Blue (or navy for star area of the flag), tomato spice or bright red, paynes grey or black.

### SEMINAR'S

Signup for Sherry Nelson will be on a first come, first paid basis. Class size will be limited to 30 each day. The entire fee must be paid in full by April 1 as we have quite a few people on the waiting list that are not chapter members.

*Editor's 2¢ worth: As you all know it has been announced at several meetings that you needed to pay your 2018 dues by December 31, 2017. Your reward for this is going to be a discounted price for our National Teacher Seminars. Those of you who did pay your dues will pay \$30 per day for class. Those of you who paid after December 31 will be paying \$40 and non-members will be paying \$75 per class.*

*Classes included are:*

*May 18, 19, 29, 2018*

*Sherry Nelson*

*July 13, 14, 15, 2018*

*Liz Miller*

*September 14, 15, 16, 2018*

*Mark Polomchak*

**PROGRAM** (continued)  
Make-It/Take-It Classes





## WAYS & MEANS

Chairman – Jeanne Delbusso



We had five lucky winners at the November Meeting:

Snowman donated by Mandy Steele

Won by Sandra Camarota

Angel donated by Karen Pagasky

Won by Judy Shuba

Train donated by Cindie Martincic

Won by Grace Fatchet

Nutcracker and basket donated by Rose Geer and Dot Hoffman

Won by Rosann Wagner

Two-sided Primitive Plaque donated by Rosann Wagner

Won by Dot Hoffman

Wreath with ornaments donated by Dot Hoffman and Rosemary Habers

Won by Sandra Camarota

Santa watercolor donated by Dolores Khalouf

Won by Rhonda Gillespie

Our 50/50 winner was Rose Geer

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rosemarie Geer



Wasn't that a wonderful Christmas party Rosemarie and her helpers created. Even Mrs. Claus took the time to attend the event.



	RULES	Points	Total
1	Each Board Meeting Attended	6	
2	Serving on the Board: <b>President</b> <b>Elected Officers:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> VP, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP, Corresponding Secretary Newsletter Editor, Publicity, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Ways and Means <b>Appointed Officers:</b> Hospitality, Parliamentarian, Points System, Service, <b>Special Committees:</b> Decorative Painting Month, Nominating	25 20 10 5	
3	Chapter dues for the following year paid by December 1 <sup>st</sup> of the current year	1	
4	Bringing a new member into the Chapter	3	
5	Donation of items to the Chapter Ways & Means or Hospitality (1point per \$10 value)	1+	
6	Teaching a make-it/Take-it at Chapter Business meeting	3	
7	One point for each item displayed in any month to promote Decorative Painting Month. Limited to a maximum of 15 Points. (Must provide picture of display to Committee Chair)	1+	
8	SPRING BASKET LUNCHEON a. Chairperson(s) b. Special Committee (Basket Committee, Door Prize Committee, Ticket Committee, etc.) c. Painting a large special raffle project. A maximum of 10 points will be awarded d. Painting a centerpiece e. Donation of a Basket (TOTAL of 20 points) f. Donation of a painted door prize item (1 point per \$10 value). Maximum of 3 points. g. Painting favors 1 point for 5 pieces painted, 3 points for each 10 pieces painted h. Selling Luncheon tickets for Basket Luncheon (1 point for every 10 tickets sold)	20 10 10 5 20 1+ 1+ 1+	
9	RETREAT a. Chairman (Co-Chairing) b. Special Committee Chairman (not co-chairing) c. Special Committee Chairman (co-chairing) d. Working on a special committee e. Donations for goodie bags. (1 point per \$5 value) f. Painting a large raffle item. Maximum of 10 Points awarded g. Painting a Door Sign h. Painting a centerpiece i. Painting favors 1 point for 5 pieces painted, 3 points for each 10 pieces painted	20 10 5 3 1+ 10 5 5 3+	
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## 2017 POINTS SYSTEM

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	RULES	Points	Total
10	CHRISTMAS PARTY a. Chairman b. Co-Chairman c.. Donation of item to Christmas Party (1 point per \$5 value)  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All donation points awarded are subject to Chairman's approval and validation.</b></p>	10 5 1+	
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- The "+" means additional quantities

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AS DEFINED IN OUR BY-LAWS.**

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**POINTS SYSTEM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY  
 DECEMBER 31, 2017**



## 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

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	A-V	Hospitality:	<b>Cindi Martincic</b>	724-222-7449
	A-V	Points System:	<b>Rosann Wagner</b>	724-745-4212

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	A-NV	Parliamentarian:	<b>Rosann Wagner</b>	724-745-4212
	A-NV	Service:	<b>Pat Jenkins</b>	724-225-6399
	A-NV	Retreat Chairman:	<b>Cindi Martincic</b>	724-222-7449
	A-NV	Spring Basket Luncheon:	<b>Board</b>	

**E** – Elected      **A** – Appointed      **V** – Voting      **NV** – Non-Voting

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## 2018 Calendar of Events

January 21	Painting Walker Bags - Mandy Steele
March 18	Sandra Camarota
May 18, 19, 20	Sherry Nelson
July 13, 14, 15	Liz Miller
September 14, 15, 16	Mark Polomchak
November 18	Elections
	Christmas Party

**Meetings are held at the: I.O.O.F Hall**  
**3684 Finleyville-Elrama Rd.**  
**Finleyville, Pa. 15332**

**Unless stated otherwise, painting classes will start at 10:00 A.M. and the doors open at 9:30.**

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