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A PRESENT TO ALL: The program committee will welcome you at a special meeting on December 18 when we are sure you will enjoy the talk on "Antique Toys and Dolls" by Gertrude Freedman. What could be more fitting for the season than learning about the little pleasures of life that our ancestors enjoyed?

HAPPY NEW YEAR: The program on January 15 will be one that has drawn a large crowd in past years. Our members will share their hobbies and collections with each other and give us all an evening of pleasure and knowledge.

Should there be any doubts about the weather, please call one of the officers to check on the meeting.

A PRESENT FROM ALL: Our fifth annual NO Bake Bake Sale was a great success and the following members gave a gift of \$334 to the society. We are grateful to: John and Hope Paterson, Eleanor Smith, Vera Freeman, Josephine Ray, Elizabeth Hollis, Bette Clark, Harry and Jennie Belcher, Marion Carpenter, Helen Bicknell, Jane H. Jewell, Mary Kibby, Ruth Tirrell, William and Alva Seach, Raymon and Evelyn Walker, Kathleen McGrath, Bruce and Dorothy Ketchen, Minnie Slayter, Helen McIntosh, Shirley Wood, Elmer and Irene Mitchell, Louise MacDonald, Eleanor and Joseph Kolb, Beatrice McClean, Frances Eckberg, William and Carol Donovan, Jim and Rita Walsh, Mary MacKay, Vincent and Lucia DiGravio, Miriam Delahunt, Earl and Muriel Pithie, Wilbur and Christine Stanton, the Severy Family, Gordon Teague, Norma and Bill Tirrell, Albert and Josephine Dutra, Carl and Joanne Schuler, Martha Robitaille, Ruth Pope, Chet and Betty Kevitt, Harold and Louise Olson, Eleanor and Don Cormack, Edward and Doris Hanchay, Jim and Joanne Palmieri, and Mary McKenzie.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph A. Kolb

Margaret T. McGrath

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A MERRY WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: It is good to have the Thompson family join us.

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A HOLIDAY CUSTOM: " A delightful custom, still practiced in parts of England and France, is the 'King's Cake' baked on Epiphany day (January 6) in honor of the Magi. A coin is put into the dough before baking and the person who finds it in his piece is the 'king'. In French Canada this cake(Gateau des Rois) contains a bean and a pea, making the respective finders 'king' and 'queen' of the feast. Robert Herrick's 'Twelve Night' refers to this old custom:

Now, now the mirth comes
With the cake full of plums
Where Bean's the King of the Sport here,
Besides we must know,
The pea also
Must revell, as Queen, in the Court here."

"The Christmas Book" Francis Weiser

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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