

It is a COLD day..no argument there...but it isn't snowing, thank goodness. The weatherman certainly hit it right on the head for this last storm!

THANK YOU to Sister Berlinski for the refreshment detail this evening. As always, Mary Anne, it is appreciated.

IF YOU SEE BROTHER PHIL HURLBUT, please say thank you for doing the snow plowing... it was so great to see him pushing the snow back so people could park, and he does it without being asked. Might say "thank you" also to Sister Sue for shoveling the side walk. That is another necessary evil! It is also good to know that Brother Pete Marchand checks the hall regularly, to be sure that all is well with the furnace== it could be a major problem if something went wrong in this bitter weather.

So many thank-yous to so many good people!

Our next meeting will be Dec. 27, and we should plan to have it, having already missed two meetings due to the weather, and who knows what will be coming in the next couple of months! Refreshments by me...and I will need help in the serving obviously.

NOW LET'S SEE...there is quite a bit to tell you...so here goes.

Nice Pomona meeting last evening, with a good crowd and a nice evening, and we were all able to be home before 10:00! Next Pomona meeting not until February 13 at Litchfield.

Brother Bill Gardiner is a patient at the Hartford Hospital, another bout with pneumonia. doesn't have enough strength to fight it off. Send a card to Betty Jane - 15 Meadowlark Rd., West Simsbury 06092. She would certainly appreciate it.

Talked with Caroline Monroe the other day and she is doing well. Doctor has told her she can get back in the classroom very soon...she is not so sure, but she said the walking is much easier and the knee is working! Hopefully she will be able to get to grange in the Spring...she says "you have no idea how I miss the grange"

YOU WILL NOTICE that the Pomona banner is hanging in the hall.... we finally got it from Hope Grange one month late. So I asked Eureka if we could have it in December and see that it does get to them for half of January and part of February. They agreed. So we do have it for a bit.

AREN'T THE LIGHTS AROUND AND ABOUT beautiful this year. Dan and Laura Tollman, across the street, are looking especially lovely. If you have a few minutes take a ride through Bantam...that little old town, is looking mighty good!

Some of you will remember Shirley Gale who lived in the Center a long time ago. Shirley was "one of the gang" and always enjoyed the grange and the various activities. Her family lived in the house where Edythe and Al Hill lived ... on the corner above Don and Eleanor's home. Anyway, Shirley moved finally to Arizona and I hear from her once a year. This week I heard from her daughter who is apparently serving as a live-in nurse for Shirley, who has had two strokes and FOUR hip replacements. I never knew they did it more than once, but that letter said. Also said she loves to get cards and letter and please do send them. ADDRESS SHIRLEY GALE, 3830 ABRIGO DRIVE, GOLDEN VALLEY, ARIZONA 86413. Whether you knew Shirley or not, she is your "Sister"...has been for fifty years! A stamp will give you a lot of pleasure.

Our Mary Anne Beecher needs your prayers and thoughts...she is really going through a rough time right now. Barry and Mary Anne get their mail in PO Box 91, here in the Center.

That is it for this letter to you except to say that I (we) hope that your Christmas will be merry and that 2006 is the best ever!

NO ROOM FOR A PICTURE. BUT WHO NEEDS IT!