

Dear Member Clubs, Officers and Associate Members,

It's hard to believe that 2016 is finally here! Our mantra in the New Year will be "TOGETHER, WE GROW!" The new Board is poised and ready to lead the NCC and the Member Clubs into the future. This new board is one of the most diverse and talented group of passionate collectors to serve our organization in recent years.

Great focus will be placed on strengthening communication lines throughout the organization, new member recruitment material will be launched and the NCC website will get a long deserved facelift. With that, I have asked Pete Baer to serve in the new capacity of Social Media Coordinator. His responsibilities will include administering the NCC website and official Facebook page.

This year there are many exciting things in store. Department 56 will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the release of several exciting products and new license agreements. Our Associate Member, Pioneer Communications will release the new updated version of Village D-Tails and continue to publish the latest news in Village D-Lights. Several new Associate Members will be joining our ranks and a few of our present ones are considering hosting mini gatherings.

Speaking of gatherings, in 2017 the NCC will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and things are ramping up now with more details to follow soon. You can expect that with Vice- President Sue Chretien at the helm, it is going to be a heckuva time!!

On behalf of your new Board and myself, we look forward to the coming year and the excitement the future will bring... TOGETHER, WE WILL GROW!!!

Yours in collecting-

Richard

