Northwoods Humane Society - Deanna Persson, President

The holidays are here! I hope you can stop by and say hi to NHS Volunteers Georgia Frye, Nancy McDowell or Marty Zych at My Villa. Each year Linda and Kim invite NHS to be their guest as part of the Christmas in Cable weekend. My Villa is a beautiful place to shop and feel the spirit of the holidays. My Villa is Just before Cable on Highway 63 N. Our volunteers will have our famous dog biscuits and NHS logo items for our special pets. My Villa gives a percentage of their sales for Saturday to NHS.

The bakers are Pat Brummel, Virginia Rasmussen, Paula Bilitz, Melissa Wallace, Eileen Brossard, Sharon Goodacre, Susan Horrocks and Barbara Hoeft. Recipes for the biscuits and supplies are at the NHS Thrift Shop. If you have any questions about the biscuits, contact Pat at 715-934-3121.

If you want to leave gifts for the cats and dogs at the shelter, the doors are open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We do ask that you wear a mask as you drop them off. Smile.Amazon.com has a request list on their site. Also, you can select (if you haven't done so already) the Northwoods Humane Society in Hayward for .5% of your purchase.

If you are looking for a gift idea for someone special who has what they need, consider a gift to the Northwoods Humane Society in their honor. You can go on our website — https://www.northwoodshumanesociety.org/ and complete the donation through PayPal listing their name and address. You can also send your holiday gift to NHS — PO Box 82, Hayward, WI 54843 with their information and I will get a card in the mail for you.

Speaking of gifts – Iras Humphries and Chuck Gray have stepped forward and taken over collecting recycled cans for NHS. We really thank them! They feel they could use a hand during the summer months – so make of a mental note if you would like to help.

We have to say good-bye to a Board Member and we don't want to. Regina Petty who has service on the Board for the past 25 years is moving to Florida. She has been a part of so many projects. She has been Alecia's go to person when it has come to animal rescues and animals in crisis. She volunteered her time to work with owners of dogs with behavioral problems. She also dressed up and helped with Art For Animals. She could do it all. One of the gifts of being part of an organization are the friends you meet and care about. Regina, Barbara Sealey, Kim Pfister and I usually had dinner together every other month. There will be a space at the table if you care to join us. Just give me a call.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our long time corresponding secretary. Charmaine Metzinger, her husband Frank and daughter Dawn were in an ugly car accident. They hit glare ice. Charmaine was severely injured and has a long road ahead. Currently she is in St. Mary's in Duluth. She loves cards and we love her.

The Thrift Shop crew has been really busy – good sale, good donations and good people. There are still many holiday items on the shelves and more comes in each day.

Thanks to Jeri Boyce and Gil Zych for their extra help. We have welcomed new volunteers Judy Berard, Diane Cooper, Nikki Anderson, Eva Fjerstad, and Kathy McGill. They are great additions to wonderful group of volunteers that make our thrift shop successful.

If you have time, please walk by Art Beat on Second St during the day or evening and see Lego Artist Nancy Douglas's Christmas Village in the front window. Nancy is a volunteer at the Thrift Shop on Wednesdays along with JoAnn Evans.

This is one of my favorite quotes: "We need Joy as we need air. We need Love as we need water. We need each other as we need the earth we share." Maya Angelou

Date to Save: December 4 – Saturday 10 to 4 p.m. My Villa – Highway 63 N before Cable.