



Rockwell Collins Craft Club

March 2011

Spring is trying hard, but cold weather keeps trying too! I'm just glad the ice is gone for now. Easter is very late this year, so for once we will have time in April for an Easter craft project.

Have you all been thinking about what to bring for our potluck this month? I have been making some new chocolate-mint recipes and will include one in this newsletter. It's easy and delicious. My only sewing project this month has been a new dog bed for my daughter's black lab. Unfortunately, it only took her two weeks to find her way through the three layers to the stuffing. This one was denim covered by two layers of fleece. Anybody got an indestructible ideas for me?

☀ Potluck and Bingo for this month's meeting. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Day, so wear your green or red. Please bring a dish to share. The club will provide some met/cheese/buns for sandwiches. Bring your own drink.

☀ **WARNING!!!!** Remember — Don't park in the Credit Union spots when you come for our meeting.

☀ Remember—listen to the winter weather school closings. If there is no school, then we cancel our meeting.

☀ Our charity project for last month was the Cedar House Shelter, which is located at 603 2nd St. SW. We collected about \$60, which Arlys spent on laundry soap, fruit, food, and included some gloves, hats, and blankets.

☀ I'm afraid I left my notes at home, so I can't tell you who our charity is for this month. I was sick on Friday, so am trying to get this out to you this weekend.



This Month at a Glance

Next Meeting:
Wednesday
March 16
at 4:30 Main Plant Cafeteria

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Happy Birthday!

March

8th—Vi Brislawn

28th—Donna Hepker

29th—Pam Hoffman

April

8th— Donna Gelski

13th—Esther Miceli

23rd—Marj Pepin

23rd—Dorothy O'Malley

29th—Robyn Ireland



- ☀ DOOR PRIZE — What will our prize be this month? You'll have to attend the meeting to win.
- ☀ Our project for last month had problems with our magnets not working well. If anybody has solved this issue, please speak up at the meeting.
- ☀ No craft project this month, as we will be playing Bingo and eating dinner instead. BINGO prizes for everyone :)
- ☀ Our project for April will require an empty pop-top food can. Dee found some small cans of fruit at HyVee that are 8 1/2 ounces with a pop top and the correct type of can bottom. She will bring her "smooth edge" can opener to the meeting if you want to bring your can of food and some Gladware to put the contents in. Otherwise, next time you have a can of soup, or something similar with a pop-top lid, please open it from the **BOTTOM** with a **CAN OPENER**. Please make sure to leave the bottom attached a bit when you use the can opener. Take out the food and wash out the can, leaving that open bottom attached.



A wee bit of Irish humor

Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest, and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up.

Michael O'Conner looks around and asks, "Oh, me boys, someone has to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?"

They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet??? I'm the most discreet Irishman you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me."

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers, and asks what he wants. Gallagher declares, "Your husband just lost \$500, and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!", says Murphy's wife.

"I'll go tell him." says Gallagher.

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road.

A cop pulls him over. "So," says the cop to the driver, "where have ya been?"

"Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk.

"Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening."

"I did all right," the drunk says with a smile..

"Did you know," says the cop, standing straight, and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh, thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "for a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Before Prozac, there was quilting.

Mint-Topped Chocolate Cookies

1 pkg. devil's food cake mix

1/2 cup shortening

2 eggs

1 T water

Confectioner's sugar

40 chocolate thin mints (Necco Thin Mints from Walgreen's)

In large bowl, combine cake mix, shortening, eggs and water. Dough will be stiff.

Chill for a few hours or overnight. Shape into 1-inch balls and roll in confectioner's sugar.

Place 2-inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 min.

Place a mint on each cookie; remove to wire rack to cool.

Sprinkle with a little more sugar if necessary; store in a tin.



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