

# Darby Doll Dispatch

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*Darby Library American Girl Book and Doll Club*

## ***November Meeting***

*By Miss Kay*

The November meeting of the Darby American Girl Book and Doll Club was held Friday, November 1, after school at the Darby Community Library.

We started the meeting by introducing Fancy Nancy and one of the Fancy Nancy books. Nancy really likes dressing fancy, so everyone dressed their dolls really fancy! The winner of Best Dressed was Sofia who dressed her cloth doll in a really frilly dress and even brought a fancy wicker chair for her to sit in. Congratulations Sophia!

We welcomed two new members, Anise and Keyia. Both girls came fully prepared with fancy dressed dolls and Anise even brought her own favorite Fancy Nancy book. We had a total of

five girls who entered their names in the Doll Fairy box for the May 2014 drawing for an American Girl doll. All those entry tickets are starting to build up!

Julie Albright was the Doll of the Month at the November meeting. We chose Julie because she grew up in the 1970s which is about the same time Jane

O'Connor, author of the Fancy Nancy books, started writing children's' books.



The book of the month was *Darby*, by Jonathon Scott Fuqua. It's about two girls, best friends, who live in South Carolina in 1923. One of their favorite things to do is play dress up, just like Fancy Nancy. The girls, Darby and Evette, put their heads together to write articles for the local newspaper which results in quite an uproar, and some changes in their small town. *Darby* is available to check out at the Library in the youth section.

Miss Kay showed the *Sunshine Doll Chronicles*, the newsletter from the Lakeland, FL club. Both the *Sunshine Doll Chronicles* and the *Darby Doll Dispatch* are available in the American Girl Book and Doll Club notebook on our shelf in the youth section of the library.

In this issue of the *Darby Doll Dispatch*, you will find information about the Darby Shiver Fest and what our club is doing to participate.

We wrapped up the meeting by dressing Fancy Nancy paper dolls in fancy dresses from hankies and scarf fabric donated to the club. The hankies and scarves can be easily removed so that the girls can use them or give them to a mom, aunt, grandmother or special friend. Hankies are sooo much fancier than plain old tissue!

Our next meeting is Friday, December 6 at the Library right after school. The theme of the meeting is Teddy Bears! We'll learn about the first teddy bear and make a doll sized teddy bear. For the December Best Dressed contest, pose your doll with a teddy bear or bring your favorite stuffed animal. Summer and Darby are planning a teddy bear Christmas tea party!

Our Doll of the Month for December is Rebecca Rubin. Rebecca lived around

the time the very first stuffed bear was called a Teddy Bear.

### **Member Profile - Kiera**

*By Miss Kay*

Our Girl of the Month is Kiera. Kiera is 9 years old and is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Kiera's favorite subject is art. She loves to draw, especially princesses and fairies.



Kiera's favorite sport is soccer and she loves playing with her brother and sister.

Cooking is one of Kiera's other favorite things to do. Wait till you get a chance to taste her homemade muffins. Yum!

Kiera has several dolls and she brought Sunshine and Andy to the club meeting. Andy is Raggedy Andy and Kiera's sister has Raggedy Ann.

Sunshine is Kiera's favorite doll. Sunshine is a cloth doll that Kiera's mother made for her. Sunshine wore a

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beautiful sweater to the meeting. Kiera's great-grandmother made the sweater before she passed away. The buttons on the sweater are real rabbit hair! Sunshine is very special to Kiera and the sweater is even more special since it reminds her of her great-grandmother.

## Summer's Scoop

By Summer Elise Flores



I love going to the American Girl Book and Doll Club meetings! And I just adore Fancy Nancy. Darby and I don't

dress really fancy much, but we both like dresses. For the November meeting, we really went all out!

I wore a silver sequined top, a blue velvety skirt with feathers all around the hem, and a pink shimmery jacket. I put some of my hair up on my head and wore my tiara and a short veil. I had white boots and lots of jewelry! Darby, tell the folks what you wore.

Hi everyone. I really had fun dressing up too. I wore black and red, with a touch of bright yellow! My skirt is black with red rick-rack and I had a red net underskirt. I wore a red turtle neck and a "mink" stole. And to top it off, I wore my Florida feather lace hat and purse. I think we both looked really fancy!

Summer and I made a little visit to Lake Como to see Albert, Benny and Roscoe. Wait till you hear what happened! But I won't steal Albert's thunder. He will tell you all about it in his column.

Summer, tell them about your trip to Seattle.

My trip to Seattle was pretty scary. I went there with Miss Kay and her husband to look at something her husband was thinking of buying. I thought traffic in Lakeland was busy, but you should try driving in Seattle! We didn't leave our motel until about 9:30 AM, thinking by then the traffic would settle down. Not! It was totally crazy and come to find out there was a big wreck on the freeway several hours before. It really makes you appreciate the streets in Darby!

But the trip over and back was just beautiful. The leaves on the trees were amazing. We took routes off the freeway, all along the Skykomish River. The mountains were gorgeous and most had lots of snow.

Darby here again. Guess where I got to go – Phoenix, Arizona! That is where Desiree is from. We drove through snow on Lost Trail Pass on the way. Our first



stop along the way was at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. It is just beautiful!

We went past Lake Powell in northern Arizona and ended up in Mesa, a suburb of Phoenix where Miss Kay's Mother-in-law lives. She is really nice.



We took a trip to Lordsburg, NM and believe me, there is absolutely nothing there. We drove to Douglas, AZ, right on the Mexico border and almost missed our turn. We just about ended up in the line to cross into Mexico!

Our final stop on the way home was Idaho Falls, ID. The falls are wonderful! They are really long and we walked the



whole length. There were lots of ducks and geese too. Summer will get to go to Phoenix sometime too.

Sounds like you had a great trip Darby. I can hardly wait till it's my turn.

Darby and I need to get busy preparing for our Christmas Tea Party with our Teddy Bears so we'll sign off for now. Talk to you next month.

## Animal Adventures

*By Albert, the alligator*

Boy, has it been exciting over here by Lake Como! Remember I told you about Debbie and Diane, the twin White Tail fawns? Well, I was sunbathing one day



a couple weeks ago when it was nice and warm (for this time of year anyway). I was

about half asleep when those two came tearing through the forest. When they both jumped right over me, I was fully awake and wondering what on earth was going on.

I figured it out in a heartbeat. Right behind them, chasing them for all he was worth, was a wolf!

I don't have anything against wolves, but Debbie and Diane are my friends so I bit his tail! He stopped so hard it knocked his breath out! When he came to, I just grinned at him and he passed out again! I guess he's never seen an alligator before.

Benny and Bea and the kids and Roscoe all came over to see what was going on. When he woke up this time, he was totally surrounded by us, including Debbie and Diane.



We sort of explained the rules to him, like you don't get to eat any of us! We did tell him that fish and mice are OK. I also informed him that I am the official rule keeper on this lake, and grinned again. It's amazing how much influence a few dozen really big teeth have!

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After he quit trembling, he told us his name is Walter and he's only a year old. He doesn't belong to a wolf pack because his mom got separated from



the pack when she got hurt and he was too little to find the pack after she died of her injuries.

Walter has been on his own most of his life and surprising enough, he usually does eat just mice because he can't catch deer or elk or anything else big.

We told Walter he can live with us if he follows the rules. He was really happy about that. I guess we are his pack now. But I'm still the "alpha wolf" in this pack! We helped him find a place near Roscoe's den where he can make a nice little den for himself.

Everyone, except Benny and Bea, have accepted him and like him really well. I think it will take Benny and Bea a while to trust him. I think they are afraid Walter will eat their kids!

He gets along real well with Roscoe. Since Walter has been on his own for so long, Roscoe is acting like a Dad, teaching him the rules, how to behave, stuff like that. If you would like to see

something really funny; you should see Roscoe try to howl at the moon!

We have met some new animals in the forest – an owl, two squirrels, another deer and another raccoon. I'll introduce you to them next month.

I also understand from Miss Kitty that we have a new friend on the way to us from Florida. But you have to wait till next month to find out who it is!

## ***Darby Shiver Fest***

*By Miss Kay*

On December 7, which is a Saturday, the town of Darby will celebrate Shiver Fest. The main event is a parade right through town and the American Girl Book and Doll Club is invited to walk in the parade.

We will carry our dolls or bears and throw candy to the parade watchers. We will also have posters that identify our club and the Darby Community Library.

If you want to walk in the parade, just be at the school parking lot at 9:30 AM. Miss Kay will give you a poster and some candy to throw. Bring your doll or bear too. You can dress up if you want to. Make sure you dress warm, after all, it is the Shiver Fest!

## ***Quote for the Month***

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. Groucho Marx

**Photo of the Month**

*Submitted by Kiera*



Some of Kiera's dolls and stuffed animals

**Calendar of Events**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event – Theme</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday	December 6	AG Club - Teddy Bears	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Saturday	December 7	Shiver Fest – AG club to march in the parade	Meet at 9:30AM	Darby School parking lot
Friday	January 3	AG Club – The Great Depression, Clothes Swap	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	February 7	AG Club - Mardi gras	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	March 7	AG Club - Circus	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	April 4	AG Club - Lewis and Clark	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	May 2	AG Club - Cinco de Mayo Doll Fairy presents an American Girl doll	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library

To add events to the calendar, call or email Miss Kay at 406-360-7214, [schrader1501@blackfoot.net](mailto:schrader1501@blackfoot.net)