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### ***Our November Program***

The stars of our November program were Julie and Ivy, girls who lived in the 1970s. We had fun talking about all the strange fads popular in their time and learned a lot about all the good things that came out of the Hippie movement, such as the resurgence of traditional arts and crafts. One of the most unusual fads was Pet Rocks. We had a good time making our own pet rocks and some of us decorated the tablecloths for good measure! Miss Kitty's pet rock is named Rockelle.



### ***And the Winner Is:***

Since this is Miss Kitty's final year working at the Lakeland Public Library, she talked to the Doll Fairies and they agreed that she could celebrate it by giving away an American Girl doll to a little girl for every month of that year. The dolls are given to

girls who do not already have an American Girl doll. The girls are allowed to put their names in the Doll Fairy's jar every time they attend a program and they must be present to win. The winner's name is drawn from the jar, and the names are drawn by the previous month's winner. The girl who is selected is crowned with a tiara by the previous winner and receives a gift wrapped doll who comes with her accessories and a hair brush or pick, depending on the type of hair.



This month's winner was Phoebe Elyea, crowned by JoAnna, the October winner. Phoebe received Julie, her accessories and a hair brush. The wonderful thing was, Phoebe was the first girl to arrive and this was her first ever program!



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## A Gift for Miss Kitty

At the November program, for the first time ever, Miss Kitty received the gift of a doll from one of her girls. Eleora won a prize of \$75 dollars in a contest and used part of the money to buy Sadie, a very pretty blonde Our Generation doll with her hair in twisted buns on either side of her face. Miss Kitty was so excited- she just couldn't believe it! Eleora will be asked to tell her story to the other girls at our Christmas party and will be featured in our December newsletter.



Sadie looks very Norwegian, so she and Kirsten will be best friends. She will come to the December party dressed in a pretty Christmas dress and will a Star Maiden for Kirsten, who will wear her St. Lucia dress and crown.

## A Note from Chrissa, our Chief Cookie Chef

Hello to all our friends in Montana! I'm Chrissa, the 2009 Girl of the Year. Since I came to live with Miss Kitty's dolls, I've taken up baking and Christmas cookies are my favorite thing to bake! Next month is our holiday party featuring a cookie exchange. Each of the girls is supposed to bring six cookies to share with the girls at her table. A lot of the girls bring extras, and Miss Kitty always makes lots of cookies and candy, so there are always lots of yummy things to eat. I am in charge of the doll bakery, so we are already starting to get our cookies ready! My favorite thing to make is a gingerbread cottage! This year we're also trying to make chocolate dipped pretzels! Mmmmm.



## Becca's News from Lake Morton

Hi, everyone! Can you believe it's November and there's no snow, no ice, no need to be ready for Winter? This is the life, I'm telling you. It's almost Thanksgiving and this is the one of the few chilly days we've had. This morning it was just a hair under 60°, Sofie is loving it! She's running up and down her tree and racing across the grass and flicking her tail like crazy. She says to enjoy this time- the seagulls will be here before we know it. I don't know why, there's no sea here. She says I'll know when they get here by the noisy racket they make. She says they're greedy and try to steal all the food the people bring to feed the other birds.



Tell Uncle Albert we loved his article! I bet Dawn and Diane's mother gave them what for! Of course, they might not be to blame- Walter probably could smell them. I Bet Mom and Dad are keeping a close eye on the sibs! I wish I could have been there to see the look on Walter's face when he woke up and saw Uncle Albert! We never got tired of watching Uncle Albert open his mouth and give us a gator growl! I bet he's glad to have Roscoe focused on somebody else now!

Okay, so the Lake. Well, I have two hedgehogs snoring their heads off in my house. Pete and Hetty are all curled up in their nests and I have to say, they look kind of cute with their little feet all curled up and their noses buried in the shredded up reeds we brought in for them.



There was a little puppy here the other day who got away from his people. He started barking and chasing the ducks and scared some little ones half to death. Gus, the Gander came over and gave the puppy a good hiss and a little peck on the nose!



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“Do we have a problem here?” The puppy yelped out “No Sir” and ran back to his people as fast as he could go! I was watching from my house and laughing fit to die!

Well, that’s about all my news this month- it’s nice and peaceful and WARM down here!

## Surprises for Our Friends in Montana

Wait til Miss Kay answers her door this month!



She’s just never going to know what FedEx will bring next! First, we sent our sisters Kaya and her teepee for a Christmas surprise. It was just too good to pass up, with the Lewis and Clark trail running right through town. We also thought the girls would get a lot of fun

out of making things for Kaya and their dolls and learning about the Nez Perce and Sacajawea, the Shoshone heroine of the Lewis and Clark journey. Without her help they would never have made it all the way to the Pacific- especially when they reached the Rocky Mountains!

Next, we sent off two boxes of American Girl leftovers from Miss Kitty’s stash. There were some Florida placemats, American Girl posters, shopping bags with Angelina Ballerina and Amelia on them, trading cards, bookmarks, cards, some little witches’ hats to have fun with next Halloween and- wouldn’t you know - Bernie stowed away in a corner of the box! He figured he could catch a good nap in the darkness of the box!

Just in time for Miss Kay’s Christmas party we sent along some samples of Miss Kitty’s craft sheets, color sheets, and word games.

Then, we tucked in some “Yummies for the Tummy”

cookbooks from a couple of years ago and journals for the girls to make in 2014. Mr. Jim said he wasn’t sure if the car could take all that weight!



To all our friends in Montana we send a Thanksgiving Blessing:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest  
Let this food to us be blessed.  
Keep us ever mindful of the needs of others  
And may there be a goodly share  
On every table everywhere

