



Rockwell Collins Craft Club

Happy Valentine's Day to you. Candy, chocolate, flowers, love notes, what's not to like? Betty Jane's candy gets lots of business from our family this time of year. Still not enough snow to look like winter though.

Never thought that would disappoint me ! I hope you are all staying healthy and avoiding that nasty flu that's going around this year.

- ☀ Last month's project was making Valentine's for the VA hospital and local nursing homes. We made three grocery bags full !
- ☀ This month's project will be cardmaking for Gems of Hope. We have done this before, but for any new people, Gems of Hope makes cards and jewelry and bookmarks for cancer patients. They bring all the supplies and show us their requirements and needs and we get busy.
- ☀ Our charity project for this month will again be collecting money for Families Helping Families of Iowa.
- ☀ Our condolences go to Jean Strait and her family. Jean's son Jeff passed away recently. The club sent a card and a pink calla lily plant.
- ☀ Here is a note from Jean: "Thanks to all of you who remembered our family when Jeff passed away. I want to thank each of you, whether it was a card, a phone call, flowers, money, attending visitation, or attending his funeral. The money will be given to Hospice of St. Luke's and cancer research at UIHC where Jeff received much of his care. Your kindness will never be forgotten. You are one terrific group of ladies."
- ☀ If you haven't turned in your new year's membership form, give it to Patti Little.
- ☀ For bad winter weather, remember our policy is that if schools are closed, we will cancel our meeting that day.



This Month at a Glance

Next Meeting:
Wednesday
February 20
at 4:30 Main Plant
Cafeteria

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Happy Birthday!

February

11th — Sue Pauba

20th — Casey Holland

March

8th — Vi Brislawn

19th — Ruth Peake-Beisker

22nd — Rowena Aburto

28th — Donna Hepker

29th — Pam Hoffman

Groundhog Day



Spring is coming....
gotta hurry up and finish this!!!

Here's a knitting project for you; something to do with that old bike sitting in the garage:



When I was growing up my Dad's favorite cookies were Pecan Sandies. In order to keep us kids out of them, he told us they were made with sawdust ! Our Grandpa owned a sawmill, so we were very familiar with what large piles of sawdust looked like and it sure looked like that's what those cookies were made of, so we believed him.

If you like Pecan Sandies too, here's a recipe that uses them for the crust instead of graham crackers. Sounds delicious to me!

Chocolate-Raspberry Cheesecake Bars

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[Nutrition Facts](#)

Description

All the wonderful flavors of a lavish cheesecake reside in these chocolate- and raspberry-topped bars with a shortbread crust.

Prep Time: 25 minutes

Total Time: 3 hours 25 minutes

Servings: 24

Ingredients

20 [Keebler® Sandies® Simply Shortbread cookies](#)

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels or white chocolate morsels

1 teaspoon shortening

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

3 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

3 eggs

1 1/4 cups seedless red raspberry preserves



Directions

1. In medium bowl stir together KEEBLER SANDIES Simply Shortbread cookies, flour and butter. Press onto bottom of ungreased 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes. 2. Meanwhile, in large mixer bowl beat cream cheese, sugar, almond extract and vanilla on medium speed of an electric mixer until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until just combined after each addition. Carefully spread over hot crust. Bake at 350°F for 20 to 23 minutes more or until almost set. Cool on wire rack for 1 hour. 3. In small bowl stir raspberry preserves until smooth. Carefully spoon small dollops of raspberry preserves over cheesecake mixture. Spread to cover top.

4. In small microwave-safe bowl combine chocolate morsels and shortening. Micro-cook at high for 30 seconds to 1 1/2 minutes or until melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Drizzle over raspberry preserves. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Cut into 2-inch squares.

There's one good thing about snow, it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbor's.

Here's some quotes taken from Midwest Living Magazine:

You know you're a Midwesterner if . . .

People wearing shorts to the grocery store in 10-degree weather don't surprise you.

You still vacation in Minnesota and Iowa, even though you live in Florida.

You can tell a storm is coming because you have a sudden urge to make soup.

You have four seasons of clothes in your closet: early summer; hot, hot summer; fall into winter; and I-am-freezing-long-johns!

You know the recipe for pickled Northern – and you caught and filleted the Northern yourself.

You have a long conversation with a wrong number.

You end sentences with a preposition, like “Where's my ____ at?”

You have a wood guy.

You call in sick because fall colors are calling your name.

Your kid's Halloween costume is designed to fit over snow pants and winter coats.

You use the furnace in the morning. Open windows midmorning to let in fresh air. Close windows and turn on air-conditioner to get rid of hot, humid afternoon air. Throw a log on the outside fire pit at night and enjoy the cool air again.

You wear fur-lined flip-flops out to get the mail until the snow is deep enough to cover your feet.

Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold.

~ Zelda Fitzgerald

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