



# THE HAPPY PIG

## Summer 2022

The Happy Pig Collector's Club

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### ON THE ROAD TO CONVENTION!



Pigs on Vacation: <https://pixels.com/featured/pigs-on-vacation-ilene-richard.html>

**26TH ANNUAL  
CONVENTION**  
**July 21-23, 2022**  
**Amana. Iowa**  
**Hosted by**  
**Becky Schneider**

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## A LETTER FROM THE HEAD HOG

Dear Happy Pig Club Members,

Looking to get out of the house and have a little fun this summer? I know that all of you, just like me, are looking forward to our next big pig convention in Amana Iowa. In fact, it wouldn't be summer without getting to see all of you to share our piggy obsession. After all, we've enjoyed our get-together for twenty-six years! Of course, I'm just a little over twenty-six myself so...maybe I'm thinking of swine years. Never-the-less, the time has flown by and I've enjoyed every pig packed moment I've spent with each of you.

Here's a little rundown of this unique, interesting place we're visiting. We'll discover the German heritage of the Amana Colonies, which comprise seven villages on twenty-six thousand acres. The villages are located in Iowa County in east central Iowa, and were founded in 1855 on principles of religious freedom. The colonies are a National Historic Landmark and one of America's longest lived communal societies.

Each village has something different to offer. There is the Heritage Designs Quilt Shop, antique shops (be the first to find that special pig), wineries to sample a glass or two of wine, the Henry Moore Barn and the Heritage Museum. Visit some of the original businesses the colonists began. Yes, they are still there in the Amana Furniture and Clock Shop.

But, more than anything else the colonies offer something they call "Gemuetlichkeit". No, I can't pronounce it either, but they say it means "warmth and friendliness". It's that sense of coziness, belonging, peace of mind and acceptance where you can slow down, relax, and let your troubles melt away. So, they are something just like the members of the Happy Pig Collector's Club. They are proud of their heritage and so are we.

Let's make this year special. We will just be so happy to see you once again to enjoy our pig obsession and share the thought, "when I see a pig, I think of you".

Your Head Hog,  
Janet

P.S. Hogs and Kisses  
to you all!



### TRIVIA

Where did Janet get this wonderful pig chalk board?

- A. eBay
- B. Buy, Sell, Trade @ Convention
- C. Loretta Lynn Yard-sale

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## CLUB & NEWSLETTER INFO

### MEMBERSHIP INFO

The Happy Pig Collectors Club is a non-profit corporation registered in the state of Illinois.

**Membership dues are \$35 payable every July.** Dues include four news-letters (with postage).

Send a check or money order payable to the Happy Pig Collectors Club to:

**Happy Pig Collector's Club**

**P.O. Box 8081**

**Gurnee, IL 60031**

**Moving? Moved? Please let us know so we can make sure your newsletter arrives safely at your new home. Send a letter with your new address to the address listed above or via email: ~~kerry7525@gmail.com.~~**

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

All members are invited to contribute articles, photos and information. Newsletter items can be sent to the editor.

Email: sheripa@aol.com (Please put HPCC as the subject.)

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2827 Nature Road

# 2022 CONVENTION

JOIN US FOR THE 26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

July 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022



We will be in HOG HEAVEN in Amana, Iowa!

Becky Schneider is hosting this years convention.

**Convention fee:**  
**\$125 per person for two days**  
**\$65 per person for one day**  
**(Fee includes meals on Friday & Saturday)**

Send your registration and fees to:

**The Happy Pig Collector's Club**  
**P.O. Box 8081**  
**Gurnee, IL 60031**

(Money orders/checks should be made payable to  
The Happy Pig Collectors Club)

Questions? Contact Becky Schneider at 1-319-430-6463 or email: bschne@hotmail.com. You can also email Janet Booth. Her email is: jcollinsbooth1@att.net.



# 2022 CONVENTION

## WHERE TO STAY



### GUEST HOUSE MOTEL

4712 220th Trail Main  
Amana, Iowa 52203  
1-319-622-3599

Single Queen Bed Room Rate:  
Thursday: \$85.00 plus tax  
Friday and Saturday: \$99.00 plus tax

Two Queen Bed Room Rate:  
Thursday: \$99.00 plus tax  
Friday and Saturday: \$109.00 plus tax

**\*\*\*Must Mention Happy Pig Collectors Club  
to get the special rate.\*\*\***



# 2022 COVENTION AGENDA

\*Amana, IA is on Central Time. All times listed in the agenda are CDT.

## THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022

**5:30 PM**      **DINNER\***  
**\*Not included in Convention Fee\***

**LOCATION:**    **WILD HOGS SALOON & EATERY**  
350 Commercial Drive  
Walford, Iowa 52351  
Ph: 1-319-846-4476



## FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022

**8:00 AM**      **FAMILY STYLE BREAKFAST**

**LOCATION:**    **RONNEBURG RESTAURANT**  
4408 220th Trail  
Amana, Iowa 52203  
Ph: 1-319-622-3641



**ALL DAY**      **ACTIVITY\***  
**THE "GREAT AMANA TICKET HUNT"**

**LOCATION:**    Local shops  
Main Amana, Iowa  
**\*Details will be provided at convention\***



**12:00 PM**      **APPETIZERS & BEER LUNCH**

**LOCATION:**    **MILLSTREAM BRAU HAUS**  
741 47th Avenue  
Amana, Iowa 52203  
Ph: 1-319-622-7332



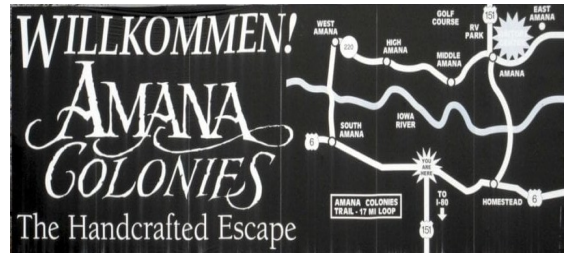
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## FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022

2:00-4:00 PM **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY\***

**ACTIVITY: VILLAGE VOYAGE VAN TOUR**  
2 Hour Guided Tour of Key Historic Amana Colonies  
**\*\$22 pp. Not included in Convention Fee\***



Email Becky Schneider at [bschne@hotmail.com](mailto:bschne@hotmail.com) if you would like to take the van tour on Friday.

2:00-6:00 PM



6:00 PM **FAMILY STYLE DINNER**

**ACTIVITY: OX YOKE INN**  
4420 220th Trail  
Amana, Iowa 52203  
Ph: 1-319-622-3441



# Gute Nacht



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## SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

8:00 AM BREAKFAST

LOCATION: HOMESTEAD WELFARE CLUB  
4215 V Street  
Homestead, Iowa 52236  
Ph: 1-319-622-9987



9:00 AM



LOCATION: HOMESTEAD WELFARE CLUB

## CONTEST ALERT

12:00 PM LUNCH & **SHOW AND TELL CONTEST**

LOCATION: HOMESTEAD WELFARE CLUB  
4215 V Street  
Homestead, Iowa 52236  
Ph: 1-319-622-9987



DETAILS: **THEME: HEAVENLY PIG**





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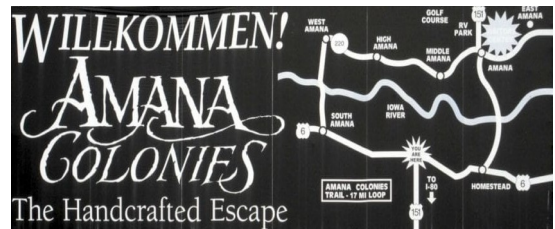
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## SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

### AFTER LUNCH ACTIVITY—TO BE DETERMINED

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6:00 PM **DINNER**

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Ph: 1-319-622-9987



# Lass uns Essen!

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## SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022



6:00 PM **BEST PIG CONTEST**

LOCATION: **HOMESTEAD WELFARE CLUB**

DETAILS: **GERMAN - THEMED PIG**



7:30 PM **HPCC MEETING**

LOCATION: **HOMESTEAD WELFARE CLUB**



Dear Piggy People,

Our raffle has been around for twenty years now, give or take a few years. We have closed each convention on Saturday night with this fund raising and pig acquiring event and have had a lot of fun doing it. To enhance our enjoyment of this traditional event, the piggie brain trust has come up with a few ideas to improve this experience before we pack up and head back home. This is what we have come up with: Sometimes, we find we have too many pigs to choose from, and as the event goes on, and our piggy lust has been satisfied, the night begins to drag on in order just to clear the tables. So, **we suggest that each of us could bring one**

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special, newly acquired pig, or a beloved unique pig from our own collections that someone could love and treasure like you have for years. I know parting with a pig will be such sweet sorrow, but this would enable us to limit the number of pigs available to our raffle winners and increase the excitement of our event. Try to limit your generous donation of raffle pigs to one or two you believe will tickle its new owner pink.

Also, after our Buy, Sell, Trade portion of convention, you can leave any unwanted pigs on the "free table". If you see one you can't live without, take it with you, and give it a new home. Those pigs left over will be gathered up and sent to Cindy's Museum in Missouri for the

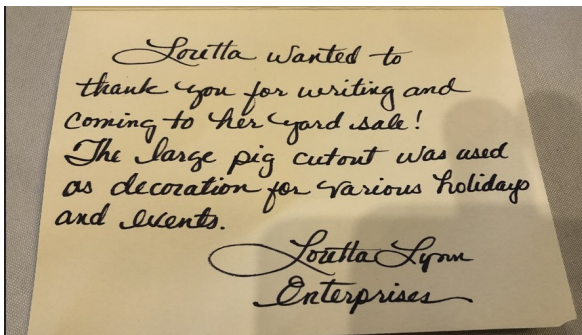
## TRIVIA

Last year at convention, Janet Booth had a wonderful pig-shaped chalkboard that she used to welcome HPCC members. The pig chalkboard is very unique and so is the story behind it. Where do you think Janet got the chalkboard?

She got the pig chalkboard at a yard sale at the home of Country Music Hall of Fame member, Loretta Lynn. Loretta Lynn is a Grammy-winning singer-songwriter known for "Coal Miner's Daughter", "Woman of the World", "Love is the Foundation" and many other hits. Janet found out about the yard sale on the local news. She purchased the chalkboard for only \$4! Although Loretta herself was not at the yard sale, finding a pig item like this was



Loretta Lynn's yard sale is not the only celebrity yard sale Janet has been to. She also went to Barbara Mandrell and Wynonna Judd's yard sales but they did not have any pigs items.



After the yard sale Janet received this handwritten note from Loretta Lynn Enterprises, thanking her for attending. The note included what Loretta used the large pig chalkboard for. It was used as a decoration for various

## GERMAN GOOD LUCK SYMBOLS

Everyone knows about the “Luck of Irish” and four-leafed clovers, leprechauns and their pots of gold but what do we know about the “Luck of the Germans”? Below is an article by Anika Rieper found on the following website: <https://morethanbeerandschnitzel.com>.



*Glücksbringer*, literally good luck bringers, are **good luck charms** that are common and known throughout Germany. You’ll see them around New Year’s and on birthday cards; or really any occasion where a person could use good luck.

The known symbols of good luck in Germany are a *Schwein* or *Glücksschwein* (pig), a *Fliegenpilz* (toadstool), a *Marienkäfer* (ladybug), a *Schornsteinfeger* (chimney sweep), a *Glückscent,-pfennig* (lucky penny), a *vierblättriges Kleeblatt* or *Glücksklee* (four-leaf clover or Iron Cross), and a *Hufeisen* (horseshoe).

### Glücksschwein - Lucky Pig

A *Glücksschwein* is a ‘good luck pig’ or a ‘lucky pig’. While a pig was a sign of prosperity and wealth in most of history, it is not clear how a pig became connected to good luck. Whatever the connection, for any occasion that requires good luck the pig makes an appearance, often in the form of a marzipan pig.

Of course there are plenty of explanations as to why pigs bring good luck. Most of the following refer more to the expression “*Schwein gehabt*” which means that somebody had good luck, often in undeserved, surprising, or unfortunate circumstances. For the last instance we also say “*Glück im Unglück*“, good luck while having bad luck. Some seem more plausible than others, so take your pick.





## GERMAN GOOD LUCK SYMBOLS

### 1. A pig as a consolation prize

During the Middle Ages, there were many shooting competitions and horse races. The prizes could be valuable cloth, a sparrowhawk, or maybe a crossbow. It is said that the consolation prize for the worst shooter was a pig. It was embarrassing and shameful to drive a pig through town and thereby showing everybody that you lost, but the shame was offset by having a valuable pig. So, you'd be in luck even if you had lost the competition and everybody knew it.

### 2. Sow is trump

In the 16th century, the ace in card games used to be called *Sau* (sow), so if somebody drew an ace or a sow he or she was lucky. In the card game of *Schafkopf* the ace is still a *Sau*.

In the boardgame *Glückshaus* (lit. good luck house, House of Fortune or Lucky Pig) dating back to the 15th century, the pig symbolizes the second highest field.



Schafkopf. Photo by Daniela Kalwarowskyj on Unsplash



Glückshaus-Spiel, 1583 Beech, Bayerisches Nationalmuseum, München

### 3. Catching a piglet

During a *Ferkelrennen* (piglet race) a piglet is dropped in a circle of people who tried to catch it. Whoever caught it, had the good luck to take it home. He or she "*hat Schwein gehabt*."

### 4. Protection of the boar

Pigs (*Schweine*) and boars (*Wildschweine*) were highly valued for their strength and as a food source, especially in ancient times. It was common to invoke an animal's power by carrying parts of it or even dressing up like it. Teeth, bones, claws, feathers, and pelts are typical talisman that provided the wearer with the animal's powers and protect them. It was a small step from protection to attraction of good luck.

The **boar** was one of those animals which was used by Nordic tribes. Effigies of a boar were mounted on helmets, like on this Benty Grange helmet, dating back to the 7th century AD, found in England.



## GERMAN GOOD LUCK SYMBOLS

### Fliegenpilz - Toadstool

Why would Germans use a mildly poisonous mushroom as a good luck charm? It might be the eye catching red color of the *Fliegenpilz* (toadstool).

A *Glückspilz* (lit. good luck mushroom) used to describe (negatively) upstarts or parvenus; in English the word „**mushroom**“ was used because these social climbers shot up like mushrooms. However, the German *Glückspilz* became an expression for a **lucky person** in the second half of the 19th century. We still use it today, and the toadstool is used as a good luck charm.

There even is a little rhyme that you can write in somebody's *Poesiealbum*.

(There are mushrooms, big and small, may you be a lucky mushroom.)



Es gibt Pilze, groß und klein, mögest du ein  
Glückspilz sein.

### Marienkäfer - Ladybug

Farmers like ladybugs so much that they were sure the Virgin Mary had brought them. Consequently, they named the bug after her, *Marienkäfer*. The ladybugs help farmers and gardeners by eating greenflies and scale insects. It's no wonder that they soon rose up to good luck charms.



### Glückscent, Glückspfennig - Lucky Penny

The *Pfennig*, or since 2001 the **1 Eurocent coin**, is a symbol of wealth. Giving it to somebody means that you wish that they will never be without money. A typical gift for a wedding or house warming is a loaf of bread, salt, and a penny. That way you wish the recipient that they'll always have bread, salt, and money.

Another connection between penny and good luck is that the penny was seen as a smaller replica of the *Tauftaler* or *Taufpfennig* (a medal or thaler you receive at your baptism and which protects from evil spirits) or the *Weihgroschen* (a coin that was sanctified). People often nailed these coins on their house or stable door and carried it with them to protect them.

Nowadays the penny's function is not so much protecting you but for actively attracting good luck.



Findst 'nen Pfennig, heb ihn auf, Glück  
bringt dir der Tageslauf.

If you find a penny, pick it up, you will have good luck the rest of the day.

## GERMAN GOOD LUCK SYMBOLS

### Schornsteinfeger - Chimney Sweep

A *Schornsteinfeger* or chimney sweep with his sooty face doesn't look like he would bring any good luck. But on the other hand, if you didn't have your chimney cleaned, you can't heat your house properly, you can't cook, and you might die from smoke inhalation or start a fire. Therefore, the chimney sweep was soon seen as a person who would bring good luck.



### Glücksklee - Four-Leaf Clover

Have you ever found a four-leaf clover? If yes, you might indeed be lucky because they are very rare. That's why the *vierblättrige Kleeblatt* is considered good luck.



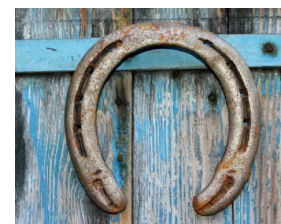
There is a special clover that's grown for **New Year's Day** when people in Germany wish each other good luck. They try to help the good luck not only with wishes but also with symbols. In stores you can buy specially grown *Glücksklee* (Iron Cross) often with a chimney sweep made from pipe cleaners.

### Hufeisen - Horseshoe

A horse has always been a symbol of strength as well as a valuable animal. The *Hufeisen* (lit. hoof iron) or horseshoe protects the horse and eventually everything that protects the horse was viewed as a good luck symbol.

A horseshoe is especially lucky when found. People nailed it above their door to keep witches and evil spirits away and to attract good luck.

There is no consensus as to how to hang a horseshoe. Is it open at the top it can catch all the good luck while the good luck will fall out if you hang the horseshoe that is open at the bottom. On the other hand a horseshoe with its ends facing up resembles the devil with horns.





**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 10th Becky Schneider
- 11th Denise Gates
- 12th Terry Sharp

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2nd Terry Booth
- 10th Marlene Breaden
- 15th Dave Lane
- 16th Carole Backman
- 16th M'Liss Hay

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 6th Lynn Lane
- 6th Amy West
- 7th Rano Mueller
- 10th Kerry Ann Watters

**Happy BELATED Birthday to Joyce Bullerman** who celebrated **May 19** and **Jamelle Allen** who celebrated **May 26**. Both Joyce and Jamelle's birthdays were accidentally left off the Spring newsletter. Sorry about that!

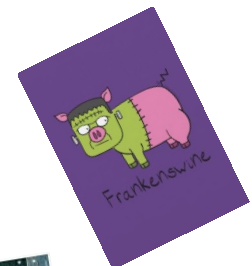
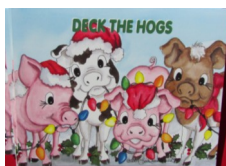
**HAPPY PIG CARD EXCHANGE**

Do you like getting pig cards in the mail?  
Do you like sending pig cards?

If you answered yes to the above questions, you need to join our card exchange! Send a piggy card to a member for their birthday, holiday or just because. If you would like to join the **Happy Pig Card Exchange** send your name, address and birthday to **Cheryl Rider**.

**Email:** tykkledpynk@gmail.com.

**Mail:** Cheryl Rider  
Box 588  
Mayo, MD 21106





## HPCC COLLECTOR'S CORNER

### Salt & Pepper Shakers

HPCC member Sheri McManus used to collect only piggy banks then, she slowly added pig planters to her collection. More recently, she has become obsessed with salt & pepper shakers. She is not alone. Salt & pepper shakers of any kind, not just pigs, are highly collectible. There is even a salt & pepper shaker museum in Gatlinburg, TN. I wonder how many pig salt & pepper shakers they have at the museum?

Below is a collection of pig salt & pepper shakers from a few HPCC members. If you would like to share a photo(s) of your pig collection, please send them to the editor. See bottom of page 2

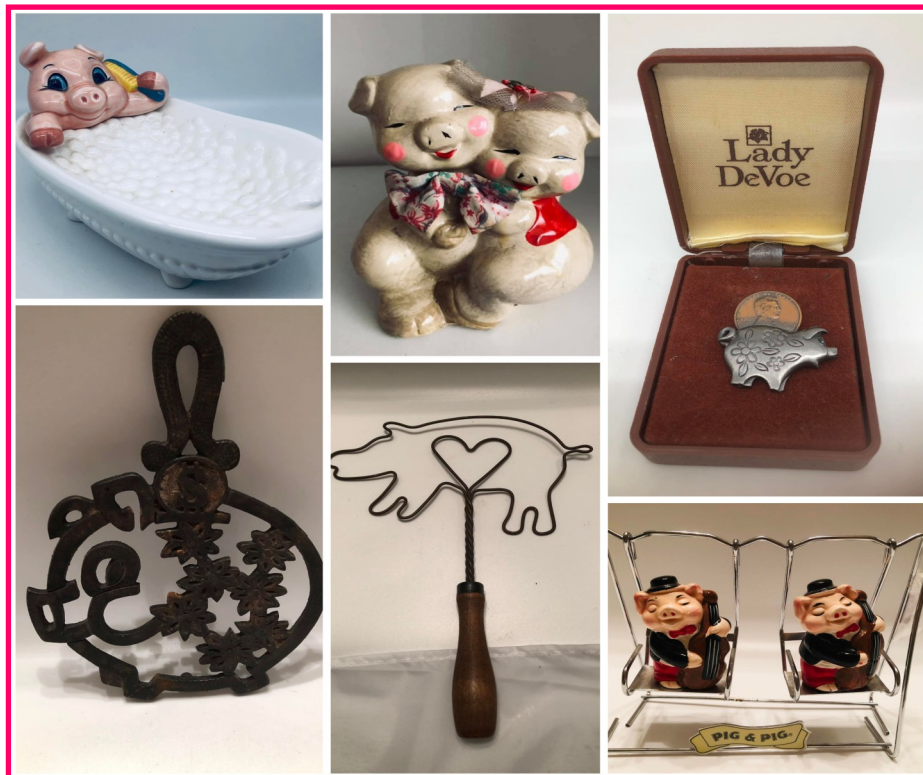


# HPCC COLLECTOR'S CORNER

M'Liss Hay  
Collection



Sheri  
McManus  
Collection



## IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn about the passing of HPCC Member, Tresa Abney. Tresa passed away last year at the age of 78. She lived in Williamsville, Missouri and was a HPCC member since 2017. Tresa leaves behind her son, daughter, and sister as well as 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

I am sad to say we have lost a friend of the Happy Pig Collector's Club. You will remember our friend, Harley Schmude from Florida. He attend several conventions with Jean Jackson. He enjoyed sharing our pig obsession as we enjoyed visiting with him. He will truly be missed. He passed away November 17, 2021,



This is a picture of Harley at our convention in Peoria where he received the prize for the longest distance traveled.

~~Thank you Jean, for letting us know~~

## HAPPY PIG NEWSLETTER

Have news you want to share? Want to share photos of your pig collection? Photos of your pet pig? Looking for a rare pig item? Want to sell a rare pig item? Do you display your pig collection in a unique way? As Gene mentioned in the first newsletter "If this venture survives, *this newsletter* will be the glue that holds it together. To have a good newsletter, every member will have to send in stories and pictures and jokes and advice and ideas." Let's honor Gene. Send your news, stories, photos, advice, jokes, puzzles, and anything else you might think of to the editor.

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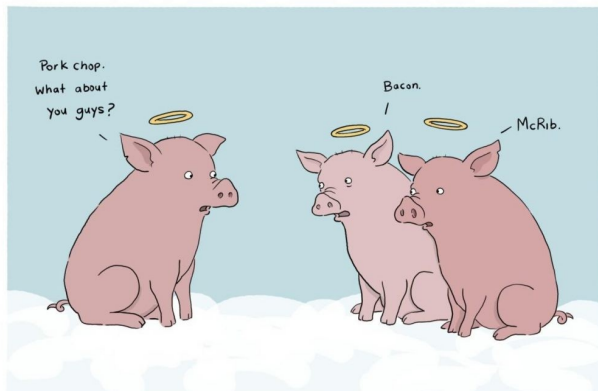


# PUZZLE ZONE—CONNECT THE DOTS





# OINKIN' HILARIOUS



**Why do piglets take home economics in school?**  
To learn how to sow.

RD



## **The Happy Pig**

**A Club dedicated to people who collect pigs,  
So that they may gain more enjoyment from their hobby  
And to meet and mingle with others  
Cursed with the same strange affliction.  
Just for the nonsense of it all, and to give respect to  
“When I see a pig I think of you.”**



**In Memory of Gene Holt**