



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 2011...Happy New Year!!!

That says it all. I gave up wishing for a specific this or that, so now, all I wish for - for you and for me, is health and happiness.

I am not going to write a big, long state of the club letter. Let's just say we are doing very well. We are financially sound, fully functional, and a vibrant, growing club. We have an established position in the community, are well known, and respected.

Our beginners' class starts on the 6th and, as always, new faces are a welcome sight. I know we will do all we can to help them along and make their learning experience a fun time for all.

Thanks to all of those who contributed to the beautiful display at the new library. Thanks to everyone who helped set it up. We were finished setting up around 10:30 am; and by 2:15 that day we already had three calls about our club. Good Stuff!!

That's it for now.

Paul H. Baumann III, President

## General Membership Meeting of December 16, 2010

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president Paul Baumann at 10:30. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by the acceptance of the minutes as published in *The Chip Pile*. In presenting the treasurer's report, Paul said that our VFW rent has been raised to \$40 per day. We have 67 members who have paid their 2011 dues.

Curt Shirkey reported that the new Beginner Class would start January 6.

Due to the many favorable comments on this year's Christmas party, it was decided that next year's party would be held at Colton's. Door prizes left from this year's Christmas party will be given as prizes at meetings during the year.

After many suggestions and much discussion, it was decided to table the decision on a charity for next year until the January meeting.

The Library has asked us to display carvings in a lockable glass case during the months of January and February. Skip Banaszak, Claude Roper, Kathi Clark, and Tom Higgins will make the arrangements.

Paul asked carvers to donate small carvings to be used as door prizes at the show in May.

After a discussion of ideas for next year's fund raiser, it was decided that we will make one quilt with painted blocks in a flora theme, and one four post lamp with natural finish blocks in a wildlife theme. Sid Edelbrock has drawn the plan for the lamp.

Show and Tell followed. Dick Dulaney carved a bear sitting in a chair reading a book. Wally Smietanski showed a mermaid that he carved in a class with Debbie Traylor, and a butternut relief carving of Man in the Wind. Lynda Heydt carved a spiral Santa and a spiral snowman. Betty Gregory carved two Santa ornaments and a spiral Santa. Ken Doran showed a diamond willow walking stick that he had carved, and shared information on obtaining and carving diamond willow. He will put the information in our library. Claude Roper carved a relief Grape Leaf Man. Jackie Miller carved a relief of a girl and her pony.

Jackie Miller won the Show and Tell drawing. Curt Shirkey won the nametag drawing, and Jim Clements won the 50/50. The meeting adjourned at 11:17.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary

## Board of Directors Meeting of January 6, 2011 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Baumann. The treasurer's report was given. Paul said 90 members have paid their 2011 dues.

Curt Shirkey said that there are 11 students in the new beginner's class. Several of the new students came to the class after seeing the club's display at the library and the publicity for the display in the *Baxter Bulletin*. Due to the number of students in the class, Curt will find one assistant instructor for each class.

Curt will purchase the necessary leather, and Sid will make 24 strops for the students to use. Curt will also gather information on purchasing 15 sets of tools for future classes. He will present the information to the membership at the General Meeting.

Hill Country Art Gallery is applying for a grant and needs demonstrations and displays scheduled. The Board decided that we will provide a carving display and demonstration at the gallery.

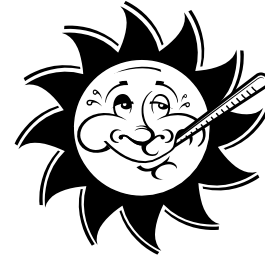
Kathi Clark suggested that instead of giving carvings to a charity to sell, we should sell the donated carvings at carving events and then give the money to one or more charities. We will discuss the possibilities at the General Meeting.

Paul suggested that the many jobs that are the club president's responsibility now should be

divided among several people so that the next president's responsibilities are fewer. This will be discussed during the year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by: Bonnie Davis, Secretary



## SUNSHINE BOY REPORTS

*Please let Claude Roper or Board members know* of any member who may be ill or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.

**2011  
Membership Dues -  
Please see  
Jean Kropke  
or Paul Baumann**

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