

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We just had Thanksgiving and then our club Christmas Party. I think it is a time to reflect and look back at all of our blessings. Just think of this wonderful country we live in where we have all these opportunities and freedoms. And the icing on the cake is this great place in the Ozarks we all now live. The added trim is the great carving club we have here. I have had a guiding hand that has helped me through life and brought me here.

We just attended Glenn Colley's Memorial today. We said goodbye to one more of our early members. I don't want to mention names of other early members who got this club off and running as I might miss some but since we are reflective today, we need to remember what our club founders did for us.

My term as president is soon ending and I would like to thank all those who made the last two years work so well. That would be club officers and board members and the total membership. This includes the show committee as well. While the president seems to get credit for how well the club is doing, it really depends upon members stepping up and doing things. I would like to thank Janet Caldwell for stepping forward when my treasurer became ill. I mention this as an example of what I speak.

Now I will pass on a couple of thoughts that I feel make this club such a success. (1) We have a friendly open group of people that are willing to help one another. (2) Lessons and activities which fall on the shoulders of the vice president. We have beginners classes that get people started as many people are looking for a new craft to fill in their time. After that, we have continuing classes and activities to keep people involved. The vice president position is key to keeping our membership up.

As we have noted before, beginners classes start again January 15 and will run through April 9th. We need all of you to promote the club and bring in new members. It is our life blood and with new people come new ideas.

Now I have one more thank you to make. I believe our Christmas Party was a huge success. The food was good and plenty of it and (Holy Smokes) wasn't that brisket good!!?? Along with the party, we had a non-perishable food collection for the Mountain Home Food Basket which netted 214 pounds of food and \$40 in cash. When we dropped the food off Friday morning, it sure looked like it was a welcome and needed addition

to the shelves. With the poor economy, there has been a pressing need for assistance. This donation, along with our cash donations to the Food Basket and Christmas Wish should go a long way in helping our neighbors that are down on their luck and need a hand up. We have the enjoyment of making our carvings and then add to it the knowledge we have helped someone.

Christmas and the New Year are coming. With that in mind, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and ask you to support our new officers and thank them for stepping forward. A thank you is the only compensation they will receive for their efforts.

Sid Edelbrock, NAWC President



General Membership Meeting of November 20, 2014

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sid Edelbrock, at 10:30. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in *The Chip Pile*. Janet Cardwell presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 175 members for the current year, and 72 members for 2015.

Norm Rutledge said that Margaret Killen will teach a ball in a cage class on December 11 & 18. The new Beginners' class will start January 15.

Sandy Smith showed a table cloth that had been ordered on line. By motion made and carried, it was decided to immediately order 14 more for club tables at the carving show and other events



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that we attend. Table cloths may also be ordered by individual club members for their show tables. The cost is approximately \$20 and the shipping is free with orders of two or more.

This is the last day to purchase tickets for the December 4 Christmas party. Seventy-five tickets have been sold. Paul Baumann volunteered to pick up the meat and the cup cakes the morning of the party. Members were reminded to bring non-perishable food to be donated to The Food Basket.

It was decided to order an assortment of 20 caps.

Carved pieces for the nativity and the chess set must be returned by the end of February.

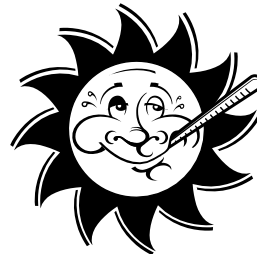
Raffle tickets for the ark and lamp will be available at the Christmas party.

Election of officers for the coming year resulted in the election of the following officers: Ray Killen, president; Jason Gambill, vice president; Bonnie Davis, secretary; Rod Engle, treasurer; Curt and Deen Shirkey, membership; Sandy Smith, website/*Chip Pile*; Naomi Inglett, auditor; Terry Balcom, board member (preacher) ; Bob Schaffer, board member (tools); Wally Smietanski, board member (publicity); Paul Baumann, board member (wood); Sid Edelbrock, board member (past president); Sonia Nelson, librarian; Jackie Miller, sunshine; Debra Shook, historian.

Show and Tell followed: Naomi Inglett carved a flock of duck bottle openers. Sid Edelbrock showed 5 pawns for the chess set. Norm Rutledge carved a jack o'lantern and a snowman relief plate that was painted by his wife, Karen. Mary Ragan carved an elf, a penguin, and poinsettia Christmas ornaments. Dick Dulaney carved a mountain lion in myrtle wood. Jason Gambill carved a ship and a mask relief carvings. He also showed an owl relief carved by his great-grandfather. Paul Baumann carved a pawn for the chess set. Lynda Heydt showed her autumn barn scene that was colored with chalk.

The Name Tag drawing winner was Curt Shirkey; Show and Tell winner was Norm Rutledge; 50/50 winner was Bob Shaffer. The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Jackie Miller 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.



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