



THE CHIP PILE

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Board Member (Publicity)	Wally Smietanski
Board Member (Wood)	Paul Baumann
Librarian	Sonia Nelson
Sunshine Lady	Betty Gregory

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A man is driving down the road with a bunch of penguins in the back seat of his car. The police stop him and tell the man that he cannot drive down the road with that many penguins in his car, it's illegal. They inform him that he needs to take the penguins to the zoo right away. He is pulled over again the following day by the same police officer when the officer notices all the penguins still in the man's car. He says to the man, "I thought I told you to take those penguins to the zoo!" to which the man replies, "I did. Today I'm taking them to the movies."

Our Christmas party was a resounding success with beautifully decorated tables and the food was plentiful and delicious. Home Depot donated all of the pots of poinsettias, which added to the festive atmosphere. Members of the club exchanged personalized handmade gifts. Our thanks go out to all those who worked very hard to make this possible.

We drew the winners for this year's raffle. The delighted winner of the chess set was Jerry Young who lives in Lakeview for part of the year and currently residing in Georgia. He will have a friend living in Mountain Home come to pick it up. Mrs. Kirby who lives on 201 S near Norfolk won the nativity set. She was very happy to win it since she collects nativity sets and they came to pick it up within the hour.

Lorraine from Lakeview (who won the Ark last year) sent over some cookies as a thank you, which was nice of her.

Now we have to get busy with the raffle for next year. There are still many pieces to be carved for the Santa chess

set. Thanks to Tommy Johnson for donating the beautiful chessboard of walnut and quarter-sawn oak.

We also have to work on doing carvings for the Halloween display. Kathi Clark has already made a number of them but we need more of you to carve some others.

I have some pictures to give you ideas.

Ray Killen, NAWC President

General Membership Meeting of Nov. 19, 2015 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Jason Gambill, at 10:30. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in *The Chip Pile*. Curt Shirkey reported that the membership is 172. He also stated we have 56 members for 2016.

Tommy Johnson will teach a chip carving class in December. There is a volunteers sign-up sheet for our table at Wood Turners show on Dec. 5.

The show committee mailed "save the date" postcards for our show in May. Sandy Smith has a sign-up sheet for Debbie Edwards' carving class which will be held following the show.

Deen Shirkey said that tickets for the December 3rd Christmas party will be available at the door. Carvers are asked to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Food Basket.

A VFW representative will unlock and lock the building for our meetings for a few months. There will be no meeting December 31.

The slate of candidates for offices in 2016 was read and elected by acclamation. The officers for next year are: Ray Killen, president; Jason Gambill, vice president; Bonnie Davis, secretary; Sid Edelbrock, treasurer; Kathi Clark, membership; Sandy Smith, website/*The Chip Pile*; Naomi Inglett, auditor; Terry Balcom, board member; Gary Beck, board member (tools); Wally Smietanski, board member (publicity); Paul Baumann, board member (wood); Sonia Nelson, librarian; Betty Gregory, Sunshine Lady.

Anyone interested in carving an "In God We Trust" plaque for the County Court House should contact Sandy Smith for more information.

Show and Tell followed. Rose Cook carved a comfort cross and a rocking horse. Curt Shirkey drew the pattern and chip carved a basswood plate. Kathi Clark carved a witch, 2 Santa

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egg heads, Halloween characters, 2 wizards, and Frankenstein for the haunted house. Naomi Inglett carved an Indian girl. Bob Ahrens carved two spiral Santas, Bud Lite and Rock and Roll. Dick Dulaney showed Touch Down, Lil Hombre, Cowboy Santa, and Defiant Pirate that he had carved. John Gregory carved Disney character Christmas ornaments. Betty Gregory carved a Santa plate and counting sheep with golf tee legs. Red Murr carved an Indiana Indian. Ken Doran carved a cane for a friend from cork screw willow. Norm Rutledge carved a comfort bird, 3 comfort crosses, and 4 Christmas ornaments. Marjorie Clements showed a bell that she had wood burned. Dale Brissey won the Name Tag drawing. Norm Rutledge won the Show and Tell drawing and the 50/50 drawing. The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting
of December 3, 2015
MINUTES**

The meeting was opened by the president, Ray Killen, at 10:15. Rod Engle gave the treasurer's report. Curt Shirkey reported that we have 64 members. Sonia Nelson, librarian, said that there are several books missing from the library which have not been signed out. The titles of the missing books will be published in *The Chip Pile* soon.

Sid Edelbrock reported that the signature card for the treasurer has been changed at the bank. Paul Baumann said that he would pay the storage rent today for the year 2016. He also said that we have a good inventory of wood.

Mary Adair, addressing the Board, said that many cards for books that are out of the library have no names signing them out. She suggested that we form a library committee that will try to find solutions to the problem. It was decided that the committee members will be Mary Adair, Margaret Killen, and Sonia Nelson.

Paul volunteered to contact the craft fair organizers to reserve a table to sell our charity items at the 2016 fall craft fair.

It was reported that our charity sales raised \$680 this year. The suggestion was made that we give \$1200, divided equally between The Food Bank, Kindness, Inc., and Serenity. This proposal will be presented to the membership at the December meeting.

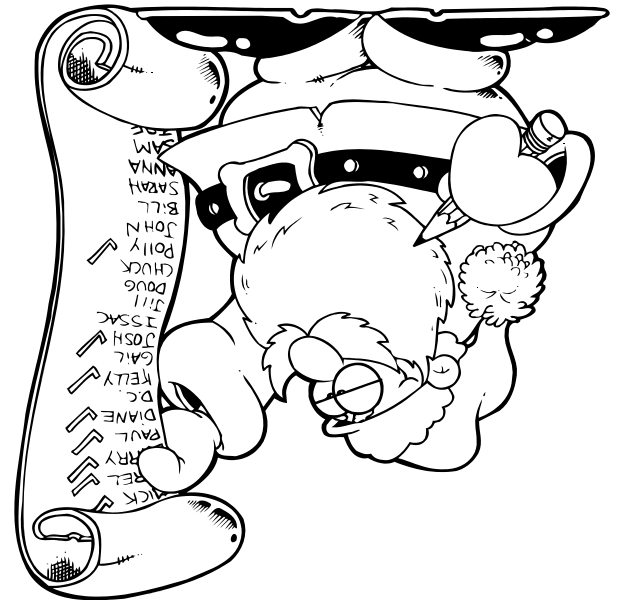
The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Submitted by Bonnie Davis, Secretary



**SUNSHINE LADY
REPORTS**

Please let Betty Gregory 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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