



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully this will make it to you in time for a reminder. November 30th is the last day to buy tickets for the Christmas Party on Dec. 7th. Dinner is to be served at 11:30. The cooks need a number to plan the meal. Since we are on the subject of the party, if you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring in a hand made gift. If you wait for the day of the party, please bring it wrapped. If you bring it on the 30th, you don't need to wrap it.

On the subject of holidays, we just had Thanksgiving with most of our family here. We had all of the grands. We switched from wood to steel as my one grandsons, son, and I built a forge last summer. This was our first chance to try it. They brought coal for the forge and with a meat smoker going in the yard, we had quite a cloud of smoke. We made knives out of railroad spikes. Now Christmas is just around the corner. I, like most, have a lot to be thankful for. I made it through Thanksgiving real fine but spent Sat., Sun., and Mon. in the hospital. All is fine now. At the last meeting we agreed to donate \$2400 split between 4 local charities; Peitz Cancer Center, Pregnancy Resource Center, Alpha House, and Serenity, Inc. The bulk of this money was raised from selling carvings that our club members have very generously donated. Checks will be presented December 14th. Also on December 14th, there will be a food collection of non-perishable items for the Mountain Home Food Basket.

We have a friend in Hospice and while visiting I talked to them about the comfort birds and crosses. They are running low on the birds. If you feel in the mood, we can make some more. I will try to bring in some cut outs.

We have goose eggs to carve our nativity set. All the figures are not yet checked out, so consider that also.

Remember, Dec. 2 is the Wood Turner's Show at the Fair Grounds. Set up is Friday, Dec. 1, from 2:00 to 4:00. The show runs 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday.

This is my farewell message as president. I appreciate all the cooperation over the years I have been president but, as with all things, it is time for a change. I have enjoyed seeing the club grow and welcoming new members to the carving world. Looking around, I don't see many people who were members when I joined. We moved here 15 years ago and has the time ever flown by. I welcome the new "administration". They bring a lot of experience and wood carving knowledge.

Thank you again for your support and we (Barb and I) wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy Healthy New Year.

Sid Edelbrock, NAWC President

## General Membership Meeting of November 16, 2017 MINUTES

The meeting was brought to order at 10:50 by President Sid Edelbrock.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all members.

Minutes were duly approved as written in *The Chip Pile*.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Ray Killen.

Librarian Sonia Nelson said that the historical books of the club have been condensed and completed. They will be brought back for the Christmas party for people to view. Quartermaster Paul Baumann said that he sold a lot of wood today and will be ordering wood in February. Membership chairs Linda and Ray Peacy said that we have 157 members as of today. VP Marty Wells said that there are no classes scheduled during the holiday season. Sunshine Lady Amy Wainscott has sent cards to Claude Roper, Hazel Faltinson, Ralph Shackelford and Shirley Wiles to let them know that we are thinking of them. Show Committee Bonnie Davis says the "Save the Date" cards have been sent out and we already have a reservation from a new person for the May show. Christmas Committee has sold 60 tickets so far for the event (last year's total was 84). We have one more day (November 30th) to buy tickets for this event. Members can still bring a gift on the day of the event, but they must be wrapped and be a hand-made item. Birthdays and anniversaries for October and November were read.

**Old Business:** Wood Turners show is December 2nd - set up will be Friday for the Saturday event. Dues for 2018 are due for \$20.00 single and \$30.00 a couple.

**New Business:** A discussion and a motion was made that we do not have a board meeting or a general meeting in December. Motion passed. Another discussion was held on how/who to distribute Charity monies. A motion was made that the club make up the difference between what we have raised and give \$2,400.00 to 4 Charities: \$600 will go to each: Pregnancy Resource Center, Peitz Cancer Center, Alpha House and Serenity. These checks will be distributed on December 14th. Elections will be held today. The slate of officers was read with nominations being accepted from the floor. A motion was passed and the officers/event chairpersons for next year will be:

President - Marty Wells

Vice President - Rick Wheeler

Secretary - Penny Wells

Treasurer - Ray Killen

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**General Membership Meeting of November 16, 2017**

**Minutes - Continued from Page 1**

- Membership - Linda & Ray Peacy
- Auditor - Lynn Huett
- Website/The Chip Pile - Sandy Smith
- Board Member (Preacher) - Terry Balcom
- Board Member (Tools) - Linda Lopin
- Board Member (Publicity) - Wally Smietanski
- Board Member (Wood) - Paul Baumann III
- Past President - Sid Edelbrock
- Librarian - Sonia Nelson
- Fair Coordinator - Cheryl McConkey

Signers for checking account #XXXXX and safe deposit box XXXX will be the President - Marty/Martin Wells and Treasurer - Ray Killen.

Betty Gregory won the name tag drawing, show and tell drawing and the 50/50. We all agreed that she needs to go buy a lottery ticket!

Show and Tell carvers and items were: Donna Gulley (spiral Santa and dove); Gordon Ziesmer (hard work scene); John Gregory (Carolina wren and cardinal); Betty Gregory (saw-whet owl); Linda Peacy (wood spirit from found wood, Santa egg, Santa carving, turtle picture, wood spirit solar light for flower bed); Ray Peacy (tramp art Santas); Irving Bourgeois (Bourgeois family crest); Linda Lopin (carved walking stick and a purchased wooden rooster); Paul Baumann (bark carvings); Earl Gulley (lady study relief); Bob Jones (first cane); Kim Valentine (chain saw carvings - buzzard, howling wolf, blue heron).

Motion made and passed to adjourn at 11:23.  
Respectfully submitted by Penny Wells, Secretary.

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**Board of Directors  
Meeting of December 14, 2017  
MINUTES**

*(Editor's Note: This month's **Board of Directors Meeting** and the **General Membership Meeting** have been cancelled due to motion made and carried at the November 16th General Membership Meeting. Wishing you safe travels during the holidays and a very Merry Christmas...Sandy and Gary.)*

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**SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS**

*Please let Amy Wainscott 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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**2018 Membership Dues**  
**are Due**  
\$20 - Individual Membership  
\$30 - Individual Membership plus Spouse  
Please see Linda & Ray Peacy,  
Membership Chairmen,  
to Renew Your Membership

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