



# THE CHIP PILE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Merry Christmas to ALL!

Another year has quickly passed and I am so proud to report the GREAT success of our Club. This is due to the hard work and dedication of our wonderful members.

Because of all your work we were able to award four worthy organizations this year. Those receiving our gifts were the Visually Impaired Persons, the Christian Clinic, the Food Pantry at the Post (aid for Veterans via food assistance), and the Junior Bomb Squad - Robotics Team. All of these organizations were VERY thankful for our club caring for them!

We are looking forward to an even better year next year!

Hoping that everyone had a great time at the Christmas party. Once again we had a *great* meal, good participation and lots of fun! Thanks to Barb and the Clarkridge Auxillary for all that was done to provide such a nice celebration.

Now we can take a deep breath and get ready for another busy and productive year. We have an **awesome club** and we can accomplish more good things next year!!

A very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and **Happy New Year** to ALL!

Kim

## General Membership Meeting of November 16, 2023 MINUTES

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:23. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Nancy Wheeler gave the Treasurer's report. We have money in our treasury. Linda Peacy said we have 110 members. Bob Shaffer reported that we are okay with the equipment and are ready for the Beginners' class in January. Terry Muth said the wood was good. Paul Baumann III reported that there are 11 people signed up for the Beginners' Class in January. He will call each to confirm they are still interested in early January. They still must determine how much wood they will need for the classes. Wally Smietanski, Publicity, said the club announcement appears in *The Baxter Bulletin*. Sandy Lord, the Sunshine Lady, said that Jim Inglett and Lenny Kiltyka were both in rehab. Paul Baumann III said the Fair was going fine. Barbara Edelbrock is still selling tickets to the Christmas Party until the 30th of November. She has sold 29 tickets so far. Amy Wainscott said the Crafftast on the 17-18th of November was all set. They will be setting up at the Fairgrounds right after the meeting.

**Old Business:** Kim Valentine read the slate of Officers and Board members for the upcoming year.

### 2024 Officers

President . . . . . Kim Valentine  
Vice President . . . . . Paul Baumann III  
Secretary . . . . . Nancy Smith  
Treasurer . . . . . Nancy Wheeler

### Board Members

Membership . . . . . Linda and Ray Peacy  
Equipment/Tools . . . . . Bob Shaffer  
Quartermasters . . . . . Terry Muth  
Norman Dixon  
Publicity . . . . . Wally Smietanski  
Past President . . . . . Marty Wells  
Auditor . . . . . Pamela Frost  
Librarian . . . . . Sonia Nelson  
Webmaster/Chip Pile Editor . . . . . Sandy Smith  
Sunshine Lady . . . . . Sandy Lord  
Fair Coordinator . . . . . Paul Baumann III  
Events / Party Coordinator . . . . . Barbara Edelbrock  
Charity Coordinators . . . . . Amy Wainscott/  
Dee Robinson

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers and board members as read. Motion carried.

Ballots were marked and counted for the four charities that will receive funds from the club this year. Kim read the top four charities that will receive money from us. The Food Pantry at the American Legion for Veterans; the Christian Clinic; the Visionally Impaired People; Protective Vests for the Reserve Officers of the Mountain Home Police Department. (\*\*Note: The Police Department does not have reserve officers and the money would have gone into their general funds, not towards protective vests, so it was decided that the "Bomb Squad" Robotics team from the High School will receive the money.)

**New Business:** none

**Announcements:** Happy 92nd Birthday to Irving Bourgeois. A big "Thank You" to Mary Ragan for putting the club's directory together and getting them printed. Great job, Mary!

**Show and Tell:** Rick Wheeler – shamrock with ladybug; Paul Baumann III – brought in the 2010 club project that his late wife had won, 2 candle sticks and a Santa; Tim Sharp – a 40 year old piece of butternut wood that he carved a trout on and will use as a head board; Sonia Nelson – a number of Christmas ornaments for the Charity Table; Sid Edelbrock – a reindeer made from horseshoes. Tim Sharp won the drawing.

**Name Tag Winner:** Rick Hewitt won the name tag drawing.

**50/50 Drawing:** Jack Clarke won the drawing.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

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**Board of Directors Meeting  
of December 7, 2023**

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Treasurer Nancy Wheeler said that there was money in the Charity and Raffle funds. Checks for all four charities were handed out this morning. There is money left over for a good start on next year. Membership Chairman Linda Peacy reported that we have 110 members. Reminder that next year's dues are due. Forty-seven people have paid next year's dues so far. Bob Shaffer said that we were ready with equipment for the new Beginners' Class in January. If all fifteen people that signed up actually show up, he will have to order more sets to bring the number back up to 12. Norm Dixon reported that our wood supply is in good shape. Paul Baumann III told the board that the tools, wood, and instructors for the Beginners' Class were set. He will be contacting each of the fifteen people who signed up for that class in January. Sonia Nelson said the library is in good shape. Sandy Smith said *The Chip Pile* is going well. Sunshine Lady Sandy Lord will be sending "Thinking of You" cards to Lenny Kieltyka, and Naomi and Jim Inglett. Paul Baumann III as Fair Coordinator said that there was nothing new. Barbara Edelbrock reminded folks that there was a tip jar for the Fire Department volunteers working the Christmas

party. Amy Wainscott said the next event will be our show in May. She is in real need of items for the charity table.

**Unfinished Business:** The gnome village with houses, mushrooms, and gnomes for the club's project next year was discussed. It was suggested that it be made to go outside so it could be larger in scale.

**New Business:** none

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Smith, Secretary

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**2024 Dues are Due**

It is that time of the year when our dues for the 2024 year should be paid. They are still \$20 for individual memberships and \$30 for member/spouse memberships. Dues may be paid during the Thursday morning meeting. Just stop by and see either Ray or Linda. They can also be paid by mailing your dues to the club at P.O. Box 531, Mountain Home, AR 72654.

Thank you, Ray and Linda Peacy, Membership Chairmen



**SUNSHINE LADY  
REPORTS**

*Please let Sandy Lord 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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**2024 Membership Dues**  
\$20 - Individual Membership  
\$30 - Individual Membership plus Spouse  
Please see **Ray and Linda Peacy,**  
*Membership Chairpeople,*  
to Renew Your Membership

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