

The Elections were conducted by Joe McDaniel at the Nov. Meeting.

Our New Executive Board starting in Jan. 2009 is President: Marcie White, Vice President: Dick Sader, Secretary: John Hunter, Treasurer: Claudia Brazil, and Past President: David T. White. Congratulations to all. Thank you Joe for making this election happen!

2008 Executive Board

Your hard work brought an exciting year. Those long emails and meetings make the Club function well. Your open door policy for ideas and keeping the Club's best interest in mind when making decisions are all what makes you a Great Executive Board. Thank you!

Christmas Party / Awards Diner Dec. 18 at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria at Clifford Pierce Middle School

This party is always a good time for all. If you are coming, bring your favorite side dish. The Club provides the tasty main dishes, soda, and Charles Norrman's famous "saw dust coffee."

Safety

Take the time to clean out the dust collector and make sure it is in good working order.

Club Liaison

Dick Sader has become the Club Liaison and is working closely with Frank Kylsa. Frank said he is always here to lend a hand. Congratulation!

Monthly Club Breakfast

We meet at the Old Country Buffet, Merrillville, In., on the first Saturday of the month. December was the first monthly breakfast together. There were 16 members that enjoyed good food and company. We shared ideas, talked about the icy roads, and afterward went to Woodcraft to visit with Al to pick up supplies and Christmas gifts. We visited even more!

The first SIG (Special Interest Group) was formed. Carl Mills, Marcie White and Lalo Gonzalez are working together on a Carving Group. There were 6 members interested. Nice. We all had a good time. The next Monthly Club Breakfast is Jan. 3, 2009 at 9am, Old Country Buffet in the strip mall that shares the big parking lot with Woodcraft. Everyone is welcome.(Dick Sadar VP Elect, made reservations for the dining room) Get to know members and wear your badge so they can get to know you!.

January Meeting

While you are hiding the Christmas gifts look around the shop, keep in mind we are having the Annual Tool Auction and Book Sale at the Jan Meeting. This meeting brings anything from tools to wood to parts that you no longer need and someone else does. Just bring the item to the Jan meeting and if there is no bid it goes home with you. The Club is not responsible for the item or the bidding.

Publicity Person Wanted

We need someone to get the word out to the press. This is not difficult. Pass the info to the public. Thinking of ideas, you may be interested? Contact someone on the Executive Board.

Toys for Kids / Website

My thanks to all that participated in the *Toys for Kids* program this year. You did an outstanding job that will brighten the holidays for many needy children. We built 1003 toys that were given to 24 area churches/organizations for distribution. We are always looking for more plans to share with our members.

A reminder

that our website is there to keep you informed of Club activities and to supply you with hopefully useful information. I try to keep the Calendar of Events up to date so that information about meetings and other events is only a click away. I welcome your input and constructive criticism. Please let me know how you think the website can be improved. Bob Roach

Holiday Violins

Carl Mills, Marcie White and I have been putting blood, sweat, and tears into making the four gift violins for the Christmas Party. Well, maybe not so many tears as we had a good time learning from Carl how to construct these display violins. As you may know, Carl builds real violins. We used the same techniques to build these smaller ones. We learned about carving, steam bending wood, and assembly techniques as well as the usual woodworking operations. We had fun and learned a lot, but I think I had better keep my day job. Four lucky ladies will take one home. Bob Roach.

Thank you to Lalo and his wife for hosting the Dec. Committee Meeting. You are the BEST!