



Wood Chips

Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Dates to Remember

Feb. 26, Thursday 6:00pm SIG Carving before the Membership Meeting

Feb. 26, Thursday 7:00pm Membership Meeting Pierce Middle School in the Arena Room

March 7, Saturday 9:00am NIWA Monthly Breakfast at Old Country Buffet, Merrillville, In

March 7, Saturday SIG Scrollsaw, 10:00 after breakfast.

March 17, Tuesday 6:30pm Committee Meeting at Hidden Lake

March 26, Thursday 6:00pm SIG Carving before the Membership Meeting

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Members to Keep In your Thoughts & Prayers

Kyle and Norma Rush lost their home to a fire. Thank goodness they are safe, but they lost nearly everything they own. Marcie and Claudia went out to lunch with Norma. They are in good spirits and trust in the Lord that there is a greater plan. If you have time give them a call or a helping hand. They are good folks.

Deepest Sympathy to Claudia and Skip Brazil. Claudia's brother passed away.

Haven't heard from Stan Slazyk, and Leon Kozlowski. They are on Club LOA since they lost their homes to the Munster Flood. Hopefully they will be back at meetings soon.

Toys for Kids

The Federal Government has passed a law, H.R. 4040 requiring expensive third party testing for lead paint on **all toys**. Due to public outcry, the enforcement of the law has been suspended for one year until Feb. 2010. This means that we will be able to make and give away toys for kids this year. It remains to be seen how the law will be revised in 2010.

The law was co-sponsored by Representative Pete Visclosky. It would be helpful if you let him and your Senators know that the problem of lead paint comes from foreign toys, not toys made by our club or other crafters. If they don't hear your opinion they will not act to get this situation corrected.

Any way, please continue to make toys as usual this year



Dick Sader



Jim Schuster



Emery Brazil



Harry Nelson



Lalo Gonzalez.



Don Boswell



Phil Malavolta



Jim Jones



John Sturk



Chuck Norman



Lou Takacs



Bob Philpot



Joe McDaniel



Carl Ronscke



Max Hernick



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Denny McCoole



Carl Mills

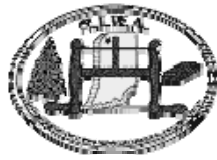


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Marcie White

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President's Corner

There are things that make us all smile and say yup that's us NiWA. At February's monthly breakfast I was passed a piece of wood with a bunny face on it and instructed to enjoy my Carving SIG project. What a surprise. I have this piece, now I have to find the time to carve it. You bet I will make the time. This is from the Carving SIG that I belong. Well it doesn't end there. I have joined the Scrollsaw SIG. This is a newly formed group. Dick Sader invested his time to make sure that this SIG meets members needs. The observation I made is members can now associate more closely with members having like interests. It is easier to learn from each other and have some fun. If you have an idea for a SIG chances are someone is interested. The more the merrier. See you at the meeting

Marcie

