

# The Push Stick

## WOW'S Christmas Party



Hope you made it to **WOW's Christmas Potluck Party**. It was fun! There were many good things to eat and everyone won a raffle prize. Our members made some fine prizes. It is always enjoyable to look at the creativity and get ideas. I wanted to win the beer caddy with beer, but no, Arie got it. The grand prize for paid members was split by 2 members. Robert Bilevich and Ray Mitchem won \$150 in cash each. Hope they buy good tools with it.

**Dave Reid** organized the event and had the Cal State Fullerton Alumni Carolers come in. They did a fantastic job singing holiday

favorites. In addition, it turned out a group of Cub Scouts was meeting next door and they sang us "Santa Claus is Coming to Town". They wanted to practice for an upcoming event. Nice job Cubs. Thank you to **Ray and Judi Mitchem** for making wood star decorations, with candles, for the tables.

**John Okawa** won WOW's Hunter Smith Woodworkers Achievement Award. This is an award given to a member that shows a history of giving to the club and community through their woodworking skills. John is always showing us his scroll saw and turning gems at "show and tell". He is also at Hathaway Ranch often. John is a soft spoken man who has been woodworking since he was 14 years old, almost 70 years ago. In addition to the scroll saw and lathe tunings we have seen, he has done cabinet work for his home. Congratulations John and Thanks!



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### January 14th Meeting

**David Tilson**, manager of the Pasadena Rockler store, will be teaching us how to use and tune up Hand Planes and Scrapers. It will be very informative.

Save Money! Don't forget to show your WOW membership card when you go to Rockler or Woodcraft and save 10% off your purchase. After 20 people from WOW make a purchase at a Rockler store, WOW gets a \$20 Rockler gift card to raffle off!

## General Club News

**Steering Committee Minutes-** There was no Steering Committee meeting in December.

**Toy distribution day** Jim Sparling reports that all the charity groups (but one) came and picked up the toys and blocks at Hathaway Ranch on December 7th. This was a big improvement over last year. The toys will find their way into the hands of needy children.

Some of our members volunteered at the **Interfaith Food Center** on the day food and our toys were given out for Christmas. They saw first hand WOW toys being given to kids. Jim Sparling said it was well organized with 400 kids showing up and 800 adults. The Center gives out groceries donated by various groups. Ray Mitchem, Jim Sparling, Paul, Ron Holtz and Sparling's grandson pitched in. Thanks guys!

We need a program chairman for speakers at WOW meetings. If you come across someone who would be good for a presentation at a WOW meeting and is interested in doing it, please let us know.

**Dues of \$30 are now due.** Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. If you can not make it to the meeting, you can mail a check to Ray Mitchem, 15710 Formby Drive, La Mirada, CA 90638. There is a late fee after February, so pay as soon as possible.



**WOW's Christmas Tree Ornament** project was a success. Many kids, and even grownups, decorated ornaments. There was a constant line at Adventure Park, so we stopped at 200 ornaments. The Boys and Girls Club party was smaller- 146 were decorated there. Thanks to John Rodgers, Arie Korporaal, Alan Schwartz, Dave Reid, Dick Toney, Ray Mitchem, Lindsey Fisher and Alan Webster for manning the booth. **A big thanks to Lindsey Fisher** for his organization of this event for the past 8 years!. He is moving on and leaving the planning to someone else. To be determined.

### Club Calendar

Jan. Meeting -Thursday Jan. 14th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee-Tuesday Jan. 19th 7-8:00p.m  
 Feb. Meeting- Thursday Feb. 11th 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Steering Committee-Tuesday Feb. 16th 7-8:00 p.m.  
 Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park  
 10130 Gunn Avenue Whittier , CA 90605

### Upcoming Meetings

**February-** What we do at Hathaway Ranch- Ron Holtz

**Thanks to:** Harold Ehlers for mailing the newsletter, Julie McCamey for bringing the snacks.