

The Push Stick

WOW's Christmas Party



Wow's annual Christmas Potluck was a success. Around 60 people attended and had a nice time. Our members came through and we had enough handmade gifts that everyone got one in the drawing. WOW members always come up with creative ideas for prizes. We had Carolers again this year thanks to Dave Reid. They did spirited renditions of holiday classics.

Everyone brought great food. The club never tells people what to bring, but it always works out with enough mains, sides and deserts. Gene Getz organized the drawings and his sons handed out the gifts, so things went quickly and smoothly. Thanks guys! The members only drawing was for two \$150 cash prizes and some smaller amounts. The grand prizes went to Skip Porter and Mike Lisberg. Congratulations to them and thanks to all who participated to make it a wonderful evening.



Monte Koch won WOW's Hunter Smith Woodworkers Achievement Award. It was presented to him at the Christmas Party. This is an award given to a member that shows a history of giving to the club and community through their woodworking skills. Congratulations Monte and Thank You for your years of participation in the club.

Monte wants you know he has wood to give away for a donation to the club ;-).

New Years Resolution

Make a New Year's Resolution to be more active in the club. The more active you are in WOW, the more you get out of it. There are many things happening behind the scene of the main meeting. Most of it is discussed in this newsletter. It is easy to get involved and it doesn't take a lot of time. You can go to Hathaway Ranch on Mondays, make toy cars. participate in club activities, show and tell at the meeting, give a tour of your home shop or come to a Steering Committee Meeting where decisions are made.

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If you have a woodworking skill that you think would interest WOW members, please demonstrate it at a meeting. We are not looking for professional grade presentations. We know our members have skills. Think of how you would like to become active and let us know. You can call Jim Sparling about Hathaway or doing demonstrations 562-943-3013 - Dave Reid about everything else 562-693-3204.

January 12th Meeting

Paul Wilson will be showing a video of Wow's activities in 2016.

General Club News

Toy Distribution Day- Jim Sparling reports that 23 out of the 24 charities signed up to receive toys actually got them. This is great, because in the past many would not show up. Our toys and blocks are actually being given to the children that need them. Hooray!

Dues of \$30 are now due. Please make checks out to Woodworkers of Whittier. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. There is a late fee after February, so pay as soon as possible.

Some of our members volunteered at the **Interfaith Food Center** to assemble food packages for the needy at Thanksgiving time. This was food for them to prepare. I was there and it was very well organized. Many grocery companies donate large quantities of food. Our job as volunteers was to take different items of food and combine them into a shopping bag. They had different sections- dairy, dry goods, breads, can goods and produce. At the end they were also given a turkey.

It was a good day for the 400 needy families and for those who volunteered. WOW members Dave Reid, Alan Webster, Jim Sparling, Gene Getz, Jim Lockwood and Paul Wilson were there. We even saw past member Lindsey Fisher volunteering. Good work guys.



Don't forget to **attend a Steering Committee Meeting.** All members can attend.

See what goes on behind the scenes of WOW. We meet at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut St., off of Painter, on the Tuesday following the meeting. 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Ornament Decorating In past years WOW has had a table at Adventure Park and the Boys and Girls Club for kids to decorate wooden tree ornaments with glitter. This year the Boys and Girls Club event fell through. We had the one at the Adventure Park Christmas Boutique, but it was not as well attended as in the past. They held it during the day this year. In the past it was in the evening and much better attended than this year. We had 112 ornaments decorated as compared to last year's 400.

We still had a nice time. I want to thank Paul Wilson, Jim Lockwood, Arie Korporaal, Gene Getz, Shirley Getz, Cindy Getz, Ron Holtz and Jim Sparling for helping out...Alan Webster

Thanks to: Harold Ehlers for mailing the newsletter, Julie McCamey for bringing the snacks, Gene Getz for organizing the raffle.

Club Calendar

Jan. Meeting -Thursday Jan. 12th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee-Tuesday Jan. 17th 7-8:00p.m
February Meeting- Thursday Feb. 9th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Steering Committee- Tuesday Feb.14th 7-8:00p.m.

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month at Adventure Park
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