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January 2007 MEETING

Kitsap Adventist School January 31th 7:00 pm 5088 NW Taylor Rd. Bremerton, WA.

President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope you all had a great holiday season, despite the lack of cooperation from the weather. I'm looking forward to a great year for the club. Yesterday was the Board of Director's meeting. Let me share with you some of the items we talked about.

This will give you a chance to get your two cents in if you'd like to tell us how you feel, or think we are off track:

- ❖ Jimmie tells us the cost of demonstrations continues to go up. He's working on a budget now. We agreed that the main reason for our club is to have good demonstrations, and if it costs more to get them, then we will have to look for ways to get more money. A dues increase would be one way. We all agreed that \$25 is pretty cheap for a year's entertainment. However, before we do that, we agreed we would try to get more out of the wood auction, etc. Your ideas on this are welcome.
- ❖ Please bring your dues (\$25) for 2007 to the Jan. 31st meeting. George Kromka plans to have several people checking in... look for the line with your initials on it, to speed the process of getting receipts, etc. Also, please bring your membership card so we can validate it for 2007.
- ❖ I personally am keeping a score card of how much I spend with our Chattermarks advertisers in 2007, and I'd like to encourage you to do the same. Seems like every year, one or more of the advertiser's questions whether their ad is worthwhile. Having the data makes it very easy to close the deal. Of course I would caution about letting your significant other see the list!
- ❖ The Board thought it was important to remind you that not just wood, but any turning related item is welcome on the "wood auction" table. I think I have some items I'd be willing to contribute. Maybe you do to. We agreed it would be fair to put a reserve price on it, and if no one wants it for that price, you could just leave it for the next auction, or take it home.
- ❖ Be sure and put your full name on the tickets you put in for the holiday drawing and traveling bowl. Some were blank, and some just had a single name.
- ❖ We are looking early for a volunteer who would a)back up Jimmie, b)take on some of his responsibilities, c) be willing to take the job next year. As I said earlier, the demos are such a big part of the club benefit; we need to be seamless in this position, just like we were when it went from Dave to Jimmie. Jimmie tells me this is a rewarding position. He gets to spend more time with the demonstrators than anyone. Please let's have someone getting up to speed now!

- ❖ The BOD is looking into a “listening assist” system to augment our regular audio. Our demographic of “old power tool addicts” has more than the normal share of people with hearing problems. The question is, would you be willing to provide your own receiver, if the club bought the transmitter? The receivers require a certain amount of care to remain hygienic (cleaning the ear buds), they need to be customized for those who have hearing aids, and are just too expensive (\$50-\$70 each) for the club to foot that part of the bill. Tell us what you think!
- ❖ Finally, this year we once again have several opportunities to participate in fairs and festivals. Some of these are demos, some are demos with sales, and some are just sales. All are a great way to build appreciation of wood turning in the community, and to recruit new members. Each time Rick has brought this up we have had one or two people say they will help. A two or three day event, 6 or 8 hours a day, takes way more than a couple of people. Think it over, and if you have any interest, be ready to put your hand up when he asks.

PS: Have George Kromka show you the pen he turned out of fuzzy yarn. Pretty cool if you like the smell of super glue in the morning!

Norm

January's Demonstrator: Lloyd Johnson:

For thirty years, Lloyd Johnson has been a hobbyist woodworker and employed in computer technology. In 1992, he started Woodturner PRO which allowed him to unite his hobby with his vocation. The result was software and hardware products to help woodturners and woodworkers improve their craft. Woodturner PRO products are currently in use in over 50 countries and have received worldwide critical acclaim. An active member of the AAW, Lloyd will be Team Leader of the youth program for this year's AAW Symposium in Portland. In 1990, Lloyd founded CommercePath, a communications software company and is currently President of Mainpine, Inc., a computer hardware company.



Cindy Allen

Note from George Kromka, VP Membership

Dues for 2007 are due this month. A table will be set up to collect dues with lines according to last name.

A thru D, E thru J, K thru R and S thru Z.

Dues are \$25.00 and you will receive a receipt with your name on it and a small label to attach to your membership card.

Thanks,
George

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MENTORING PROGRAM

The mentoring programs has been set up to answer questions and give help to new members and those whom may be having a problem in a specific area. Although not intended to be free lessons in woodturning (many of those volunteering are professional turners and derive their income from turning and teaching), these are some friendly folks willing to give you a point in the right direction.

Dan Ackerman.....(360)796-4155

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Henry Wischhoefer...(360)377-3464

Finally!

I’ve created the long awaited redirect to our new web site. If you go to our old web site, <http://www.geocities.com/opaaw> you will be redirected to our new site: <http://www.opcaaw.com>. If you experience any problems contact me at PublicRelations@opcaaw.com.

Speaking of which: All OPCA AW officers now have email accounts independent of their personal accounts. For instance, the “PublicRelations” address above is part of our new website. When you send an email to that address it goes to the “PublicRelations” mailbox at opcaaw.com. It is then forwarded to me at Rick_Hurst@hotmail.com. The advantage is that through the magic of the internet I can easily change who gets the forwarded mail. So as our officers change they still have the same public email address. Here are the permanent officers email addresses:

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I’m sure you see a trend here. One note of advice, when you send to one of these addresses, any response you receive will come from the personal address not from President@opcaaw.com, for example. In the future, the officers will be able to use the opcaaw.com mail addresses directly but I haven’t got that set up yet.

Rick



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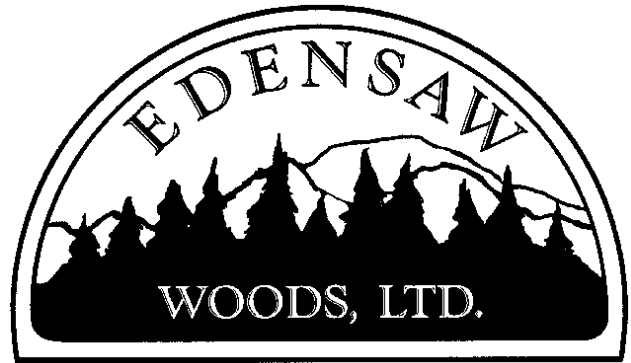
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