



January 2008

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

This will be a short Newsletter because there was no meeting in December. The Christmas Party was held December 8th at Voyager RV Resort in the Catalina Room. Although the room is smaller than the ballroom, it was more convenient for the restaurant staff and a more friendly atmosphere for the members; it seemed to work out just fine.

We had a cocktail server who took orders and delivered them to our tables. The food was good and the music was divine. We had a gift exchange of carved items and several members brought in items to show that they had carved during the year. There were four door prizes that were given out and one person at each table won the centerpiece.

The 2008 officers were introduced and the members who are 90 years and greater were recognized. Our Chaplain, **Rev. Carl Zehner** gave the blessing before our meal. He inspired us to remember those folks who are less fortunate than us. Some members brought in Toys for Tots and also food for the food bank. These items were all delivered to the right places by **Jim and Louise Thompson**.

Out thanks to **Vern Preater** for taking the money and keeping an accurate account of the dinner orders. This made it much easier for the Treasurer.

Our thanks also to **Sherri Goade** for making the place setting cards. They were color coded to tell which dinner you had ordered. **Trish Jennings** helped out greatly and bought the snacks. Vern brought his CD player and was in charge of the music. Louise Thompson and her chauffer picked out and brought the plants that were on the tables as well as buying some of the snacks. We had to keep in touch with Debbie from the restaurant to make sure they had the correct count for the prime rib, chicken and vegetarian plates.

There were 62 folks at the party and 5 meals were boxed up and delivered to the people who couldn't make it to our party. Thanks to everyone for your help. It looks like we will need some help for the next Christmas party in 2008...

HEALTH AND WELFARE

There is very little to report this month. **Marti Kuykendall** had pneumonia and was hospitalized; she has since recovered and has been to Woodworkers Source carving again.

Our Health and Welfare Coordinator is **Christel Busby** (520) 625-3102. Please let her know if anyone is on the sick list.

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Meetings are held on the second Saturday of
each month starting at 9:00 AM:

Voyager RV Resort
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Board meetings are held four times a year in
February, May, August and November. The
Board members will determine the exact
days each month and they will be posted in
the Newsletter. Any member can attend a
Board meeting although they cannot vote.

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ANNUAL DUES

The 2008 membership dues are now due.
\$15 per person or \$25 per couple. You
can pay by cash or check. Please make
checks payable to Southwest Woodcarvers
and send them to Jim Thompson:

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WESTERN WHITTLERS NEWS

Western Whittlers meets at Woodworkers
Source on Wednesday and Saturday from
8:00 AM to noon. Sometimes there are
two eleven-year-olds carving with us. Dick,
the manager of Woodworkers Source has
hot coffee and popcorn for us. Newest
members **Don Hill** (dhill18@cox.net) and
Andy Quiroz (quirozliese@aol.com) both
also became members of SWA.

Please send any news and information
about other woodcarving groups to Jim
Thompson. Also, if you have wood carving
tools or wood burners for sale we can put
that in the Newsletter. I know someone
who needs a wood burner.

MONTHLY MEETING REMINDER

Please remember to call Jim or Louise
Thompson by Wednesday prior to each
monthly meeting so we can get an
accurate headcount for lunch.

Editor's Note:

We want to thank our daughter, Nancy
Staufenberger, who lives in Surprise,
Arizona for helping us with the Newsletter
since August.

Nancy also helped me in 1999 when I was
in charge of planning an annual reunion of
an Air Force group.

SWA 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 12th – SWA Meeting, Carving Class by Jack Yancick, Preparing Canes for Carving

Feb 9th – SWA Meeting, Carving Class by Chef Bach, Carving Fruit

Mar 8th – SWA Meeting, Carving Class by Chuck Trinko, Carving a 3 Minute Owl

Apr 12th – SWA Meeting. Carving Class by Dave Myers, Bark Carving

May 10th – SWA Meeting, Carving Class by Lefty Snyder, Bola Carving

Jun 14th – Flag Day, SWA Meeting, Carving Class by Doug Raine, Picking Noses (Carving Noses)

Jul 12th – SWA Meeting, no class

Aug 9th – SWA Meeting, no class

Sept – Oct – Nov – to be scheduled. Volunteers may contact Marie Roberts

Dec – Holiday Luncheon