

# JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

### Table Saw “Saw Stops”

A reminder that a new woodshop policy takes effect Jan 1. If a Saw Stop “emergency stop” goes off for any reason, the charge to the member is \$100. This is a change from previous policy which stated “if the emergency stop saves a finger there is no charge to the member”. \$100 doesn’t quite cover the cost of the blade replacement, but it does represent acknowledgment that the blade was ruined.

### TV “Administrator” Needed

Are you looking to contribute something to the shop and have some fun?

Become a producer of content for the shop television:

- receive and take photos for the slide show
- put on safety and cleanliness messages
- find humorous quips to teach and amuse members.

Interested? See Gary.

### Forthcoming Election

There is an election coming in March. If you are interested in serving on the board or in another elected office, watch the bulletin board to sign up, or see Gary or Ken.

### Contest for Beautification of the Woodshop Entry Area

Contest runs from 1 through 31 January 2017.

Entries should be turned in to Jim Booy.

Rules:

1. Must be made of wood and must be installable around the entryway
2. Club board will be the final judges (Please, no comments on “good or bad”)
3. The Recreation Center must approve method of attachment to the building
4. Winner will get a \$100.00 gift certificate from Woodworkers Source

# THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

## TOY MAKERS IN THE SHOP

### What We Did And Who Benefited

#### Part One

Over thirty members became “elves” this holiday season and made over 500 great toys for kids! The very special cars in many variations, sleighs and jewelry boxes were lovingly made. Thanks to Max Thompson for heading up the project which made lots of kids happy (see below)



#### Part Two

The toy program completed its cycle in December as seventy-five kindergarteners from area schools visited the wood club to entertain the gathering (about 100 member and guests) and each receive a hand made gift, courtesy of the dedicated club “elves”!



## RING A DING DING! (Eat your heart out, Ol' Blue Eyes...)

Sixteen club members spent time on December 15 to ring bells for The Salvation Army, raising \$1,184 in two kettles to assist in the Army's work in the west valley.



Marshall Adams coordinated the project (and brought coffee to the early crew).

Others helping were:

Art Breeze

Mike Copps

Dave Dostal

Mary Kay Furtado

Ed Gallardo

Greg Gayhart

Tom Heliker

Fred James

Ernie Johnson

Marv Otto

Merrilee Peterson

Ray Peterson

Hank Trangand

Sue Trevison

## THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN



### January General Meeting

General meeting will be held on January 3, 1:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

An historic vote to raise the dues is on the agenda and this is the time to voice your opinion.



Also at the meeting, the drawing for the Grandfather Clock will be held. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the meeting. The clock was made by our late member, Lon Sweet.

## January Happy Hour

Happy Hour will be from 4 to 5:30 pm on Jan 12 in the courtyard at Kuenz. This is a Thursday so please note the change. BYOB, edibles provided by the club. Special attraction: We will be entertained by a ukulele band flown in for the occasion, courtesy of Bill and Connie Riedel. (If you missed the writeup on their very successful trip to Hawaii, see the December newsletter)

## PEOPLE STUFF

### WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE CLUB?

The club wouldn't be great without people who contribute. One such person is Bill Frey. Long time member, outstanding lathe turner, he takes on a daily task of cleaning the sink in the shop. Seem like a menial task? Maybe, but unless it gets done... enough said. Thanks Bill!



### ARE GYMNASTICS PERMITTED IN THE WOODSHOP?

Dave Whitehouse recently completed two beautiful chests of drawers for his home. He did, however, find himself in a precarious situation while finishing the top of one chest: how to get down became quite the adventure. Ask him how it turned out...



## TERMITE TIDINGS

George Wildridge Reporting

### Ray Peterson

From 1962 to 1965 Ray served in the Marine Corps in the field of communications. During this tour of duty he was stationed in Japan and Okinawa. Back in the US, he worked for Northwestern Bell in Minnesota as a telephone lineman and, after the Bell System break-up, he went with U. S. West and moved to Phoenix where he worked on the field dispatch staff. Later he transferred to Bell Labs in New Jersey and ended up as a system engineer where he wrote programs to meet customers' requirements for phone installations.



At age 51 he took early retirement and started contracting as a consultant to companies world-wide. In this capacity, he spent a few months in

Indonesia where he consulted on system requirements for a dispatch system.

After retiring again (!) he and Merrilee came to SCW in 2002. Woodworking has always been a hobby and the sight of the wood shop in Sun City West confirmed their decision to move here. Ray immediately started assisting others and served on the board for a number of years, something he had found very rewarding. In 2005 and again in 2010 he was club president.

One of the skills he found interesting was lathe operation and, after becoming experienced with this tool, he successfully taught lathe classes.

He always had a shop at home but had never acquired the very special tools available in the woodshop; he also found access to knowledge from others who were willing to help a great benefit. He is at the woodshop almost every day, continues to learn new skills and is also helpful to members who need to learn skills from him. Most of the projects he has made have been for family and friends.

Ray sees no need to *recruit* new members. He says, "All visitors must do is see the shop and they are hooked."

He feels that the fact that we are open 12 hours a day during the winter months has made the shop more accessible to the members.

Married for 50 years, he and his wife, Merrilee, have two grown daughters. One serves in the health field in Anchorage, AK and the other is a teacher in the Sacramento area. He also has two grandchildren who are currently attending college.