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TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10

- Arrival time is 5:15 and dinner will be served at 6:00

Location: Atria Senior Living Center in Cary
7000 Regency Pkwy

- There is no Zoom option for this meeting

Topic: Annual Toys for Tots Dinner

This meeting will be the official hand-off of our toys to the Marines. A dinner will be served and beer and wine will be available for purchase. The menu for the dinner is shown below. The deadline for signing up for this dinner was 27 November.

MENU

- SALAD - Mixed Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, Carrots with choice of dressing
- MAIN COURSE - Lasagna Bolognese with Baby Spinach and Garlic Bread or Sauteed Chicken Breast topped with Prosciutto, Roasted Mushrooms, Fontina Cheese and Marsala Sauce
- DESSERT - Flourless Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis

Host: Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—NOVEMBER 19, 2024

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The November meeting was held at Klingspor's in Cary. Twenty-two people attended at Klingspor's. Alex Harp attended as a new member. Tom O'Brien was a guest attendee and likely new member.

The meeting began with an announcement by Roy Brookhart that the featured speaker had to cancel at the last minute due to car issues that prevented him from coming to the meeting.

Roy extended the club's recognition of Karin Pihel and Paul Holzworth for their extraordinary support to the club. Karin compiles, edits and issues the monthly newsletter. Paul is the webmaster and handles the electronic work associated with managing the website and Facebook, posting of meeting video presentations, and keeping the membership roll and dues up-to-date on the website. Both individuals received TWA permanent nametags.

Kerry Schoolfield provided a preview of the next three meetings. December, of course, is the Toys for Tots Christmas meeting. In January the speaker will be Jim Heavey of Wood Magazine fame who will discuss finishing. The February meeting will feature the Beads of Courage box building challenge. The Duke Hospital Cancer representative will attend and share insights about the program. Kerry is looking for a member or two to do a "show and tell" presentation. In March the speaker will be Michelle Parsons who will discuss Pyrography art (woodburning). Michelle is widely recognized in this field. In addition, she will be holding a pyrography class at Klingspor's on March 19th with TWA members getting first opportunity to sign up. Cost of the course is $100 for members. The number of seats available are limited so if you're interested, please contact Kerry.

Joe and Kerry discussed upcoming meetings (photos: Roy Brookhart)

Joe Sabo summarized plans for the upcoming December 7th Klingspor's Toys for Tots workshop and the December 10th Toys for Tots dinner. The workshop will be held on December 7 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The annual Toys for Tots dinner and hand-over to the Marines will be held on December 10th at the Atria Senior Living Center in Cary, NC. The deadline for paying for the dinner was November 28th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The meeting will conclude by 8:00 pm. Parking will be at a premium, so plan accordingly. Carpooling will help the tight parking situation.

Joe also noted that in 2025, the Klingspor's workshop will be held on November 8th to better accommodate the Marine Corps toy delivery schedule.

The raffle was won by Rod Branken.

TREASURER'S REPORT (OCTOBER)

Beginning Balance:	$15,525.51
Income:	$707.09
Expense:	$158.20
Ending Balance:	$16,074.40

Does not include Petty Cash of $86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In November, Alex Harp, Jim Wallace, and Tom O'Brien joined TWA. Please welcome them when you see them on-line or in person.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

UPCOMING MEETING

Date and Time: January 21, 7:00pm

Topic: Choosing and Applying the Right Finish

Speaker: Jim Heavey

Location: Klingspor's

Every project needs a finish to control moisture absorption, enhance natural beauty and provide protection. Selecting the appropriate finish will go a long way in doing just that. With so many products to choose from, here's how Jim makes that decision on his own projects. He will review Danish Oil, Shellac, Lacquer, Varnish and Polyurethane amongst others. You'll get tips on application as well.

Jim Heavey has been a woodworker for over 40 years and is a contributing craftsman to Wood Magazine.

Host: Kerry Schoolfield

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

That's a first for me! I've been a member of this group for about ten years now and the November gathering was the first time I remember the featured speaker not being able to get to the meeting. The good news is that you didn't miss the presentation on sharpening because Kerry and the program committee are working to reschedule Jim Wallace in early 2025.

We will wrap up 2024 with our traditional handing over of the toys to the Marines and their Toys for Tots program. A big thanks to all of our members, sponsors, and family members who help to get toys to needy children during the Christmas season.

I believe we had a successful 2024. We added some new members to our group, we added new sponsors, we had some really informative and well received programs, and we hosted Tom and Kris McLaughlin during their Epic Woodworking tour. But most of all, we continue to get together to share our love of woodworking with each other. I look forward to ending 2024 with a bang and jumping right into 2025. See you at the next meeting.

Roy Brookhart

BEADS OF COURAGE

Don't forget to sign up for the Beads of Courage box-making challenge. The boxes will be donated to Duke Children's Hospital for the kids to store the large quantities of beads they accumulate as they go through various medical treatments. This is a fun project for the club and the boxes will be judged by independent judges at the February 2025 meeting. Cash prizes will be awarded to the box challenge winners in the following categories:

- Best Design and quality: Best use of Innovation in design and function and exemplary quality.
- Most Kid Friendly: Box is beautifully made and most likely to be adored by a child because of a unique design quality.

Make a beautiful box and enter into the contest. It's going to be a lot of fun. If you have questions, contact KerrySchoolfield@gmail .com.

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