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Let's Be Thankful We Have Survived 2020 and Look Forward to a Healthy 2021!

Calendar of Events

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| January 7 | General Meeting | Yacht Club | 7:00 PM | Tentative |
| January 23 | Board Meeting | Little Italy | 8:15 AM | Members welcome |

Board Meeting Highlights

The TVWC Board met on September 26, 2020 at Little Italy. Seventeen members including the board were in attendance. The following items were discussed and, as appropriate, acted upon.

Treasurers' Report The budget currently has \$3933.55 in the Club Operations Fund, \$79.95 in the Wood Operations Fund, \$8739.89 in the Reserve Fund, \$898.75 in the TFT Fund, \$275.00 in the Charity Fund for an Ending Balance of \$13927.14. Ron Cirincione noted that there was \$898.75 in

the TFT Fund and suggested that we add additional funds to this amount so a \$1000 donation could be made to the cause. This additional money could be taken from the budgeted money for the TFT presentation at the Community Church which will not occur this year. Board members were in agreement with this proposal.

Membership The club currently has 217 members.

Secretary's' Report Email distributions have gone much smoother this past month after dividing up our distribution list into three smaller lists.

Community Service Projects The Tee markers for the golf courses are almost done. A team has been formed to make cabinets for the County Court House. A new project was requested to make another box for the club's name tags.

Programs The programs committee met recently and laid out an agenda for the upcoming year. The scheduled program at our next meeting will be a presentation on "Wood Inlay" created by Dick Hoffmann. The following month will feature P. Sivak who will discuss furniture renovation. Several ideas for future field trips were discussed. Next year's Spring Challenge will be for members to make a project using a new skill or technique that they have never done.

Newsletter The newsletters continue to be excellent and Carl Hagen welcomes all article contributions from members concerning completed projects or recommended shop tips.

Kiln Status The kiln's drying cycle is progressing smoothly with the moisture content down to 20%. B. Barbre anticipates to drying cycle to be completed by 12/2/20. The breakdown of lumber includes 65 bf of beech, 380 bf white oak, 200 bf walnut, 250 cherry and 260 bf hackberry.

B. Nance has a pallet of stickers that he is willing to donate to the kiln to replace the existing worn out stickers.

Concern was expressed about the lack of kiln storage for excess milled and wheelchair ramp lumber. B. Brown volunteered to check with the POA personnel to see if an area near the milling pad was available to build a storage shed at this time.

Wood Sale The next wood sale has been scheduled for Tuesday 12/8/20 at 1 pm with a backup date of 12/10/20. L. Donnelly describe a new marking procedure that will use chalk to identify the different species at the milling operation and to post the board feet on the boards at the kiln. Labels will only be used on donor boards. J. Chapman will be taking over the duties of the Wood Sales Manager and B. Buelow will be his assistant.

A gentleman from Greenback is willing to donate a barn full of lumber to the club. There are various species of unidentified wood which appears to be mostly sycamore. The boards are air dried and mostly 18" x 9'. This gentleman asked that the lumber would be primarily used to help the community in some way. An initial suggestion was made to use this wood to assist in the "Our Place" project. A

committee of L. Donnelly, B. Barbre, B. Fagerlin, R. Pierce and B. Brown was formed to determine how best to utilize this donation of approximately 2500 bf of lumber.

Wood Cutting The next cutting is scheduled for December 15 which will be primarily poplar. This cutting will be followed by a hardwood cutting in February that will be comprised of walnut and hickory.

Toys 4 Tots The toys and club's TFT donation will be taken to sheriff's office next Tuesday. Steve Bolton and Andy Markel have volunteered to head up the TFT committee for next year and will be looking for new members to join the committee. Early in January, they will meet to discuss the overall program and to define our direction in the future. This may be the time to work with other charitable organizations like Fantasy of Trees to diverse our efforts.

Tool Sales Tom Ringenbach, our tool sales manager, has a problem in sending out pictures of tools being sold to our club members. C. Hagen will work with D. Hoffmann to set up a link that would allow these pictures to be sent to club members.

Vendor Appreciation C. Hagen shared with the Board an appreciation letter that he wrote that will be sent to our vendors who have supported our organization throughout the year. It was noted that we can augment this appreciation by verbally communicating these vendor's support to our friends and neighbors

Club Hats In an effort to find a new source for club hats, Barry Brandt showed a sample hat that is being recommended to purchase. A motion was made and approved to buy 36 hats which will have the club's logo embroidered on the front.

There is a need for additional members to join the tool sale committee and also a need for a committed member to assist the kiln manager when he is not available.

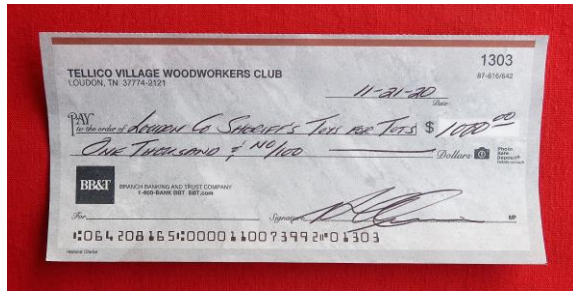
General Meeting

The meeting scheduled for December 3 was cancelled due to COVID concerns.



Toys for Tots 2020

Steve Bolton and Andy Markel did an outstanding job this year adapting to changing circumstances to organize and help deliver around 100 toys from TV Woodworkers. Below is the check that was presented to Sheriff Guider and Debbie Hines, expressing their gratitude: "It makes a tremendous amount of difference when we can add things that are made from the heart such as these wooden toys."



Link to The Connection article on this years T4T:

https://www.tellicovillageconnection.com/news/article_ca111b7a-cbe1-555e-92fb-d107c86e19bb.html

Follows is a list of toymakers and photos of their creations that made this year special for so many Loudon County children.

Toqua Toymakers

- John Johnson
- Dave Breen
- Darryl Downing
- Hugh Ackerman
- Hugh Moore
- Chuck Kulka



Rarity Bay Woodworkers

- Jack Wright
- Dennis Stoner
- Tom Davey



Team
Glen Nief
Tom Feil
Aaron Cox



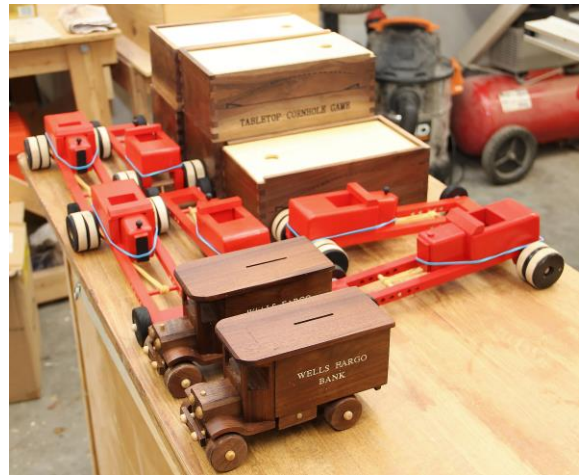
Jenga Games and Box

Team
Ray Hoppenjans
Steve Bolton



50 Piece Wood Block Set

Carpenter Ants
David Brunson
Jim Buelow
Rob Dolson
Ned Miller
Norm Schussler
Dave Ritzenthaler



Collapsible Desks

Red Baron Toys

Norm Coe
Gary Stickel



David McKnight



Dust Busters

Charley Shubeck
George Beyer
Herb West
John Peterson
Roger Calendine
Stu McFadden
Bill Reller



Chuck Martin



Roger Best



John Seinar



Rick Mannarion



John Forcum



And just some of our Toymakers...

Bird House Kits



Don Schmid





The wooden soldiers were constructed of carved wood and machined metal parts that were meticulously hand painted, with additional bent wire bayonet detail. The figure had fully articulating arms and legs with hinged “ankles” and a split base allowing the figure to “walk”. Some of the figures are still in existence.



Did You Know?

The March of the Wooden Soldiers from the 1934 film Babes in Toyland starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy was filmed using 100 6-foot tall wooden figures using stop action animation.

