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**January 27 Business Meeting Little Italy**  
**February 6 General Meeting Yacht Club**

**8:15 AM All Members welcome**  
**7:00 PM Presentation Laser Engravers**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Service Projects: (1) Wheelchair ramp removal and (3) ramp builds in December.

Wood Operations: Effort to hire someone to haul logs for the club as needed.

January 22nd cutting consisting of Poplar and Cedar with the sale after February 12th

February 20th cutting consisting of Oak with the sale after April 3rd. 100 board feet of Red Oak will be set aside for the Our Place cabinet builds.

February program will be a presentation on Laser engravers.

Club donated \$500 to Monroe County to the Boys & Girls Club

Club to purchase a Digital Wireless Frame for the Yacht Club display case.

Bob Brown: Held Pizza party in December for recognition of the public works employees.

Tom Borloglou: Only (3) attendees at the last Orientation class. Reminders to be sent.

Trial run incorporated to give workers at the wood cuttings a priority at wood sales.

Mentoring: Bill Nance is still soliciting input from members on what mentoring is desired.

Sign- up for mentoring sessions will begin early in the new year.

# Volunteers Needed

## Audio Visual:

There is a need for volunteers to help Ben with set up and take down at the general meetings. Ben spends a lot of time on these meetings so some help would be great.

## Wood Cutting:

Wood Cutting: The next wood cutting is scheduled for Jan. 22nd.

Requests for Additional help

Based upon the turn out for the wood sale we have a number of members that need to step up for cutting the logs for the next sale.

## Historic TVWC documents/items volunteer request

The club is revising the role and activities of the club historian, and is looking for volunteers to assist in converting archived print materials to digital media. If you have access to a scanner and are available to help us digitize our historical records contact **Ben La Pointe**, [benclapointe@gmail.com](mailto:benclapointe@gmail.com)

## Meeting Programs:

Requests for future program ideas - *Neil Wilson*

At every meeting we try and have a guest speaker, or member participation event. If anyone has a program idea, or wants to provide a certain woodworking experience you have, **Contact Neil Wilson** [crawil@charter.net](mailto:crawil@charter.net)

## Log Hauling:

Volunteers needed for hauling logs - **Contact Bob Brown** [xpat@charter.net](mailto:xpat@charter.net)

## Mentoring Program:

The club will be offering a member mentoring program again in the coming year. At the last Business Meeting, it was decided to schedule the mentoring activities to be completed during the winter and spring of 2024. We will be seeking members to participate as mentors and mentees, and will put out a call for topics of interest in the coming months. We look forward to being able to offer this interesting and useful club program once again next year. The mentoring program / classes will be formalized in January 2024. Bill Nance

# Toys For Tots 2023 - Bill Gulasy

## VOLUNTEERS

### COMMUNITY CHURCH

4-6 Volunteered and set up the Freedom Hall for the presentation to Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

### BAKED GOODS

12 Volunteered and provided a large amount of baked goods to share with our members and guests

# Toy Makers

## Teams

## Children's Hospital Fantasy of Trees

## T4T's Items

Robert Hoffman Team  
John Bacilek  
Robert Fink

4 Memory Boxes

### Jinglebells

Mary Hoffman  
Mary Gulasey  
Kathy Ruzic  
Jan Brandt  
Marie McClellan

20 Cutting Boards

### Toqua Toy Makers

Dave Breen Team  
John Johnson  
Hugh Aukerman  
Darryl Downing  
Jerry Conner  
Jim Kurowski  
Chris Silvestri

Sack Toss Board  
4 - Small Trucks

2 - small ambulance trucks  
6 - Sack Toss Boards  
8 - wobbly fish  
11 - small trucks

# Toy Makers

## Teams

## Children's Hospital Fantasy of Trees

## T4T's Items

### Woodchucks

Gene Yeager  
Randy Brandt  
Chris Houle  
Dan Ramsey  
Daryl Tait  
Bill Whipple

1 Child Hall Tree  
3 Bowels  
1 Shelf  
1 Step Stool  
2 Cheese Cutting Boards

6 - Dump Trucks  
6 - Crayon Hauling Semi Trucks  
3 sets - Ring Toss Game  
7 - Penny Hockey Board Game  
3 - Ring Toss Games

### Steve Bolton

2 - Cutting Boards

7 stand up puzzles  
- 4 elephant, 2 cat, 1 whale

### Rick Mannarino

6 - Cedar Bluebird House Kits

### Christine Campbell

5 - Ornaments

### Chuck Martin

2 heirloom truck / trailer / loader

### Stu & Jan McFadden

10 Puzzles - dogs/frogs/squirrels

### Nancy McDonal

2 - Cell Phone / Car Key Stands

### Joe Deal

5 - wooden train sets

### Wes (Lesslie) McNeil

1- Keeping Chest (carryover)

### Glenn Nief

1 Set ABC Blocks (carryover)

25 Small Cars

### Greg Pickens

### Howard Hickman

2 - Cars

### Randy / Micki Schwerdt

14 - Antique Cars

### Don Schmid

3 Bowels

6 - push toy ducks

### Mike Lynch

Shelf

### David Jones

2 - baby Cradles with dolls / blankets  
3 - Airplanes  
3 - 3 pc trucks  
3 - small semi trucks



# Toys for Tots Presentation

- Coordination by Bill Gulasy

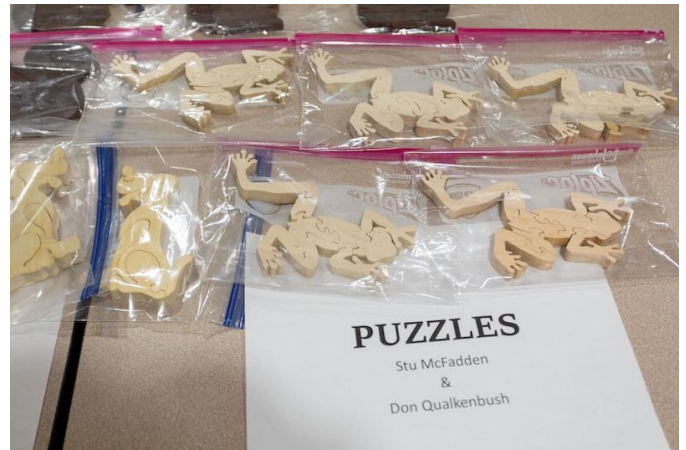
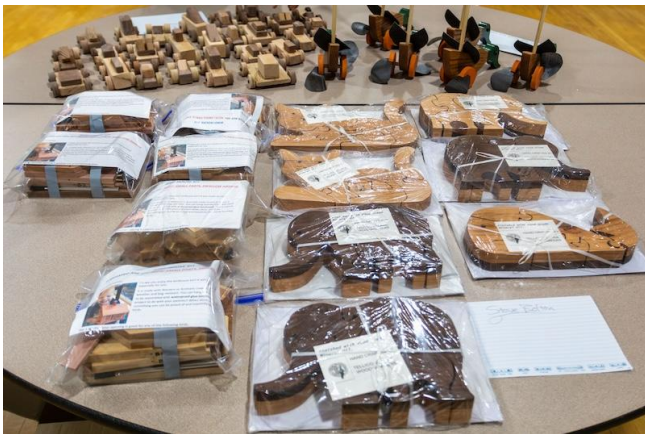
Presented to Loudon Sheriff Jimmy Davis and  
Loudon County Sheriff's Office Coordinator Amy Langley

- Pictures - Thanks to Ben La Pointe





# Handmade Wooden Toys









# Collection Boxes

**MEMBERS** placed collection boxes for donations to Toys 4 Tots at various locations throughout our community in the month of November.

All boxes were picked up and brought to the Community Church on December 5th for presentation to the Loudon County Sheriff.

**GOLF COURSE** The golf staff were a big help by requiring a toy donation as part of two Christmas golf events. The gifts donated at the golf events were considered an entry fee.



**Thank You** - Plaque from Loudon County Sheriff's Office in Yacht Club display case





# THANK YOU

## Loudon County Sheriff's Office

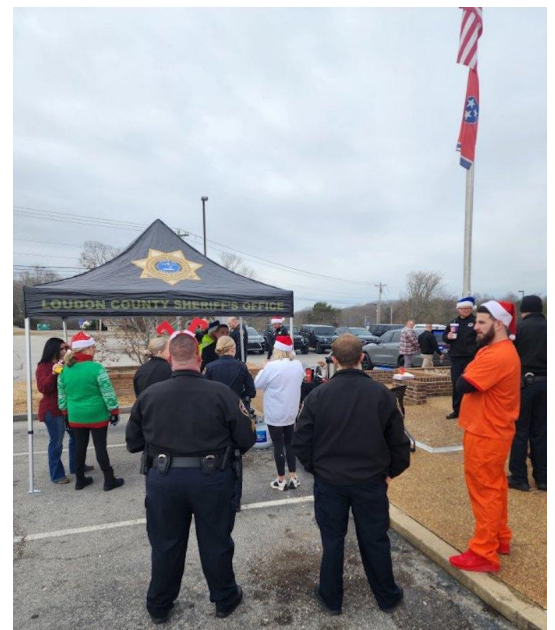
Coordinator Amy Langley

2023 Toys for Tots was my first year as coordinator and what an honor it was to see so many people placing their valuable time in these toys. Tellico Village Woodworkers is blessed with exceptional talent.

We were able to provide nearly 125 children with Christmas gifts last year, we hope to exceed that number this year. When we received the new and wood toys, we set up and organized them in our training room based on age and gender. I along with other employees, inmate trustees chose the toys that were given based on the applicants gender/age and requested gifts. This year we wanted distribution to be a little different and more personable. We chose a one day pick up for Saturday December 16 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Sheriff Davis, his command staff along with employees and their family members enjoyed the day distributing and loading each gift bag to the applicant's car. I have attached a few pictures for viewing.

This year I received feedback from several families that were so appreciative of their gifts and especially the handmade toys. One mom says, "thank you so much for the crayon wood train, my son loves it". Another family was thrilled that all 3 of her boys received a "special wood toy". Often families in our community would not have gifts under the tree for Christmas if it wasn't for sponsors like Tellico Village Woodworkers. We are honored and appreciate each one of you and I am already looking forward to Toys for Tots 2024..

Again, I am so thankful and appreciative of each member of your club.



# THE CONNECTION

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 | [Read Today's Newspaper](#)

## Woodworkers continue Christmas tradition

Nate Tosado nate.tosado@news-herald.net Dec 13, 2023

Members of the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club continued a tradition of making handmade wooden toys for local families in need.

In partnership with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, members last week donated toys they made for the Toys for Tots program.

Residents gathered Dec. 5 at the Community Church at Tellico Village to celebrate hard work, enjoy refreshments and see the toys that will soon be in the hands of children across Loudon County. Nearly 250 hand-crafted wooden toys were donated along with hundreds of traditional toys, games and gifts. [Connection Article link](#)



David Breen, and a wooden toy truck



Wooden game boards



A table at the Community Church at Tellico Village overflows with toys and games donated.



Some of the handmade wooden trucks and rolling fish given to Toys for Tots are lined up inside David Breen's home workshop. Nate Tossdo | The Connection