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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE WHO
RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIPS!**

* OTHERS *

Let's do it on Thursday

FEBRUARY MEETING February Meeting

The election was the order of the day. Stephen Case-Pall called the meeting to order and read off the names of the nominees. Art Bjornested made the motion to accept the slate and it was seconded by Howard Ford. Case-Pall called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously. For the record, the officers for the 2002-2003 year are:

President	Ira Goldberg
1 st Vice-President	Dan Gallo
2 nd Vice President	Stephen Case-Pall
Director	Bill Aurand
Director	Lee Cooper
Director	Bill Watkins
Secretary	Loren Stone
Treasurer	Marlene Peters
Librarian	Joe Shivokevich

The following appointees have agreed to serve in these positions:

Webmaster	Howard Ford
Editor	Gene Kocis
Fraternal Chair	Gene Strojek
Membership	Brad Eden

Mike DeCaprio and Duane Nightingale announced the CVWA scholarship program for the Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park High Schools. The award, currently \$250, must be applied for by a member of a woodworking class at either of the schools. The application will be reviewed by school officials and then referred to the club for the final choice of recipients. The recipient will be announced at the school's award program and the presentation of the money will be made at the following CVWA meeting. A plaque has been made for each high school to serve as a permanent record of the winners of the award.

In addition, Mike thanked the past presidents who labored with John Tarpley to revise the Constitution and By-Laws for the club. This group worked on the project for the better part of the past year and developed a document that should serve the membership for a long time. Copies were distributed to the members.

FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL **February Show and Tell**

Seven people shared their projects with the members. **Bill McClelland** brought in a set of banks that he had made for his grandchildren. The walnut boxes had dovetailed joints and antique post office doors. The hardware was purchased from Hubbard Woodcrafts, P.O. Box 1415, Fletcher, and NC 28732. **Don Andrews**, who claimed to be a beginner on the scroll saw, had a selection of wildlife scenes that didn't look like beginners work to us. **Gene West's** modern square clock, cased in wood, serves either as a table clock or as a hanging clock. He also shared one of his remarkable locks. Besides presenting the program, **Duane Nightingale** showed a hand made depth gauge, crafted of walnut and brass that was too nice to use. Quite often necessity is, indeed, the mother of invention. **Greg Charles** had a problem hauling around the outboard motor and solved the problem by building a water proof box to store and move it. The box had a sliding front that could be remove to allow full access to the motor that was anchored to custom made supports that reflected the boat transom. Foam polystyrene filling material provided the necessary support to prevent movement or vibration when it was moved. **Bill Aurand's** hobby is making hanging shadow boxes using oak crown molding as the frame. Slots or rabbets are cut in to support the glass and the back. Blue felt over the back completes the unit. He uses hog ring clamps to support the frame until the glue sets, and then fills in the pin holes when he applies the final finish. The unit he displayed belonged to a retire police officer and included his service equipment. **Bill Brandt** brought in some fruitwood bowls that he had turned while the wood was still green. This is an interesting technique in that after the object is turned and begins to dry, it takes on a life of its own, changing shape and color as it dries. Photographs of the projects will be posted at the web site as soon as I get them out of my camera.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Duane Nightingale showed us how to cut dovetail joints using both the Leigh and Keller router jigs. The Leigh, as everyone is aware, is a versatile piece of equipment that can cut every imaginable kind of dovetail. Duane confined his remarks to just the half blind and through joints. He stressed the importance of wood preparation prior to making the joints. This included making certain that the pieces are the same thickness and the same length and width. Matching corners need to be identified and marked in advance of making the cuts. Once the jig was set up to accommodate the pieces, it was a simple matter to clamp in the wood and cut the joints.

The Keller jig is limited to through dovetails and finger (box) joints. For those wood workers who want to spend a moderate amount of money for a jig, the Keller may well serve their needs.

FEBRUARY VISITORS Harvey Paskowitz, Wolfgang Ludeking, Glen Wilcox, Tim Crosby and Dave Hegesheimer were our visitors in February. We hope to see them as members soon.

FEBRUARY NEW MEMBERS Jordan Greer, Bill McClelland, Lou Chasse and Evan Chapman joined the club in February. We wish them a hearty welcome.

FEBRUARY PRIZE WINNERS The prizes in February were won by:

Straight edge	John Witt
Level	Keith Williams
Hand Plane	Burt Cyr
Lufkin Ruler	Dick Harman
Driver Set	Brad Ormsby
CVWA Hat	Marshall Nathanson
Bit Sharpener	Bob Holmquist

MARCH MEETING The new officers will be installed at the March meeting. Members are urged to arrive before 7:00 PM and help with setting up the auditorium.

MARCH PROGRAM Dan Gallo, Stephen Case-Pall and Brad Ormsby will be demonstrating the use of hand tools. Planes will be the main topic of discussion for the evening, but expect some other tools to be discussed as well. Gallo is familiar to the club as our resident scroll saw expert. He also collects planes and does know how to use them. Case-Pall's first love was turning, but his interests run the gamut from restoring old furniture to remodeling his motor home. Ormsby, our resident scholar, builds furniture when he is not attending seminars. All of these club members are excellent wood workers and we thank them in advance for sharing their experience with us.

MARCH PRIZES Gene West has asked to retire from his duties of buying the prizes and running the raffle. He has been doing this job for the club for at least 5 years and the Board thanks him for his efforts. Besides the raffle, he has regularly brought in a series of toys, locks and other projects to share with us. The level of craftsmanship on these items represents a challenge to all of us. In addition, some members may not be aware that Gene teaches woodworking at the Braille Institute and is very active at the Gull Wing Children's Museum in Oxnard. [My grandkids call it the coolest place in town.]

APRIL PROGRAM A representative from Enduro Finishes will demonstrate some of their new products. Arrangements have not been finalized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS THANKS AND OTHER STUFF

Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due and payable this month. If you still haven't paid your dues, please see Marlene or Brad at the meeting. You may also pay by mail by sending your check to CVWA, P.O. Box 1838, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358-0838, Att. Marlene Peters.

Resource

If you haven't visited the web site for "Router Bits on the Web" you might want to try it now. This site began several years ago as the sole source of router bits manufactured by the Whiteside Machine Company. The site has slowly grown to the point where it is an authorized dealer for the Whiteside Machine Company, Fisch Precision Tools, Systematic Saw Blades and HTC Products. The web site provides good products at competitive prices. In addition to products, knowledgeable staff is available to answer your email questions.

<http://www.routerbits.com> .

Message from the president-elected

Thank you for your vote of confidence electing me as president. I am looking forward to becoming the president in March and sincerely hope that I live up to your expectations.

The board of directors will be reviewing the Club's goals for the coming year. Let me just mention a few ideas that I've had a chance to discuss with some of our members. We will prioritize our goals, so anything stated here is "unofficial" until our board and members agree. We need your input. If you have any suggestions or comments on programs or any other aspect of the Club, please let me know. It is OUR club and we want to make it worthwhile for everyone to be actively involved.

To me, the main task is to develop some new programs of interest to "y'all." We have talented and skilled woodworkers in the Club, and many have given superb presentations. In fact, at our next Club meeting, three of our members will describe different aspects of hand planes. The hand plane seems to have become the unofficial symbol of woodworking, but few woodworkers are very knowledgeable on this tool. However, it is also time to branch out and invite expertise from outside of CVWA to broaden our perspectives. A few of us have talked about covering different subjects on Thursday nights, arranging relevant Saturday morning programs, and inviting nationally known experts to present one or two weekend seminars. We will use the results of a survey that Stephen Case-Pall circulated last year as a guide.

Another subject that has come up many times – starting a mentoring program. There are three major issues: how can this be implemented, what topics should be covered, and who should be a mentor. As far as implementation, one method that seems effective is to use our website to establish a list and means of communication. Hard copy can also be circulated. However, in my opinion this should be a service among members. As far as "who", very few of us consider ourselves as experts, but many of us have unique knowledge. So, I hope that those with special skills will offer to help others, keeping in mind we do not need to be experts, but we should know enough to get someone pointed in the "right" direction.

We will also need to determine whether we will have any Club outings. Previously the Club rented a bus to go to the American Woodworker (AW) shows. The cost to each member was minimal. The bus was very convenient, and we all had time to talk among ourselves. Going as a group made it easy to ask advice on which items to purchase. But recently Readers' Digest, owner of AW magazine discontinued the shows. While we don't need to arrange a trip to the "Woodworking Shows" that are held twice annually, we should discuss whether this is worthwhile to all of our members. We could also consider a trip to another event or location.

If you have and ideas, thoughts or concerns that you want to discuss, you can contact me by e-mail at ibgoldberg@hotmail.com or call me at 805-495-7580.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Ira Goldberg

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

What a great year!!

A year that started out with much personal trepidation and concern about serving the CVWA membership in a positive and constructive way, ended with a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction. This is all due, in no small part, to the unselfishness of the Board of Directors that served with me and the role played by past CVWA Presidents in the newly formed Past Presidents Advisory Council.

Thanks to the quality and diversity of CVWA and Brad Eden, our Membership Chairman, during the year we saw the general active membership grow from 112 last March to the current 141, a 26% increase. Demonstrating the virtue, generosity and compassion of our membership, there was a continuation and reaffirmation of the charitable aspect of CVWA. The Holiday Toy program was a huge success; nearly 60 elementary school, desk foot stools, were delivered for use by Special Ed students; more than enough members volunteered monthly to fabricate the wooden figures that were delivered to the Camarillo Adult Day Care Center and a significant number of members responded to the call of Greg Charles for working volunteers for Habitat in Piru.

Thanks to Marshall Nathanson who coordinated gift contributors, both business and independent, and with the outstanding auctioneering by Brad Ormsby, our auction turned out to be the most successful to date. This year past Presidents Howard Ford, Duane Nightingale, Howard Johnson, Brad Ormsby, John Tarpley and Steven Case-Pall were called upon to be the initial members of the newly formed Past Presidents Advisory Council bringing to the group their experience and knowledge for selected special projects. As a result, with the project leadership of John Tarpley and the hard work of this Council, we now have a CVWA Constitution with improved and enhanced Bylaws. We have also implemented our new scholarship program as the result of the extraordinary contribution we received from Duane Nightingale. Last but not least, we had the first of expertly tutored weekend Seminars primarily because of the efforts of John Tarpley and Brad Ormsby.

Before calling this a wrap, I have to acknowledge the Board of Directors who served the membership with dedication and vision: Guy Buchwitz who did a credible job filling in as Program Chair; Robert Coyle who did more than just "manage" the Library; Greg Charles (and wife Eileen) who did such a

fine job as Chair of community affairs and Toy fabrication project leader (how many wheels did you say you made?); Marshall Nathanson who, in addition to serving as the best Secretary CVWA has ever had, could always be counted on to volunteer to do whatever had to be done; Brad Eden for really taking hold of and defining the duties of the Membership Chair (he'll be back next year); Gene West for his untiring efforts to make our monthly Raffles the success they were; Marlene Peters who as Treasurer, demonstrated once again how important she is to CVWA; Howard Ford who was more than our Webmaster, he also served the Board as mentor and it's conscience; Gene Kocis who constantly strived to better inform our membership through accurate and timely reporting in the Bladerunner; Dan Gallo for being a real membership advocate; Stephen Case-Pall for social gatherings and elections; Bill Aurand who made our meetings bearable by serving good coffee and misc goodies and finally Gene Strojek for keeping us informed about those who were ill. I also want to thank Bill Brandt for his hospitality on meeting nights.

It's been a privilege to serve the CVWA membership. Having had the pleasure of a dynamic, energetic and innovative Board, my year as CVWA President ends with a note of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Mike DeCaprio

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