



# ***HEAR YE! HEAR YE!***

## ***ALL ABOUT THE***

### ***October 1, 1997 Meeting and Other Things Newsletter***

#### ***Minutes from the October 1, 1997 Meeting***

**Visitors:** Three new people attended the meeting: Larry Lang, Dottie Bang, and Jesus Morales.

**New Members:** Two of the visitors, Larry Lang and Jesus Morales, have joined SVW. Later, during one of our sawdust sessions, two new people also joined us; Stan Silva, and Gary Petretti. Welcome to all of you.

**Show and Tell:** *Jesus Morales displayed a pen holder, swizzle sticks, and a box with a nice tight lid. All his items were made in Mexico from Ccocabola. Jesus worked for 20+ years in Mexico as a woodturner. We may have a new source for exotic woods from Mexico and learn new techniques.*

*Loran Courpet showed a collet that he made with Bob DiVita's help. It can hold dowels ranging in diameter from 1/16" to 7/8". Loran based his work on a magazine article by Nick Cook, from Marietta, Georgia. He made his version of the collet using Bob DiVita's metal lathe. The system screws onto the head stock and holds an R8 machine collet.*

*Bob DiVita showed a small Madrone bowl which he made a week ago. To minimize wood movement and cracks, he put it in a paper bag overnight after he had turned it. He then put it back on the lathe and sanded it. In the sanding process it dried out. He then used sanding sealer, Deft, and finished it by polishing it with the Beall system. It has not cracked.*

*Rich Dege exhibited a scraper that he made for a total cost of \$4.00.*

## **Staff Reports:**

**President:** *Rich Johnson made the formal announcement that we are now a certified AAW chapter. He read the congratulatory letter from the AAW and noted that we can apply, either as a club or as individuals, for an AAW grant.*

*Rich read the letter that he had prepared requesting a \$720 grant. The requested grant is to allow us to buy and take a small lathe (Vicmar Mini Lathe + chuck) to shows and to educate the public in the woodturning art. There was only one objection, from the Secretary, which was quickly overcome by a motion made by Bob DiVita. The motion was passed unanimously and Rich was asked to send the letter requesting the grant.*

*Rich also read a letter that he sent to the AAW concerning an instant gallery article which showed a pedestal which should have been attributed to Bob Morelli, Rich's friend and an SVW club member. Its design was attributed to someone else.*

*Rich finished his presentation by talking about our upcoming January meeting to be held at CB Tools in San Jose. He emphasized that we want to keep the place clean and that we will have to bring our own chairs.*

**Treasurer:** Jay Mueller reported that we had, at the start of the meeting, 17 members and \$340 in the treasury.

**Secretary/ Editor** Lou Gonzalez handed out some extra pictures that he taken of various club activities. He related that the Bay Area Woodturner's had asked for a breakdown of the costs associated with the newsletter. The per unit cost for the newsletter is about \$.77, including \$.55 for postage. These costs do not cover the cost of paper, preparation, and printing since all the work is done for free at Lou's company..

**Shirts/Hats/Aprons:** Dave Thompson reported that our SVW hats should be ready by the Christmas party. (Dave brought them to the sawdust session that was held on November 19th). Dave reported that since we have now paid for the logo set-up, we can have shirts or aprons embroidered with the SVW logo at a cost \$4.59 for quantities under 24, or \$3.59 in quantities over 24. He and his wife (Jacqueline) will investigate the costs for her to make us shop aprons which we can have embroidered with our logo.

### **New Business:**

There will not be a December Club meeting, instead a Christmas party will be held on December 6th. Read separate article later in this newsletter.

Loran Courpet gave a brief presentation of Marion Trentman's presentation to the West Bay Area Woodturners' Society. She explained the reasons why the West Bay Area Woodturners decided to become a non-profit corporation and how it is done. The SVW officers will watch carefully what happens and report on the advisability and applicability of non-profit status to SVW.

Rich Johnson told us about the open studio that is coming up and asked for people to sign up. You are allowed to sell. Rich has signed up. If you are interested, contact Rich.

Dave Thompson has given Loran Courpet his comments on the judging rules that Loran has put together. The major article in the rules is that we will be judged against a standard and not against each other. In this way is possible for many to get first, or second, or third prize. Dave discussed how the rating system has been

*modified slightly to cover degree of difficulty. Loran will set up judging cards for all of us to try judging items that members will bring to the January meeting.*

*There will not be a sawdust session at Rich Johnson's workshop on Wednesday, November 26th, because Rich is tearing-up his shop for his new lathe that should arrive shortly. If you want to help him re-arrange his shop on that Wednesday, call him before you go over.*

**January President's Challenge:** *There will be a president's challenge contest at the January meeting. Members should bring a new badge that they have turned. The badge should include the member's name (the name does not have to be turned).*

**Program for January:** *Bob DiVita, our vice-president and program chairman, went home ill early during the meeting. He suffered an attack of arrhythmia (an irregularity in the rhythm of the heart's beating) on his way home. He is out of the hospital and doing well. Bob has even started turning again, so he must be feeling pretty good. As a result of Bob's illness, no program was set-up for January. If a program is organized, it will be announced in the December newsletter. Get well Bob, we miss you.*

**The Woodworking Show:** *The three woodturning clubs from the bay area (BAW, WBAWS, SVW) shared a booth at last months' show in San Mateo. It was well received and over 300 flyers describing who we are, what we do, and how to join us were distributed. As you can tell by the pictures at the end of this newsletter, fun was had by all.*

**An Update to the Tippy Top:** *Some of you may recall the abyss that Bob Morelli has thrown some of us into concerning the Tippy Top. On the next page is the latest and best information on that subject. The top insert appeared in the Fall 1997 catalogue from Lee Valley & Veritas company. The problem was that a critical dimension was omitted. We calculated that dimension, E, and included it.*

*Just remember that it takes 3.7 seconds for the top to spin on its stem if you spin it at 100 radians for second. I know, I'm probably the only one that gives a darn.*

**Christmas Party:** As most of you know, there will be a Christmas party on December 6th at Rich Johnson's home. The party will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at ?????.

A gift exchange will be conducted. Each person that wants to participate (this includes your companion/wife/significant other etc.) should bring a gift that fulfills some function in the woodturning/woodworking craft. The value of between 10 cents and \$10. Items hand made by you are encouraged. Each participant will be given a numbered ticket in exchange for the wrapped gift. Here is how the exchange will work.

**Christmas Party Gift Exchange (The White Elephant Gift Exchange):** Here are the rules as stated by Rich Johnson:

*"A person that wants to participate brings in a wrapped gift and puts it in the pile and takes a number. After din din we start calling numbers.*

*The first person picks from the pile any gift he or she wants.*

*The selected gift is opened for every one to see.*

*The next number is called.*

*That person now has a choice of any gift from the pile ...*

*Or one of the gifts that has already been opened.*

*If they choose to take the gift away from someone*

*then that person takes a gift from the pile ...*

*Or one of the gifts that has already been opened.*

*This continues on until everyone gets a gift.*

*Only one rule: A gift can only be taken away 3 times.*

*The gift should be something SHOP related ....*

*The idea is something fun ... some kind of SHOP "WHITE ELEPHANT".*

*Something that everyone would love to have !@#\$\$%^&\*()!*

*A few examples from past parties were:*

*A old motor with a board attached, to make a disk sander*

*Old project kits (pepper mills)*

*Wood turning squares*

*Sandpaper (34 grit)  
OLD turnings .....*

*This is a very fun evening and it is talked about for a long time by all."*

**A RAFFLE:** A Turkey will be raffled to help with your Christmas dinner and to raise money for the club.

**Christmas Dinner menu:** The following items are being brought by the members. If you are coming to the party and have not listed an item, please call Lou at 408-736-8383 (day) or 650-588-0928 (evenings). No children please - the house is not child-proof.

*Christmas Party food*

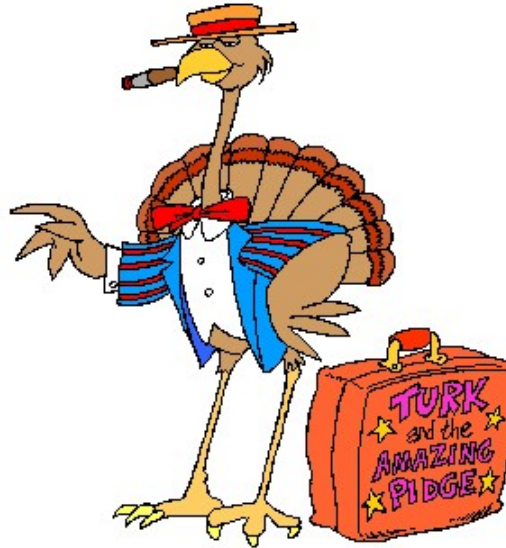
<i>Member</i>	<i>Will attend?</i>	<i>Companion</i>	<i>Item to be brought</i>
Marcus Amshoff			
Art Anderson			
Loran Courpet	yes	Keeth (wife)	Appetizers
Rich Dege	no		
Bob DiVita			
Ace Foster	yes	Mickey (wife)	Cranberry Sauce
Bob Gibson			
Lou Gonzalez	yes	Janis (wife)	Turkey + Ham + Olives
Ken Horner			
Rich Johnson	yes	Michelle (wife)	House + wine
Harry Keller			
Jim Laflin			
Jesus Morales	yes	Francisca (wife)	Pickles
Bob Morelli	yes		Veggies
Jay Mueller	yes	Clara (friend)	Potato Salad
Ron Newcomb	yes	Dorothy(wife)	Salad-Bread-Rolls
Gary Petretti			
Dick Pickering	yes	Arla (wife)	Pumpkin Pies (Qty 2)
Dean Ritchie			
Stan Silva	yes	wife	Salad + dressing
Robert Sakauye	yes		Lasagna
Dave Thompson	yes	Jacqueline (wife)	Rice Dish

*The following members asked us to tell them what they could bring, so we assigned Cranberry Sauce to Ace and Mickey Foster, and the quantity of 2 pumpkin pies to Dick and Arla Pickering.*

*Since we all like pumpkin pie so much, we need volunteers, new or old, to bring 2 more pumpkin pies*

*From the above list you can see that, at this time, so far we are expecting 22 people.*

**A few words from the cousin of our featured guest at the Christmas party:**



*I'm a Wild Turkey, not the domesticated kind that you will eat at your Christmas dinner. Let me tell you about my history.*

*The wild turkey is a native of North America and was a prized source of food and feathers of the American Indians, long before the arrival of the White man. The Indians taught the first colonists how tasty the turkey was and how to hunt for them. The Wild Turkey (the bird, not the drink, well, on second thought maybe the drink also)) has been a favorite menu choice of Americans ever since. The Wild Turkey was served on the table of the first Thanksgiving and was even considered as the National bird of the United States (that's what Benjamin Franklin wanted), however, the Bald Eagle won the contest. The popularity of the wild turkey on the table and the rapidly expanding population of our country plunged the wild turkey into extinction. By the year 1900 the once common turkey was only a memory in most areas of the country. Many Wild Life Departments and Hunting Clubs tried to restock turkeys in their areas, but, the only type available at that time were domestically raised turkeys which had little or no wild instincts and could not survive in the wild. The project failed completely. The only turkeys that could survive in the wild were "Wild" turkeys, once that was determined, the next step was to try and relocate turkeys from isolated remnant populations still available in a few states. They also brought in many wild turkeys from Mexico. The problem was trying to trap enough turkeys to make the plan successful. The methods of trapping turkeys were rather crude; box traps, leg snares and sometimes nets. And then modern science came to*

*the rescue. Rocket nets. Turkey relocators could trap more turkeys in one net than was possible in one year with past techniques. In a few years wild turkeys could be heard gobbling in much of the old habitat that once teemed with them. As the population expanded and flourished, states began to open hunting seasons for turkeys again for the first time in many years, Today, forty-eight of our fifty states have at least limited turkey season.*

**A few Domesticated Turkey facts:**

*A typical turkey farm raises 50,000 bird annually.*

*18 pounds of turkey is consumed annually per capita in the US.*

*A baby turkey is called a Poult.*

*A tom turkey fathers 1,500 poults during a hen's 6-month production cycle.*

*Resting a hen for a second laying production cycle is not called a vacation, it is called Molt.*

*The most popular form of eating turkey is a sandwich.*

*35% of all turkey sales occur in the last three months of the year.*

*The month of June has been officially declared "Turkey Lovers' Month". That refers to the bird and not to a husband.*

**Finally, some pictures from the San Mateo Woodshow:**

***Loran Courpet explains how to make a top***



***At right, Ron  
Newcomb  
demonstrates  
how to make  
whistles***

***Johnson  
to make  
the  
slipped from the  
chuck and flew away.***

***At left, Rich  
explains how  
a bowl. Later,  
bowl***

***At right, Jay Mueller  
shows how to make  
a mushroom.***





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