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**Next Meeting, November 5, 2014, 6:30 pm, Generations, Highland & Douglas, Plymouth WI**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Helen Williamson

We as a club voted in September to create a tree of food-related ornaments to be donated to the Meals on Wheels program in Sheboygan County for their silent auction. Your response to this project has been nothing short of amazing.

The energy and enthusiasm expressed at our last meeting, the Saturday Carve, and the Tuesday night open carving sessions has been phenomenal. It appears that we will again have a product to donate of which we can be extremely proud.

Please be sure to bring your completed ornaments to our November meeting. They will be transported the following day to Caan's Nursery and Greenhouse in Sheboygan to be put on the tree they are providing for us.

Anyone who would like to help decorate the tree is invited to go to Caan's on Thursday to help. (The time will be announced at our meeting.) The tree will be on display until the Meals on Wheels Silent Auction on Nov. 15. Thanks to all who have participated in this project to support this very worthwhile cause.

On another note, I have been noticing that our display case in Masters Gallery Foods Room A (the room where we have our meetings) has been looking a bit barren of late. This is a great opportunity for us to exhibit woodcarving projects for the education and pleasure of other Generations' guests.

The case is locked, except during our meetings, so your projects are safe and secure. Please consider bringing an item or two you have completed to share in the case. I think it would be great if we could provide a new rotating set of projects each month.

Happy Carving! ❖

**MEETING MINUTES** by Judy Larson

Helen Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm on October 1. There were three visitors: Lynn Peters and Beth Birkholtz who are taking the woodcarving class through Plymouth Community Education and Val Stromer who was visiting the area from the Des Moines area.

Helen also asked members to use their key card at each meeting or log in as a guest. This brings needed funds to Generations. If you need a card, contact one of the officers.

**Sunshine Report.** Gene Ninedorf has a recurrence of shingles so Mary Nowacki sent him a card.

**Treasurer's Report.** Dianna Witt reported expenses of \$75.36 and deposits of \$117.00. A thank you note and donation was received from Bill Wright because he was allowed to use library materials.

**Library Report.** Lori Jarosh reported receiving the Fall 2014 issue of Wildfowl Carving. Sy Regan also donated a copy of his book *Whittling for Beginners*, along with study sticks and patterns for items included in his book. Ask Lori if you need help to find any library materials.

**Display Case Items.** Please bring an item to add to the display case to the next meeting.

**October Saturday Carve.** Bob Yancey is scheduled to be available to help participants paint and finish the carvings from last month. Don Lorier will also have cutouts for ornaments for the Meals on Wheels Christmas tree.

**Golf Clubs.** The Saturday Carve Committee requests donations of old wooden golf clubs. A Saturday carve project is planned that requires old wooden headed golf clubs. Please look in your storage places and ask your golfing friends for any of these, no matter what condition. Betty Wilson will be collecting golf clubs over the next several months.

**Request Form.** Helen has created a form that will need to be filled out by organizations requesting carvings to be sold or raffled at their events. If you know of an organization that could be helped by our contributions, contact Helen.

**Two Ornaments.** We are creating a tree to be auctioned at the Meals on Wheels Christmas fundraiser. We will collect ornaments at the next meeting. All the ornaments should be food-related as that is the theme suggested by Kelly from Meals on Wheels.

**Nominating Committee.** Larry Lienau will head the committee to seek candidates for Vice President and two board member positions. Please consider stepping forward to fill these open positions.



**Kettle Karver of the Year.** 2013 was the last year the club will recognize a "Most Improved Carver." The plaque will be retired.

The club discussed recognizing an individual each year with the title "Kettle Karver of the Year." After some discussion, Larry Lienau made a motion, seconded by Richard Young, to create this honor. The membership voted to accept this award designation.

Each member will receive one ballot to nominate a member of our club. You may return your ballot at either the November or December meeting. A new plaque will be created and awarded in January to the person with the most votes.

**Christmas Potluck.** The members-only Kettle Karvers Christmas potluck will be held before the December 3 meeting at 6 pm. Once again, Maureen Bruegger will organize the event. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting. The meat, buns, and coffee will be provided by the club, and members should bring a dish to share. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. A Helvie knife will be raffled with tickets at \$2 each or three for \$5.

**Show & Tell.** Mary Nowacki and Betty Wilson carved many ornaments for our Meals on Wheel tree. Larry Lienau entertained us and showed his sense of humor with the tiny stool he carved and put inside a film case, calling it a stool sample.

Sandy Doebert completed the plaque carved in a recent class. John Schumann carved a walking stick with a duck head. At the advice of Gene Mathes, he coated it six times with tung oil.

Gene Mathes also carved ornaments for our Meals on Wheel tree and showed a walking stick. Willie Van Sluys used his "wart" technique to create cucumber and cob of corn ornaments for the tree.

Virginia Temme carved the bust of a man; we loved that red tie. Phil Huenink showed the many ornaments he carved. Sy Regan, even though sight impaired, can still create tramp art. He showed the wooden cigar box he recently created, mostly from touch. He also brought ornaments.

Francis Larson carved a pumpkin ornament and Judy Larson carved a carrot ornament. Don Lorier was busy creating a box full of ornaments. Pam Moir also created quite a few ornaments for the Meals on Wheels tree.

Ron Feld completed two statues from the class he recently attended taught by Mirt Lin.

**Raffle.** The sheep carving kit was won by Darrell Abston and the carving wood went to Dianna Witt.

The meeting was adjourned and Willie VanSluys demonstrated how to carve warts (yes, the frog kind) and make them pop out on your carvings. ❖

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES** by Dianna Witt

Membership dues of \$10 will be collected at the next meeting. Per the bylaws, spouse members each pay \$10 dues. Minor children, grandchildren, and youth friends of a member may become a member by paying an additional \$5 (family membership). Dues may be paid at the meeting or sent to me at 606-2 Danube Court, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085.

#### **DEMONSTRATION** by Willard VanSluys

The demonstrator at the December meeting will be member, Richard Young, who will demonstrate the carving of eyes. ❖

#### **NEW MEMBER**

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#### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

by E.L. Simpson

Getting an idea should be like sitting down on a pin; it should make you jump up and do something. ❖

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 18, 2015: Kettle Karvers Klub Artistry in Wood, NEW LOCATION, Lakers Ice Center (formerly Blue Line), 1202 South Wildwood Avenue, Sheboygan, WI; 10 am-4 pm. ❖

#### **CARVING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Tuesday Night Carving** — held year-round from 6-9 pm at Plymouth High School, Room C111. All members and visitors are welcome. Cost is \$1.

**Monday Morning Carving** — held every Monday from 9 am-noon at the Senior Activity Center, 428 Wisconsin Ave., Sheboygan. Check the complete center schedule at [Sheboyganseniorcenter.com](http://Sheboyganseniorcenter.com). Free for Friends members and \$1 for guests of members.

**Saturday Carve** — held **once/month** from September to June on the Saturday after the monthly meeting in the Craft Room at Generations, use the east door, 9-noon. ❖

#### **NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR**

by Judy Larson

An expanded version of the newsletter can be found online at [kettlekarvers.org](http://kettlekarvers.org) by clicking the *Current Newsletter* tab. Newsletters from other clubs that are sent to me are available for viewing at meetings; they are located at the Show & Tell table.

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