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Next Meeting & Banquet, January 7, 2015, at Wagon Wheel, Howards Grove, WI, 5 pm

Kettle Karvers Klub Banquet ***January 7, 2015***
Wagon Wheel, 120 South Wisconsin Drive, Howards Grove, WI
5:00 pm Cash Bar, 6:00 pm Dinner
Members and Guest at $10 each
If you have not already signed up, call Maureen Bruegger 920-892-4195

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Helen Williamson

Happy New Year!

January is significant in that our meeting this month (on January 7) is our Annual Meeting. It is also our banquet at Wagon Wheel in Howards Grove. There is a social hour prior to dinner. Dinner will be served at 6 pm.

The banquet is always a fun time and spouses/significant others are invited to attend. If you have not yet made your reservations, please contact Maureen Bruegger (920-892-4195) ASAP, so that the appropriate reservations can be made. The cost to us is $10.00 per person, with the club picking up the balance.

At that time we will be recognizing retiring Vice President, Willie VanSluys, and retiring Board members, Jim Roeder and Larry Lienau, for their past efforts on behalf of the club. We will be installing our newly elected officers, Larry Lienau as Vice President and Ron Feld and Betty Wilson as board members. Maureen Bruegger will be honored as our first Kettle Karver of the Year. Dianna Witt has been assembling a nice selection of door prizes for our annual door prize drawings.

I look forward to seeing you at the banquet!

Happy Carving! ❖

MEETING MINUTES *by Judy Larson*

Helen Williamson called the meeting to order at 6 pm and the first order of business was our Christmas potluck. Thank you Maureen Bruegger, Mary Nowacki, Alice Prahl, and Dianna Witt for another great job of organizing this event and preparing food.

Sunshine Report. Mary Nowacki sent cards to Aaron Lippert who had surgery and Denise Kautzer whose mother passed away recently.

Mary also asked if anyone wanted to sell their carvings at Christmas at the Manor in Sheboygan. She would be there to sell your items, and 20% of sales go to the Manor.

Treasurer's Report. Dianna Witt reported a deposit of $265.00 and expenses of $307.56.

Dianna reported that 26 members had not as yet paid dues. She will collect 2015 dues of $10 during the meeting.

Meals on Wheels Tree. Don Lorier was pleased to announce that the tree decorated at Caan Floral with over 300 hand carved ornaments provided by Kettle Karvers went for $18,000.

Display Case Items. Members brought items to display in the case. If you wish to have your carvings displayed, contact Helen to sign up. The case is locked so your items will be safe.

December Saturday Carve. Betty Wilson showed the project for the December 6th carve. It will be a Christmas stocking ornament. The first Saturday carve of 2015 will be held on January 10.

Dan Devine. Dan, a Generations staff member, has been a great help at all of our meetings. He was called into the meeting and presented with chamber bucks as a thank you from membership.

Kettle Karver of the Year. Voting was completed during the meeting with the remaining members having a chance to vote. **Maureen Bruegger** was voted "Kettle Karver of the Year." Her name will be placed on the plaque that she will receive at the January banquet. She will keep the plaque until the next Kettle Karver of the Year is chosen.

Vice President. The position of Vice President was in danger of being left unfilled until Larry Lienau stepped forward saying he would accept the position. Bob Lawrence made a motion for Larry to assume the position, and Darrell Abston seconded the motion. Membership agreed to his appointment.

Larry then proposed that the bylaws be amended to change the term of Vice President to no longer than four years. Discussion was held, and it was decided to discuss this further at a later meeting.

KETTLE KARVERS KLUB INC.

Happy New Year

Board Member Election. Larry Lienau handed out ballets for the member vote to choose two board members. Votes were counted and the two winners were Ron Feld and Betty Wilson. Both will take office during the January banquet meeting.

Artistry in Wood. Raffle items are needed, and Neil asked members to start work on items for the show. Only one friendship cane will be raffled this year, and most of the blocks are already carved for it.

Demonstrators are needed so please think about volunteering for a time slot to demonstrate.

Woodturners have been invited to attend the show and the president of their club was contacted by Neil. The entry form and show rules for the show have been placed on our website.

Neil asked if anyone had experience with a raffle license. His research left him with questions that he hoped someone would be able to answer.

Banquet. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual banquet at Wagon Wheel in Howards Grove. Members and guests each pay $10 toward the meal and the club pays the remainder. You need to be signed up to attend. The cash bar is open at 5 pm and the meal is served at 6 pm.

Gift Exchange. A small number of members took part in the gift exchange. Those members that brought a gift then picked a gift from the table.

Show & Tell. Seven members participated in the December show & tell. Mary Nowacki showed a black and white bear she recently completed. Bill Buelter carved a decorative spoon and fork out of sumac and applied a lacquer finish.

Barkhouses completed in the Lee Belanger class in October were shown by Larry Lienau and Don Lorier.

Judy Larson showed a Christmas ornament carved for her grandson out of cottonwood bark. The Christmas ornament project for the Saturday carve was shown by Betty Wilson.

Sandy Doebert completed an angel ornament from a previous Saturday carve and did a nice job of finishing the project.

Larry Lienau took the raffle prize: a tiki cutout and pattern.

Raffle. A Helvie knife was raffled, and the winner was Gerald Bauer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. ❖

MEMBERSHIP DUES *by Dianna Witt*

Membership dues of $10 for 2015 membership is now overdue. Please let me know if you wish to remain a member or your name will be removed from the 2015 list. Dues may be sent to me at 606-2 Danube Court, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. ❖

CHRIS HAMMACK CLASS *by Neil Lorenz*

If you are interested in attending this class, scheduled for next September, please contact me. I will need at least 12 people to sign up to have Chris do a class in our area. Chris is a member of the Caricature Carvers of America. Most of his carvings are of cowboys. ❖

RICHFIELD ART AT THE MILL
by Lois Hessenauer

Applications are now being taken for this juried art & fine craft fair held on July 25, 2015. This is an outside event held at the Richfield Nature & Historical Park in Washington County. To assure the best arts and fine crafts are chosen for the event, jurying will take place and artists will be notified. Exhibitor fee per booth for the chosen artists is $50-$60. For more information about the show or to obtain an application form and guidelines, go to www.richfieldhistoricalsociety.org, email me at airfairrhs@gmail.com, or call 262-628-2841. ❖

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
by Thomas L. Holdcroft

Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds us down or polishes us up depends on us. ❖

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 *Sheboygansenior center.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 kettle karvers.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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