

Happy Holidays to everyone----

Wow, what a great get together on the 3rd of December. Personally I enjoyed the meeting and learned a lot--hope each of you did also. Our thanks go out to Chuck and Brian for sharing knowledge and techniques.

The officers met an hour early and discussed a few things that were relevant and a few things that weren't!

-There are a group of trainers in the AAW chapters in Wisconsin and across the nation that put on seminars for a fee. I think Brian referred to them as "POP". (Don't know what it means but it sounds good) Brian talked to one from the coulee region (LaCrosse) that would be willing to come up on a Saturday and train on bowl turning. The fee would be \$200 for the day and we would need to buy the gentleman lunch. Because we do not have a lot of funds available in the club to pay for it, if you are interested, let Brian know and when we get enough together that would pay a portion each of the \$200, Brian will set it up. If ten of us are interested it would be \$20 each with a small amount for lunch or I thought we could all get together and have a pot luck of sorts with a dish to pass.

-Brian also reported that there are funds available from AAW for a library of educational material. Possibly DVD's and/or books. We would also need a librarian to keep track of them or possibly have them available "on line". We will learn more about it as we talk with the AAW folks.

-We all agreed that we need to get everyone involved at some level to make the club a success. If you each have ownership of the club, it will continue to flourish. So--be prepared to volunteer or work with us to find new ways to get everyone involved. We do need a group to work on a mission statement. Possibly have marketing committee members that would meet separately from the monthly meeting to drum up new members; having separate groups meet by geographic area and sharing techniques/ideas/suppliers--you name it.

--Richard Golde (VP) will be the second person to be authorized to sign checks against our bank account.

During the general meeting---

-Al Wait (Secretary) to determine if club members have to be AAW members?

-Steve (Store Owner) to be considered an honorary member of the club if he says that is OK. Speaking of Steve, he would like to make a large order for turning tools to Hamlet tools, so if you have been holding off buying that new gouge or skew, let him know. We can help him out and also get some really good tools.

-Chuck Brovold gave an inspiring demo on the "outside in" turning technique. I found it fascinating and quite informative. Thank you Chuck. You are going to be a hard act to follow.

-Brian George gave us a talk on turning pepper mills and bottle stoppers. A lot of information and we thank you for doing it.

-It was decided that the Board would meet the third Wednesday of every month and the general meeting would be the first Wednesday of every month until further notice. (Yes, we will meet in the PM---)

Now for your assignments---

-We need a **commitment** on the bowl turner demo from LaCrosse. If you would like to be a part of that, let Brian know. Brian, you can put me down for it.

-**Document good thoughts**. If there is something on your mind, use your E mail to send it to everyone so we can all think about it prior to our meeting.

-Bring phone numbers and addresses of local suppliers of material and tools that you have found to be useful. I have a couple really good ones to share and hope you also have some.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting which will be January 7th.