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MEETING NOTES

The March Meeting will be on the 9th 6:30 pm at Adventure Park, 10130 Gunn Avenue. Our guest will be William Ng. Mr. Ng has an engineering background and was an instructor of furniture construction at Cerritos College. He is now director of the William Ng School of Fine Woodworking. Many of his students have won woodworking awards.

CLUB SHOW 'N TELL

Everyone is encouraged to bring a project for show and tell. It isn't bragging if it is fact.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOW now has 42 paid members

This is your last *Pushstick* if your dues are not current.

All **members** must complete and return an application in order to continue receiving the Pushstick by mail. All **dues** must be current. Anyone who has paid their 2006 dues should mark **dues paid** on the application.

Those club **members** who are on email subscription will also be required to complete the application. Please contact **John Rodgers** or **Mike Scott** for your application.

Any one with a computer and Internet connection may read the current and past editions by accessing our web site www.woodworkersofwhittier.org

Steering Committee Actions

The Steering Committee approved action to open a WOW club checking account and close the existing personal account. This will bring the club up to current banking standards. **John Rodgers** will begin the process by accumulating the required documentation.

Mike Scott has taken on the job of reprinting the club brochure and will provide copies until we can find a printing service.

Our members are not signing in at the meetings. The guest speakers need an accurate count of our attending members so they are prepared with adequate materials. Several remedies were discussed including a roll call. As the members arrive they may be carrying projects and other items that must be cared for before they sign in and some times it just seems to be too much trouble. Every one make an effort to initial the attendance sheet, **Please**.

The bookcase project for Adventure Park will be getting underway soon. We plan on setting up a build team with a project manager at the March meeting. **Harlan Jeche** has volunteered his home as the build site.

The doll cradle project needs to be examined and changes made. **Hunter Smith** has been the mainstay of this project for many years and cannot continue the work. Optional build processes will be discussed at the March meeting.

Steering Committee

There were only seven members At the Feb. meeting. This is not enough of us to be making important decisions for the club.

We meet at Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut Street in Uptown Whittier at 7:00 P.M. This is where all the discussion and planning for future meetings comes from and usually lasts less than an hour.

Christmas Projects

This is an over view of WOW's Mission Statement and Toy Projects. The club was founded in 1993 to provide wooden toy Christmas gifts for disadvantaged youth in the Whittier area. The toys are given to several charitable and service groups toy drives for distribution to the children. This includes the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Whittier P. D., Marine Corps Reserve, L. A. County Fire Dept. and others.

Currently we have three different toy projects led by **Joe Carrillo** Block and Toy Coordinator. Building blocks, wheeled toys and doll cradles. Each of these will be discussed separately in future months.

Blocks are cut in home shops or at Hathaway Ranch and sanded at Hathaway Ranch on Monday mornings. Every one is encouraged to take part in this operation. It is an easy way to get involved with the toy projects. Patterns and wood are provided.

Wheeled toys are cut and sanded in home shops. Plans, wood and wheels are made available and most woods are acceptable and toy makers are encouraged to be creative. Wheels and toys are assembled at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting and every one is involved.

The doll cradle project has largely been a one-man operation. **Hunter Smith** has cut and sanded the components due to the complexity of fitting the various parts. The cradles are then assembled and painted by a few woodworkers. Dolls and quilts or blankets are furnished by the doll project of the Whittier Senior Center. This project will be our topic of discussion at the March meeting with changes anticipated.

WOW has done several service projects for the Red Cross, Intercommunity Blind Center, Boys and Girls Club and Friends of the Library. Service projects remain an important function of our commitment to the community.

April meeting date is Apr.13

That is all, folks. See you at the next meeting. **If you do not have an accident prevention plan, you do have an accident plan!**

Yours truly,
John Rodgers

Thank you Harold and Julie.