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Meeting Notes

October Meeting

The October meeting is Thursday, Oct. 10. at Adventure Park, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The park is located at 10130 Gunn Ave., Whittier.

The meeting will feature a presentation by **Dan Wright**, owner of D & L Stained Glass, 8824 Ocean View Ave., Whittier. He will discuss how to build small tabletop street organs. These small wooden organs were developed in England in the mid-1990s and made popular on the Internet. He will bring two 20-pipe completed organs to the meeting along with a larger 70-pipe unit still under construction. The units are hand-cranked and utilize a punched paper roll, similar to a player piano roll, to produce music. One of his street organs was on display at last spring's Founders Day celebration in Uptown Whittier. He will provide full details on how to obtain plans, parts and supplies to build one of these units.

September Meeting

The meeting featured a fascinating talk about various types of wood by **Jeannette Gonzales** of the Woodcraft Store in Stanton. **Jeannette**, a self-described "wood junkie," noted that 90 percent of trees in Southern California are not native to the area, but were brought here from other areas of the country and from around the world. A eucalyptus tree, for example, is native to Australia. She discussed various species of wood that are best suited for making furniture or used for turnings. She said she has been fascinated by wood and trees since childhood but was not allowed to take woodshop in high school because she was female. She also advised turners to beware of possible fungus when turning bowls from exotic woods. **Jeannette** teaches classes in pen turning and making Shaker boxes at the Woodcraft Store.

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The La Mirada Public Library is hosting a display of WOW creations that continues during the month of October. The library is located at 13800 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada. Hours are: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.,

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed Monday, Friday and Sunday. **Jim Sparling** was aided by **Don Hall** in setting up the display.

Don Prince says he is still looking for an 8" slow bench grinder (wet or dry). Contact him at the next meeting or telephone him at (562) 447-4455 (cell) or (562) 696-6317 (home).

Do you have a tool or other item of value that's collecting dust and taking up space? If so, you can now donate it to the club and receive a tax-deductible receipt for the donation from the YMCA. Call **Don Prince** at (562) 447-4455 to make arrangements to get the item to **Don** for resale.

Jim Sparling reported that he had made 16 signs for the Whittier Library's "Read to a Dog" program in which young children read to therapy dogs every Tuesday evening. Each sign has the name and picture of a different dog to guide the young readers to their favorite canine listener.

Movers and Shakers

Kudos to **Ray Mitchem, Ron Holtz, Charles Kresge, Jim Sparling, Dick Toney** and **John Okawa** for helping to move and rearrange tools and farm machinery at Hathaway Ranch.

Help Wanted

The members who work at Hathaway Rancho on Mondays say they can use more help in boxing toys and building blocks. Contact **Ray Mitchem** or **Ron Holtz** if you wish to volunteer. The work takes place on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. – noon. Under the new arrangements at Hathaway Ranch, there will not be a "bagging day" in early December at the backstage area of the Whittier Community Theatre. Instead, items will be boxed on a continuing basis on Mondays for the next few weeks. All distribution to charities and social service groups will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Gift /Open Shop Reminder

President **Alan Schwartz** has asked members to keep in mind that each member attending the Christmas Party on Dec. 12 is asked to bring three small shop made gifts to the event as door prizes. He also would like to have one or more club members to host an open shop this year or early next year. Contact **Alan** at the October meeting if you would like to host such an event.

Steering Committee Proceedings

Treasurer **Red Nichols** reported a final bank balance of \$915.05 for the month.

John Rodgers reported that he is ready to make a presentation about the work the Woodworkers of Whittier to any interested community group.

Ron Holtz reported on giving the Whittier Boys and Girls Club two doll cradles and two doll strollers in connection with their fund-raising gala. These items are expected to raise several hundred dollars at the event's charity auction. **Ron** also reported on obtaining a large quantity of boxes from the Sheriff's Department. These will be used for boxing toy cars, trucks and building blocks.

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Jim Sparling reported that the club has a list of 22 groups that will receive toys and building blocks.

Don Prince reported on starting an experimental fund-raising idea. He and **Don Hall** will visit yard sales in the area with the thought of buying tools and equipment at bargain prices and then resell them to members for a small profit. The net proceeds would go into the club treasury.

Lindsay Fisher said he is seeking volunteers for the club's ornament project in conjunction with Christmas parties at the Boys and Girls Club and at Adventure Park. These will be held in December, final dates to be announced. This involves about two hours of volunteer time in assisting youngsters in creating their own Christmas tree ornaments. It's a lot of fun and a great way to help children be creative.

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On Your Calendar

October Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 10 12, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Steering Committee, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

November Meeting, Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Steering Committee, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thank you Bill, Julie, Harold and Paula