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DECEMBER 2012

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The annual Christmas Potluck for members and guests is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, in the Walnut Room at Parnell Park Community and Senior Center, 15390 Lambert Rd. (corner of Lambert Rd. and Scott Ave.) Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for setup. Food should be brought in at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Members are encouraged to bring their spouse, partner or friend. Each member is asked to bring a main dish or salad or dessert and serving utensils to serve 6 to 8 people. Food should be cut into portions at home. Beverages, plates, cups, napkins and tableware will be provided. Persons bringing soups and chili should bring disposable bowls.

All members are asked to bring three shop made items for the door prize drawings for guests. We hope to have at least one prize for all guests and spouses. Invited guests will include those who provide wood for blocks and cars, along with those who provide dolls and layette sets for the cradles and strollers. There will be a separate door prize drawing for members only. In addition, there will be a special raffle for a Don Hall truck as a club fund-raiser. Tickets will be \$5 each for the truck drawing.

BAGGING DAY

Bagging Day will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6. This is the event in which club members and other volunteers sort and bag building blocks, toy cars and trucks, doll strollers and doll cradles for distribution to social service agencies. Bagging Day will be

held in the backstage area of the Whittier Community Theatre Building. The backstage area is adjacent to the parking lot of the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut Ave. Setup will begin at 8 a.m. Bagging will begin at approximately 9 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided in the morning. Pizza will be provided for lunch. All club members are urged to help in this important club function. Items will be picked up on Dec. 5 and 6.

November Meeting

The main activity at the November meeting was the annual **Santa's Wheel and Axle Workshop** in which members installed wheels and axles on hundreds of small wooden cars and trucks. Members voted to send at least two boxes of these items to hurricane victims in New Jersey.

Steering Committee

It was announced that a selection of wooden toys will be placed under the Christmas trees at Whittier City Hall, Whittier Community Center, James hardware store and the premiere display at the newly reopened Whitwood Branch Library.

Joe Carrillo officially announced he is retiring from his position of wood toy & block coordinator after the holidays. Joe, who turns 90 in 2013, has overseen the distribution of thousands of toys, sets of blocks, cradles and doll strollers over the past 17 years. He has logged more than four thousands hours of volunteer time with the Woodworkers of Whittier, and also supervised the painting of blocks for the past seven years before painting was discontinued because of government regulations. Joe, who continues to ride his bicycle nearly every day, says he wants to get involved with activities concerning the homeless. Over the years, he has been honored as the Volunteer of the Year by the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Whittier. We thank Joe for his many years of service to the club and to the children of the Whittier area and surrounding communities. Joe will be honored by the club at the Christmas Potluck.

Lindsay Fisher needs five to six volunteers to work WOW's ornament tables at the Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 14, starting at 3 p.m., and at Adventure Park's "Here Comes Santa" Party on Thursday, Dec. 20, starting at 5:30 p.m. This is the activity in which club members help youngsters decorate wooden ornaments to take home and place them on their Christmas trees. The Boys and Girls Club is located at 7905 Greenleaf Ave. The activity will be inside. The Adventure Park activity will be outside, so dress accordingly. Adventure Park, the site of monthly club meetings, is located at 10130 S. Gunn Ave.

Correction

November's *PushStick* should have said, Congratulations to Raffle Chairman Gene Getz and his bride Shirley on their marriage on Oct. 17.

Congratulations

Thanks to Webmaster **Paula Eagleman** for an outstanding job in redesigning the club website. It now has more information on club activities, how to join, etc. You can see the results at www.woodworkersofwhittier.org

January Meeting

Allen Kensley, a representative from Festool, will make a presentation on the company's tools and products.

On Your Calendar

December Meeting and Christmas Potluck, Thursday, Dec. 13

(There will be no Steering Committee meeting in December.)

January Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013

Steering Committee, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013

Thank you Bill, Julie, Harold and Paula