

SUN CITY WEST

WOOD WORKING CLUB

1st March 2016 Club Tel: (623) 546-4722

TERMITE TIDINGS

George Wildridge



Jean Richards is one of our outstanding women members. She has served on the board of directors and regularly assists anyone needing help. Jean's first husband, a member of the U.S. Airforce, succumbed to cancer in 1997. Their three sons were grown up at the time of his passing. Her move to Sun City West from Arkansas in 2003 was prompted by a desire to be near her mother and sister who already lived here. She and Marilyn, her older sister, have maintained a close relationship.

Since moving to Sun City West Jean was first involved with the sewing club where she made purses, casserole covers and other

items that were sold in the Village Store.

She was encouraged to join the Woodworking Club by Verda Bell and her first projects were made using the scroll saws. The group with whom she worked made nine piece puzzles for Alzheimer patients. The puzzles were made using greeting card pictures and were well received by those for whom they were intended.

Following this community service Jean became involved in lathe work with her first projects being bottle stoppers.

Besides playing cribbage (at which she excels) she most enjoys working on the lathe where she has made high quality bowls and plates. She is always ready to assist others and feels that it is important to make new members feel welcome.

It is interesting to note that the "Love Bug" is active in the shop and both she and Ken Richards were bitten with a resulting marriage last March. After the wedding in Arkansas they honeymooned in Hawaii. Both she and Ken enjoy travel. Among Jean's past vacations she has visited Thailand, Viet Nam, Alaska, and Vancouver in addition to a voyage up Prince William Sound.

Travel continues to be an interest to both of the newly-weds and they anticipate more getaways in the near future.

Visitors and residents are invited to the Wood Shop where they can see the many beautiful projects being crafted by our members. Join us, make some sawdust and have some fun.

KUENZ COURTYARD HAPPY HOUR

A good time has been had each time we share the happy hour, this time will be special as well so mark your calendar for March 8th from 4 to 6 pm in the Kuentz Courtyard. Special music for the evening will be provided by our own Jody Yeomans who plays guitar and sings! Maybe some surprise vocals will be in store too. As usual, bring your own something to drink, the club provides snacks, cups and napkins. Want to participate in the 50/50 drawing AND a drawing for a gift certificate? Remember to bring your \$5 bills.

INTERVIEW WITH INCOMING PRESIDENT GARY ROBERTS CONDUCTED ON 2/20/2016 BY OUTGOING PRESIDENT JIM SLOAN



Jim started:

Thank you for taking time for this interview. You are running unopposed in the March 1st election and, as such, you undoubtedly began thinking about the next year.

I think that members need/want to know where the club is heading this year. So here are my questions:

Q: What is your general philosophy of club administration?

A: Our club is operated solely for the safety and benefit of our members.

Q: How does this look from 30,000 ft, the

bigger view?

A: We have to remember we are a social organization with a common thread of woodworking. I will work to achieve an environment promoting the social aspect of our club which means social gatherings, the break table, picnics etc. and providing the structure to allow for that interaction.

A safe environment means providing the safest possible work environment achievable, continuously attempting to improve skill sets of members and in that process, enhancing safe practices.

We must continue the environment of mentoring and sharing of knowledge, to make it

non-threatening to ask for help and for experienced members to offer to mentor. In addition, we have initiated a stand-alone IT section headed by member Daryl Couthart,

who will address the demands of maintaining and upgrading IT systems (door scanners, credit cards, monitoring and member data base, lumber room, upgrading computers and systems).

We have improved operation of the lumber-room to a certain extent and will continue to seek opportunities to improve the experience.

Q: As you take office, you will have a board mostly made up of new people. How would you plan to engage them into your vision for the club?

A: I am looking forward to working with the new board. Each member brings unique skills and views that help move the club forward.

Q: What is your thought on the maintenance effort?

A: While the maintenance process has been in turmoil this year, we understand the importance of having equipment in good order. We have started to explore different methods of approaching maintenance. I believe that the maintenance situation might well be the major priority during my term.

Q: Membership has been growing over the past several years. Do you view this as an issue?

A: The club is growing because it meets a tremendous need in the community. We won't be making building additions to the wood shop, at least not in the near future. So as we move forward we will need to continue to explore ways to balance space and the growing membership.

Q: Over the past year there have been a number of administrative changes, such as hours, equipment committee, social events, clearing table tops. Will you be continuing these changes?

A: Yes, yes and yes!

Q: How about the bench clearing on Friday?

A: While the program met with some initial resistance, we have found that there has been a significant benefit in that the shop is much better organized and there is better bench accessibility for all members.

Q: How about the equipment committee?

A: We still want to look at upgrading equipment, specifically lathes. Rebuilding when possible, replacing when necessary using the expertise and recommendation of the equipment Committee.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to a great year!

WHO CAN IDENTIFY MR. HOLLYWOOD?



Be the first to send Jim Sloan (majorjim439@gmail.com) an email and identify the person behind the glasses, *with correct spelling* and win a club t-shirt.

BRUCE BROUSARD DISPLAYS ONE OF HIS METICULOUSLY CRAFTED BOXES



Box, showcasing intricate marquetry made by Ernie Mills

THIS TIME WILL BE SUNNY AND WARM (WE HOPE)

Remember how cold it was at the last picnic? Despite that, the food was excellent and the friendship warm, so we're hoping the weather will co-operate for the Club's Spring picnic, scheduled for 22 March. Tickets are available in the tool crib.

NEXT CRAFT FAIR IS ON SATURDAY 19 MARCH



Happy shoppers thronged the Fall fair so sign up now at the shop if you would like to sell items at the Spring fair. Bill Frey is leading the efforts to make our portion successful! Thanks you Bill and crew!