

SUN CITY WEST

WOOD WORKING CLUB

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

According to those who were lucky enough to attend, the 36th Annual Christmas party was big success! The Palm Ridge Recreation Center Ballroom handled the sold out event easily, Woodshop members and their guests were in holiday spirits, the food was good, the door prizes and raffle prizes (donated by members) were outstanding and a very good time was had by all.



(L toR) Marshall Adams, Reg Trevison, Suzanne Trevison, Jim Booy, Volene Adams



(Right) Entertainment was provided by Bob



Mr and Mrs Bill Frye



Mr and Mrs Bill Spellman



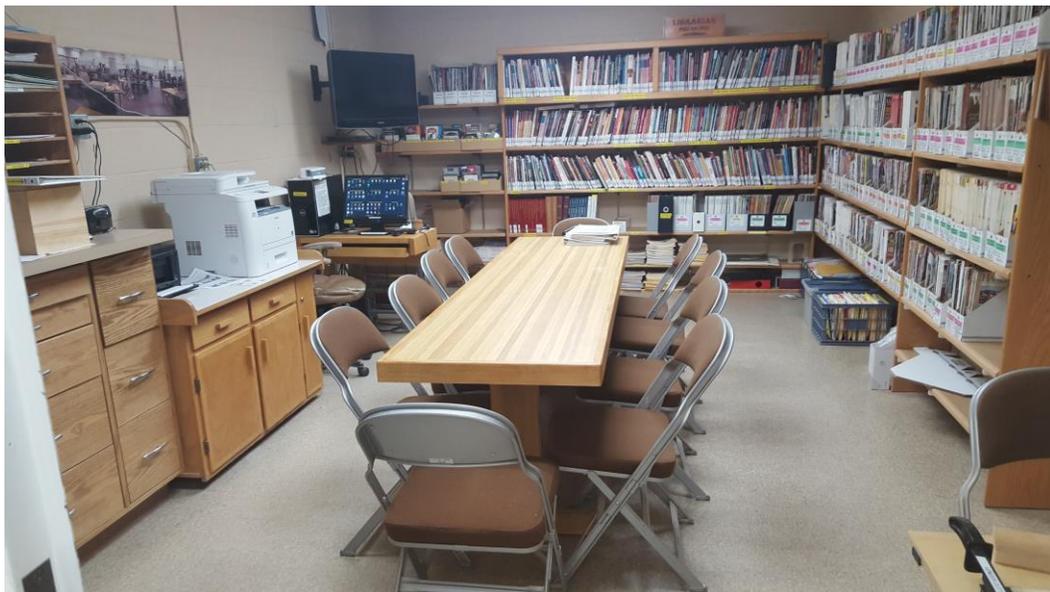
Mr and Mrs Dave Braum



Connie Riedel holding the winning raffle prize - a beautifully carved quail - with the artist, Reg Trevison

REMODELED LIBRARY

With the expanded winter hours in the shop, orientation class has become challenging! People are still working nearby as Charlie Lagergren, or Gary Roberts expound on the shop culture. The solution, make more room in the library by removing the old large tables and replace it with thin one built by our special project wizards, Tom and Lee! Take a look!



NEW SHOP HOURS

Monday thro' Thursday: 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 noon to 4 p.m.

Monitors required for all time-slots on assorted days.

LOCKER RENTAL

A reminder that the **lockers are rented as a benefit** to the relevant member and need to be used. If you haven't used the shop 24 times this year, you may be asked to surrender your locker. There is a waiting list to rent lockers.

TERMITE TIDINGS

George Wildridge

Bob Baker is our resident photographer with an interest in woodworking that spans many years. As a youngster during the 30s, his family lived in 14 different states and Bob has visited all of what is now referred to as "The Lower 48". His father's job as a chief engineer for the Navy Department made frequent moves necessary as the US prepared for what ultimately became its involvement in World War II.

Always involved in woodworking Bob, at age 14, together with his dad, built a 16- foot fishing boat. The boat was launched in Lake Winnebago and was powered by brute strength since motors were not available at that time.

Bob's life work was as a Civil Engineer and he was appointed Secretary of Transportation in Wisconsin where he served at the request of three governors. He had state-wide responsibility for a variety of modes of transportation including roads, bridges, railroads, airlines, etc.

He and Mary, his wife of 55 years, first visited Sun City West as guests of friends who had purchased a home here. They fell in love with the place and upon retirement in 1999 moved here from Wisconsin.

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Volunteering at Bob's Variety Store in 2001, when given the responsibility of selling luminarias at Christmas, Bob was left stranded there to freeze by the then Wood Shop president. Fortunately he did not succumb.

Mary is an RN and does laparoscopic work in addition to providing care for those in need of medical assistance. She and Bob have four children and nine grandchildren. Commitment to family has been a driving force for Bob and Mary. Together with children and grandchildren they have been on five or six family cruises. Travels to foreign countries have included visits to France, Italy, Germany, Greece, Egypt, Israel and Jordan as well as to Australia, New Zealand and a number of countries in South America.

Since joining the Woodworking Club in 1999 Bob has learned new skills and currently enjoys visiting with others over coffee as well as photographing members for badge ID pictures.

He is interested in expanding community knowledge of the skills taught at the shop as well as the social events that take place here. He feels that there is a need for more publicity than that provided by the Rec. Center and sees involvement with the local newspaper as an appropriate method to spread the word about the fine work that is done by our members and

the opportunity to have others become members and enjoy learning about including woodworking as one of their hobbies.

ANNUAL SURPLUS TOOL AUCTION



The annual surplus tool auction was held on 15 December. Eighty attentive members bid on a variety of tools and machines deemed surplus by the tool crib and maintenance staff. Many of the items sold were donated to the club from various sources.

Past President Gary Roberts (pictured) kept the bidding going and involved 25 bidders in spending \$1,945. Lathe tools, small machines, chain saw, lathe, clamps all were bid on and repurposed. The proceeds will be used for club further activities.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

Renew your club membership at the tool crib for just \$25 and enjoy access for all of 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 1	News Year's Day Shop is open
January 4 - 6	New member orientation
January 5	General meeting at 1:00 pm in the Lecture Hall at Johnson
January 12	Happy Hour 4:00 - 5:30 in the Kuentz Courtyard

CHARITABLE AS WELL AS CRAFTY!

Seventeen Wood Shop members and their friends took turns ringing the silver bells to help raise money for The Salvation Army's Christmas effort. During the one day, eight-hour event \$1,045 was raised. This was a worthy effort for a worthy cause and thanks go to all who participated.

Past President Marshall Adams coordinated the event and made sure all stations were covered.

