Christmas is upon us, and it is time for our last event of the year, the OCWA Christmas Party, or Holiday party if you prefer. It will be held in the center hall at the Tustin Senior Center on Friday, December 12th, 2014 starting at 6:00 P.M., and going until the last dog is hung, or 9:00 P.M., whichever comes first.

The OCWA will provide the entrees, and the membership will provide the side dishes, or a $10.00 donation in lieu of a side dish. We will have door prizes for the members, and guests, and there will be a gift exchange. We suggest that gifts for the exchange not exceed $25.00, or you could bring something that you've made. Homemade gifts are really a treat, and are always well received.

Please make your reservations soon as we need a head count for making our food orders. You can do so by going to the members’ area of the ocwoodworkers.org website, and clicking on the Christmas party icon, or email Larry Marley, and he can add you to the list.

Toy Program
After all of the hard work of our members fashioning heirloom quality wooden gifts for the less fortunate children of Orange County it all came to fruition the day after Thanksgiving when we had our annual toy pull where we distributed thousands of toys to be delivered to over fifty organizations in the Orange County Area. We would like to give our thanks to Bill Rogers (head elf), and to all those who worked tirelessly to make this happen.

Pen Program
Another group of OCWA members who go unheralded are the pen turners who have made thousands of pens this year, and distributed them to our military personnel, veterans, and wounded warriors. It may not seem like much to some, but these folks have handcrafted these beautiful writing instruments, and have given them away, selflessly I might add, to those who serve, have served, and have sacrificed so much in the cause of freedom, as a token, or remembrance, if you will, of our appreciation of their service to our country. I doff my chapeau to you.

November Election
The results are in, and your OCWA Board of Directors for 2015 will be; James Santhon; President, Chester Maharaj; Vice President, Frank Andrews; Secretary, Ralph Crowther; Treasurer, Larry Marley; Public Affairs Chair, Richard Hodgen; Turners President, Al Missbrenner, Ollie Vaughan, and John Marshall; Directors at Large.

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We would like to thank our esteemed colleagues, Mr. Jerry Nininger, Greg Madrigal and Robin Hoff for their service on the Board for the last two years. They did a fantastic job, and suffice it to say, they will be missed on the Board.

Come and Celebrate
So, as we bring 2014 to a close please join us in breaking bread, and celebrating those who have worked so hard to make the OCWA not just a great organization, but a wonderful fellowship of people from different backgrounds, races, religions, and politics that have come together in a common interest, and through that interest have managed to improve the lives of those within, and those outside of our association. **Let’s party!**

*James Santhon*
Well its 11 months down and one to go. Where has this year gone? I suspect it got sucked up in the cosmic shop vacuum or some other inexplicable phenomena.

I am really pleased that after three years as your Turner’s Group President that I will be followed by the very capable and personable Richard Hodgin as your new President. He will be a real asset to our group. I hope that each of you will work with him to help ease the transition so that we might have another successful year. He seeks for and wants your ideas and input.

Richard will inherit a great group of the regulars to help him in putting on interesting monthly meetings. Ross Gilroy will be assisting with coordinating monthly demonstrators, Challenges and Contests and Bill Haskell will again arrange outside pro-demonstrators while Mike Cook assisted by Joe Berger will handle the pro-demonstration day ad hoc committee coordination. These are not simple tasks and I really appreciate what they have done in the past and I am sure they will meet the many challenges of the upcoming year.

Behind the scenes Len Musgrave and Ralph Alder, Frank Andrews and Al Whitcomb together with the former refreshment chairman, Jim Steinmetz (???) have been key to each meeting’s success. John Marshall has been the foundation of our military pen project and he will continue to head up this vital and necessary outreach program. Craig Chambers has started a successful drive-way workshop program that I really appreciate. These modest Saturday workshops are an opportunity for small groups of our members to receive hands on turning skill training. Don Scott consistently contributes his time and skills in a variety of areas and Bruce Lewellyn is always available to help tackle the unusual and sometimes bewildering technical issues for not only turning but he is also handy with a metal lathe, a torch, and a lifetime accumulation of mechanical skills. Dick Foreman has continually supported and helped with many things through the years. He will be missed but he promises to stay a “distance” member from his new desert shop. Larry Roth, “lasers are him”, has always been a step-up guy and contributor to several club projects.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a thank you to our outside vendors and acknowledge their contribution to the ongoing success of our club. Torbin, Katherine and Jay at Laguna Tools make our outside workshops happen while Mike Yukihiro and the gang at Rockler of Orange together with Ingko and the crew at Woodcraft-Fountain Valley and Jeanette Gonzales, the Chainsaw Lady have helped in many, many ways. Jim Anderson of Anderson Plywood repeatedly goes above and beyond in his support of our group. These are great people and good businesses that deserve your patronage. Remember: “buy it here and keep them here”. I personally want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of these individuals and businesses for their helpful “can do” attitude, dedication, and assistance over the past three years. You have been a delight to work with and I am now richer because of new friendships with each of you. The OCWA Board of Directors and Officers are of course an integral part of any success I have had over the past three years. You have been a delight to work with and I am now richer because of new friendships with each of you.

Where would we be without Larry Marley as Web Master and Public Relations Chairman? I believe we would not be the organization we are today without his expertise and skills. David Tilson’s patient editing and gathering of this monthly newsletter is a difficult task that he handles adroitly. I also want to thank each of you, the over 100 “turner” members of the OCWA, for your support and input to include a chuckle or two at my jokes. I hope to continue with my campaign to outlaw Midget Cream puffs and Chinese food lunches while serving as the club equipment “Gadget Guru” and in any other ways that I might assist the organization. Again thank you each and every one.

The November meeting featured James Santhon, the internationally unknown turner” who again demonstrated his considerable turning skills as applied to “Finials”. How many tears and years of practice does it take to make it look so easy? The chips flew and a shape emerged. James always puts on a first class demonstration. Thank you James for all that you do for the Turners and the OCWA.

In December bowl turner Harry Williams will take us through the turning of a bowl. Harry is a fine turner. He teaches at Cerritos, also known to some as UCLA (University of Cerritos; Left at Alondra), as well as at Woodcraft in Fountain Valley. It’s the last one for the year so let’s jam the hall!

British Professional Turner Nick Agar talking about getting a good tool cutting edge said: “The object is to sharpen the tool not shorten it”.

Be safe,

Robin Hoff
At the November Toy Workshop we had 32 people and two dogs on a bright and sunny morning. Ed Smet had his usual 40 or so Keepsake boxes to assemble and prepare for the next step. Allen had many legs, paws and wheels for his pull toy that needed sanding and spraying. Roger, Al, Bruce, Mykel and Burt were busy sanding, spraying keepsake boxes, cradles and wheels. We had seven members of the Orange High School Honor Society at the workshop to help in sanding and assembling. It is great to see them here helping and it is also great to have them help when it gets to the clean up. We had a great time on Friday Nov. 28th putting the toys in boxes and getting them to the many organizations around the OC. It looks like we will have around 3400 toys this year. The toys have gotten more creative over the years and as a result the actual numbers are down but the quality and movement in the toys is better than ever. We are not creating wooden toys any more in many cases we are creating toys that will become keepsakes and treasures that will be passed down to new members of the families that receive them.

It has been a pleasure and I thank all of you who have helped with the toy program this year. You have done a great job and you can be proud and satisfied that you help make it a fun time for us all. We'll see you all on January 10th of 2015 at 9am sharp at my house to begin the 2015 Toy Program.

Bill Rogers
Toy Chairman
Do you have any woodworking-related tips, tricks, news, or comments? Email them to the editor (library@davidtilson.com) or write them down and hand them to David at a club meeting. In an Association of woodworkers, every member, even a novice, can contribute something to improve everyone’s knowledge and skill in the craft, be it a new trick or technology, a “learning experience,” or a reminder of an old-school technique.

**WCA’s Logs to Lumber**

Our Woodworkers’ gathering for November featured West Coast Arborists and their program of “urban forestry” – reclaiming wood from urban street and park trees, rather than simply sending logs and limbs to the green waste dump. The idea of WCA’s program, called Logs to Lumber, is to reduce our reliance on natural forests for wood products and minimize material sent to green waste dumps by using suitable logs from trees cut in parks and along streets to produce usable lumber and furniture quality slabs. Limbs, bark and other material is chipped to make mulch for city landscaping projects, so nothing goes to waste (or to the dump)! If you missed the meeting, you really missed out on a lot of good information. Check out WCA’s website to read up on how their program works.

**Unknown Turner Spotted Again!**

That mysterious mastermind of turned treenware and trinkets, the Unknown Turner put in an appearance at the Woodturners’ meeting. This time, the subject revolved around making decorative finials both large and small. A beautiful and balanced finial may look straightforward to make, since they are freeform decoration, but there are still a few hidden pitfalls to avoid when designing and turning them, and sharp tools and good turning technique are both required. Of course, Mr. Unknown made it all look easy, as always.

- David Tilson

**2015 OCWA Board of Directors**

New officers were elected for 2015 at the November Meeting.

They are from left to right, Chester Maharaj, Vice President; John Marshall, Director at Large; Larry Marley, Public Affairs; Frank Andrews, Secretary; Al Missbrenner, Director at Large; Ollie Vaughn, Director at Large; Ralph Crowther, Treasurer; James Santhon, President; and not pictured is Richard Hodgin, Turners President. We thank these men for stepping up to lead the OCWA in 2015.

- Len Musgrave

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Here are the results of the annual woodturners contest.

**Pens - Novice**
- 1st place  Gary Phipps
- 2nd place  Lyle Rawlins

**Pens - Masters**
- 1st place  Ross Gilroy
- 2nd place  Robert Bilevich
- 3rd place  Les Rogers

**Woodturnings - Novice**
- 1st place  Jerry Knight
- 2nd place  Chuck Phillips
- 3rd place  Roy Reaser
- Honorable mention  Roger Wollam

**Woodturnings - Masters**
- 1st place  Don Scott
- 2nd place  James Santhon
- 3rd place  Bruce Lewellyn
- Honorable mention  Ralph Crowther

**Fred Adam Award**
- Don Scott

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