MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin 2017, I am honored to serve as President of the Woodworkers Club of Houston. I look forward to working with our officers, board and membership as we begin to plan the upcoming year’s activities. Our objectives for this year are simple. We want to provide programs that promote our common interest in woodworking and to share our skills and techniques to help develop safer woodworking habits and conditions. We also want to reach out to the public through new strategies that will inform and increase their interest in becoming a member of our club.

One of the best benefits of being a club member is the friendships that are developed at our meetings. You will find within our membership people who are more than willing to assist you with a problem you might have with a project. Feel free to ask for help, if that individual can’t help you, they probably know someone in the membership with the expertise that you need. I have made friends through the years as we worked together on club activities or helping one another on some of our woodworking projects. Many of these friends were mentors to me and others in the club. The warm friendly atmosphere speaks volumes about our club. We welcome new members and encourage them to become involved in whatever capacity they feel comfortable.

Our new Vice-President, Charles Volek, is planning our programs for the upcoming year. He will be distributing a program survey to identify what programs you would like to see presented in 2017. This gives you an excellent opportunity to give input on what programs are presented and if you would be willing to present a program. We have many gifted woodworkers within our club who have presented programs through the years. We are always looking for new talent.

In closing, I want to invite all members to share your thoughts and ideas with the club officers and board to help our club to be the best we can be. We value your input.

Thanks for your support,

Mike Turner - President
### Splinter Groups

**CNC Router Splinter Group** will meet on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00pm at Patrick's place, 20734 Settlers Lake Circle North, Katy, TX 77449. Please contact Mike Turner at 281-633-1807 for further assistance.

**Hand Tool Splinter Group**: The Hand Tool Splinter Group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at Mark Bolinger's garage in Sugar Land near Hwy 6 and 90A. Email is the primary tool for schedule announcements; it will be used to communicate any changes or cancellations. Email Mark for directions or details at marksmithb@windstream.net

**Scroll Saw Splinter Group**: The Scroll Saw Splinter Group will meet Jan 28, 2017 at Woodcraft South, Beltway 8, 9:30 AM. Our discussion will be on blades and wood. We will talk about blade sources, storage, types, and use. All types of wood will be discussed: hardwood, softwood, and yes even plywood. Let's hear about what Santa brought you for your shop. Bring your items for Show N Tell and questions for Problems N Solutions.

For information or questions contact Norm Nichols at scrollsaw@comcast.net or 281-491-3220. See you on the 28th.

**Toy Splinter Group**: The toy group is currently on hiatus. Watch the newsletter for information about the new toy making meeting location and schedule in the spring.

For more information please call Andy Anderson at (713) 409-7030.

**Furniture Splinter Group**: The furniture splinter group will begin meeting the first Thursday of the month starting in January of 2017. All are welcome. We are finishing up our chest project and will be starting on a Maloof inspired rocking chair.

For more information or to be added to the email list for the furniture splinter group, email Lynn Cummings at Lmcummings@hotmail.com

**Sawmill Splinter Group** is for those who are cutting and milling their own lumber or are interested in doing so. We discuss sawmills and the projects possible with the lumber. Anyone with logs to mill or an interest in the sawmill can contact Bill Lindsey at bill_lindsey@comcast.net.

### WWCH Collecting Toys

WWCH is collecting **STUFFED ANIMALS** to distribute to the police. They carry these stuffed animals in their squad cars to give to children when they answer domestic disturbance calls. These soft and cuddly toys are so helpful to a traumatized and tearful child when their world is turned upside down.

If you have access to stuffed animals that could comfort a child, bring them to a meeting and we’ll take it from there.

Thank you, from the children!

### New Officers for 2017

The 2017 board of directors were elected during the December meeting. Your new board for this year is:

- **President**: Mike Turner
- **Vice President**: Charles Volek
- **Secretary**: John Lastrapes
- **Treasurer**: David Janowitz
- **Publications**: Gary Rowen

Board Members: Bill Harris, Lynn Cummings, Joe Cook, and Roslyn Hager (Past President)

### December Program Wrap-up

Mike Turner, Vice President WWCH, explained to Club members various ways to use portable power tools to double as stand alone tools. His suggestions for those on a small budget or who live in a "shopless" home were very helpful especially for young woodworkers or those just starting out. Thanks, Mike!

### It’s Time to Renew!

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You can pay your WWCH 2017 dues at the January meeting in cash, check made out to WWCH, or credit card. Or mail your check to David Janowitz. His address is in the club membership directory or you can email him at elstupido@att.net.

**Reminder!** To be included in the 2017 directory, dues must be received no later than Tuesday, February 28th.
Being new to woodworking, Loren Gideon watched a video about band sawed boxes and then made a couple. Because his wife loves dragonflies and has a great big heart he carved a dragonfly with a head made of maple in the shape of a heart.

Some can’t live by intarsia alone so Steve Wavro made a wedding tree for guests to sign. Steve also read a book from the Club library about making animated toys. After learning the hard way Steve stressed that you need to read the directions before you start cutting. Steve also had to make a jig to reduce the wheel size diameter.

A memo to friends and relatives resulted in several requests to David Janowitz for cutting boards mostly of Osage orange and some red oak. David used a drum sander then finished with mineral oil.
Chuck Meeder carved some Christmas ornaments from basswood. Chuck finished with water borne acrylics topping off with spray on Deft lacquer.

Fred Sandoval showed Club members how he uses his homemade jig to make slots for 45 degree miters (wood joints, not bishop headdresses).

Don Pott has been working on his Cub plaque for a year hoping it would bring good luck – and it worked. Don thanks Fred Sandoval and Steve Wavro for all their help leading to a very nice squirrel intarsia.

Not having enough room for a shaving horse, Mark Bolinger made a shaving pony instead and explained to Club members how to use it. It is easier and more efficient to use as opposed to a vice clamp – you have to constantly adjust the handle. The geometry of the holes is important as well as leather on the jaws.
Parallel strand lamination lumber leftover from construction in his neighborhood became the wood source for Lon Kelley’s pair of recipe boxes. Lon also spoke about the process. There were voids that Lon filled with stainable filler – squeegeed it in then sanded.

Rebecca DeGroot’s “critters” seem to take on a personality when she completes them so she named this one, “Dauntless”. The quills are of rosewood and the body of maple. The body was originally turned on a lathe then shaped to final form. Paste wax finished the quills and spray satin polyurethane finished the body.

“You can’t carve plywood” was the challenge that Tim Shaunya accepted. Tim carved a fish and because it looked like a fish the “loser” donated $100 to a women’s shelter. Way to fund raise, Tim. Tim explained how he used King Arthur angle grinder wheels to rough out the shapes from Wink wood which was followed by lots of sanding.

A fun first time project for Mark Womack was a desk that his wife pretended to like to two years. So Mark came up with a new design using Sketchup. Joinery is pocket holes and glue. Handles from Hobby Lobby. Mark finished with water borne polyurethane because oil based yellows over time which Mark didn’t want.

Using a scroll saw that his wife bought him, George Graves crafted a plaque for a friend, some Christmas ornaments for his wife, a cutting board for his daughter, who just got married, and a sleigh to hold their big collection of Christmas cards, too. George used patterns from Steve Good.
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NEXT MEETING
Saturday January 14, 2017
9:00AM TO 11:30AM
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 6400 Bissonnet

Guests are always welcome at WWCH meetings!

We are now officially a 501(3)(c) charitable organization, effective
12/10/2016. Donations are now tax deductible, (Note: Club dues are
not considered a donation)

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the newsletter? Send it to Ron Kirchoff, WWCH Newsletter Editor,
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WWCH PURPOSE: The Woodworkers Club of Houston is a group of men and women
of all ages and skill levels who promote, educate, and share the craft of woodworking.
The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 9-11:30 at Bayland
Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no
charge. Membership dues are $36 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!