

## ARIZONA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION -- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- MARCH 2017

Well March is here and we can finally take a breather from the busy schedules of January and February. I think everyone had a great time at the Rudy Lopez all-day demo and I heard that the hands-on classes went well also. I would like to take this time to give a special thanks to all the people that made that day a success. First of all, I want to thank my wife, Sandy, for stepping in the week before the event because I was under the weather. She ordered all the food and supplies, picked it up at Wal-Mart in Sun City, delivered it to the event, helped serve it and clean up. I also want to thank Ana Lappegard, Dave and Linda Slocum, Andrew Allen, Vince Sichmeller, and Jerry Witt, for all of the hard work that they did to make this event a success. I found out that going to an all-day demonstration and being in charge of an all-day demonstration are two different things. Thanks again for all of your hard work.

We also did a two-day demonstration at the Woodcarvers' Expo. I'd like to thank Ana Lappegard, Dave and Linda Slocum, Vince Sichmeller, and Ken Waller. We always seem to have a large crowd over in our corner where our booth is set up. We had two lathes for doing demos and one lathe set up to turn Pens for the Troops. I would like to thank my wife, Sandy, for stopping by on both days to help clean up. We gave out a lot of applications for our Club and I know we picked up a couple of new members along the way.

Our President's Challenge for March is any type of goblet. We just want to see if you were paying attention at the all-day Rudy Lopez Demo.

Last week Vince and I went to Woodcraft to buy some gouges for Mesquite High School out of our Shorty Fund. We bought five bowl gouges and three spindle gouges. I want to give a very special thanks to Dwayne, at Woodcraft, who gave us a very special deal on those tools. He has always treated us very well on these special projects. Vince took the tools home and sharpened them. On Monday Vince, his wife Mary Kay, and I went to Mesquite High School, in Chandler, and met with Mark Jordan, the woodshop instructor. Mark and his students were excited about getting the new gouges for their shop. Mary Kay was nice enough to take a picture of the crew, which I have posted below.

I hope to see you all on the 18th of March, go make some shavings, happy turning, thanks and have a great day.

