

April 2018

I would like to start off today by thanking Marvin Fretwell, for all of his hard work, and endless hours fixing, repairing and maintaining our website for our Club. Thanks Marvin, awesome job well done. I know Marvin is having a sigh of relief, turning the website over to Pat Jones a website developer from Casa Grande. Her husband , Dick is a new member of our club. I have worked with them both at the Pinal County Fair and they are going to be a huge asset to our club.

Spoke last meeting of some positions that need to be filled on our Board of Directors. We have a spot open for vice president, secretary, and a board member. If you are interested in one of these positions please go to our website, azwoodturners.org, click on About, click on By-Laws. You read down the bylaws, and read about the duties and responsibilities for the positions that are open. Also if you know anybody that you would like to nominate for one of these positions please let us know at the meeting. We will take nominations at the April meeting then we will vote on them at the May meeting. Will make it so that if you were not present, or a winter visitor, to be able to vote online. I already have a nomination for board member, Brian Lensink.

I would like to thank the volunteers that work the Pinal County Fair in Casa Grande. We demoed at the fair on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. People always love to watch us turn, no matter what the venue. We had 7 young kids come over and turned pens for the Troops. They ranged in age from 11-14, and made some great pens. These are all great things that promote our Club. Thanks to : Vince Sichmeller, Ana Lappegard, Cal Vander Kooi, Richard January, Larry Jurgens, Pat and Dick Jones. Great job, thanks.

We have gained 19 new members since the beginning of the new year, primarily due to the demonstrations we do throughout the year. It is a great way to show people, first-hand what our club is all about.

While we're on the subject, don't forget that we are demoing at the Maricopa County fair next week. April 11th to the 15th. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ken Knorthern @ knorthern@cox.net.

We had a Board Meeting on April 4th. We will discuss the context of the meeting at our regular meeting.

The Club is selling the Rikon mini pen lathe/with stand, for \$250.00 in order to buy a larger mid-size lathe to use for our demos. Please contact me @ 480-206-5713.

I would also like to thank Richard January for the awesome job he is doing on taking the photos for the instant gallery thanks Rich for the great job you are doing.

I was sent an article from one of our winter visitors, Jim MEIZELIS. Jim told me about a project that his club is doing Back home. It is making WIG stands for cancer patients to place their wigs on when they're not in use. Looks like a fun and a worthwhile project for our club to do. I will enclose PDF and JPEG files at the bottom of this message that you can check out. It has pictures of stands that have already been made, plus a full set of plans how to build. We will discuss this project more at our meeting.

Pat, our new webmaster is also placing information on our website about the beads of courage boxes. Beads of courage will be due at our October meeting for the presidents challenge. There are some great YouTube videos online that will also give you information on how to make the boxes.

The presidents challenge for April is any kind of platter, so Gitter Done.

Jim McCleary

[Link for Wig Stand directions on website](#) under meetings and announcements

