



# South Central PA WoodTurners

## January 2015 Newsletter

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### Dates to Note

#### Club meeting

Tuesday February 2, 2015  
Social 6-6:30 PM  
Meeting 6:30 til it's over  
United Methodist Church  
meeting building.  
Water St, Jacobus, PA

**"The 3 minute egg"  
and using the skew chisel**  
Demo by Jon Amos

#### Builder's Show

York Fair Grounds  
Set-up February 6  
Show 7th & 8th

The club will have a booth to demonstrate for the public and also to sell our valuable works of art.



### The President's Column

by

Dave Neuburger

### Inaugural Column

This is my first column as new president of the South Pennsylvania Woodturners. I'm looking forward to the next year and thought it would be fun to do a comparison of my inauguration and that of our newly elected governor Tom Wolf, since we are both giving our first addresses today. What are the similarities and differences that we have? (Please put your personal politics aside when reading this.)

#1 We are both taking over prestigious positions and will inevitably be compared to our predecessors. We'll both be doing our best to impress our electorate. But he only gets to be governor and I get to play president.

#2 I was elected unanimously while Tom Wolf only received 55% of the vote.

#3 Wolf is inheriting a \$2 billion deficit this year where I am coming into office with a positive balance sheet of \$3800 and no concerns about keeping the budget balanced— with the able assistance of John Stewart who has been selflessly helping us as treasurer for years.

#4 The new governor is not likely getting much support today from former Governor Corbett where I can count on Don Wilson to continue helping me in the transition.

#5 Wolf is putting together a new team to help him navigate the tricky waters of politics and running the state, but I have a built in support group that stepped forward at our first organizational meeting to get things off to a great start. We have a renewed focus on getting and retaining new members as well as better advertising. The mentoring program is being reinvigorated.

*The President's Column continued:*

#6 Tom Wolf will have a hard time getting his ideas passed in the Republican-run legislature. I have good acceptance already in getting three suggested ideas off and running: 1) Starting at the February meeting we will have a new periodic "President's Challenge" with prizes given, 2) a twice a year tool swap where you will be able to buy and sell extra tools and equipment that you would like to share, 3) and a magazine exchange where you can give away woodturning-related issues that you no longer want and pick up something new to read. Bring them to the meeting in February!

#7 Tom Wolf has no other Toms to help him if he goes on vacation. I have Tom Deneen as vice president.

#8 And finally, Wolf will be a difficult man to reach now that he is in office. My email is [dln2@comcast.net](mailto:dln2@comcast.net). My cell number is 717 891 6618. Contact me any time. I look forward to serving the club and hope that you all have a fun time this year enjoying learning and turning with friends.

Please get in touch with **John Stewart** to pay your **2015 membership dues**.

Dave

### 2015 Meeting Schedule

Feb. 3	Skew chisel & the "3 minute egg"
Feb. 6-8	Builders Show
March 3	Segmented turning
April 7	Professional furniture turning
Apr 10-12	Cabin Fever
May 5	Pen making tips
May 8&9	Fox Chapel Open House
June 2	Chain saw harvesting and wood talk
July 7	Club Picnic
Aug. 4	Rose engine turning
Sept. 1	David Reed Smith
Oct. 6	Turning embellishments
Nov. 3	Hand Thread Chasing
Dec. 1	Club Christmas Party

## Holiday Party 2014

Minutes by Carol Woodbury (don't ever leave us Carol, we would be lost!)

John and Joan Stewart once again hosted a grand Holiday Party for the club.



Joan was delighted to have us all there! Good food and good company was enjoyed by all.

**Many thanks to the Stewarts!**

A very short business meeting was held by our out going President Don Wilson

## Win One, Turn One Raffle

The Christmas raffle was again won by Mike Carnes (he won last month and last year also). So he won back the PA cherry bowl he had brought as a result of winning the raffle last month. He warned us that should we expect to see it again in February!



(The only time that we see Mike's talent is when he wins a raffle, so keep on buying those tickets, Mike.)

## Leo Deller and John C. Campbell Folk School

Leo Deller was invited to share his experiences at Brasstown, NC. He learned a lot about "Embellishing Bowls" and brought an acorn and a vessel made there that demonstrated burning techniques and the proper shaping of items. (Everyone was impressed with his pieces; he has been turning for only 3 years)



## Don Wilson's Wood Shop

Don Wilson has applied for an AAW grant for his Philadelphia Street wood shop. He has lathes set up and wants to support local artists by offering the use of the workshop and by giving lessons.

## AAW Symposium

Don suggests members attend the AAW's Annual International Symposium in Pittsburgh, June 25-28. Cost for 3 days is about \$325. There are demos and youth turning classes too.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasury holds \$3,858.34. John Stewart reported that we came out exactly even financially on the Jimmy Clewes day-long demonstration. There were 47 in attendance, 18 people from other clubs.

### Jimmy Clewes Auction items



Jimmy generously left the pieces he turned that day so that we could auction them off to make money for the club. The items raised \$114. The plate pictured brought the top dollar.

## We have a New President of SCPWT!

The best news was John Stewart's nomination and the unanimous vote to elect Dave Neuburger our new President. Congratulations, Dave.



(It was a tight race but John and Don trapped Dave in the the Stewart's kitchen and convinced him that all other contenders would drop out if he took the nomination. He just couldn't resist.)

## Don Wilson - Out going President



Don received a well deserve round of applause from club members for serving us well for 4 years.

***Thank you Don for all your effort and many demos!***

## Top Designers - Who came first? Phil or Wally?



Carol Woodbury showed a photo of Wally Rossini, whom she met at a charity fair in South Africa. He is the **longest standing South African member** of the American Assoc. of Woodturners ! He looks forward to receiving AAW magazines. He had tops similar to ours for sale, plus apples and miniature chairs but mainly he turns thin, pierced vessels. To view his amazing vessels and furniture, visit [www.wallyrossini.co.za](http://www.wallyrossini.co.za) and open the folder "Ornaments".

(So the mystery deepens, is this where Phil Reed, our top, top maker get his ideas or did Wally secretly see Phil's creations and say "Howzit my china? Bakgat" (South African slang for "Hello, my friend, well done ") and then replicates our master's top work. We may never know.)

## Show & Tell

Professional Looking Photos by Phil Reed



A smiling  
**Phil Reed**  
Cocobolo box  
with  
African Blackwood top



**Jim Morrow**  
Cherry box



**Leo Deller**

Acorn



**Leo Deller**  
Spalted sycamore  
urn

## Our Lady Turners!



**Kay Pomroy**  
Bloodwood and maple ornament



**Karen Holway**  
Cherry burl bowl

Not shown but **Susan Heller**  
made a blue acorn acrylic pen!

## Club Planing Meeting January 13, 2015

Great minds at work

