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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 16th. at LORD ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL @ 7pm.
5151 New Str. between Appleby Line and Burloak Drive Burlington.

OBITUARY

"It is with profound regret and sadness that I have to announce that our jovial Treasurer, DAVID W. MORTIMER, passed away on Tuesday night, December 10th. at his home in Waterdown.

The cause was a sudden cardiac event, and his passing was instantaneous.

Thankfully, he could not have suffered any pain.

Dave and I really got to know each other during this past year while serving on the Executive Committee.

While I did not know a great deal about him, one thing I do know-----his passion in life was his love of doing things for others, be it through a service club, for friends, acquaintances, or for the members of the GHWG.

As our treasurer, he was meticulous, but, simply because DAVE MORTIMER was the kind of man he was, he always took on far more than he needed to. From updating the

membership list, making the membership cards, donating and operating the P.A. system, hiring the coffee urn, which also entailed washing it out before returning it and even making the coffee.

We will all miss him greatly, and we express our deepest sympathy to his widow Nancy, who was hospitalised for observation and is resting comfortably in St. Josephs hospital in Hamilton, at the time of writing.

I spent a number of hours with Dave on Tuesday, checking out a possible new venue, and then the part he really enjoyed, shopping for the snacks and savouries for tonight's get -- together.

Had I but known to have asked him on Tuesday, I am sure he would have said not to worry about him,----- to go ahead with tonight's meeting without him.

And probably, he would have added, in his jocular tone,

"now, make sure everyone signs in and remind them to put their name tags back in the box before leaving"

So, in spite of our shock and sadness, let's carry on, as Dave would have wished us to.

As Dave had willed his remains to scientific research, there will be no funeral or service.

When Nancy is much better, there will probably be a memorial service and the GHWG will be represented.

Please then, smile, mix and mingle, and let us dedicated turners show you what the third Thursday of the month is actually all about, we really do turn".

Delivered by Josh Pichanick, President, to the members and guests at the December 12th. meeting.

A special welcome to our new members.

Brad Shervington 167,
Jim Wright 168,
Doug Kurtz 169,
William Waterfall 170,
welcome on board.

Vince Redmayne called me on the 9th., to apologize for missing the December 12th. meeting, because his cardiac surgery had been scheduled for Wednesday 11th. in Toronto. I wished him success and a speedy recovery from all of us in the GHWG.

I am very happy to report that I was able to talk to his wife on the day after his operation and learned that the surgery was a complete success and he had a comfortable night.

As his wife was leaving the ICU, Vince yelled out to her "don't forget to bring my woodturning magazine".

He's all heart and probably still over six feet tall. We can check when he gets back to the meetings.

You will recall the November newsletter asked for suggestions for an alternative venue for our meetings and also mentioned that I would attempt to procure a low cost lathe.

As there had been no suggestions I scouted around and inspected two places, which were not really suitable.

My third attempt hit the jackpot, with the City of Burlington Parks and Recreation Department.

Due to a cancellation, they were able to offer us the Central Arena Rec. Centre, at 519 Drury Lane, in Burlington.

It's capacity is 180 people and has excellent lighting, numerous power outlets, a P.A.

system, storage facilities, and a fully equipped kitchen, should we ever hold a Saturday seminaar, or hand's-on members workshop.

We really lucked in, our existing rent is about \$100-00 for four and a half hours, and overtime rates for a Saturday.

The new cost will be \$78-00 for four and a half hours, regular rates for a Saturday, and is available for the third Thursday of the month. There's more.....

The hall is also available on the first Thursday of the month, at a cost of \$61-00 for three and a half hours.

So, for \$139-00, or just \$39-00 per month more, all prices including tax, we could get it.

This allows us to expand on the GHWG's objectives to promote and educate on woodturning, by holding a casual night expressly for new members, beginners, and members up to mid-intermediate skill levels.

The casual educational nights will hopefully be done by commitment from two or three of our upper- intermediate and advanced level members

The Department agreed to hold our application until Friday 13th., after the members have had a chance to vote on it.

The President introduced two motions, to a total of 34

members in good standing, as follows.....

1) The GHWG should accept the offer of the hall from the Parks and Recreation Dept., at Drury Lane, on a non - contractual basis. And --- procure the best lathe available, but restricting the cost to no more than 50% of the GHWG cash balance on hand, being a maximum total expense of about \$840-00.

The motion was seconded by George Wilbur.

For the motion 34
Against the motion 0

The motion was adopted unannounced ? unannounced ?----- by everyone present

2) The GHWG should consider an offer made to the President by Ashman Technical for a new (or demo) General 160-2, at a substantially reduced price of \$1219-00 plus tax, a total of \$1401-85, provided that-----

(a) no more than 50% of the GHWG cash balance on hand be allocated, about \$840-00, and,

(b) The balance be made up from members response to a request for early, or immediate membership renewals of \$35=00 each.

The shortfall being about \$562-00, requiring 16 renewals by say mid January.

The motion was seconded by Guy Mehan.

For the motion-----29
against the motion-----5

The motion was adopted by simple majority.

During the debate, someone, Brian McIntosh ? perhaps, raised a very valid question. Were there enough members present to hold a vote, under the guidelines of the Constituion. The answer was yes because neither motion introduced was an ammendment, addition, or deletion to the current Constitution.

The social evening was a great success and we were very happy to see and meet so many of the members spouses present. There was lots of food for everyone, and special thanks go to---- Norm Kemp and his wife for making those m'mmm, m'mmm mince pies. How does he turn those wavy edges on a lathe? To Carol and Frank Ditomasso for warming the savouries at home and of course the irresistable cider etc. And to my wife Pam for warming the other half of the savouries . (I supervised of course). And to all the other ladies for laying out the goodies so nicely. The turning also started at this time. Picture four quietly! screaming Carbotech lathes all in a row. First in line was Eugen Schlaak with his show equipped lathe, turning out eggs by the dozen. Next was Kevin Ellis, then Guy Mechan, and by no means last, Cliff Rose.

They were all turning out super items, like lidded boxes, tiny bells, and goblets etc. Some members also had a supervised go at turning, and a number of people said that the casual hands-on ,have-a-go type evening was what they really appreciated. (New Executive committee, take note)

The Wood and Accessory Raffle, added \$163-00 to our bank balance.

Pam Pichanick drew the first number which was a ticket held by Brian Graham. Bad move, but a big "D" was averted when her number was drawn and she selected a can of Waterlox (for me I theenk). I'm told that Len Collins has never won anything, but that is what happens when you allow job commitments to get in the way of GHWG meetings !!!!!!! On the opposite side of the raffle ticket, it seems for every other number called out , we hear YES from Wally Mugford! Come to think of it, he doesn't even move away from the raffle table. Wally just parks his wheelchair and loads stuff onto his lap. A small fifth wheel trailer would be easier than his lap. Just kidding Wally me son, it's not your fault you are goodlooking and so lucky as well. Following the W and A raffle, the finished item draw, for three really cute mushrooms with detachable tops turned by last month's winner ,Mr.

Coffee, Frank Ditomasso, was drawn. The winner was Ken Agg's wife. Brian Graham suggested that if she did not turn, an apple pie would go down real well. Mind you, are apple pies not usually presented on a platter,(made of wood?) Moving right along ,that gorgeous thin walled platter with a resin border poured by David Loewy, and turned by Doug Newlove (did he forget to also bake a pie). was won by Guy Mechan. The pair of dinner coupons to the Sirloin Cellar was won by George Wilbur. No share of the apple pie for you G.W.

SHOW and TELL

The many pieces on display were fabulous, and it's hard to believe the giant strides our members have made since we started earlier this year. Cliff Rose, Guy Mechan, and Eugen Schlaak are always willing to share their triumphs and boo-boo's, and Josh Pichanick also S&T'd . The highlight was the participation of one of our newest members, Jim Wright. He was not shy in showing his pieces, in particular, a thin wall, six inch diameter platter, which had started off two inches thick. This is the learning experience we all need. Way to "turn" Jim.

On December 16th. on behalf of all the members of the Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild, I sent a get well card and a fresh flower arrangement to Mrs. Nancy Mortimer, who should be transferred soon to the general ward at St. Joseph's hospital in Hamilton.

NOMINATIONS

Do you know where your name is?.

Al McBurney, our committee chairman asked all members who have accepted nomination, to mail to him a short description of their background, specialised training or discipline, and current job type, vis-a-vis the executive position being sought.

He also appealed to anyone else interested in running for office, to submit a properly completed nomination form as soon as possible.

The next meeting is on January 16th. still at Lord Elgin H.S. The first order of business will be the election of the new members of the Executive Committee.

You you and you,-----just kidding, we would of course say please first!.

As this is Guild business we can not have a guest demonstrator, so Doug Newlove together with Brian McIntosh have kindly offered to demonstrate for us. Hopefully Doug will also provide details of the unique

jam chuck that is 'nt, which Ken McCuaig discussed at the S&T. So sorry Ken, I actually forgot to mention you earlier.

Brian Graham will discuss shop air quality and lung safety, and has some samples for display. Josh Pichanick is planning to display his partly homebuilt air cleaner which changes the air in a garage size shop about twenty times per hour.

UPDATE

The new venue has been secured for us, and the first Casual night will be on FEBRUARY 6th.(NOTE) _ _ A map will be in the February newsletter.

At the last meeting, Guy Mechan gave me details of an ad. he had seen for a good used lathe.

I called and confirmed it was a Rockwell, variable speed lathe, one of the last made in Guelph, before it became Delta. Kevin Ellis offered to drive me to Elmira, with his trailer, on Sunday 15th. (I was allowed to travel in his van).

I did a stethoscope type test on the motor and headstock bearings, which sounded great. It was in excellent condition and appearance, in spite of it being about 11 years old. We both agreed it was good value, well worth the firm price of \$950-00, net. and we should rather spend the extra GHWG funds on tools etc. rather than on a new lathe. The new baby can be visited in my garage,

while I do a L.O. & F, but please, no cigars.

Before allocating extra funds for accessories, e.g., a shopvac, electric hand drill, live centre with #2 M.T., A 6 inch bench grinder with a 120 grit aluminum oxide wheel (white), a simple gouge grinding jig, we will wait to see if any members have anything surplus to donate, or loan on a long term, no cost lease!.

I have respectfully asked Tim Clay of Oneway Mfg. if they could assist us with a used chuck, which we would of course acknowledge.

If not Kevin Ellis may have a surplus Nova chuck and adaptor for sale.

We are really proud to advise that eleven members renewed their memberships before leaving the meeting and does not yet include all 7 Executives, and those who did not have cash or cheques with them. There is no longer any urgency, of course, as all renewals are due in January 1997.

Now that I can type with three fingers, this will be my last newsletter on Kevin's behalf.

On behalf of the Executives, to all members and their families, a safe and merry CHRISTMAS and a prosperous and healthy NEW YEAR.

Josh Pichanick, President. for
Kevin Ellis Editor

