



THE CHIP PILE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Healthy New Year!

I am truly humbled and thank you for this honor of having me as your president. I would like to thank Kim and ALL the presidents before him for building this club into the wonderful organization it has grown into.

Going forward, I would like to focus on the ethos of our club. We are a woodcarving club. We want to inspire, promote and encourage the art of woodcarving. Yes, we are a 501-3c organization and will continue to donate to worthy organizations, but my priority is to keep this club alive and thriving. Once again, I thank you

all for your confidence in me. With your help, I will work diligently to keep it a success.

Sandy

General Membership Meeting of December 18, 2025 MINUTES

The final general membership meeting of the year was called to order by Interim President/VP Dee Robinson at 10:35 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reporting began with the Treasurer, Nancy Wheeler, who says all is fine for the upcoming year and we currently have a sufficient operating balance. Our membership chair, Linda Peacy,

reported that we currently have 58 members who have paid their dues for 2026. She reminded us that annual dues this year are \$75 for members and \$30 supporting membership. Please get those dues paid as soon as possible. We have 12 sets of tools ready for the upcoming beginners' classes which has 11 confirmed students, so far. This larger class may require a helper for our instructors, so please consider volunteering. There will be a painting class with Deb Bergum, sometime in April, just before our annual show to help you get your projects ready. Our Social Media Chair, Evelyn Burtram, continues to post regularly and we have 738 followers on Facebook.

There will be an interview on KTLO with several members in the new year. We will also have an article in *The Baxter Bulletin* about 2025 charity donation winners and the final prize winners of the charity drawings. Our library is stocked and ready for members to utilize, according to Sonia Nelson. *The Chip Pile* and the website, maintained by Sandy Smith, are in order and are another great club asset. Our Sunshine Lady, Sandy Lord, is all caught up with thank-yous and well wishes for 2025. The Show Committee has announced that Roger Stegall will be our 2026 show judge. Barbara Edelbrock says that we will have our first potluck on February 26, 2026.

Unfinished Business: Update on Kim Valentine – he is doing well post-surgery and will be preparing

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for some additional treatment in January.

New Business: There are some carved carousel horses in various stages of completion from the Lake of the Ozarks Carving Club for sale. If interested, contact Bob Gilkerson. Our club meetings will now be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for extra carving time.

Our last Show & Tell included Lucia Paiolero's dedication "***In loving memory of past friends***", by sharing some of her Christmas exchange gifts through the years. It was a special and thoughtful highlight by Lucia. Bob Gilkerson brought ornaments, chickens and sheep, and several were donated to our charity table. Rita Margolian shared her Crazy Wabbit carving. Carol Riley showed her pyrography skills with an impressive Dragon and Unicorn, along with several other carvings of a gnome, parrot fish and rabbit. Tim Sharp had a robin and a wood duck drake on display. Charlie Ball showed walking sticks for his employees, made especially for them, with their own unique special interests. Andy Cooper brought in his Aviator that he recently completed. He also won the show and tell drawing.

Daryl Lehman won the name tag and 50/50 was won by Bob Gilkerson.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of January 8, 2026 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Smith at 10:10 a.m. Treasurer Nancy Wheeler reports that we currently have charity carry over from the Craftfest and sufficient funds for operating. If members would like to know amounts speak with an officer. Our memberships for 2026 are coming in nicely and Linda Peacy, Membership Chairman, says we have 63 paid members. She will be sending out reminder letters soon. Bob Gilkerson, Equipment/Tools Chairman, confirms we have sets of tools for the upcoming class. Bob will also review the list of tools we acquired and prepare them for sale to the club. Terry Muth, Quartermaster, was not present but we have lots of wood, and we want to encourage members to get their wood from us - great pricing and no shipping. We anticipate 11, possibly 12, members in the upcoming class. Dee Robinson, VP Classes/Activity Chairman, will make follow up calls on the list. Pat Grimes, Publicity

Chairman, was absent but notified us that the radio interview on KTLO was aired last week. There is an article coming up in *The Baxter Bulletin* concerning our club and its activities. Evelyn Burtram, Media Chairman, updated that we have 743 Facebook followers and she continues to post regularly. Library Chairman Sonia Nelson assures us there are books and we should check them out. Everything is okay with *The Chip Pile* and the website was recently updated by Sandy Smith. Sunshine Lady will send out notes to 1 member and 2 supporting members for recent health challenges, thank you Sandy Lord. Show committee report by Sandy Smith is that the applications will be going out soon. Our Event/Party Coordinator Barbara Edelbrock reminds the first potluck is February 26th with no theme. Charity Committee will begin their work on the new tags with carvers' names on them. We will be looking into some new opportunities to promote ourselves to the community.

Unfinished Business: The pricing and use of tools acquired for the club.

New Business: Finding the next club project for our 2026 fundraiser. We have 2 items at this time and are considering a third.

General announcements were for the local election debates and appearances in the community.

Show & Tell is next week.

The meeting was adjourned 'somewhere around 11:00 a.m.' (Editor's note)

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: 2026 Annual Membership Dues has increased due to Hall Rental Hike

\$75 - Individual Membership

\$30 - Supporting Membership (Restrictions Apply)

Please see **Linda and Ray Peacy, Membership Chairpeople**, to Renew Your Membership



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Sandy Lord or Board Members know of any member who may be ill or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.