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Advisory Board

Joe Hill.....	'08
Clarence Born.....	'07
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Christmas Party Highlights by Shirley Newman

Some 30 folks were present to enjoy delicious food, and lots of visiting during our Holiday Party the evening of December 12th at the Optimist Club.

One new member joined our group for the evening and a warm welcome was extended to Scott Freck.

Club dues were received by Jim Roby, Treasurer, from many club members. He will continue to receive dues in January at our monthly meeting. Dues are \$12.00 for the year. Please pay your dues if you have not done so already.

Hats off to Dottie Dunlap for her organization, leadership, and hard work preparing for and executing the Christmas party. With the help of her "elves", they prepared the club house, organized food, kept coffee and punch readily accessible, and in general assured everyone of a wonderful evening. Down to the cleanup after the party. Great job Dottie and all who helped.

Johnny Dunlap had worked up another of his poems highlighting special events in the lives of club members ... always good for a



Johnny's Ode to 2008

chuckle. This year's poem had a "political twist" as recent elections were still fresh on our minds. Thanks, Johnny, for a most entertaining moment!

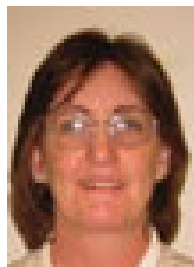
CTWA Officers for 2009 were voted in by acclamation. The officers and advisory board are listed in the sidebar. on page 1.

Our Show and Tell table was filled with many carvings ... old and new ... and ranged from walking sticks, a carousel horse, carved flowers, floral reliefs, an Indian bust, a sea captian, a dog with his head on backwards, a blue ribbon wolf head, Santas, mice holding signs like "eat more cats", a "happy" moose, a man holding a chicken by the neck, a Christmas tree ornament, a caricature carving of a guy with big hands, one of which was on backwards matching its inverted elbow, a gourd with a Christmas Prayer written on it, a shallow relief of a barn scene, a fox, and, oh yes, an intricate carving entitled "Miscalculation". Thanks to all who brought items of interest for our table. Hopefully, some of them will show up at our upcoming monthly meetings so we can admire and discuss them further! We apologize for not giving individual credit to the carving groupings pictured in this newsletter.

A round of applause was given in recognition of the excellent job Joe Hill did as our 2008 President. Following Show and Tell, Joe passed the presidency on to Gail Lynn who will lead our group in 2009. Thanks, Joe, for a wonderful year!

Our next monthly meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009 at the Woodcraft Store in Austin. Tom Sarff volunteered to provide the blank of the month, so let's all bring our tools and plan to stay and carve after the meeting.

Notes from the president



I am happy to start 2009 as the President of CTWA. We had a wonderful dinner last week and it was nice to see many of the spouses that we don't always get to see at our regular meetings.

Thank you again Joe for your service last year as the President. And thank you to all the other officers who served last year and are continuing to serve again this year. Thank you Shirley Newman, Jim Roby, Diann Small, Tom Sarff. Jake Heugel, Sue Sweeney, and Dan Gillen.

I urge some of the newer members who have not served in the past to step forward and offer to take up these positions in the future. Generally the tasks are not overwhelmingly time consuming, but they help to keep us together and it is only fair to share the tasks in the group. Thank you Richard Pritchett for stepping up in this way.

Many of you may not know, but I have been a member of CTWA since 1990 when I first started carving with Rod Johnson and of course Tom Sarff. Over this time we have lost and gained many good carvers and good friends. We are a diverse group of men and women, retired and still working, young and old, liberal and conservative. We have moved our meeting location, date and time many times. Club members have been involved in various projects from teaching classes, demonstrations at city events, and making group carvings for shows. But through all the changes one thing has stayed constant, we carve. We help each other to be better carvers, we encourage new carvers to grow, and we promote good will in the carving community. I am proud to be a part of this carving community.

Your 2009 President,
Gail Lynn







MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. This membership includes a monthly e-mail newsletter. An additional \$12.00 per year is collected if you desire a hardcopy of the monthly newsletter mailed to you. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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