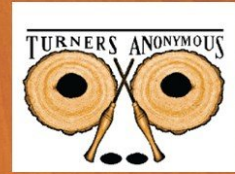


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## ***OCTOBER MEETING!***

Just a reminder that this Saturday, October 20th is our meeting day. As usual, doors open at 9am with the program starting about 9:45. For you visiting us for the first time, we meet at the Contemporary Craft Building, 2100 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh

## ***PARKING:***

With all the construction going on, things have changed around the strip:

- Smallman Street is down to two lanes with no parking along the side.
- The parking lot that we normally use is closed – the lot across the road from Contemporary Craft's front door is open.

## ***THIS MONTH:***

HANDS ON!!! We will have all the lathes set up with an experienced safety person on each one to help you turn a bottle stopper. This is a natural extension from Craig's spindle turning demo last month and will give you a chance to try your hand at turning. Bring your own tools because you're probably more comfortable with them. If you wish to take your creation home with you, please give a \$5 donation to Bill or Denny to cover the cost. If you don't want to take it home, the club will pick up the cost and donate the stoppers to the vets.

## ***COMING UP:***

NOVEMBER – Having a problem? – Can't get the inside of the bowl right? – Tearout? – Beads and Coves? – Shapes? – Sharpening? - We will set up several lathes with some practice wood and hopefully someone that can answer your problem and give you a chance to solve your problem. We all have something that we need help with and this is our chance to solve problems.

DECEMBER – Our annual holiday ornament and box exchange. You've been warned, so this gives you two months to think of this year's design.

### ***CLEARING OUT SPACE IN THE SHOP:***

Remember, we always have the table where you can sell your unwanted tools, books, etc. Please put your name and a price on the item so the buyer can find you.

### ***WHAT DOES TURNERS ANONYMOUS MEAN TO YOU?***

For some it is a learning opportunity; others view it as a chance to "hang out with others that have the same interests"; many of us like to catch up with friends over a donut.

Early this month, the board held a special planning meeting - We worked on the challenges upcoming with the upcoming move to new facilities and how we can make things better for the club members in general. We are in good shape financially and all of our equipment is paid for and in good condition. The programming committee strives to bring quality and variety to the presentations and I feel they are doing an excellent job. The cost of professional demonstrations is rising and we are exploring ways to bring these costs down. One thing is to look for someone with experience in the field of obtaining grants. Can you think of other ways?

We will be forming several new committees in the next few months – One will be concerning how to move our equipment and where to store it if we need to. Another will be to form a group to set up and put stuff away after the meetings. Right now a few people have been doing this for a long time and we don't want to burn anybody out. If we don't fit in with the new facility that Contemporary Craft

picks, a group will have to research a meeting location. When we announce these committees, please think of your talents and see where you can help out.

I guess it all boils down to a simple question – What do we want from this club and what type of professional demonstrations will you support?

***KNOW SOMEONE NOT GETTING CLUB EMAILS?***

I have heard from a few members that they don't get regular club notices. Every month I send a reminder the week of the meeting. The club roster is kept on the website, so if you don't have the correct email address on there the notice won't come to you. Please go to the website, contact the webmaster – Pat Griffin – and correct this.

Remember we can always find an extra seat for that guest, see you there,

Dave Betler

