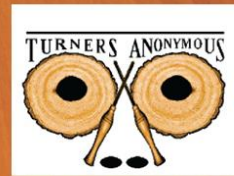


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## **NOVEMBER TURNERS ANONYMOUS MEETING!**

Just a reminder that this Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> is our meeting day. As usual, doors open at 9 am 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

### **THIS MONTH:**

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. If you have a piece that you are working on and need advice, bring it with you. You'll get a lot of free opinions that are worth at least what you paid for them.

Meet the board – Recently I heard someone say they didn't know who was on the board. Well, we all will get up in front this month and you can put a face with that name you see on the website.

### **DUES**

Time to raid the cookie jar! Bill will be collecting dues for 2019. See him at his usual perch in the back corner and cough up that 30 bucks. While you are there, please check the roster to see if your contact information is up to date.

### **RUMORS, RUMORS, RUMORS!**

I am hearing all sorts of things out there. Sometimes I think this is a 60's movie about a high school where stories grow until they don't even resemble the truth.

Well, here is the truth as I know it:

**Is the club in trouble?** – NO, NO, NO. – We are in good shape financially and we have many dedicated members. As I talk to officers in other turning clubs, I realize how lucky we are to have a higher percentage of members willing to share the load. Turners Anonymous is one of the early clubs in the AAW and we intend to be there to the end.

**Do we have to move? YES!** - Contemporary Craft has been told that they will lose their lease by the end of 2019 on the space we are in. THAT IS MORE THAN A YEAR AWAY! They are actively looking for a new home. Many have been explored and some rejected and some are possible. Right now, to my knowledge they haven't made a commitment to any place.

**What is the Turners Anonymous Board of Directors doing?** - We have had several meetings to discuss this problem. In the first meeting we came up with a list of our "dream meeting space". This included all the things we like about our current situation and added the things we would like to have. These include a larger space, better access preferably on first floor level, Internet capabilities for future presentations, free and adequate parking, and many other smaller items. Our first choice is to continue the relationship we now enjoy with Contemporary Craft, however the board has looked at 3 alternate locations already. Before my time in this club, the board has set aside funds to carry us through a situation like this. In the worst case scenario, we have emergency funding to rent a month to month meeting space for several years.

**When do we have to move?** - Our plan is to move our stuff from the basement sometime after the May 2019 meeting. We will have a sign-up sheet in the spring if you feel up to doing some of the manual labor. At that time a decision will be made whether to move the stuff into our new home, rent a storage space, or parcel it out to the members.

### **AIRPORT SHOW:**

Last month I send a special email to the membership about the opportunity we have at the Pittsburgh Airport. Turners Anonymous will be featured in six big glass display cases from December thru February. These cases are located right in front of the TSA check area, so every traveler will pass right by them. This is a chance to pass our message of woodturning and our club to the entire world! There are two shelves in each case. That's 75 square feet of space for us to display. This is more space than we had at Contemporary Craft last spring.

For someone passing by that may be interested in turning we not only want to show our "artwork", but we also want to show starter projects like pens, stoppers and simple bowls and platters so they feel comfortable joining with us.

What I am asking of you is that you bring examples of your work that you don't mind sharing with the world for a few months. We need items of all sizes, so I want to see pens, stoppers, along with the usual artwork. I must have them by this meeting so I can install them December 4th. Final selection of the artwork to be displayed is by the airport personnel, so please nothing too controversial. If you can send me a quick email with what you wish to display, it will help with the planning. Thanks for your help,

**COMING UP:**

DECEMBER – Our annual holiday ornament and box exchange. Since I have been a member, this is my favorite meeting. Anyone who wants to participate brings in an ornament or a box, and gets to exchange for another. Details will be in next month's newsletter, but get turning and join in the fun. We also share our favorite goodies at this meeting.

**RAFFLE**

In addition to the regular raffle, Becky has a special raffle planned for the December meeting. Check it out at the gallery table.

**GALLERY**

We all want to see what you are working on. I did a trip to Chris Ramsey's studio in Kentucky and will be showing off what I learned. How About You?

**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.

**KNOW SOMEONE NOT GETTING CLUB EMAILS?**

While you are paying your dues, check the roster for that friend who isn't getting the emails.

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

**Dave Betler**

