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- President – Ken D'Ambrosio
- Vice President – Steve Imms
- Secretary – George Nazareth
- Treasurer – Bob Hopkins

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January, 2004 “ Turnings” (Example Name)

Attendance this month was good, especially since it was immediately before the start of the holidays... 37 members came and voted on new officers.

Elections:



Elections were held and **Ken D'Ambrosio** continues to be the President. It was a very tough race however, with **Jeff Mee** losing by only one vote. **George Nazareth** was unopposed and replaces **Rudolph Hempe** who stepped down as Secretary due to other obligations – good luck Rudi! You have given us tremendous service over these many years. **Ann Danis** will assist George with Secretarial duties. **Steve**

Imms was also unopposed as Vice President, and **Bob Hopkins** (not shown) continues as Treasurer.

Club Video Library: **Bill Smith** reported that 15 out of the 43 videotapes owned by the club are now out on loan to members.

President **Ken D'Ambrosio** announced that our club has received a \$500 check from the **American Association of Woodturners** for the labor that our members supplied at the AAW 2002 Symposium in Providence.

Twinning

George Nazareth reported that the twinning project with the Hampshire Woodturners Club in England is doing well. About 8 or 9 members are corresponding regularly via email with UK turners. **Jeff Mee** reported that his twinning partner is **Dave Gibbard**, the editor of “**Your Turn**”, their newsletter. **Dave** reported that Hampshire Woodturners had recently lost their meeting place, but they have now secured a new temporary

meetinghouse. **Chris West**, the UK coordinator of the “**Twinning Project**” from **England** has asked if we would like their members to write occasional articles to be included in our newsletters. So, we will try to include a “Twinning” page that will be at the end of our Newsletter. Hope you enjoy them! If you would like to be paired with someone for e-mailing in England see **George** or contact him at 333-6119 or (georgeanddolores@cox.net). It is a great communication experience!

New Faces: Peter Skeffington, who described himself as a bowl turner and woodworking “hacker”. Welcome Peter!



Demonstration: Bob Juliano showed us “Inside Out Turning” of Christmas ornaments. Bob is one of the original Ocean Woodturners members. He gave a great demonstration in a humorous and informative manner. Thanks Bob!

TV For Demonstrations: George Snyder from Woodcraft has agreed to purchase and hang a 27” TV for use during demonstrations in the Woodcraft Store meeting room. The members present voted to give him

\$300 from the treasury for this project. Thanks, George very much!

Wayne Collins, member and teacher at the **Tiverton Middle School** has been teaching “junior wood turners” after school. The group has increased from 8 students to 21, with not enough tools and lathes for all the turners. The membership voted to donate our almost new Jet Lathe and a grinder to the school woodturning program, and **George Snyder from Woodcraft** offered to match our donation with a new mini-lathe. Also, if any members have old, unused, or broken tools (that can be repaired) that they don’t want and would like to donate for a worthy cause, please bring them to the Woodcraft Store and George Snyder will make sure the school gets these also. **Wayne Collins** was elated at these donations and we expect these Junior Woodturners to be future Ocean Woodturners members!

Lathe for Loan: Our club owns one Jet mini-lathe that can be borrowed one month at a time by contacting **Curtis Mason @ 828-7245**.

Free wood turning Lessons: Ken D’Ambrosio again offered his services at his home on Sundays. Call and make an appointment if you are interested – 295-0987.

Jules Cohen asked that a new finial be turned for the Torah at a Boy Scout Camp. **Mickey Goodman** has kindly agreed to do this. Thank you Mickey.

Emilio Iannuccillo announced that the Ocean Woodturners will host a special all day demonstration by **Rick Angus**, who will be demonstrating bowl turning at the North Kingston Library on February 21, 2004 from 9am to 3pm. The cost is \$10.00 for the demonstration and lunch (around noon). **Contact Emilio Iannuccillo at 253-5450** with any questions. Let's have a good turnout. Emilio says, "Where else can you get such a bargain!!" Don't miss it!

The SHOW & TELL DEPT.



Beautiful works of art were submitted for review this month. **Bill Smith** brought a Cherry bowl (back left), **Mike Muzzy's** red salad bowl is made of Cherry wood (back center) and **Ken D'Ambrosio** turned a Birch burl bowl (back right). In the front row are a segmented vase and a segmented bowl by **George Nazareth** both made of Cherry, Walnut, Maple, and Purple Heart

woods. **Chris Horn** made the segmented Ebony and Tiger Maple pen (in the foreground). **Bill Mershon** showed us how to make a more stable pen spindle and showed off a Corion white/green pen (no picture, sorry Bill).

Newsletter Name: Our new Secretary, **George Nazareth**, has suggested we name our newsletter. George's wife has recommended the name "**Turnings**". Also recommended by our Twinning club were "**Shavings**" and "**Keep Turning**" and "**Headstock News**". If any members have other suggestions for a permanent newsletter name please email George (georgeanddolores@cox.net) or Ann (ardtravels@verizon.net) with your ideas.

Dues: This years dues are due! For \$10 you receive this wonderful newsletter, access to the monthly meeting (3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm at Woodcraft Store, Route 2, East Greenwich), which has interesting and educational demonstrations, and you get a 10% discount from **Woodcraft**. A real bargain for \$10! Send your dues to **Bob Hopkins @ 31 Bethany Rd., Wakefield, RI, 02872. Ph: 792-1343.** Make checks out to: **Ocean Woodturners**

Next Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2004 @ 7 p.m.
Woodcraft, Route 2, East Greenwich
Program: To Be Announced (TBA)

Twining Page:

Letter from the other side of the Pond

I am a member of the Hampshire Woodturners Association (HWA) in England. This is the club that the Ocean Woodturners are twinned with. Here are a few words about my woodturning activities and what's been happening in the UK.

The HWA had to leave the school where it had been meeting since the clubs conception some 8 years ago. We are looking for another home long-term but for the next three months we will be meeting at an Interactive Technology Park. It's the sought of place to take children to help them better understand today's technology by getting hands-on experience of it. I can see some members 'playing' instead of watching the likes of Stuart Mortimer!

Now there are not many woodturners who get invited to show/sell their wares in their local breweries Open evening with free beer and food thrown in! I was..... and I left sober! During 2003 I have been working with staff at the brewery trying to perfect a beer bottle salt and pepper mill, which close up looks the same as the breweries own beer bottles. The shape, colour and finish are all OK. It's the labels I'm having the problems with. Their labels are pre-glued and they don't stick to wood without causing air bubbles to appear after about 24 hours. So mine were not for sale.

What was for sale were wine bottle salt & pepper mills I had taken along. Wow! did they go down well. It was the wives who were buying them after their husbands had downed a few pints!!!

Are you like me in that, this is the time of year when having finished turning Christmas presents you can turn something you want to turn? I found a burr about 1 1/2" thick which would give me a dish about 6" diameter. Within a couple of minutes I could see it was a Yew Burr. The markings were fantastic. Where I got it from I cannot remember, it was a piece that had been under my bench for sometime just waiting for an occasion like this to use it. However within 15 minutes of my finishing it my wife had it wrapped and presented to our neighbour who had just celebrated her 80th birthday. Oh well it went to a good home.

With the politicians being away from London for the Festive period the FTSE Share Index has gone up, the crime rate has gone down and the media have given us topics other than politics. Oh wouldn't it be nice if it could be like that all year.

One final thought for you..... Why would a woodturner make a good smuggler? Because, they can spread wood shavings around a house even after being strip-searched and hosed-down before being allowed in.

Happy New Year to you all.

Chris West

Note from Chris West of the Hampshire Woodturners Club in England:

"Attached photos are my latest 'offerings'. They are 3/4 size wine bottles with salt & pepper mechanisms in and the beer bottle mills. The photo of the beer bottle mills is one I entered in the Open class at the Tools 2003 Woodturning Competition back in November. I didn't get placed but there was nothing else anything like them!! That's me DIFFERENT.

The top of the wine bottle is screwed in. Remove that and fill from the top. The wording is laser engraved. I was asked to have a table at the local brewery just before Christmas. I had both the beer bottle Salt & Pepper mills and the wine bottles there.

It was a good night, 150 people being offered free beer and food couldn't really be anything other than a good night!

I got some nice comments on the beer bottles. I took a number of orders for the wine bottle mills. Thankfully they were not required for Christmas. ..."

