

# 2024 Kickoff Meeting

## Welcome (Kent) - New Members, Agenda Changes?

### Agenda:

**Wood Raffle - Carl**

**Show-And-Tell - Kent**

**Free Raffle - Kent**

**Webmaster Tips - Ridge**

**Club Mission - Bill**

**Team Reports - Beth (Ridge)**

**Special Event - Beth (Ridge)**

**Wrap-Up - Kent**

### Wood Raffle (Carl Van Son)

- How does the wood raffle work?
  - All items are donated by members (normally wood, but could be a tool, book, etc.).
  - Members purchase 6 raffle tickets for \$5 AND put their name on each ticket.
  - Members put their tickets in bowls next to each item.
  - A drawing for each item magically happens while the meeting is in progress.
  - At the end of the meeting, members check for what they've won, take their items.
  - **(Now) Last call for the Wood Raffle - Get your tickets at the door**
- (5-minute break)**

### Show-And-Tell (Kent Kellegrew, Dave Nelson, Club Members)

- How does the Show-And-Tell work?
- All items are primarily turned on a lathe by members
- Each member talks briefly about their item(s)
- AND each participant gets one extra ticket for the Free Raffle !!
- **(Now) Members Line Up For Show-And-Tell**

### Free Raffle (Kent Kellegrew)

- How does the free raffle work?
- Somebody donates one or more items (wood blank, giftcard, tool, etc.)
- All paid-up members at the meeting get 1 free ticket
- All Show-And-Tell participants get 1 additional free ticket
- Free Raffle Chair (normally Carlos) picks ticket(s) and awards item(s) until gone
- **(Now) Members Hold Their Breath while Carlos (Kent) picks tickets**

## **Website/Webmaster Tips (Ridge McGhee)**

**Those of you who have smartphones, please log in on your smart phone now.**

**[www.goldturners.org](http://www.goldturners.org)**

Why? A navigation question came up, you need to be logged in to actually try it.

### **Home Page**

- Upcoming Events
- The Logo Project - postponed until next month since Carlos wants to be involved
- Newsletter - October since we don't have meetings in November or December
- Holiday Party - Pictures from the gift exchange
  - Note: Potluck Party every 6 months (December Holiday Party, June Picnic in the Park)
- Show-and-Tell Pictures - we like to share our work, see what others are working on

### **Navigation on Smart Phones**

**Suppose you want to navigate to the "Members Only" pages**

- You need to log in to see the "Members Only" page
- If you do this once yourself, you probably won't have navigation problems anymore
- On the navigation bar, a "white dot" indicates that there is a submenu
- Swipe the "white dot" to the left to see the "Members Only" submenu
- Select "Member Directory" (for example)
- Now, you can see that you're on a new page (Title, Breadcrumbs trail)
- Scroll down to see the page content

### **Members Only Pages**

- We are an all-volunteer club, so there are no paid positions
- We are a member-supported club - we all contribute (dues, raffle, donations)
- We pay the Elks Club for this meeting space from member contributions
- All of the equipment we have for teaching and demonstrations is from your contributions
- The scholarship fund also comes from your contributions
- We rely on fundraising to support our mission (more on mission later)

### **Scholarship Program**

- Here is the link that leads to information about our scholarship program

(Rick Panos - a word about scholarship opportunities)

### **Club Officers, Leads, Teams and Coaches**

All of the officers positions have been filled for the year (volunteered last meeting).

Anyone can be an officer, anyone can be a director, anyone can be an activity lead.



### **- Activity leads**

Most of the activity lead spots are already filled but there are still a few open.

(Questions/Discussion about each position)

We have many opportunities for you to contribute to our club.

If you don't want to be a lead, you can be a back-up lead or a helper.

Each lead would like a back-up (in case they have to miss a meeting, etc.)

I'd like a back-up webmaster - I don't know everything about webmastering.

We'd like you to get involved in some activity of your choice.

For example, you could call up Karin and offer to be a back-up cookie maker.

Or you could call Don and offer to bring coffee, tea, hot chocolate or lemonade.

Or you could contact any other lead to offer your assistance.

Don Anderson (video lead) needs a back-up for the February meeting.

### **- Teams**

We also have teams you can join. Anyone can join any team. Experience is helpful.

- Scholarship team: Administer the fund and help determine applicant eligibility.

- Woodgathering team: Drive a pickup truck, use a chainsaw, carry logs.

- Blank preparation team: Use a chainsaw and a bandsaw, seal wood.

### **- Volunteer**

Our member volunteers donate their time, tools, fuel, electricity and wood sealer.

You are already supporting the club by paying yearly membership dues.

You can contribute even more by participating in raffles and fundraising activities.

We benefit directly from your contributions by having easy access to wood blanks, live woodturning demonstrations, hands-on training sessions and senior mentors.

### **- Coaches**

We have coaches or mentors who are willing to help you if you have questions.

Some of the coaches also offer separate woodturning training courses for a fee.

### **- Questions / Discussion**

Q: Do I get re-imbursement for my gas? or cookies?

A: In general, no. This is another way of contributing to the club.

There are some cases where the club pays (main course at potluck parties).

If you have an idea requiring financial assistance, submit a proposal to the board.

Good ideas will probably get funded (depending on available funds).

For example, we purchase equipment (lathes, tools) that supports our mission.

## **Getting Personal (Kent, Ridge)**

- You've noticed that we have lots of opportunities to get out of our chairs.  
Just when you get comfortable, we have another activity - that's intentional.  
We're going to take **5 minutes** now to introduce yourself to someone you don't know or haven't worked with before.
- "Hi, Glad to meet you, I'm Fred"
- "I'm looking forward to working with you on some activity this year"

## **Mission (Bill Juhl)**

Our club mission is three-fold:

1. Promote woodturning proficiency among our members by:
  - Inviting proficient wood turners to give live presentations at club meetings (or zoom)
  - Encouraging members to gain wood turning experience using scholarship funds
  - Providing free training sessions by senior members ("sawdust sessions")
  - Hosting senior member Q&A panels at club meetings (to be developed)
2. Promote community engagement by:
  - Giving live woodturning demonstrations (e.g., County Fair)
  - Supporting charity organizations (.e.g, Empty Bowls Project)
3. Promote camaraderie among our members by:
  - Forming teams to gather wood and create wood blanks
  - Encouraging member-hosted woodturning BBQs (Empty Bowls, Sawbuck Building)
  - Making coaches and mentors available to help you

## **Wood Gathering and Wood Blank Team Report (Beth Gilliam, Ridge McGhee)**

- Multiple purposes for the team
  1. To provide quality wood blanks from many wood species to our members
  2. To provide another fundraising mechanism for our club
  3. To provide another opportunity for club members to build relationships
- We've collected logs from within a 50-mile radius: Nevada City, North San Juan, Grass Valley, Meadow Vista, Yuba City, Rocklin and Citrus Heights
- We currently have 10 different species: Blue Pine, Catalpa, Cherry, Cottonwood, Fig, Ginkgo, Maple, Oak, Sycamore and Walnut.
- We've processed logs into bowl blanks and sealed the endgrain to prevent cracking.

## Pictures

We have some pictures of our team activities.

You may be interested what all goes into producing bowl blanks for our members.

Finding wood (Craigslist, Facebook, etc.):



**Free**

Free firewood

Sacramento, CA



Rick Aeschliman had lightning strike one of his trees:





Here's a close-up (Blue Pine):





Collecting, Lifting Logs (Edson's hitch-mounted deer hoist):





Transporting Logs in Beth's pickup:





Unloading some Catalpa:





Quarter-sawing or sawing into manageable pieces:





A nice cut!



How many people would be interested in building a sawbuck?  
Possible Group Activity: Build your own sawbuck



Some manageable pieces (three species - Edson):





Cutting a bowl blank on the band saw:





A bowl blank is now ready for sealing:





Sealing the endgrain with AnchorSeal:



## Labeled Bowl Blank (Big Leaf Maple):



## Special Event

### Bowl Blanks at the "Donation and Thank-you" Table:

- We have about 10 species of **bowl blanks** tonight
  - We also have sample **bowls** so you can see finished items in each species.
  - If you've been to Woodcraft, you know that blanks like these sell for \$45 or more.
- How does "Donation-and-Thank-You" work?
  - All of the wood is collected, processed and donated by team members.
  - Depending on the month, there are bowl blanks, vase blanks, pen blanks, etc.
  - Anyone who donates will be given blank(s) as a thank-you.
  - All donations go directly to the general fund (after equipment fund is fully funded).
  - The samples are not up for grabs. They will be returned to their owners.  
(I've heard that if you smile and point, you can get the blanks of your choice.)

#### **\$20 donation:**

**a large blank            (ex.  $\geq$  8" bowl blank,  $\geq$  10" vase blank)**

#### **\$10 donation:**

**a medium blank        (ex.  $<$  8" bowl blank,  $<$  10" vase blank)**

#### **\$5 donation:**

**a small blank            (ex. 6" pen blank, 3" bottle stopper blank)**

- (Now) Members can view samples and acquire blanks  
Or, Introduce yourself to more members  
Or, Get some coffee and cookies, use the restroom, etc.  
(15-minute break)

## Fund-raising Guidelines (Time-permitting)

[https://www.irsvideos.gov/CharitiesAndNonProfits/501\(c\)\(3\)Organizations/FundraisingGuidelinesCharities](https://www.irsvideos.gov/CharitiesAndNonProfits/501(c)(3)Organizations/FundraisingGuidelinesCharities)

IRS Exempt Organizations office

**Fundraising** is an important activity for most tax-exempt organizations. Most charities couldn't exist without fundraising to bring in the money they need to carry out their exempt purposes.



At the same time, many organizations are not aware of the **tax implications** that come along with the fundraising activities they participate in. We briefly discuss ways that organizations raise money and review the important tax rules associated with each.

Charities raise funds in a variety of ways. The IRS Form 990 instructions lists soliciting in person, by phone, direct mail, email and the Internet as well as soliciting both government and non-governmental grants - and conducting special fundraising events. But the tax law doesn't explicitly restrict the type or amount of fundraising that an exempt organization may conduct.

Some typical fundraising events might include: dinners/dances, door-to-door sales of merchandise, concerts, carnivals, sports events, and auctions.

How the income from these events is treated depends upon the "facts and circumstances." The standard by which these are judged is whether the activities substantially further the exempt purpose of the organization, aside from the revenues generated by the activities.

### Unrelated Business Income (UBI)

In cases where types of activities are considered unrelated to the organization's exempt purpose, the revenue from them might be considered Unrelated Business Income, often abbreviated as UBI. And UBI is taxable.

UBI is a complicated topic, so we'll go over just the basics here and tell you where you can go for more information if you need it.

There's a three-part test for unrelated business income:

The income must be from a trade or business, which generally refers to activities that produce income - usually from the sale of goods or services.

- The trade or business must be regularly carried on which means that the business operates continuously or frequently. An infrequent activity such as an annual fundraiser - a dance, bake sale or car wash, for example - is not considered regularly carried on.

- The trade or business is not substantially related to the organization's exempt purpose. That means the activity does not contribute in a significant way to the organization's exempt purpose. However, merely generating income to help support tax-exempt activities is not sufficient for an activity to be considered substantially related. An organization has to consider the size and extent of the activities compared with the nature and extent of the exempt function they serve.

- If an activity is on a larger scale than is reasonably necessary for exempt purpose, some of the income may be unrelated business income.

## Avoiding Tax Liability

The tax law does have some specific exceptions to unrelated business income, which means the income from activities like this won't be treated as taxable.

First, activities conducted by volunteers. That means a trade or business where substantially all the work for the organization is done without compensation. Some fundraising activities, such as volunteer-operated bake sales, may meet this exception.

Second, any trade or business that is carried on primarily for the convenience of its members by a 501(c)(3) organization or by a governmental college or university. This exclusion is strictly limited to transactions with members, students, patients, officers, and employees. A typical example of this is a school cafeteria.

Third, any trade or business selling merchandise, substantially all of which is donated to the organization, is not taxed. Many thrift shop operations of exempt organizations would meet this exception.

## **Summary**

**Currently, we want to retain tax-exempt status. We don't have a paid accountant; we have a volunteer treasurer.**

**So, we don't want to participate in direct sales and collect tax. We don't want to keep a record of every transaction and we don't want to file sales-related tax forms.**

## **Tax-exempt status**

- All fundraising activities are conducted by **volunteers**.**
- All fundraising activities conducted at our meetings are **limited to our members**.**
- All of our items that we raffle, give away or offer as thank-yous are **donated** to the club or are purchased using club funds.**

## **General Questions and Discussion (Everyone)**

### **Wrap-Up (Kent Kellegrew)**

At our 2024 Kickoff meeting tonight, we talked about:

- Mission
- How our raffles, show-and-tell and donation-and-thank-you activities work
- Website Tour
  
- Improving our woodturning skills (scholarship, live demos, sawdust sessions)
- Contacting our coaches, mentors and training-for-fee associates
  
- Getting involved as a lead, lead backup, helper or team member
- Developing relationships with other members by participating in group activities
  
- Becoming more aware of our volunteer and donation club model
- Helping with fundraising to support our personal goals as well as our group mission
  
- See you in February: live demo (and cookies, raffles, show-and-tell, new blanks!)