



# TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm

Location options:

- (1) Klingspor's
- (2) Zoom videoconference; use the information below to join.

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Meeting ID: 829 9525 2432

Passcode: 193658

Topics: Wooden Gear Clocks

Speaker: Joe Carr

Joe Carr is a retired engineer and business executive who has been a passionate woodworker for over 35 years. During his career as an entrepreneur, CEO and board director for several private and public companies, he has looked to woodworking as one of several forms of creative “decompression” from the intensity of business life.



His current work focuses on horology – the design and building of timepieces. His clocks range from the sophisticated to the whimsical with each piece relying on unique designs, interesting movement and classically beautiful wood finishes. He has been awarded a patent for the reverse motion movement.

In addition to timepieces, Carr designs and builds functional furniture as well as purely aesthetic artwork.

Host: Bob Gabor

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# TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—DECEMBER 6, 2022

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)



*Joe Sabo and Jess Meredith welcome everyone to the dinner (photo: Roy Brookhart)*

The December meeting was the culmination and celebration of this year’s Toys for Tots campaign. And it was the first time since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic that we have had the opportunity for a celebratory dinner and presentation of toys to the Marine Corps. The affair was held at the Atria Oakbridge Senior Center in north Raleigh. Our hostess was Jess Meredith, manager of the facility. Dinner was prepared and served by the Atria kitchen. The meeting started at 6:00 PM with a social get-together followed by dinner at 6:30 PM and presentations after dinner.

Four Marine Corps representatives were present, headed by Sgt. Justin Houston and accompanied by Sgt. Antony Salas, Lance Cpl. Daniel Diaz and Cpl. Kelsey Davis. Sgt. Houston gave us a brief summary of how and when the Marines in the Triangle got involved in Toys for Tots. It all started in 1947 with

Maj. Hendricks and his wife, who originally made stuffed dolls to be given at Christmas. To continue this work, Maj. Hendricks linked into the Toys for Tots campaign and became the focal point in this area for gathering and distributing toys at Christmas time. This year, 2022, marks the Marines’ 75th year with the program. They service 7 counties in the Triangle area. Last year, the Marines collected and distributed over 120,000 toys.

Approximately 20 TWA members, spouses, partners and guests attended.

As the Toys for Tots program chairman, Joe Sabo shared some key highlights for this year’s program. Twelve workshops, consisting of 34 club members and 9 non-members produced the toys this year. There were two fewer than last year’s 14 workshops owing to death of one of the workshop leaders (Mark Firley)

and health issues in another workshop. Additionally, the annual Klingspor’s December workshop held last Saturday involved 17 people and produced 983 VW cars. For the year, all workshops, including the Klingspor’s workshop, made and will be delivering 6589 toys, a new record that is about 2000 more than last year’s record.

Workshop leaders attending the meeting gave a description of the toys their groups made this year.

Roy Brookhart, representing Terry Tenhouse’s group, made 237 toys, which included jewelry and what-not boxes, wooden puzzles and a Connect 4 game.

HOST	# of TOYS
Bob Gabor	350
Cecil Raynor	153
Roy Brookhart and Terry Tenhouse	237
Les Hall	111
Jim Rhodes	104
Pete Hodges	3520
Bob Guenther	42
Bob Andrews and Judy Sanwald	229
Joe Sabo	650
Alex Knittel	60
Tom Hegele	100
Don Klemp	50
Klingspor’s Workshop	983
Total	6589!

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(meeting minutes: James Sapp; photos: x)

Bob Andrews' and Judy Sanwald's made 229 toys, including hot rod cars, crayon holders, car carriers, word puzzles, letter games, stuffed toys, and block toys representing city scenes and buildings. Bob noted in his presentation that the wood for his and many other workshops came from the cut-off and scrap bins at the Hardwood Store. Construction lumber for the VW cars came from cut-offs produced at the TrussWood company.

Jim Rhodes, who is a one-person workshop, made over 100 tractors this year. Jim noted he is a one-man shop because his shop is so small that only one person can fit in it. Jim highlighted that making the tractors required several production steps because they consisted of 14 separate parts.

Cecil Raynor's workshop came up with a newer and improved version of their toy trucks. Their design included a truck bed made of walnut and truck bodies made from woods such as ash, red and white oak, maple, poplar, spalted maple and others. They produced over 150 of these trucks.

Joe Sabo's workshop produced 680 toys consisting of poppers, cars of various shapes, puzzles, trucks, keepsake boxes, tanks, and helicopters. The last two items were painted in a camouflage pattern thanks to Joe's friend, who is an airbrush artist.

A list of all of the workshops, team leaders and members as well as the number of toys produced, is provided.

Finally, Joe Sabo showed the audience a plaque to be given to Fred Ford, who has led the TWA Toys for Tots program for over 30 years. Fred was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to family circumstances.

As TWA president, Roy Brookhart thanked all of the leaders and members who contributed their time and effort to another very successful year. Roy also acknowledged and expressed gratitude to the Hardwood Store and Klingspor's, key sponsors of the program. Roy encouraged all TWA members who shop at these sponsors to tell them thanks for the support and contributions.

Roy thanked all of the members attending tonight's celebration. He also encouraged all members, not those just in the TFT program, to attend next year's December celebration.

Roy asked the attending Marines what TWA could do to understand and appreciate the entire Toys for Tots program better. One suggestion from Sgt. Houston was that they would welcome any members who would like to help them in sorting and distributing the toys collected. Joe Sabo volunteered to act and liaise with the Marines for anyone wishing to volunteer with the Marines.

## WORKSHOPS PARTICIPANTS

### **BOB GABOR**

Jean Thomas  
Roy Brookhart  
Ray Essington  
Pete Hodges  
Pete Bucki

### **TERRY TENHOUSE and ROY BROOKHART**

Michael Peele  
James McNeill  
Mark Asman  
Barton Meeks

### **JIM RHODES**

### **CECIL RAYNOR**

George Mills  
Mike Payst  
Molly Taylor  
Joe Beckwith  
Shirley Troyer

### **BOB ANDREWS and JUDY SANWALD**

Mohan Sankar  
Mike Weinberger  
Dick Paur  
Cathy Harms

### **ALEX KNITTEL**

### **PETE HODGES**

Fred Ford

### **DON KLEMP**

Mark Darby  
Mike Webster

### **HUGH DONOHUE**

Ron Young  
Barry Shelley  
Steve Snare  
Pete Bucki  
Bill Burton

### **BOB GUENTHER**

### **MARK FIRLEY**

Jeff Leimberger  
Pete Mulligan  
Bill Watkins

### **LES HALL**

Dick Raup  
Karin Pihel

### **JOE SABO**

Chris Gebhardt  
Jim Sapp  
Doug Wise  
Bill Schott  
Kristen Musgrave  
Al Connor

### **TOM HEGELE**

Chris Hegele

### **KLINGSPOR'S**

Joe Sabo  
Allen Campbell  
Chris Gebhardt  
Roy Brookhart  
Hugh Donohue  
Mark Darby  
Jim Sapp  
Jonathan Sapp  
Barton Meeks  
Don Klemm  
George Mills  
Jack Gebhardt  
Bob Guenther  
Bruce Wrenn  
Mike Payst  
Mike Turbak  
Addy Gebhardt  
Kirsten Gebhardt  
Pete Hodges  
Shirley Troyer

## FINAL TOYS FOR TOTS REPORT FOR 2022

A sincere thanks to all TWA members, and non-members as well, for making 2022 a banner year for our association and for Toys 4 Tots. And once again, a sincere thanks to Fred Ford for his leadership on this committee over the years. Fred decided to retire from the position in the spring and Joe Sabo assumed the chairperson position. Another huge change came during the summer when we lost Mark Firley as a result of a long illness.

But despite the changes, we are very pleased to announce that TWA delivered 6589 toys to the Marines for the T4T program. This is the largest quantity of toys the organization has ever delivered to the Marines in one year and all participants should take pride in their accomplishments. Twelve workshops, comprised of 34 members and 9 non-members, completed this remarkable accomplishment. The total includes 983 VW's that were completed in the annual Klingspor's Workshop where 15 members and 3 non-members worked tirelessly on that rainy Saturday in December. Again, kudos goes out to all involved throughout the year. The club budgeted \$1500 for supplies this past year. We were able to achieve the large production of toys this year thanks to wood donations from The Hardwood Store of NC and Trusswood, club members purchasing materials on their own and monetary donations from members as well as outside supporters/friends of TWA. All in all, with all of the above, Toys for Tots stayed within budget.

The club celebrated its successes at Atria Oakridge Senior Living facility in North Raleigh with a meal and a presentation of some of the wide variety of toys that were made this year. Four Marines were present and Staff Sargent Justin Houston spoke about the T4T program and the area that they serve. All in all, it was a wonderful evening, with great food and friendship and our thanks goes out to Jess Meredith, Executive Director of Atria Oakridge for the planning and arranging for the night. In addition, Jess donated \$220 to the club's T4T fund and the thank you note to the club is amongst the pictures. Jess has indicated that she would love for her residents to help us with the toys either assembling, painting, etc as activities within their internal program. This is being looked at and more details on this will follow early in 2023. Just as Jess sees those activities giving back to/ supporting the community, if we could provide things for her residents to do, we would be supporting her community.

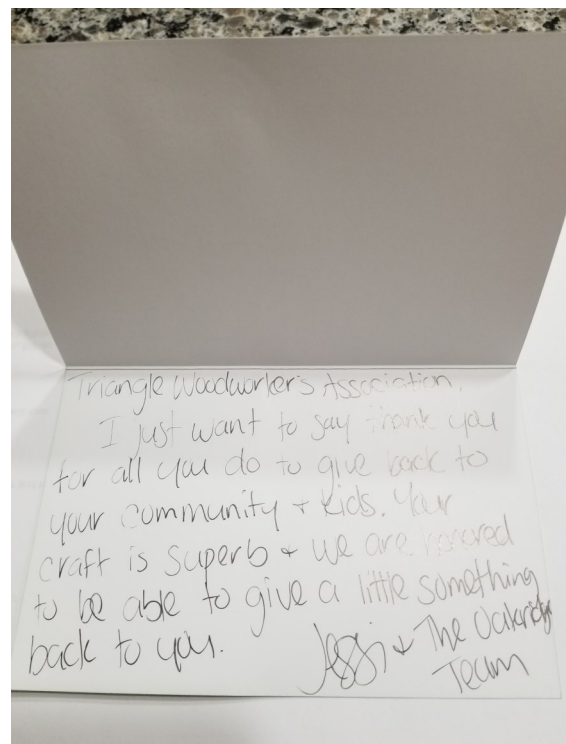
As we look to the 2023 Toys for Tots campaign, the Marines challenged us in three ways:

1. Because the need is so great within the region that they support, they challenged the club to produce 15-20% more toys. This would not completely meet their needs but would go a long way.
2. Have the toys to them earlier. They have asked that when they open up for delivery, usually around
3. The Marines challenged us to come and help them in the warehouse unpacking, repacking, sorting, etc. This would not only help them but provide us with an understanding of what they do.

01 November, we are ready to deliver toys. This year, requesting organizations had to wait for toys as the Marines did not have many to distribute. Our pieces of art are not the only toys they distribute but having ours there earlier would help them.

Thanks once again for all the efforts as we look forward to 2023.

*Joe Sabo*  
*Chairman of the TWA Toys for Tots Committee*



*Thank you note to the club from Jess Meredith*





*TWA club members building 983 wooden cars for Toys for Tots at the Klingspor's workshop in December*

## UPCOMING MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, February 21

**Location:** Woodcraft

February's meeting will be in-person only, there will not be a Zoom option.

Join us on February 21st when Woodcraft hosts us for the evening at their store on Pleasant Valley Road in Raleigh. They have quite a night planned and more details will be made available soon. Make sure you have this on your calendar.

*Host: Kerry Schoolfield*

## TREASURER'S REPORT (NOVEMBER)

Beginning Balance:	\$10,542.93
Income:	\$522.00
Expense:	\$371.22
Ending Balance:	\$10,693.71
Does not include Petty Cash of \$86.00	

*Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer*

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send newsletter content for future newsletters to Fred Ford (fredford22@ gmail.com) and Karin Pihel (karin.pihel@ gmail.com).

Contributions for each newsletter are due by the last day of the previous month.

## THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

TWA would like to thank members who provide donations to the club or the Toys for Tots fund. The following members have made a generous donation to the club or the Toys for Tots fund within the club in the last month.

- Curtis Mears
- Alan Leland

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Mother Nature for at least ending 2022 with a warm day!

I look forward to 2023 with great hopes that the threat of COVID is behind us and we can once again fill Klingspor's store with our members for each month's regular meeting. And, the pre-meeting dinner at MacGregor Draft House is up and running again so plan to stop in for a bite.

For those of you 'up North' we will be holding our monthly meeting at Woodcraft in February. The staff there is working out the details with Kerry Schoolfield and it sounds like it will be a fun evening. Watch for more information on this in-person only meeting.

Barton Meeks is continuing the membership drive into 2023 so get your friends and neighbors signed up and put yourself in the running for a gift card or a free year of dues. Let's make sure that we have at least one new member at each meeting this year. Are you up for the challenge?

Happy New Year. I'll see you at Klingspor's in January.

Regards,

*Roy Brookhart*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In December, TWA welcomed Curtis Mears to our club. Be sure to welcome Curtis when you see him online or in person.

Our recruitment drive will continue: if you recruit a new member to TWA in the 1st quarter (January-March), you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card to a woodworking store. One entry for every new member you bring in. Also, if you recruit three new members to TWA in calendar 2023, your next year's membership in TWA will be free!

*Barton Meeks, Membership Committee*

## MENTORS

<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Service/Skill Offered</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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Allen Campbell	Simple inlay, Staining/dyeing, Pen turning, Cabriole legs	(919) 772-4551	aacjr@nc.rr.com
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President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
At Large Board Member  
At-Large Board Member  
At-Large Board Member

## BOARD MEMBER

Roy Brookhart  
OPEN  
James Sapp  
Jack Kite  
Chris Gebhardt  
Joe Sabo  
Judy Sanwald

## COMMITTEE

Program Committee  
  
Toys-for-Tots Committee  
  
Newsletter Publications Committee  
Library Committee  
Publicity Committee  
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Internet  
Mentor Committee  
Membership Committee  
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**Karin Pihel** / Fred Ford  
  
**Jerry Rhoades**  
  
**Roy Brookhart**  
  
OPEN  
  
**Paul Holzworth**  
  
**Allen Campbell**  
  
**Barton Meeks** / Judy Sanwald, Paul Holzworth, Sue Bunch  
  
**Tom Revelle** / Leon Abbas, James Chamberlain  
  
**Roy Brookhart**  
  
**Chris Gebhardt**  
  
**Mike Payst**  
  
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Raleigh, NC 27615

[www.ashcroftsaw.com](http://www.ashcroftsaw.com)

*25% off list on blades and 10% off on sharpening*

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4216 Beryl Rd.

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1-800-244-6492

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*Special prices to TWA members*

### **The Hardwood Store**

1-888-445-7335

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*Discount: 10 cents per board foot*

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330 Dupont Circle

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### **Klingspor's Woodworking Shop**

919-876-0707

MacGregor Village Shopping Center

107 Edinburgh S Dr. Suite 151, Cary NC

(Exit 98B off of US 1)

[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com)

*10% discount excluding lumber and power tools*

### **Tarheel Wood Treating Co.**

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10309 Chapel Hill Rd. (Highway 54)

Morrisville, NC 27560

[www.tarheelwoodtreating.com](http://www.tarheelwoodtreating.com)

*Contractor's prices on all wood products*

TWA card before order is written

### **Woodcraft**

919-781-1911 Fax: 919-781-1980

4317 Pleasant Valley Rd.

Raleigh, NC 27612

[raleighwoodcraft@bellsouth.net](mailto:raleighwoodcraft@bellsouth.net)

<http://www.woodcraft.com>

*\$25 gift certificate at each TWA meeting for the raffle*

### **Wurth Wood Group**

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4213 Poole Rd. (Exit 15 off I-440)

Raleigh, NC 27610

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