



TWA Newsletter

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm

Location: Rockler
314 Crossroads Blvd
Cary, NC 27518

Note: there is no Zoom option for this meeting

Topic: Rockler's New Store in Cary



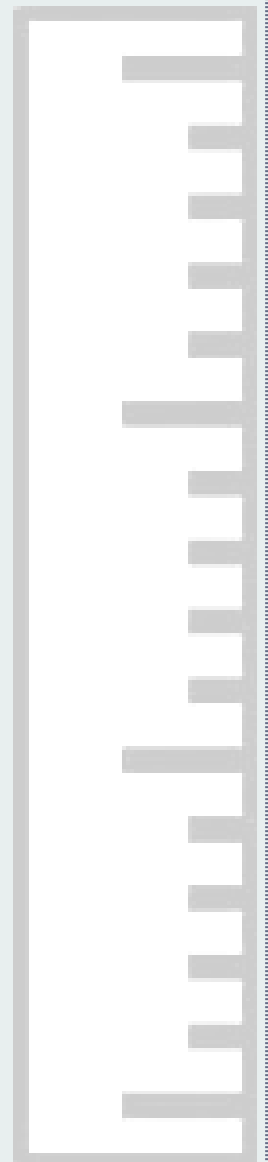
The Rockler team is hosting us during the January grand opening of their new Cary store. Join your friends as we learn more about Rockler, meet the staff, see some Rockler product demonstrations, shop the new store, register for our Triangle Woodworkers Association discount, and enjoy some snacks.

The meeting officially begins at 7PM on January 16th but you are encouraged to come earlier to register and to shop. Plan ahead because anything you want to buy must be purchased before 8 pm.

Host: Roy Brookhart

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TWA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—DECEMBER 12, 2023

ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS DINNER

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

The annual Christmas and Toys for Tots celebration convened at the Atria Senior Center in Raleigh. Twenty people attended plus two special guests, Major David Liu and Sergeant Ryan Morales, from the Marine Corps. Ms. Jess Tougeron, representing Atria, served as hostess of the event. Many of the toys made by the workshops were on display at the meeting. This was an in-person event only with no Zoom coverage.

Before the presentation started, the staff at Atria Senior Center served a delicious meal to all attending. Thanks go to Jess and the folks at Atria for their hospitality and great food.

Roy welcomed and thanked all who came to the event. He highlighted three recent Triangle area magazines that had articles about TWA and the Toys for Tots program. Roy also noted interest by Spectrum about doing a feature about TWA making toys. Joe Sabo said that the write-ups for the magazines were initiated by a press release prepared by one of Joe's classmates, who happened to be living in the Triangle.

Cecil Raynor informed the attendees that past TWA member, Bernie Bogdon, had passed away Friday, December 8. He encouraged members to consider donating in Bernie's name to Toys for Tots. Donations can be made

through www.trianglewoodworkers.com by clicking on the *Donate* tab.

To start off the Toys for Tots Presentation, Joe Sabo introduced Maj. David Liu and Sgt. Ryan Morales. Maj. Liu shared a couple of touching stories of how the Toys for Tots program has made a lasting impression on him. One of those was about a lady who contacted the Marines to donate her entire extensive Barbie Doll collection to the Toys for Tots program. The other story that touched Maj. Liu deeply was the dedication, workmanship, and effort of those associated with the TWA Toys for Tots program. This program generously delivers a large amount of quality toys every year. This year the Marines will provide toys to over 78,000 deserving children.

Joe announced that this year the TWA Toys for Tots program has delivered 5778 toys, making it about 7% of the total number the Marines will provide. Included in the total is 1024 toys made at the December Klingspor's toy building event. Joe noted that this year many of the toys made at Klingspor's were finished by employees of NetApp. Chris Gebhardt, who works at NetApp, arranged for this cooperative venture through NetApp's giving back program. NetApp pays the employee volunteers for their efforts, with the expectation that



Maj. David Liu and Sgt. Ryan Morales joined us for the meeting (photos: Roy Brookhart)

the employees donate the money earned during their charity efforts to a charity of their choice. Net App matches their donations.

In addition to the contributions made by NetApp, the folks at the Atria Senior Center helped by completing helicopters provided by Joe Sabo. They also helped Judy Sanwald by stenciling the city block forms made in her workshop.

Joe indicated that because the Marines would like to receive the toys earlier to assist in their boxing and distribution, we will be moving the Klingspor's event two weeks earlier by having it on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS DINNER (CONTINUED)

(meeting minutes: James Sapp)

Roy Brookhart's workshop, in addition making their planned toys, also completed toys that late TWA member Mark Firley was making. Cecil Raynor emphasized that the toy trucks his workshop made were first designed and made by Bernie Bogdon. Don Klemp's workshop produced a hockey game that resembled one that he played as a kid in New York.

This next meeting will be held at the new Rockler Store in Cary and will be an opportunity for Rockler to introduce the store to the club.

The meeting will be formatted like the meeting held earlier in 2023 at Woodcraft. Rockler is quite enthusiastic about developing a relationship with TWA so attendance is encouraged by all. Also, on December 16th from 11 AM to 3 PM Rockler had invited TWA to set a place in their store so that they can introduce their customers to our organization. Roy Brookhart handled the details.



Joe announced the results of this year's Toys for Tots efforts (photo: Roy Brookhart)

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT (NOVEMBER)

Beginning Balance:	\$13,046.67
Income:	\$566.00
Expense:	\$41.50
Ending Balance:	\$13,571.17

Does not include Petty Cash of \$86.00.

Submitted by Jack Kite, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In December, Josh Greene, John Langley, and Jim Creaseman joined TWA! Please welcome Josh, John, and Jim to our club when you see them in person or online. Josh mentioned *ShopSpace.org* as how he found out about TWA. I had not heard of ShopSpace.org before, so I checked out their website, and "ShopSpace is a comprehensive metal shop that focuses on forging, fabrication, knife making and jewelry. We offer a variety of classes at all skill levels, along with access to the shop and equipment." So, check them out if you are also interested in metal. They are located inside the beltline off Capital Blvd.

Barton Meeks, Membership Committee

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.

- Richard Raup
- Steve Spear
- Bill Brickey
- Josh Greene

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we go again; it's January of a new year and you might be thinking of making resolutions that you won't keep. For our club, we plan to keep things simple by continuing to deliver fun, informative programs at each and every regular monthly meeting. We will offer online options when practical, but we are encouraging everyone to meet in person with your friends, new club members, and featured presenters.

The monthly WW&W online program will continue again into 2024. If you haven't joined one of these, its a great way to interact with other club members and to talk about the topics important to you.

I am excited to move into 2024 and I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings. Let's fill up all the seats.

Regards,

Roy Brookhart

UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 7pm

Topic: Wild Edge Woodcraft

Location: Klingspor's

At the February TWA meeting, we will be hosting Avery, the owner of Wild Edge Woodcraft which is located at Serenity Meadow Farms near Rougemount, NC. Wild Edge Woodcraft is known for turning trees into dream furniture: dining tables, kitchen islands, desks, or fireplace mantels. They also produce custom furniture and have a complete sawmill and wood kiln drying service on the property. Avery will emphasize their milling and drying service in his presentation to us as well as talk about the beautiful pieces they make for customers.

Host: Kerry Schoolfield

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

With 2023 in the books, our Toys for Tots program had another very successful year. We celebrated the success with the Marines with a dinner and social gathering at the Atria Senior Living facility in North Raleigh. The two Marines, Major David Liu and Gunnery Sergeant Ryan Morales happily accepted the 5778 toys we made this year and thanked us for all of our efforts. So, another very good year for the community and for TWA. Also, as a result of the articles that were published in some area magazines which featured our club and our Toys for Tots program, we have received some monetary donations and we have a few new members to the club. All in all, a very good year and a heartfelt thanks to everyone for the support. With 2024 upon us, we look to continue the trend. Happy New Year everyone.

Joe Sabo, Toys for Tots Committee Chairman

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10% discount

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