

# Newsletter

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## December 2006: In Review



Retiring President, **Ron Gilkerson** lead off with a warm welcome to a crowd of 140+ members and guests which included his wife, Mary Ann, and, an extra special guest for the evening, his Mother, Grovetta Gilkerson.

The donation tables were overflowing with the generous contributions of many of our members. The representatives from **Batavia Access**, Batavia, West Chicago's **Humanitarian Service Project** and **Operation Christmas** of Bolingbrook & Romeoville left in vehicles full of holiday toys and goodies.

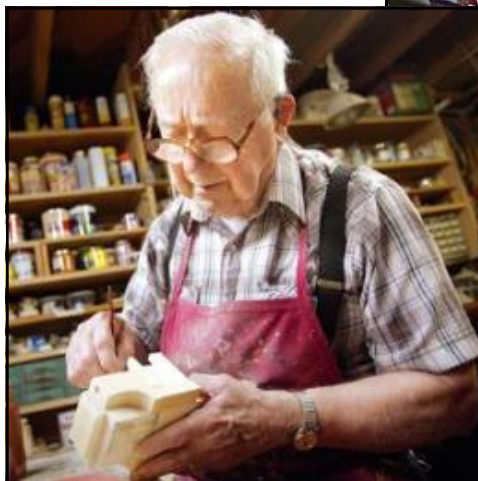
**Mike and Gail Madden** watched over the donation efforts and logged in a total of 599 made toys, 342 store bought toys and 33 bags of groceries and household items.



Our Pot Luck buffet, a decadent array of goodies from appetizers to a chocolate fountain finale, was a feast second to none!

We were entertained by the music and musings of three lovely ladies, Martha Price, Tryna Zeedyk and Betty Yoeckel. They are fellow teachers and friends of Ron's from his Waubensee days who, in retirement, entertain at special get-togethers like ours.

Of course no Christmas celebration would be complete without making note of our own



Jim Hildreth and his remarkable toy making efforts! He surpassed his own record by doing an unbelievable 417 toys this year...And he has already started on the ones for next year! (Makes me think the rest of us need to try a little harder to find some toy making time!) **By the way**, Jim has become quite the celebrity of late. If you missed the article and video by the **Kane County Chronicle** or the feature on **WGN-TV's Channel 9**, be sure to check out our website for links to instant replays of our toy making friend. (<http://www.fvwwc.org>)

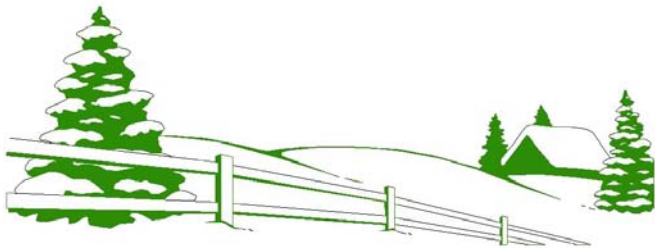
After the Door Prizes and special drawings for those who had supported FVWWC by participating in our monthly raffles, we had a very special presentation by Tom Sharp, our new president. He awarded a plaque of our appreciation to Ron Gilkerson for his many years of loyal and devoted service as our President.

The plaque was, appropriately, handmade of wood by some of our most talented members. The scroll work was done by Lee Braddock, the construction and carving by Fred Rizza, Tom Sharp secured the nifty antique wood plane and Mike Madden did one of his famous finishing jobs to top things off.

Everyone in attendance left full of good food, wrapped in the warmth friendship with merry holiday tunes from our sing-a-long still echoing through the night.

**See page 3 for more photos of the fun and frivolities!**





## FVWWC Events Calendar

Jan 2nd..... Tue .... 7:30 p.m. ... FVWWC Meeting: Paul Jablonski, formally of Woodcraft, will do a presentation on Sharpening Techniques.

Jan 17th....Wed....8:00 a.m. ... FVWWC's Breakfast Club: At a new, earlier time of 8:00 a.m. - The Red Apple Restaurant at 414 S Schmale Rd - Carol Stream, IL -- everyone is invited to stop by!

## Membership Drive 2007



**Renewals must be received by 01/30/2007** so you won't miss a minute of what FVWWC has to offer! If you haven't renewed for 2007, **do it NOW!**

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## FVWWC MONTHLY DRAWING

**It's time to do it again!** It's a new year and, with support like we had last year, it is sure to be a good one!!! We have started shopping for

upcoming prizes and hope you like what we have to offer. We will begin the year with items to choose from like a **Porter-Cable 1.5 HP, 6 Gallon UMC Pancake Air Compressor with Accessory Kit**, a **\$50 Am/Ex Gift Cheque** and other goodies!



We will again be selling tickets for the Special Raffle of a **30 Piece Bessey Assorted "Tradesman" Bar Clamp Set & Stand** in January. **Remember: This raffle will run until we meet our goal so the sooner you buy, the sooner you could win!!!**

Whether you join the regular monthly drawings, the Special Bonus raffles or both, we sincerely appreciate your participation...

**...See you at the meeting!**

**Charlie Christensen - FVWWC Raffle Chairman**



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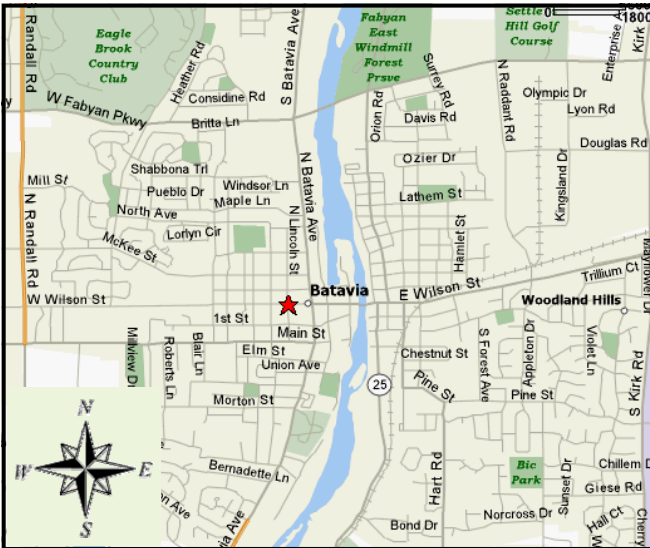
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**General Meeting**  
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**Fox Valley Woodworkers Club**  
General Meetings held at:  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
8 S Lincoln St. - Batavia, IL  
**1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.**  
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.  
*Visitors Always Welcome!*

