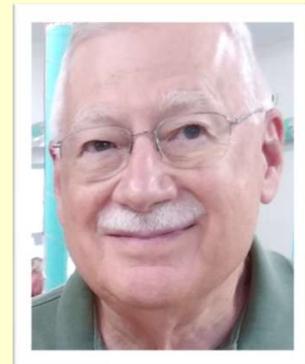


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A Message from the **PRESIDENT**



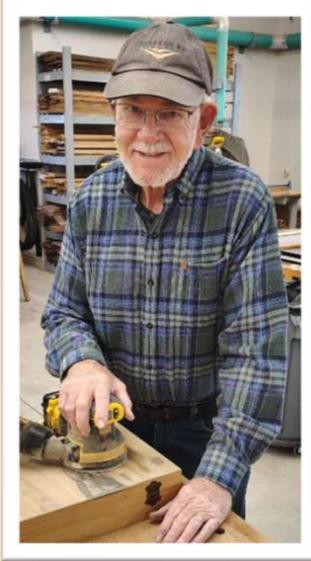
Woodworking is an art form that brings with it joy, relaxation and memories. The joy in being able to make creations that can touch many lives, such as the trucks, airplanes and trains that we made for the Samaritan's Purse organization's *Operation Christmas Child* over the past several years. The joy of knowing that somewhere in the world a little child has a toy for Christmas.

Woodworking is usually relaxing, though occasionally a bowl splits during carving or a mistake happens from not measuring twice. It is the smell and feel of the wood that has over the centuries been a source of pleasure for not only the creator of an object, but also for those who marvel in their work.

Recently, Joe Bondi made a coffee table using the cast iron base from an antique treadle-style sewing machine. Dave Wolff carefully restored the base, after which Joe crafted an oak top to complete it. A resident bought it from the Gift Shop, recalling that her grandmother used to sew outfits for her and her doll on a similar sewing machine—one with a base like this and an oak cabinet complete with drawers. This table brings back fond childhood memories for her.

-John Walz, President

Wayne Needs Furniture



Pictured to the left is Wayne Whitney, head of the Furniture Store. Do you have a piece of furniture to donate? If so, please call Wayne at 267-261-4457. All proceeds benefit the PBC Auxiliary. Each piece is cleaned, and if necessary, repaired and touched up.

Tables for the Chapel



Pictured (L-R) are Bob Coble, Merlin Hedrick, and John Walz. Merlin, who is Director of Pastoral Care, asked if the Woodworkers could build two custom-made tables for the Chapel. John designed them, and he and Bob made them of oak. We do not normally make furniture because of the time it takes, but we made an exception since it was for the PBC Chapel.

Table with an Antique Sewing Machine Base.



Pictured above is Dave Wolff painting the base and lettering on what used to support an antique sewing machine. The company's name is Household.

Pictured below is the sewing machine base with an oak top made by Joe Bondi. It was recently sold in the Gift Shop.



Lazy Susans Made from Slabs



Pictured to the left is Rob Russell showing three of the five lazy Susans he recently made. They feature ball bearing trivets with felt on the base. They are finished with polyurethane and are on sale in the Maple Corners Gift Shop. His next project is small corn hole games for children.

This Newsletter

This publication features members of the PBC Woodworkers' Association. Bob Coble is the photographer and editor, and he is assisted by Marilyn Derstine. For more information, please call our president, John Walz, at 215-703-4166.

Rick Layer New Adventure

Rick Layer is learning to use the lathe, and pictured are three bowls and a wooden goblet he recently turned. The bowl near his right hand was carved.



A Door for Brennan



Pictured above are Bill and Kay Kelly who asked John Walz if we could make a miniature functioning door for their grandson, Brennan, who has intellectual disabilities. Bob Coble assisted by cutting out his name in very small wooden letters which were attached to the door.

Pictured to the right is Brennan playing with his new door. Bill and Kay reported that Brennan absolutely loved it and played with it for hours.

