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Curls From the President's Platter
By Paul Shotola

New Years Greetings! I hope your holidays have been enjoyable, safe, and full of wood chips. The holidays are traditionally times to reflect on the past, spend time with family and friends, and to look toward the future. At the Shotola household, we've been doing just that, but I won't bore you with the details of my Brother-in-Law's concept of gift giving. Next year, a large lump of coal for him, and no high speed steel.

It's the future that interests me, however. By the time our next meeting rolls around, I plan to have a budget submitted to your board for approval for 2004. Funding for the library, demonstrations, capital purchases, educational grants and a myriad of other places to invest our time and money will be addressed. As soon as we have a firm financial plan for 2004, you'll know about it. Your input is welcome, so keep those cards and letters coming, folks.

At the December meeting, I distributed some applications for AAW membership, along with a few back issues of their excellent magazine, *The American Woodturner*. I strongly urge all of you to become members in the AAW, as it is the dominant voice of woodturning, not only in America, but internationally. The magazine improves with each issue, and is worth the cost of AAW membership in itself. The AAW provides educational and funding grants to both individual members and local chapters such as ours, puts on an annual symposium, and works hard to meet the needs of hobbyist, production and studio turners.

At each annual AAW symposium, there is a "Chapter Collaborative Challenge". In the past, the CWT has participated by entering the most interesting, artistic and technically complex turning projects ever seen. This year, the entry rules have been changed to include a size limit (are you sitting down?) of 12" X 12" X12". That's correct; our entry must fit inside a one foot cube. I will be contacting the AAW board members in the next few days to request an explanation of their reasoning for changing the size limits in such a restrictive fashion, and hope to have more details for you by the January meeting. This size limit means a re-thinking of our planned 2004 entry, if not a completely different type of project. Your suggestions on this are welcome, and you all have my email address and phone number. My responsibility as your President is to communicate to the AAW (as we are a local chapter of the national organization) your wants, needs and desires as turners and chapter members, and I will faithfully do so.

Until January, look to the future, turn lots, and turn safely.

Paul Shotola

Email address:

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Election notes from your President

By Paul Shotola

On behalf of the membership of the Chicago Woodturners, I want to thank **Marie Hunter** for her service as your Secretary for over two years. Marie, your dedication and hard work are appreciated by all of us. In addition to your valuable input to the CWT board, your meeting minutes are not only accurate, they have been as enjoyable to read as attending the meetings themselves. Your service is appreciated.

Paul Cavanaugh, congratulations on your election as club Secretary. All of our

members know that you always show up early, stay late, and make certain that the meeting facilities are in top condition. All of us look forward to your input on the board as our Secretary, and we thank you for your continued dedication to the CWT.

Personally, I want to thank the membership for re-electing me to another term as your President. It is a great honor and a responsibility I take very seriously. You may have noticed that I refer to myself as your President, rather than the President. This is because I serve at your pleasure, and it is my responsibility to ensure that your club meets your needs and expectations. Thank you for your confidence.

To Be Announced

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Meeting Demonstrators 2004

January — Dick Sing

See **Fran Islin** to sign up to be a demonstrator.

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Minutes of the December, 2003 CWT Meeting
by Marie Hunter

December CWT Meeting Here we are in December. Another year shot to heck. The meeting was mostly party time and visiting with club members. We picked up at least one new member.

Pres. Shotola held a raffle that pretty much cleaned out the club supply of tee shirts and items donated by turners who had done all-day demos. There were small items turned by **Nick Cook**, such as a baby rattle, a snowman ornament, wine stoppers, a natural edge bowl, a garden dibble (for folks who like to dibble in the garden), a honey dipper, some spin tops, a small platter and some lidded boxes. Also a small vase done by **Steve Sinner** and one done by **Paul Fennell**. There were some A.A.W. magazines given to members who are not yet members of A.A.W. A Crown bowl gouge was won by **Laura Forney**, a 9-year old wonder who is destined to be great woodturner. She has been taking lessons from **Binh Pho**, so it's no wonder she is able to produce some really neat turnings. Keep up the good work, Laura.

But wait. Yours truly won a lathe. Not just any lathe, but the very one that **Oliver Buettner** had won a couple of years ago. I understand that before Oliver won it, the lathe had been the property of **Dennis Sullivan**. Dennis missed the meeting so I couldn't quiz him on the history of the "Wee Lathe". **Darrell Rader** knows, but his lips are sealed. So now I'm the owner of this notorious lathe. Is there a curse that goes with it? Will I have to wrestle Darrell to the ground and twist his arm behind his back to make him talk? Is the "Wee Lathe" on the EPA's most-wanted

list?

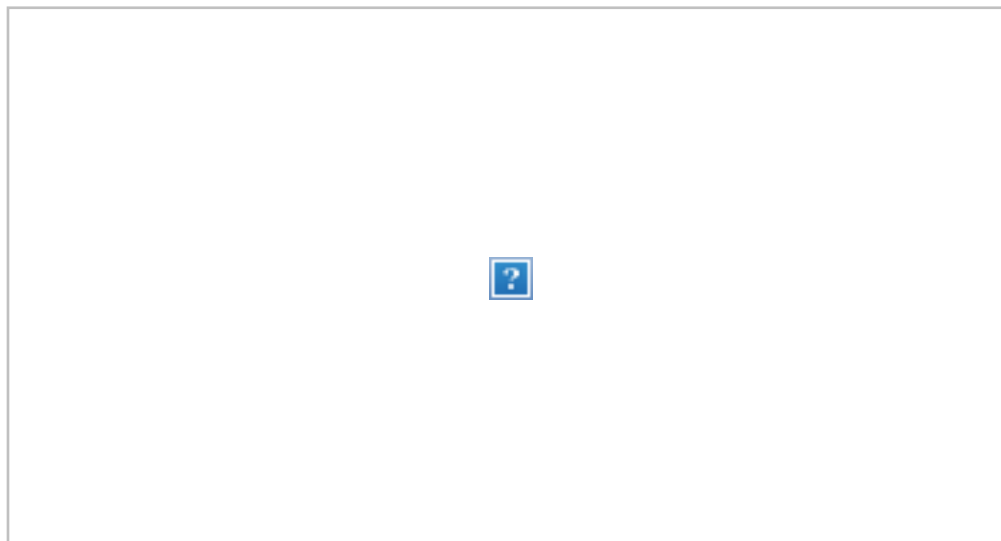
We had the election. **Paul Cavanaugh** is the new Secretary and **Paul Shotola** was accepted by acclamation. **Binh Pho** reported that CWT will have space at the SOFA Show next year, to do woodturning demonstrations. Also Binh is working on the all-day turning seminars for CWT for next year. the first demo will be in March. The others likely will be in June, August and October. Our all-day demos have been recorded on tape. These demos may be put on DVDs.

There was a gift exchange that a number of members participated in. And there was the challenge to turn something that had to do with the holidays. First prize (big bucks) went to **Paul Pyrcik** for his group of ornaments. Second place (medium bucks) went to **Laura Forney**, the 9-year old wonder, who turned a pair of wooden eggs and added a kaleidoscope to each and decorated the eggs in a Christmas theme. She turned the eggs at Binh Pho's studio. And third place (small bucks) went to **Oliver Buettner** for a candle centerpiece.

Don McCloskey needs items (Such as the President's message) very soon after the meeting so that the newsletter can be assembled in a timely manner and sent out to members who are hungry for this vital information. And now it is time to "Pass the Torch" to Paul Cavanaugh. Was that a little too dramatic? How about this then? And now it is time to "Pass the Bic Pen" to the very capable hands of Paul Cavanaugh. I have enjoyed the job of Secretary and I'm sure Paul will enjoy it every bit as much. Marie Hunter

December Holiday Party Photos

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CWT Mentors

The following individuals have volunteered as mentors. Their contact information

is listed in the CWT roster, available at our monthly meetings.

Name	Teaching Level					
	City	Starter	1-2 Years	2+ Years	Advanced	\$\$\$
Anderson, Dan	Itasca	X	X	X	X	
Barbier, Harris	Lisle	X	X	X		
Brooks, Jim	E Moline	X	X			
Eovaldi, Tom	Evanston	X	X	X		
Eslinger, John	Antioch	X	X	X		
Friedman, Jim	Palatine	X	X			
Hubbard, Gary	Rockford	X	X	X		X
Malmin, Bruce	Arlington Heights	X				
Olszewski, Tony	Palatine	X	X	X		
Pho, Binh	Maple Park	X	X	X	X	X
Pyrick, Paul	Lisle	X	X	X		X
Rader, Darrell	Woodstock	X	X	X		
Shotola, Paul	Vernon Hills	X	X			
Sinner, Steve	Bettendorf, IA	X	X	X	X	X
Szakonyi, Ed	Roselle	X	X	X	X	X
Waterstraat, George	Elmhurst	X	X			
Welch, Ted	Wilmette	X				
Your Name Here?						

Mentors have indicated the skill level that they are comfortable teaching. This is not the same as their personal skill level. Some mentors may charge for their services, and have indicated so by checking the “\$” column. To add your name to this list, contact **Paul Shotola**.

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