



**2005 CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 10, 2005
6:00 SOCIAL TIME
6:30 DINNER
RANCLAND HILLS COUNTRY
CLUB MIDLAND TEXAS**

WOODCHIPS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe, but December 2005 is upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers and all the members for their assistance and support over the past twelve months. Your help and assistance not only made our club successful, but made my job much easier. I am certain the new slate of officers will continue moving the club forward, and I ask all of the membership to give them your continued support and assistance.

There are going to be many opportunities in the coming year for each of us to contribute, participate and continue the high standards we have enjoyed over the past years. It is only through participation that we receive the satisfaction that will sustain our interest and make belonging to our Club a rewarding and treasured experience.

I know we all have our likes, dislikes and needs. Unfortunately we are each unique and I am the first to admit sometimes being selfish in expecting others to cater to my wants and needs, and not having a sufficient amount of respect for the differences others feel. I would like to make a better effort to have more a better acceptance of others and to be a better listener. Bonded through many common interests, we have little disagreement in our Club, and for that we are very fortunate. I just want to encourage everyone, to express their wants and needs as it regards to the club, but also listen, encourage, and help others in improving their skills, and attaining their individual goals.

The Christmas season is upon us, and to me the holidays are a time for personal reflection and thanksgiving for the good fortune we have experienced. In spite of our individual trials and heartbreak, we, by chance of birth, are so fortunate in being allowed to live and work in this great country.

By good or maybe bad fortune, my travel opportunity to other lands has only reinforced my belief in the unbelievable understanding and needs of the human spirit our founder's set down in our Constitution. Because of their vision, we have the opportunity to work, to dream, and to achieve. Sure, the walls protecting us are battered, and need a few chinks here and there, but we citizens can still make a difference. I've been places where people don't have that opportunity.

All I am trying to say is that by ourselves, we are an insignificant speck in the universe. Joined together we can make a difference in each others lives. This is true in the larger national scope of living, but even more important at the local level where we can offer support to each other through our families, clubs, schools, and churches. We can, and should, overlook the perceived frailties in others, divergent beliefs, disagreements that in reality make no significant difference. We need to concentrate on the goodness and satisfaction that comes from just being a

friend. Simply caring, and offering assistance even if we can do little other than give a word of encouragement, or sympathy can mean so much so someone feeling alone and left out.

From my individual perspective it's been a good year. Time flies, and I want to wish all of you health and prosperity in the coming year. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Christmas Party. I understand some of you can't come for a variety of reasons, but everyone will be missed. In the coming year I look forward to seeing all our current membership and some new faces too. I intend to offer as much assistance as I can in the coming months to Keith and the entire slate of officers. I appreciate each and every one of you for your help and support.

If I don't see you till January, have a great holiday, and God Bless.

George Hancock
President 2005

CHRISTMAS TIME

The Comanche Trail Woodturners Christmas Party will be held at Ranchland Hills Country Club, Saturday December 10, 2005 at 6:30 PM. You should have notified Helen by now if you plan to attend. 694-3323.

There will be door prizes and a gift exchange. In order to receive a gift a person must bring one to exchange. Door prizes will be gift certificates.

It is recommended that you arrive no later than 6:00 PM to enjoy some of the pre-meal socializing. See you there.

The 3 Stages of Life

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus
- 3) You are Santa Claus

Q: Why do reindeer have red noses?

A: They are not equipped with ABS and thus tend to bump into things on slippery surfaces. This is why Santa is often seen with a red nose (the sleigh doesn't have an airbag, either).

Q: Why does Santa use Elves?

A: There is no trade union for Elves. They're easy to exploit.

Please remember our friends in the club that are battling illness and please pray for our Armed Forces during this time.