

2017 October Newsletter

Dear Leather Members,

There's lots going on in the club, so we are doing our best to keep you all well informed. Here's the latest updates and new info.

Tandy Ordering:

- The new Tandy catalogue and price sheets are available at the club.
- Make sure you are now using the **YELLOW** price sheet.
- Unfortunately, the bad news is that the club will no longer receive wholesale pricing when making purchases.
- Individual current members and club purchases will continue to receive "Elite" pricing. Though the elite price is still a savings for members, Weaver may provide a savings over Tandy.
- We are looking to find substitute products at a reduced savings and will attempt to keep you informed.

General Membership Meeting:

- Will be held **Friday, October 27th, beginning at 9:00 AM** . Come early (around **8:30**) **for coffee & donuts**. This is a time to learn more about club activities, future plans, and to let the board members know what's on your mind, so make sure you attend.
- **A Silent Auction** will be held during this time so you'll want to check it out for sure! (lots of goodies and lots of tools)
- As you know the auction is to raise money for a new sewing machine and the fund has gotten off to a great start! We have just under \$650.00 and our goal is \$3,000.00. The auction will **end at 11:00 am**
- The items offered for the silent auction will be available for **viewing on Wednesday, October 25th through October 27th at the Club.**

Room Renovations: A CR-13 form for a room addition (12' X 30') was submitted to the Rec Center for consideration, however, we have not yet heard back from anyone.

501(c)3 organization:

- Two of our newer members have started a feasibility inquiry on the viability of the Leather Club becoming a 501(c)3 organization. They are looking at the SCW Clubs and the Recreation Center guidelines.
- These members have identified two clubs in SCW that are designated as 501(c)3. These clubs have a huge advantage over designated nonprofit clubs such as ours.
- The board is hoping to present a proposal to the membership at the next meeting with a recommendation to proceed. We don't have adequate information yet but if anyone has experience with 501(c)3 organizations, especially with submissions of requests for "Grants", please let Kyle know! Grant money might be available to purchase equipment as well as improve our club's operation.
- Anyone interested in more information about a 501(c)3 organization can follow the attached link:

<https://www.501c3.org/what-is-a-501c3/>

Social Activities:

- The annual 'Welcome Back' pizza party is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26th** and will be held in the Kuentz courtyard. It will begin at **5pm**. The cost continues to be only \$5 per person for all you can eat Barro's pizza. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, so don't forget your bucks, you may even leave richer than when you arrived!
- **A demonstration of leather crafting** will be presented to the Orchard Pointe Retirement Facility residents from **1pm to 3pm, Thursday, November 9th**. If you would be interested in helping out with this event, please let one of the Board members know.

Craft Fair:

- Sign up for participation as a seller, a Rec. Center/Village Store requirement.

- If you sold items at the Spring Craft Fair in 2017 and already signed the required documents then, you will not need to do it again for the Fall fair.
- If you have not previously signed up and wish to sell items this November, you must sign the document.
- Saturday, November 5th is Craft Fair set up, plus we need workers.

New Member Class:

- October 23rd - 25th from 1PM to 3PM at the club. Make sure you have signed up so we have materials ready for you. Also, if you have signed up, but discover you can't attend, please let us know.

December Reminders:

- We will be exhibiting our products in the **PORA display case** this month. Please volunteer items for the display. Also, the chairperson would appreciate help transporting items and setting up the display. If interested, please mention it to Julee, who coordinates most of our club activities.
- We will be **collecting toys** this December to donate to 'Toys for kids'. A box will be placed in the clubroom for your donations, which are greatly appreciated.

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing all our members back at the club.

The Leather Carver's Board