

2017 September Leather Newsletter

Dear Leather Members,

Well, summer is rapidly rolling to a close. It has been a rough summer for many. We hope this letter finds you all well and ready to participate in the upcoming leather club activities.

The following is recent information you might be interested in, so here goes...

Social Activities:

- A **potluck** is scheduled for Friday, September 22nd. It will begin at noon in the clubroom. This is a good time to reconnect with the members following the long, hot summer months and to get to know some of the newer members. The sign up sheet is located in the clubroom.
- The annual '**Welcome Back**' **pizza party** is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th. It will be held in the Kuentz courtyard. More details will follow.
- 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.

General Membership Meeting:

- Will be held Friday, October 27th beginning at 9:00 AM. Come early (around **8:30**) **for coffee & donuts** and to secure a seat, unless of course you want to sit on the floor 😊 (which few of us can get up from).

- Will be held Friday, December 15th beginning at 9:00 AM. Come early (around 8:30) for coffee & donuts and to secure a seat, more of us will be back by then (less floor room). 😊

Fall Craft Fair:

- **Saturday, November 4th** at RH Johnson. We have had tremendous turnouts in the past from both members who have stepped up to provide sale items as well as work set-up and the sale, and also from the public who appear to be quite interested in our products. We are looking forward to another successful sale. Thank you to everyone who participates in this extensive undertaking.

December Activities:

- 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.
- Some type of **Holiday get together** is being considered for early to mid December. At this point, plans are only tentative. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let a member of the Board know.

Club Fundraiser

- As you all know, the **leather sewing machines** have been an ongoing issue for a number of years now. We no longer have the Consew and the Sutton is limited as to what it can do. The Boss takes a good deal of practice to master. The cost of constantly repairing older machines was quite expensive. It also appears that we now have a good number of members who are interested in sewing. With this in mind, it has been suggested that we hold some raffles

with the intent of purchasing a new machine that actually can sew a variety of leather thicknesses as well as perform some other more refined stitching. Therefore, at each future club function we would like to hold a raffle to raise money for the purchase of a machine. The recommended machine is a **“Cobra 4 - Premium”** (it can be found on line 😊) which sells for just under \$2900.

The raffle will consist of common items such as, tools, leather items, Tandy gift cards, pieces of leather (some possibly as large as double shoulders). Donated items would also be appreciated.

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the end of the summer both here and away. We wish you safe travels wherever you venture.

The Leather Carver's Board