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**December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

* Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Attendance: 25. Tonight is the annual RRVC Christmas Party.
* Election of 2024 RRVC Officers:

President: Mike Hughbanks

Past President: Tom Kautz

Vice-President: Mark Ludois

Treasurer: Rosie Kautz

Co-Secretaries: Lori Ruplinger/Robin Rios

Member At Large: Gerry Lesch

Member At Large: Jim Trumpy

* President Mike Hughbanks called for a vote on the above names put forth for 2024 RRVC Officers. The above officer nominees were elected unanimously by voice vote from the floor.
* Non-Elected 2024 RRVC Positions:

Newsletter Editor: Rosie Kautz

Librarian: Bud Cunningham

Club Historian: Robin Rios

Co-Show Chairmen: Brad Crandall/John Raisbeck

* 2024 Show Update: Gerry and Lori Ruplinger have volunteered to run the show raffle for 2024.
* Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 6;15 p.m. Dinner and Christmas ornament exchange to follow.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

**2024 Officers**

President: Mike Hughbanks

815-289-8573

Vice President: Mark Ludois

608-371-3838

Secretary: Robin Rios

608-752-3328

Lori Ruplinger

262-629-9821

Treasurer: Rosemary Kautz

608-868-4522

Librarian: Bud Cunningham 608-853-1777

**We Grow Old**

**When We**

**Stop Playing**

**Normal meetings on the**

**first Tuesday of the month**

**at the First Lutheran Church, Across from Fairgrounds**

**612 N Randall Ave.**

**Janesville, WI**

**Meeting or Carving**

**begins at 6 p.m.**

**Shows & Seminars Coming Up**

**April 20: Westby, Wis** Karve in 8, Westby High School Gym, 206 West Ave., 10-4 pm. Contact John Sutton, [lbarnfarms@gmail.com](mailto:lbarnfarms@gmail.com) or Steve Michaels, 608-769-8498, steve.michaels@westby-norge.org

**April 27: Sheboygan, Wis**  Kettle Karvers Carving Show, Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, 10-4 pm. Contact Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, [bob@kettlekarvers@att.net](mailto:bob@kettlekarvers@att.net)

**June 8-15: Maquoketa, IA** AWC Congress Competition, Seminars, and Show, [www.woodcarverscongress.org](http://www.woodcarverscongress.org)

**Area Carving Opportunities!**

**Janesville Senior Center:** Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. Please spray your area and wipe it down with the bleach water provided by the center before leaving**.**

**Gathering Place in Milton: Monday afternoon 1-3 pm. 715 Campus St.**

**Fulton Church**: Tuesdays, 9-11 am in the church gymnasium, 9209 N Fulton St.

**First Lutheran Church**: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 6-8 pm, 612 N. Randall Ave. (Across from the fairgrounds.) **No Meeting Tuesday, July 4th.**

**Christmas Party Photos**

Roy Whitford, Mark Ludois, and the Sherie & Denny Pryce Gerry & Lori Ruplinger



Robin Rios, Vern Morris, and Randy Callison





Mr & Mrs Bob Mortensen

Karen & Brad Crandall and Steve Johnson

 Angela & Mike Hughbanks Gerry & Jan Lesch

Tom Kautz, Jim & Sharen Trumpy Bud Cunningham, Mike & Kathy Schindler



**Club Members Recent Carvings**



Lori Ruplingers’ 2 and 4 Twist Icicles

Gerry Ruplingers

4-Sided Square

Twist, far left



John Eidens’ Sailor & Gull

Jim Trumpys’ 2 Rooster Ornaments



‘If a bear …. In the woods?” by John Eiden

Jim Trumpys’ Tree Men

Randy Callisons’ Cedar Icicle

**Lori**

Lori Ruplingers’ 2-Sided Tree – for Christmas or Halloween?

Lori Ruplingers’

Cat Plaque



Bud Cunninghams’

Hidden Tiger Plaque

Bud Cunninghams’ Chip Carved

Bird and Pineapple Box



Denny Pryces’ Carved Stars

Denny Pryces’ Cottonwood Bark Stars

John Eidens’ Snoopy Dog





Ernie Tuckers 3 Trees

Jim Trumpys’ Howling Wolf

Lori Ruplingers’ “Looking At You” Bell and Icicle Snowman