

# Woodworking shop was on display at open house for everyone to see

By Thomas Brennan

On Saturday, March 26, I met Ralph Baumbach, who represented more than 70 members of the wood working shop, at their open house.

He informed me that club members are individuals who share a desire to make our world a better place than when they first found it.

"How do you do that?" I asked.

They do this by making wooden toys for underprivileged and handicapped children, strictly on a volunteer basis.

Club members had their most prized possessions on display for this year's open house. They also do small repair work for OTOW residents. It is customary for the recipient to make a donation to the club. These monies are used to purchase material for toy making and maintenance of shop equipment.

Last summer the club took on a project to make showcases for the Starlite Room in the East Activity Center. After checking out the showcases, I must say, they are very



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nice. A job well done and they have a professional finish.

If you are interested in wood

working, this is the place to go. You will be in good company, and for

a small membership fee you will



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have use of the shop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday all year round. The shop is located on the lower floor of the East Activity Center. There are display cabinets lining the walls with samples of toys made for children. These toys are truly works of art.

Ralph will be happy to give you a tour of the friendly Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers workshop and he will answer any questions you may have.

Thanks Ralph for an informative interview and don't take any wooden nickels!

# Fixers prepare to welcome new leader for 2011-12

By John Koning

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club has a bylaw stipulating that the club president must step down after one year in office.

This ensures that there is always new blood waiting in the wings in the form of our president elect.

This year that man is Steve Stiffler. So, you might ask, "How do we know this candidate is qualified to lead the Fixers next year?"

Well, first of all, Steve is no stranger to leadership. He is a veteran fire service leader with 29 years of service in Berlin and Ellsworth Townships back in Ohio where he served for six years as chief, earning the outstanding service award.

When he stepped down to go back to trucks, he was named Firefighter of the Year. His level of dedication is best illustrated by an eight-hour day he spent dumpster diving to identify the exact cause of a fire.

Steve served 31 years with General Motors, where he finished his ca-



## Steve Stiffler with friend Sally.

reer as a health and safety representative, and finally, Steve has been married to the same woman for 42 years. If that doesn't smack of dedication, I don't know what does?

Granted, Steve is dedicated, but is he sharp enough to take over the Fixers Club at the end of the year? Well, you be the judge.

Steve told me a story (on the re-



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cord, of course) about their cherished parrot that he and his lovely wife, Jan, acquired in 1981. They named him Sullivan, or Sully for short.

Nineteen full years later they moved to On Top of the World where, all of a sudden, their beloved Sullivan began laying eggs! Quick as a wink Sully became Sally, the egg-laying machine.

Fortunately for Steve, the Fixers are a trust-worthy group.

Don't worry Steve. We won't tell a soul.

Learn more about the Fixers Club at [www.fixersfiddlersandfumblers.com](http://www.fixersfiddlersandfumblers.com).