# Echos From the "BAT" Cave

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## Party On, BAT

December was the month for our annual Holiday Party. We chowed down on all kinds of marvelous food, participated in three contests, announced the winners of the Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Competition, and exchanged gifts. It was great to visit with members and their spouses. Thanks to all who set it up and those who donated scrumptious goodies.

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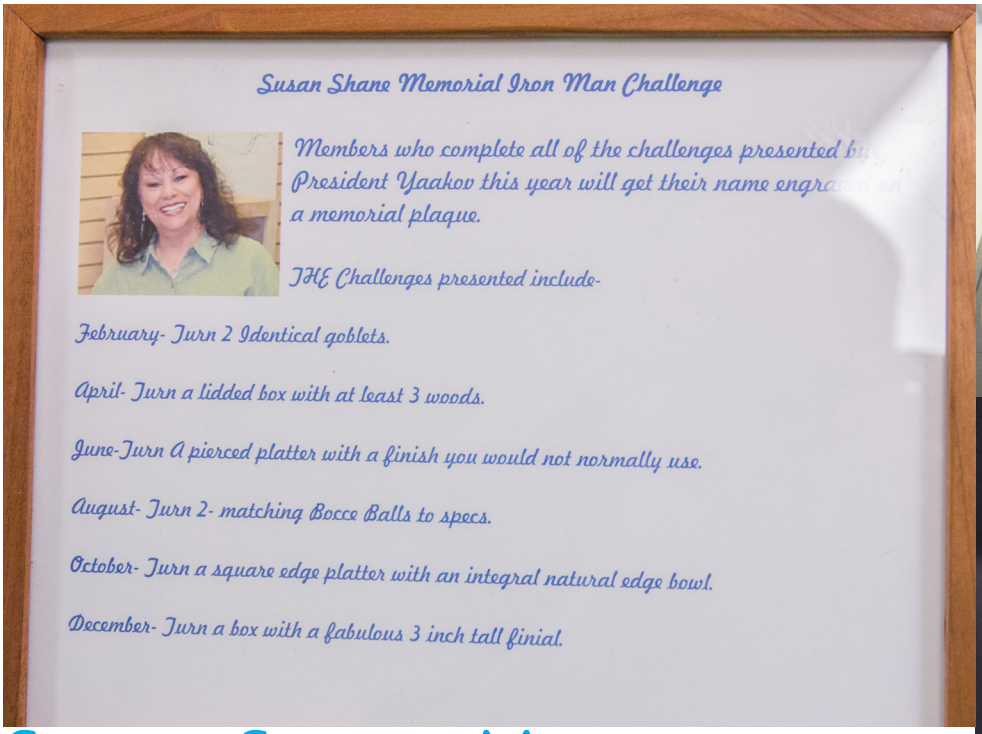

# Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Challenge

Congratulations to the four Ironman Challenge winners: **Richard Dietrich, Ron Ford, Louis Harris, and Wayne Kuhn**. For completing all six Presidential Challenges in time, they will have their names on a plaque and have their 2014 dues paid by the club. Thanks to all 13 participants in the Challenge.

(*Clockwise from upper left* ) The Challenges, goblets, platters, NE platter/bowls, Bocce balls, a year-end display of some of the completed projects.

# Holiday Party

(*Spiraling in from above*) Enjoying the food; perusing the Challenge entries; Lots of food...and desserts; Gift Exchange MC, Roland Shepard; a few of the 12 gifts exchanged.

BAT members enjoyed lots of good eats at the Holiday Party. There were sandwiches, Caesar salad, chips, dips, baked beans, handmade candies, brownies, cookies, cake and pie. Trivia Contest winner - **Pete Johnson**, Size the Grit winner - **Joel Kauffman**, Match the Artist / Work winner - **Roland Shepard**. Winner Take All raffle winner - **Tom Longest**. Grats, guys!

# 2013: A Look Back at an Action-Packed Year

(*clockwise from upper left*) Woodworking Show; Louis Harris' Spindle demo; Woodcraft closes; so we go to JCC; then to Boumi Temple; the first Double Demo: Jim Oliver adding color to the surface, Clark Bixler carving away wood from the surface; Don Schultz polishing off a pen; amazing Show and Tells

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# More 2013 Highlights

(*clockwise from upper left*) Don Keefer reported on the AAW Symposium; Ron Ford manned the grill at the picnic; Bob Pegram showing a holey bowl; Cindy !!!; David Smith's Hollow Sphere Ornament Demo.

## Raffle News

December being the annual Holiday Party meeting, there was no raffle. Please bring your donations of wood, tools, or other turning-related items to the January, 2014 raffle to start off the new year with a bang.

## Baltimore Area Turners

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at the Boumi Temple at

5050 King Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:
January 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: Show and Tell.

## Susan Shane Memorial Ironman competition

Some reflections on the 2013 Challenge:

*Hello everyone, following are some thoughts on the Presidents challenge. The challenge reminded me of Susan's enthusiasm and love of woodturning. It also provided us with a challenge to try a new process or technique. For many of us, these challenges also stretched our abilities. This is how we learn and progress. In my opinion, participation was quite low considering how many members we have. If there were some impediments blocking participation, bring them up at the meetings. Possibly some member will be able to provide assistance. Safe and enjoyable turnings to all.*

*Challenge Winner Louis Harris*

*It's time for the Second Annual Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Challenge. I found that the items in the challenge stimulated me to try turning projects I would never have thought to do. I would heartily recommend that everyone make a stab at some, if not all, of the coming projects. Our skills and understanding of turning change (hopefully for the better) with time. Getting out of your comfort zone is a great stimulus for that change. The Challenges are designed to do that. Give it a go this year - you might surprize yourself! (I sure did.)*

*Challenge Winner Richard Dietrich*

## President's Challenge

BAT President Yaakov Bar Am has announced the first President's Challenge for 2014:

**March** – Turn a Cup and Ball toy.

(Here are pictorial and video links to get you started.)