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## President's Message

Bob Buchanan



Greetings to the Woodworkers of the Black Hills!

We are well on our way to our Toymaking goals as we have already traced over 1,300 toys. We will elect our 2025 officers with plans to continue to cross train our toymaking staff to improve our workflow.

Our next General Meeting is Saturday morning after the Toy Workshop. We will be tracing and cutting new toys at 9 am, and then move upstairs for the meeting at 11 am in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will elect officers and solidify some event dates for 2025. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Hope to see you there!

***See you on Saturday morning Feb 8th, 2025 after the Toy Workshop which starts at 9 am!***



**DUES FOR 2025 - \$25** - Please bring your dues to the next meeting or mail them to our treasurer Tony Verchio at 143 Rainbow Ridge Ct, Hill City, SD, 57745. Dues cover the entire family. Dues for new members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be pro-rated, during the second half of 2025.

**THE CUTTING EDGE – FEBRUARY 2025**

Table 1 - Schedule of Monthly Events For 2025

*See calendar on next page.*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
General Meetings – see Table 2 for presentation details	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – in the Annex, 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, 7 pm to 9 pm
Woodturner's Special Interest Group	Brown's Shop 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane Rapid City, SD	Last Wednesday of the Month 1 pm to 3:00 pm
Toy Making Workshop – Parts Milling and Toy Assembly	Wood Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays – dates verified/announced by email.
Scroll Saw Special Interest Group	Rick Weisbeck's Shop 6704 Kimberly Dr, Black Hawk, SD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 1 pm to 3 pm
Extracurricular Activities	Various Locations - See Table 3.	See Table 3.

Table 2. General Meetings for 2025 (2nd Monday of each Month\*)

(\*Except for Jan-Feb -Mar 2025)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Presentation Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
11 Jan 2025*	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Feb 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Mar 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 April 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
12 May 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
9 June 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
14 July 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
-- Aug 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
8 Sept 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Oct 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
10 Nov 2025	General Meeting	RCWA Board
13 Dec 2025	Christmas Family Luncheon	All Members

Table 3. Events for 2025 – Tentative Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
January thru August	Toy Workshops – bi-weekly	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
January 11 thru Nov 16 – every available day	Toymaking	Club Members Shops
March 14 and 15	Assist with Pinewood derby build	First Assembly of God
April 19 ? , 2025	WW SHOW	Knecht Home Center
June 14 or 21 ?	Tool SALE	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City, SD
July ? , 2025	Assist with Club for Boys Pinewood Derby	Club for Boys SHOP
Sept 13 - ?	5K Walk Little Black Hills Battles - Community Event	Old Story Book Island Park
85th Rally: Aug 1st – 10th, 2025	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	<i>Minimal Meetings</i>
August 16, 2025 – 9 am to 3 pm; 57th Annual Black Hills Steam and Gas Threshing Bee	Sturgis Threshing Bee – Toy Wooden Tractor Giveaways / Racing Tractors	13380 Alkali Rd, Sturgis
Every Saturday from Sept 6 thru Nov 22, 2025 9 am to noon	Toymaking <i>Marathon - weekly</i>	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 6, 2025 8:00 to 12 noon	Toy Packing/Distribution Day	WOOD Shop 910 Wood Ave, Rapid City SD
December 13, 2025 11:30 am	Christmas Family Potluck - Nemo	Nemo Community Hall Nemo, SD
	Shop Tours	Periodically, as announced

Table 4. WT SIG Schedule Jan 2025 – April 2025

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
Feb 26, 2025	Lidded Boxes – Maggie	Brown's Shop
March 26, 2025	Threading Boxes – Michael Howard	Brown's Shop
April 30, 2025	Planning Meeting	Brown's Shop

THE CUTTING EDGE – FEBRUARY 2025

2025 Calendar - RCWA Events are Circled

(Refer to Tables 1 thru 4 for Key to Circled Dates.)



## This Month's Meeting Agenda (01-11-2025)

## Program Chair

Our February 2025 General Meeting will be held after the Toy Workshop. The workshop starts at 9 am; the General Meeting will start at 11 am upstairs from the Wood Shop in the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. We will discuss the 2025 schedule of events, and hold an election of 2025 Officers. Then we can share any SHOW AND TELL items. Items to be discussed:

1. Guests/new members
2. Treasurer's Report- Reminder about Dues - \$25/year
3. Sign-in / Email / Newsletter Check / Blog
4. Next Events:
  - a. This month's meeting: Feb 8th, 2025 (Saturday) at 11 am, after TWS
  - b. Events/Extracurricular Activities – Al Oines
  - c. Special Interest Groups
    - i. SS SIG - date is: Feb 20, 2025 at 1 pm at Rick's
    - ii. WT SIG - date is: Feb 26, 2025 at 1 pm at Brown's
5. Next General Meeting – Mar 8, 2025 (Saturday) at 910 Wood Ave – 11 am, after TWS
  - a. Refreshments: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Today's Topics for Discussion
  - Election of officers/Appointments
  - Event in March 14 – 15 toy making assistance - First Assembly of God
7. TOY PROGRAM
  - a. Toy Workshops – second and fourth Saturday – 9 to noon
  - b. Toy Workshop for Feb is Feb 8 at 9 am with meeting to follow at 11 am; and Feb 22, 2025 from 9 to noon
  - c. Will order wheels + pegs next week, Browns will pickup in Texas next week.
8. Projects for the WOOD SHOP
9. Wood Recovery Projects
10. Future Discussions
11. SHOW and TELL

### FEBRUARY 2025

**General Meeting:** Saturday FEBRUARY 8th, 2025 (after Toy Workshop, will be starting at 11 am)

*Note: With the exception of the Winter Months (Nov thru March), we hold general meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month on the main level of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City from 7 pm to 9 pm. In the winter months, we meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.*

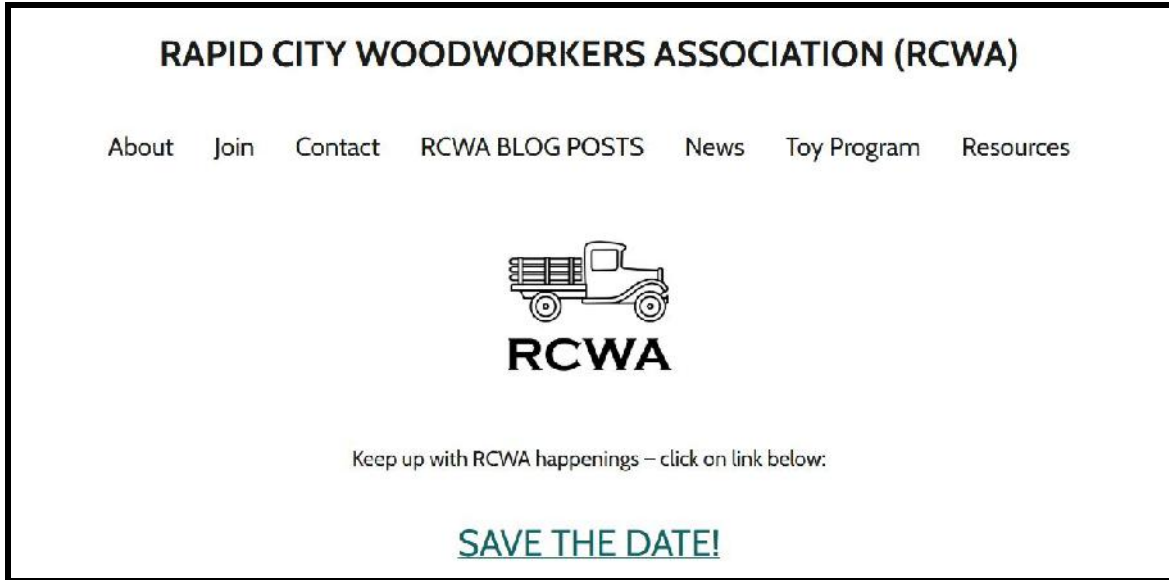
**Toy-making Workshops:** 2nd and 4th Saturday (Feb 8 and Feb 22, 2025) from 9 to noon at the WOOD SHOP in the basement of the Annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD.

**SS SIG:** Thursday February 20th (1pm to 3 pm) at Rick's

**WT SIG:** Wednesday February 26th (1 pm to 3 pm) at Browns

## Last General Meeting Summary – Jan 11, 2025

Our last General Meeting was held on Jan 11, 2025 at the annex to 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City, SD. For details on the meeting and minutes, go to the Blog for the Jan 11, 2025 General Meeting.



To check on current happenings - click on “SAVE THE DATES” from the main menu.

## Photos from Previous Meeting

Lon Gose/Cori Weisbeck

Photos taken at previous meetings are posted on our social media pages and/or on the BLOG on the website:  
[www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com](http://www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com)

If you have a completed project, bring it or photos of it, if it's too big to carry, to the next meeting for SHOW and TELL. Or send photos of it to Cori ([rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them on our social media pages (Facebook ([facebook.com/rcwasd](https://facebook.com/rcwasd)) or Instagram ([instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd)).)



## RCWA Events since the Last Newsletter Release

Events attended by members since the last General Meeting in January 2025 included two Toy Workshops, a SS SIG, a CNC Meeting, and a WT SIG.

### Toy Program/Toy Workshops

### Toy Makers



**THE TOY PROGRAM.** The Toy Program effort consists of 5 major phases:

*Phase 1: Tracing*

*Phase 2: Cutting toys to shape*

*Phase 3: Milling - routing, drilling, machine sanding*

*Phase 4: Finish - sealer coat - sanding - spray - sanding*

*Phase 5: Wheel installations*

For more information, contact Bob Buchanan at (605) 348-2865 or Rick Weisbeck at (605) 431-4708. Or go to our website at <http://www.rcwasd.org>.

### Toy Workshops

We held our first Toy Workshop (TWS) for 2025 on Saturday January 11, 2025, from 8:30 to 11:00 am. This was held at the Wood Shop at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. The shop is in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The January General Meeting was held upstairs from 11:00 am to noon.

We held our second Toy Workshop (TWS) for 2025 on Saturday January 25, 2025, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon.

The next Toy Workshops will be held on Feb 8 and Feb 22, 2025.

Refer to our BLOG for all the details about these workshops. Recently, we migrated all 17 years of blogs from our previous website. They are all now in place on our current website: <https://rcwasd.org/>



## Quick Status of Toy Workshops



We are still tracing toys at our Workshop. And we have started cutting toys to shape and sanding. So, we have progressed to phases 2, 3, 4 and 5. Our goal for 2025 is to build about 3,500 toys to donate to organizations who work with kids in South Dakota.



## Scroll Saw Special Interest Group (SS SIG): Jan 16, 2025

The Scroll Saw Special Interest Group (SS SIG) was held today from 1 pm to 3 pm at Rick's shop in Black Hawk.

Attending: Bob, Kathie, Rick, Jerry, Patsy, Roy E, Al, Darwin, and Dave M

Today's discussion included one-one-one discussions about scroll sawing with new member Roy E. Rick introduced him to the scroll saw with some practice using the DEWALT scroll saw. Other discussions centered on some of Rick's latest projects.



## Woodturning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) 1-29-2025

The Wood Turning Special Interest Group (WT SIG) was held on Jan 29, 2025. All RCWA members and guests are welcome to attend. It is on the calendar for the last Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. It is held in Jim and Maggie's Shop at 2879 Spotted Fawn Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702.

Thank you, Jim, for hosting and preparing your shop for today's Woodturning SIG.

Attending (15+): Lon, Stu, Dave, Al, Keith, Jim Brown, Ken, Ken M, Nick, Steve, Jerry, Rick, Roy E, Rex, Michael, and other special guests.

The demonstration planned for today was "How to make a French Rolling Pin" presented by Dave Maude.



## Project Love Bug

Lots of Love Bugs have been made at Toy Workshops and in-home shops; and are available to members. This special toy is allocated for distribution to members for everyday giving to a child deserving or needing a little love. If you need a few "Love Bugs", ask Rick. We keep hearing good stories/feedback from this project. "Love Bugs" are ending up all around the world. If you have questions, talk to Roy Erickson. He will soon be coordinating this project.





## Library

Grant Coffin



Grant Coffin, our librarian, has lists of available DVDs, and books that you can review. Additionally, you may send an email to Grant to request info on any subject and he will research it for you and send you a response. So, send your requests to Grant Coffin: [redtopg@hotmail.com](mailto:redtopg@hotmail.com).



## Website Notes

Webmaster

Type this into your browser to get to our new website: [www.rcwasd.org](http://www.rcwasd.org)

To check on current happenings - click on “SAVE THE DATES” from the main menu.

## Social Media Notes

Cori Weisbeck

Cori Weisbeck is our Social Media Manager. She has set up accounts for the RCWA on Facebook and Instagram. Facebook is for information and pictures, and Instagram is mostly for pictures. You do not need an account to read our Facebook and Instagram information. To see current events and photos, type in the links below. The accounts can be viewed by using these details:

Facebook page link: [facebook.com/rcwasd](https://facebook.com/rcwasd)

Instagram Link: [instagram.com/rcwasd](https://instagram.com/rcwasd)

Facebook page name: @rcwasd

Instagram username: rcwasd

Cori is also our central point for posting information and photos on these two sites. You can email your project photos to her at the address below ([rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com)) and she will post them.

Note: Everyone can send project photos to [rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:rapidcitywoodworkers@gmail.com) – this is Cori’s address – and she will post them on the club’s social media platforms. Make sure you include a few words about each project.

## Meeting Location/Project Shop Location

With the exception of the Winter Months (Jan thru March), we hold general meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month on the main level of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City from 7 pm to 9 pm. In the winter months, we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month after the Toymaking Workshop, starting at 11 am.

Until Sept 1, 2025, Project Workshops are held at the “WOOD” SHOP at 910 WOOD Ave on the second and fourth Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon. In September, we begin meeting every Saturday morning in preparation for Toy Distribution Day on Dec 6, 2025. The WOOD SHOP on WOOD Ave is located in the basement of the annex to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 910 Wood Ave in Rapid City. You can enter the WOOD SHOP thru the brown door on the east side of the building. Parking is available on the east and south sides of the building. Wood and supplies are stored at an off-site location.

## Purpose of the RCWA

The RCWA exists for two main reasons: (1) To exchange information that will enhance the enjoyment and skills of woodworking; and (2) To promote woodworking as a hobby, as a profession, or anywhere in between. The focus of the RCWA is woodworking in general. We discuss everything from the phenomenon of seasonal wood movement, to finishing techniques, to table-saw tuning, to shop safety. Members include a mixture of hand-tool (Galoot) and power tool (Normite) enthusiasts.

Except for Jan-Mar, the RCWA meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on the main floor of the annex to OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH at 910 WOOD Avenue in Rapid City. Each general meeting has a theme with one main topic, which is presented and discussed. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow woodworkers, share ideas, seek advice, and get out of the sawdust for a while. We cordially invite men and women of all ages who have any interest in woodworking, both hobby and professional, to attend our meetings.

## HATS are Available

RCWA Hats are back in stock – Tony has them: \$ 15 gets you a new hat bearing our new website address (and a free secondary hat with the old website, while supplies last).



## Grassroots CNC Meeting 1-18-2025

A small group of interested CNC users and wanna-be potentials met at Stu's shop on Saturday Jan 18th to view a demonstration on the CNC showing how to carve a piece of wood from a 3D image. Stu carved half of the image on his CNC and then gave the file to Rick to take home and carve the other half using his CNC.

Got this note from Darwin: We had a good CNC session with Stu. Did half of the Buffalo wine stopper. Rick was taking the other half on a jump drive with the software program to cut side two. Very Cool how this CNC process works. All from a 3 D image. Stu, Lon, Rick, Cory, and Darwin were there.



## Photos from Toy Workshops

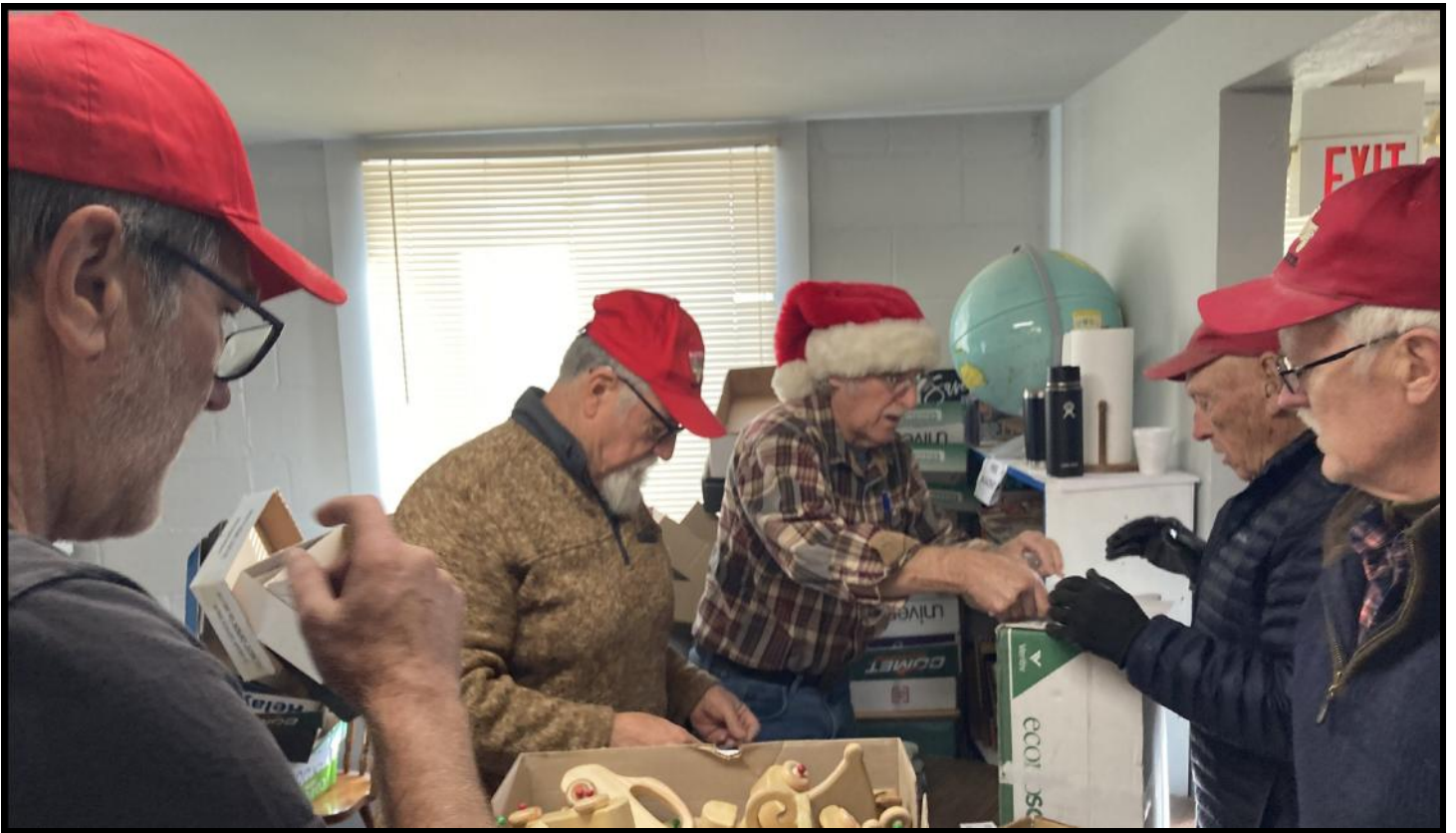


## Toy Distribution - Follow On Note

*This is a story worth telling.*

*The Browns offered to deliver toys to children in an area of North Carolina hit by unseasonal floods early last year. They were repackaging the toys into 3 boxes for shipping from the UPS Store in Rapid City. A young lady asked them if these were the toys that Bob and Kathie's group made. They said yes, and she handed them a \$20 bill to help with the shipping costs. Very cool!*

*I was lying face-down on the adjustment table in the Chiropractor's office a few days later. My Chiropractor proceeds to tell me the story of seeing a couple packing some wooden toys into boxes in the UPS Store. She said she recognized the toys, because she has had a few in her waiting room for more than ten years, and the kids that come in with their parents always play and play with them. So, she said she seldom has cash in her purse, but she reached in and there was a \$20 bill, so she handed it to Maggie and Jim, and thanked them for doing what they do! Again, very cool!*



## ***THE CUTTING EDGE***

Monthly Newsletter of the  
Rapid City Woodworkers  
Association

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[www.rewasd.org](http://www.rewasd.org) and  
[www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com](http://www.rapidcitywoodworkers.com)

The newsletter is posted on the website  
shortly before the RCWA General  
Meeting.

Any articles you wish to submit must be  
in my hands no later than the Tuesday  
before that date.

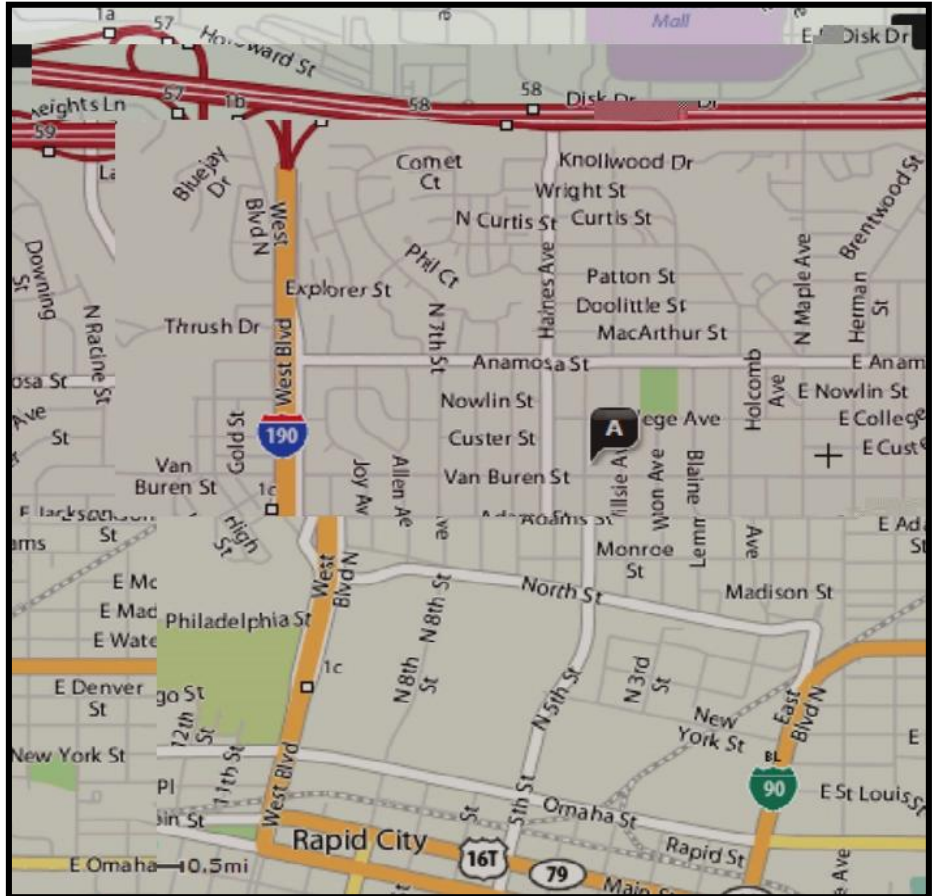
Editor – Bob Buchanan

### **WHERE?**

In the Annex to:  
***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***  
910 Wood Avenue  
Rapid City, SD 57701

### **WHEN?**

***GENERAL MEETING***  
Monday, February 8, 2025  
9 am to Noon



### **Friends of the RCWA**

J&D Woodworking	Knecht Home Center
Magnum Enterprises, LLC	Club for Boys
Ray Tree Farm on Nemo Rd	Jim and Marilyn Reaser
Forest Products	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Katherine Hastings	Verl and Kathy Scheibe
Nuts and Bolts Fabric	Solutions Chiropractic