

Aspire

In 1991 Ray Bissonette was elected president of Western New York Woodturners 1, while concurrently serving as board chairman of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Western New York. (currently Aspire). This dual role allowed Ray to begin what has become the annual tradition of producing wooden toys for the Aspire Christmas party.

Our 60 plus men and women produce wooden toys such as cars, trucks, pull toys, games and puzzles. Some of our members donate or make stuffed animals as well.

Our toys are made with consideration for simplicity, safety, durability, washability and usability by kids with varying degrees of physical abilities.

Working hand in hand with Aspire's staff, we have been able coordinate the day and time of the party. Our members set up the toys and help distribute them the day of the party.

When the current building was renovated, we were honored as a club, when the adaptive workshop was named after us.

We have had many members and non members donate wood, wheels, and supplies for the toys. Each toy represents the Christmas spirit of our members and friends for over 31 years.

Gene Renzoni

Current chairman

Aspire Christmas party