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President's Message

Chapter 124 Members and Friends,

LONE STAR CHAPTER 124 with co-host Chapters 15, Chapter 80, and Chapter 139 had a great Regional. The Theme of our regional was "ART & TIME." Chapter 124 brought the past NAWCC craft entries by Texans to Mesquite for an educational exhibition. This was a great way for everyone to see the entries our fellow chapter members have presented over the years.

We had 610 attendees, 290 tables sold and 24 states represented. We had 16 tables for a "Silent Auction." There were so many items, 9 auctions were held. And of course the "It's for Free" table was overflowing with reusable items. This was a great Regional.

With too many items coming to auction, Bruce Wooldridge came up with a great idea to have a "Let's Make A Deal" table for our excess inventory. Everyone found lots of goodies at really good prices.

We had many great programs set in motion to keep our 2012 Regional interesting and fun for everyone including a special table in the Mart for our Youth members. *Mike Dempsey* taught "The Theory, Design, and Repair of the The Deadbeat Escapement." We had 18 students in Mike's class. *Nick Lerescu* spoke on "Toys of the Czars – European & Russian Technology." At a later talk, *Nick Lerescu* enlightened us with "Horology along the Romantic Rhine." This Chapter 179 trip is planned for the spring of 2013. He had a great crowd and they wanted to know where to sign up.

<u>Richard Cox</u> gave a very informative talk on "A Skeleton Clock with Glass Plates." Richard had a wonderful crowd that had many questions for him<u>. John</u> <u>Schmieg</u> From Houston, Texas, gave a lecture on "Wood Working Technology." There was lots of hands on and lots of questions. John had members wanting to know where they could get the supplies and when he would come back. A big Thanks goes to <u>Mike Dempsey</u> for his workshop<u>, Nick Lerescu, Richard Cox</u> and <u>John Schmieq</u> for having great lectures at our "Art & Time" regional.

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Richard Cox, Karen Summerville, Phil Gregory and Fred Tischler brought their craft contest exhibits throughout the past years for a "Public Exhibit." They met several times with people to talk about their contest entries. A big Texas Thanks to our great "Texas Artists." Thank you for a wonderful exhibit.

Our banquet was on Friday, March 2^{*i*}. The Hampton Inn hosted a pre-party for the banquet ticket holders. We had 102 members to attend. It was a great banquet with outstanding food. **Ruth Overton**, NAWCC Chair and our National Rep. presided over the meeting. She gave out several certificates and handed out a very special one. A Fellow Award was presented to Chapter 124 member **Bill Edwards** for his many years of work with the Chapter. Bill, we are so proud of you and you have certainly earned this award. We were also honored to have many Fellows and Star Fellows to attend our banquet.

David Lee, NAWCC Treasurer was with us as well as other NAWCC board members, **Mike Dempsey** and **Joanne Orr**. We had the Past NAWCC Chairs, **George Orr** and **John Hubby** with us. We were honored to have so many National's with us.

Pam Tischler, presented our David Tips Volunteer of the Year Award to **Bruce Wooldridge**. Bruce heads up our Auction committee and goes many a mile to pick up clocks for our auctions. He does a great job locating, cataloging and getting these clocks ready for auction. Bruce also finds the time to teach classes and help other instructors. Thank you, Bruce.

Two of our Youth members, **Bella Grimm** and **Ashton Edwards**, drew the Banquet door prize winners. Door Prizes were donated by Chapters 15, 80 and 139, Chappell Jordan Clock Gallery of Houston, Tex, Co-America Bank and Chapter 124. Saturday, in the Mart there was a drawing for two Youth Grand Door Prizes. Then Chapter 124 President, **Evelyn Slough** drew the winning name for the Mart's Grand Door Prize, a Gustav Becker free swinger clock. Heartfelt thanks are given to all our donors.

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Jim Sargent, a professional and licensed auctioneer, auctioned our many clocks, watches, tools, books and other horological items on both Thursday, March 1st and Friday, March 2nd. He did an outstanding job. We were very pleased to have Jim as our Auctioneer.

Chris Grimm and Cathy Slough were Hosts at the Youth Activities Table in the Mart along with Junior Hosts, Bella Grimm, Ashton Edwards, Nick Tsigas and Richard Henz. The table had several activities for the Youth which included a "Clock Identification Hunt" throughout the mart and the assembly of a quart wristwatch. There were Ten youth in participation. NAWCC Board Members, David Lee and Mike Dempsey aided our Youth participants in assembling their watches which were then given to them to take home. All participants at the Youth table received horological prizes. Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents that brought their children and grandchildren to the Lone Star Regional.

During our Regional, our very own Fred and Pam Tischler were interviewed by The **Dallas Morning News** about how they got started with horology. The article ran in the Dallas Morning News during our March 2nd and March 3rd, 2012 Regional. The newspaper will also run the article in the Allen, Texas section of the paper while Fred will be presenting **"The History of Clocks"** and **Bella's Traveling Library** will be on display in the Allen Library in the month of April. Chapter 124 is going strong with **"The History of Clocks"** and **Bella's Traveling Library.** We are very proud of Fred and Pam. They are always getting information out to the public in one way or another about horology. Thanks to both of you for doing a great job.

Don't forget to renew your membership for the upcoming 2012 year. If you know of someone who would like to join, please sign them up or put them in touch with **Evelyn Slough or any Board member**. We will be glad to help in anyway.

Evelyn Slough president



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DATES TO REMEMBER!

In April, 2012, **Bella's Traveling Library Exhibit** will have a clock and watch exhibit at two libraries. One exhibit will at the Allen Library located at 300 N. Allen Dr., Allen, Texas and the second exhibit will be at the Dallas' Fretz Park Branch Library located at 6990 Belt Line Rd., Dallas, Texas.

April, 9th, 2012, Fred Tischler will be presenting **"The History of Clocks"** to the Josey Ranch Lake Library located at 1700 Keller Springs Rd., Carrollton, Texas, from 6:30pm. to 8:30pm.

April, 26th, 2012, Fred Tischler will give a presentation of **"The History of Clocks"** at the Allen Library located at 300 N. Allen Dr, Allen, Texas, from 7:30pm. to 9:00pm.

May 5th, 2012, **Old Fashion Vendor Mart** will be held at the Founders Building located at 701 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas from 7:00am till 12:00pm. **There will not be an auction or lunch.** Entry fee \$5.00. **Mark your calendars for a first.** Bring your **clocks, watches, tools, books** and other **horological items** to the **Old Fashion Mart.** Contact **Michael Corolla** at **972-251-9012** or email him at macorolla@hotmail.com **for information**.

June 2, 2012, **Annual Meeting** of Lone Star Chapter 124. The meeting will be held in the Founders Building located at 701 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas. Registration is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided.

June 13th thru June 16th, 2012 **NAWCC National Convention** will be held in the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, California 91101. See you there.

August 18, 2012, Lone Star Chapter 124 One Day. The meeting will be held in the Founders Building located at 701 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas. Registration is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided.

September 15, 2012, mark your Calendars for Chapter 124's annual Picnic. Our picnic will be held at the home of *Marion* and *Chuck Edwards*. There is something for everyone. Swimming, Games and Show and Tell. Watch the newsletter and the Web for more information.





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History News of Chapter 124





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Didn't We Do Good! —David Tips, FNAWCC*

The National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors Museum basically started from EARLT. STRICKLER's private collection in his Columbia, Pennsylvania residence (1952). In 1971, a separate building (514 Poplar Street) was purchased and a Museum Acquisitions Committee began soliciting donations. In 1977 the newly expanded Museum gallery (8,000 square feet) opened its doors to the public. By 1985, further additions had doubled existing exhibit and library spaces. NAWCC President DR. WARNER BUNDENS almost single-handedly put together this expansion. Later, President TOM LAROSE brought the NAWCC—kicking and screaming—into the computer age. ["Why do we need a computer? We have a card index and typewriters."]

Didn't we do good!

As timepieces arrived to our expanded Museum, they were placed wherever there was space. Soon, it looked like a warehouse of clocks and watches. Trustees of the Museum formed a task force to devise a layout for the Museum. We established a meaningful flow of timepieces by origin (American, French, German, etc.). Concurrently, our computers were upgraded from second to fifth generation. In 1990, thanks to efforts coordinated by TOM BARTELS, the Willard House and Clock Museum, Grafton, Massachusetts, became an affiliate of NAWCC.

Council bought a beer distributorship across the street from Headquarters in Columbia. Snow caved in the roof. From the insurance money and from donations from individuals and chapters, Executive Director TOM BARTELS established and built the NAWCC School of Horology. Now accredited, many agree that this is the finest clockmaking/watchmaking school operating today.

Didn't we do good!

The State of New York responded to NAWCC queries and donated a Howard tower clock movement and set of four Westminster bells to the Association. Volunteers provided labor and architectural design efforts were accomplished through chapter and members' donations. Spearheaded by TOM BARTELS and abetted by ADDISON CLIPSON, architect, an impressive clock tower was built. The clock was restored and installed. A handsome landmark today, these efforts set the stage for grander things to come. [Chapter #124 was a contributor.]

Didn't we do good!

I remember well the day when President ART BJORNESTAD walked Museum Trustees around to the back of our existing Museum and said, "What we have in this Museum is not world class. We are going to rebuild it and this is where the entrance will be!" [We all looked at one another, thinking, "Back in the rear where the docks are??"] "...and it will be world famous," he emphasized.

Ten years ago, the Association had less than two million dollars in its trust fund. Wise investing and a favorable stock market made the Museum and headquarters expansion possible. *Didn't they do good!*

We engaged ADDISON CLIPSON as architect. Numerous early plans evolved and changed. Entertaining a possible alliance with The Music Box Society, a basement was envisioned. Although plans with MBS didn't "gel," getting the basement was a Godsend. Adjoining houses and lots were bought as they became available. We were able to hire outstanding Museum designers DMCD out of New York [among others, they designed The Holocaust Museum and the Bush Presidential Library] to lay out the Museum. We owe lots of thanks to ART BJORNESTAD and TOM BARTELS for the new building which houses our now world class Museum.

George Santayana (1863-1952), Spanish-born American philosopher and writer primarily known for his theories of aesthetics, morality, and the spiritual life, said, "A man's feet must be planted in his country, but his eyes should survey the world." Accordingly, our family has traveled worldwide searching for clocks, seeking and meeting other clock collectors and dealers, and visiting clock museums-all across America and in Argentina, Austria, Azores, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Sicily, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Thailand and Turkey. Many of the overseas museums were and are statesupported-and some have a few hundred years "head start" over the NAWCC's collection. We are proud to state unequivocally that the latest National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors Museum and campus are world class in presentation, size, scope and beauty. It was an honor for us to attend the "Too Grand" Celebration at the Museum ushering in the year 2000. That gala afforded many of us a first look at the new Museum displays, theater and gift shop!

The Watch & Clock Museum 2000 is grand!

Someone asked me what I expect in the third millennium? First, I envision growth in computer capabilities, enabling us to share what we have with others who are interested. [If you have not done so, take the virtual tour of James Cox's "Peacock clock" in the State Hermitage Muscum <<htp://www.hermitagemuseum.org/html_En/ 08/hm8_1a_10.html>> for a hint of what virtual treats our Museum could offer—with the Engle clock, for instance.] Also, we should write and publish a book showing Columbia's buildings, clocks, watches, tools and school.

Inevitably, we will outgrow this space. Then we will need to build an enlarged library and research center, as well as administrative offices on our campus. We will expand our horological display areas. The School will continue to grow in stature and prestige. We already have some of the land needed for the next expansion. Some members are working on opening a West Coast Museum. *What do you envision*?

It's interesting that many of the aforementioned "movers and shakers" are members of Chapter 124.

Didn't we do good?



Chapter 124 members attending the *Too Grand* celebration at the Museum (12.31.99-01.01.00) included LEE DAVIS, DAVID TIPS. MARTHA TIPS, PAM TISCHLER, FRED TISCHLER, RUTH OVERTON, HUGH OVERTON, JOANNE ORR, TOM BARTELS, and GEORGE ORR. This scene inside near the library stacks.

