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President's Message

Chapter 124 Members and Friends,

Another year has come to pass and I am at the end of a wonderful journey of Lone Star Chapter 124. I would like to thank all of the members of Chapter 124 who have supported me in all of my endeavors. To my board I could not have done it without you. My Vice President, John Acker, Secretary/Treasurer, John Erickson, Convention Chair, Mike Granderson, Educational Chair, Kelsey Downum, Mart Chair, Dee Koch, Director-at-large, Ronnie Mathis, Director-at-large, Tim Henz and last but not least, my Advisor, Pam Tischler. Thank you all very much.

A big thanks to all of you who volunteered their time and energy to make our Regional a Great Success. We had 700 attendees, 610 members and 90 attendees from the Public. We sold 298 tables, we had 24 states represented and 16 tables of Silent Auction items and 15 Silent Auctions held. We also had a "It's For Free" table and "Let's Make a Deal" table. We were able to obtain a professional auctioneer, Jim Sergent, for our two auctions, one on Thursday evening and one after the banquet on Friday evening. Chapter 124 hosted a "Hospitality Hour" before the Thursday night auction.

Kelsey Downum has done a great job as Educational Director. We have had 17 classes. We held 4 Open Benches to help individuals with their clocks and 4 Field Suitcase courses. Thank you Kelsey and a big thanks to all of our instructors for being dedicated to our Chapter and a job well done. At our One Days we had great educationals presented by **Richard Cox, Frank Menez and Dee Koch**. On August 18th, Richard Cox presented a program on **"Making an Engraved Dial for a Vienna Regulator."** At our October 6th meeting, Frank Menez talked about the **"Waltham Watch Factory, Charles River Museum of Industry, Fordsham and Dent Families."** On January 12th, Dee Koch enlightened us with the **"History, Identification, Restoration Decisions for a J. J. Elliot Tall Case Clock."**

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Our "**David Tips Volunteer of the Year**" recipient this year was Phil Ball. Congratulations Phil.

Bella's Traveling Library Exhibit is still going strong. We have had wonderful displays in the Public Libraries this year. The largest one was the Dallas library, J. J. Jonsson, located in downtown Dallas, Texas. 21 members came together from as far away as Tyler, Whitehall, Denton, Plano, Dallas and Euless. It took 4 days to set up the exhibit and it was a spectacular display. We were at the Dallas library for 7 and ½ months. Chapter 124 continues the process of reaching out to the youth of our area and we see this as a great program to educate the public and reach out to potential members. This would be the ideal time to introduce others to our organization.

The Annual meeting was held on June 8th, 2013 in the Convention Visitors Bureau in Grapevine Texas. We met on the second floor of the CVB building. The By-Laws passed and new board members were elected.

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



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Dates to Remember

July 1st thru July 31st, 2013: Bella's Traveling Library will be finishing up 3 months at the Hurst Public Library, located at 901 Precinct Line Rd, Hurst, Texas. We will also be in the Duncanville, Library, located at 201 James Collins Blvd., Duncanville Texas for the month of July.

July 3rd thru July 6th, 2013: NAWCC National Convention will be held in the Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio, 45402. See you there.

August 1st thru August 31st, 2013: Bella's Traveling Library exhibit will be in the McKinney Public Library, located at 101 E. Hunt St., McKinney, Texas

August 3rd, 2013: One Day at the Convention Visitors Bureau Building, 636 S. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas. It will start at 8:00 AM, with donuts and coffee. Admission will be \$10 and includes a catered lunch.

August 22nd thru August 24th, 2013: All Texas Chapters Regional in Houston.

September 1st thru November 30th, 2013: Bella's Traveling Library exhibit will be in the Bedford Public Library, located at 2424 Forest Ridge Blvd., Bedford, Texas.

September 14th, 2013: 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.

October 5th, 2013: One Day at the Convention Visitors Bureau Building, 636 S. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas. The doors open at 8:00 AM, with donuts and coffee. Admission will be \$10 with a catered lunch.



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Interview with Bill & Maureen Peoples

After several years in the Air Force and stationed in several countries and the United States, Bill and Maureen found themselves in Texas at the end of his long Military career. They like Texas and decided to settle here.

Bill went to school to study horology and learn how to repair clocks and watches. He became a Master Clock Maker & started a business on the western edge of Ft. Worth. Bill and his British wife Maureen have had a business together specializing in watch & clock repair and antique jewelry.

They shared their stories about their experiences from the first clock that would not run because the hands were crossed to the watches he makes from ladies pocket watches into men's wrist watches. (see photo). Maureen's family here in the States and England has kept them traveling.

After more that 25 years, they have decided to retire and close their shop. They have sold a lot of clocks, equipment and tools but there are some very nice pieces left. The French car has several items on it and the wheels turn as the clock tics off the time. There are a couple of Atmos pieces as well as some very nice wall clocks.

Bill and Maureen can be reached at bill.peoples@att.net to see these clocks & watches. They are lovely people and I enjoyed meeting them.



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Chapter 124's Casting Work Shop

Phil Gregory was the instructor & the class was held at the home of Karen & Jim Summerville. I took the class to learn the latest on parts restoration and participate in the reproduction of those parts. Phil had all of the chemicals molds and samples for us to use.

A part is chosen and the adjustable mold as adjusted for it's size. Chemicals are mixed to form the flexible mold and poured over the part. Curing time is about 3-4 hours. Once that has cured it has all of the detail & undercuts of the original part. It is flexible and will make it easy to remove the casting.

Next the chemicals were mixed for the casting. These two components set up in about 3 minutes. This means that you can make components very quickly. The casting is removed by manipulating the part out of the flexible mold. After a cleaning and some light sanding, the ridged parts were ready for painting and decorating. These parts can be decorative components, gears and internal parts or cast from a clay sculpture to replace a broken or missing part.

The Summervilles were gracious hosts, Karen makes a great vegetable soup & Phil's stories are the best!



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