



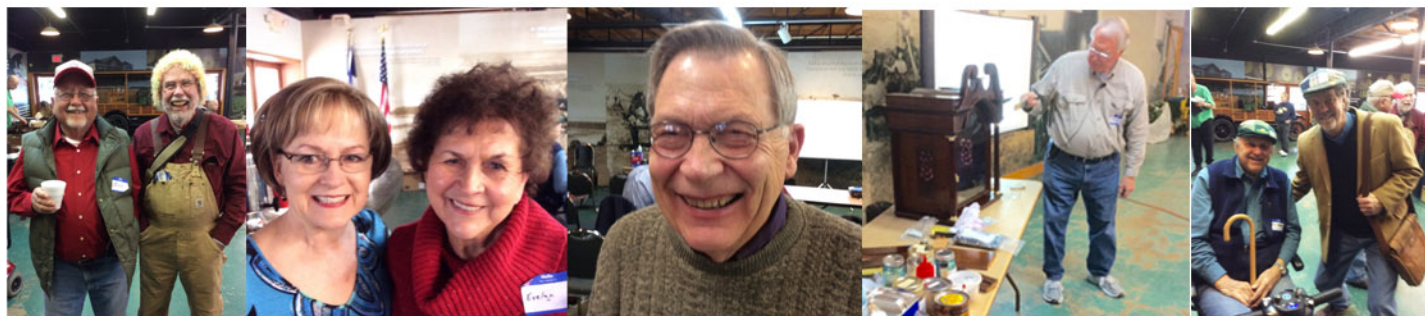
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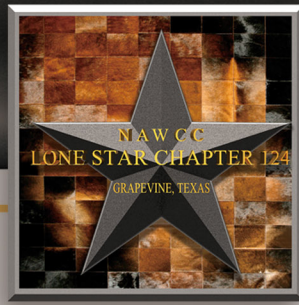
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

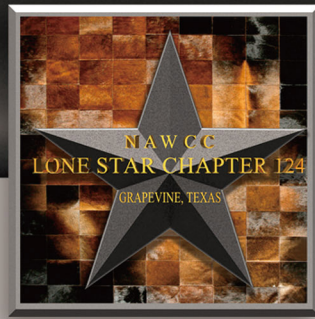
M. DEE KOCH  
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With great pleasure I assume the position of President for Chapter 124. Having served as the Mart and Education Directors, I have an understanding of the Chapter's organizational issues and look forward to serving as your president. My goal is to build on the strong foundation established through the efforts of many Chapter members and past presidents as we prepare for the National Convention in 2017. A focus for this year is the continuation of our strong education program. I want to encourage an inclusive atmosphere in our Chapter and to that end remind everyone that we typically have a Board meeting after the One Day meetings. **All Chapter members are invited to attend Board meetings, member input is welcome.** Please feel free to e-mail or call me with any concerns you have about Chapter activities ([mdkoch@att.net](mailto:mdkoch@att.net); 903-939-0950). Thanks to past President Kelsey Downum and the 2015-16 Board for their dedicated contributions and for the successful 2016 Regional.

For those who don't know me, I would like to introduce myself and family. Barbara and I are retired and live in Tyler, Texas. For over 35 years we were in Corpus Christi, Texas where I taught at Texas A&M University and Barbara wrote computer software documentation. We have two married children and two grandchildren all of whom live in Houston. We started clock collecting in the 70's when we bought our first Vienna Regulator. Our clock collection is eclectic but in recent years has become more focused on American and European Tall-Case Clocks of the late 1800's. I enjoy repairing clock works and restoring wooden cases. When first starting clock repair I knew little of how the works operated or how to repair them correctly. Like many beginners, I got by on intuition. As I took Chapter classes, I gained appreciation for correct repair procedures. I continue to take our specialized repair classes. Taking Chapter classes also instilled an appreciation for one of the most important missions of the Chapter, education.

Please welcome two new Board members, Stephen Haley and Tim Brownlee. Stephen has agreed to be the Mart Director and Tim to serve as Director at Large focusing on various tasks including One Day education programs. Stephen Haley's father collected clocks when the family lived in France. Stephen remembers going to the Paris Flea Market with his father to buy antiques, including clocks. When his father retired he had a collection of 40 clocks which Stephen and his sister eventually shared. Stephen was educated in both American and French schools and worked for several years in the Architectural Woodworking businesses starting in France and then America. Stephen is retired from his corporate career, but he and his wife Carolyn started an antique business in 2012, *"The Discerning Flea."* He still has some of the clocks his father collected and has been taking Chapter classes to acquire knowledge to repair their collection. Tim Brownlee became interested in mechanical clocks as a child and says he was frightened by cuckoo clocks. He saw his grandfather and father make various machine parts in their garages and developed some knowledge of machining parts from watching them. Tim is interested in preserving items of historical value and thus his interest in antique clocks. Tim's favorite clock is a New Haven wall clock that was originally used by his wife's grandfather while he worked for the Federal Reserve Bank.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Ronnie Mathis will continue as Vice President, Evelyn Slough as Secretary/Treasurer, Bruce Wooldridge as Education Director, Pam Tischler as the Past President advisor and Sam Creech as our Web Master. A special thanks to Peter Crum for putting this Newsletter together with the creative graphics. Thanks to all Board members, instructors and advisors for their service and continued support of Chapter 124. The tireless quality and quantity of volunteer work is impressive.

### **Education.**

Bruce Wooldridge taught Fusee Clock Repair (SR-201) in June. Those of us taking the class learned safe power let-down, appropriate repair and final setup of the fusee movement. This class was very useful as many people have a fusee clock but are reluctant to work on them because of the mystery surrounding the fusee winding mechanism. I have been one of those. Bruce offered straight forward instruction about appropriate setup that makes working on a fusee less daunting.

Phil Ball offered **Chime Clock Repair** (CR-300) in July. Several people enrolled and it was an informative workshop. Kelsey Downum will give a one day class in August on the **Micro Set** (TE-103). In addition to instruction on the basic use of the Micro Set, Kelsey plans to demonstrate how the recorder can interface with the computer to provide a wider spectrum of information concerning movement performance. An additional class, **Wood Clock Restoration** (CD-100) will be offered by Dee Koch during the first week in September. Bill Andrie and Clint Kleen will offer **Beginning Pocket Watch Repair** (WR-100) in September. A second introductory class, **Kitchen Clock Repair** (CR-100), will be given by Mark Vozar starting at the end of September. Those who are interested are encouraged to register early. All classes are available for registration through the Chapter web site.

Mark Vozar continues the **Open Bench** (OW-100 and 101) series with a second Skeleton Clock project. The clock making project uses the wheels and components from a commercially available works to construct a clock with new plates and design. Mark provides instruction, the brass for the plates and posts and information on depthing. Typically Open Bench meets on alternate Tuesday evenings and a Saturday once a month. Check the Chapter Class Schedule and Calendar on the web site. Members can contact Mark at [msvoze@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msvoze@sbcglobal.net) (817-399-9894).

### Please welcome our new members:

Jennifer Gouge, Oklahoma City, OK.  
David Bertinot, Baton Rouge, LA.  
Shawn Fox, Irving, TX.

The August 6<sup>th</sup> One Day meeting will be at the Founders Building in Grapevine. We plan to have member vendors selling watches and clocks, a silent auction, a short business meeting, an interesting education program on metal bluing and on constructing a pivot polishing attachment for the lathe, **plus** a catered lunch. A Board meeting will follow the general meeting.

The October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at an alternative location, to be announced.



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