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Greetings Everyone,

Who would have thought I would be returning as your Chapter President for the fourth time? I certainly consider this an honor, and I hope to make you proud. The new Fiscal Year will definitely be a challenging one!

First, I would like to thank the following Board Members who will be returning for another year: **Bruce Wooldridge, Tim Brownlee, Barry Kilfoy, Brian Schmidt, Mike Granderson and John Hunt.** Our newest members are **John Acker** and **Tom Mattox.** The Chapter Officers are: **Bruce Wooldridge** as Vice President, **John Acker** as Secretary and **Tim Brownlee** as Treasurer. The Directors are as follows: **Barry Kilfoy** as Education Director, **Tom Mattox** as Mart Director, **Brian Schmidt** as Convention Director, leaving **Mike Granderson** and **John Hunt** as Directors at Large. **Evelyn Slough** will return as the Past President Advisor.

Until we know the 2019 schedule with the Founder's Building, we have two One Day Meetings scheduled. They are August 4th and October 6th, 2018. We have planned an interesting August Educational titled **"Drawing with Power Point"** by **Barry Kilfoy.** This should be a very interesting topic, as so many want to learn how this is done.

If any of you know of a clock we can restore for the community, please let any Board member know. It would be great to have another Chapter project like we did with the McClintock Street Clock and Master Clock we donated to the City of Grapevine.

The **David Tips Volunteer of the Year Committee** will consist of Chair Pam Tischler with Bruce Wooldridge and Hugh Slough as Committee members. Remember to let us know who you think deserves the honor!

We have some interesting clock repair classes coming up in the near future. Look for **Barry's** report in the Newsletter or check out the schedule by going to www.Chapter124.org for the latest information. If there are classes you would like to see us have, please contact Barry. We are always open for new ideas of what our membership desires.



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Our Bella Traveling Library is still going strong thanks to **Evelyn and Hugh Slough**. We will be in the McKinney Library the month of August, the Dallas Public Library September thru November and in the Grapevine Library the month of January 2019.

John Acker is available to talk about "**The History of Clocks**," so if you know of another group who might be interested, please let John know. He has given this talk several times in conjunction with our Library Exhibits. This would be another way of getting information to others about Lone Star Chapter 124 and the NAWCC. Who knows, as we may get some new members?

Please remember **John Erickson** has replaced Gene Meysenburg as our Bookkeeper, Membership Chair and Regional Pre-Registration Chair. You may reach John by emailing john.erickson7@verizon.net or phoning 972.985.0855.

I am saddened to inform you we have lost three of our Chapter 124 members since the first of June. They are **Joe Veneziano**, Chapter 124 Past President **Marybess Grisham**, and **Richard Meyers**.

Stay cool for the rest of the summer and I hope to see each of you at our August One Day!

Pam

Education Report by Barry Kilfoy

Chapter 124 planned 27 events for 2018 including the Regional Convention in March. This included 23 educational class events covering 47 days of training and 4 business related events.

Planned events through July included --

Two Chapter business meetings, Kitchen Clock Repair, 6 Open Bench sessions, a special 2-day Sherline class featuring Jerry Kieffer, Chime Clock Repair, our Regional Convention, Introduction training for both Jewelers Lathe and Sherline Micro Lathe, French Clock Repair, Self Winding Clock Repair, Spring Barrel Clock Repair, FSW – Fundamental Skills for Lathe and Clock Repair, and finishing with a class for Adjusting Common Clock Escapements.



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Remaining events for 2018 include 2 more chapter business sessions, and class instruction for Kitchen Clock Repair, 2 Open Bench sessions, a class for Beginning Pocket Watch Repair and a special "2-day/2-event" repeat of "25 tips for Clock Repair" to feature Mike Dempsey. Register for classes to learn something new or simply attend to refresh and revisit what you "think you know" about these and other horological topics. Go on-line to learn more (http://www.chapter124.org/education/2018_class_schedule.hl).

Our "Chapter Business Sessions" are more than just "dry chapter stuff" and usually well attended. They begin with a "sales mart," followed by a review of Chapter events (completed and planned) and other Chapter business items followed by a friendly catered lunch. Many sessions also include a horological-related educational presentation or demonstration. The day is usually topped off by a lively and "attendee beneficial" Auction. Plan to attend the next business session(s) scheduled for August 4 (will include an instructional demonstration "Detailed Drawings using Power Point") and our October 6 meeting (to include an instructional demonstration about "Sherline Mill as an economical alternative to a Bushing Machine") to experience one of these in person.

Chapter membership is encouraged to take advantage of what the Chapter has to offer - so visit our website (<http://www.chapter124.org/>) regarding details about our chapter and upcoming events for 2018 (and soon for 2019). Access the chapter "Education Section" website frequently to remain aware of often-changing events.

Auction Items

Just a reminder if you know of anyone who wants to dispose of their clocks, watches, tools or books, contact **Bruce Wooldridge** at bawool@suddenlinkmail.com or phone **903.571.3093**. We are always looking for items for our Auctions or Let's Make a Deal.



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Welcome **John Vaught** from Bonham, TX.

Dates to Remember

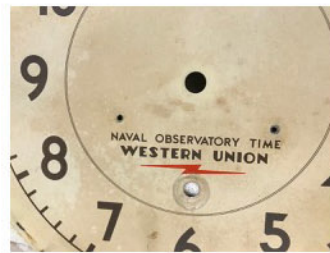
- **August 4th, 2018** is Chapter 124's One Day Meeting at the Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX. We will also have a "Let's Make a Deal!" Educational on "Drawing with Power Point" by Barry Kilfoy.
- **August 17th-20th, 2018** – Kitchen Clock Repair – CR100
- **August 23rd-25th, 2018** is the All Texas Chapters Regional with San Jacinto Chapter 139 as the Host.
- **September 4th, 2018** – Evening Open Bench
- **September 22nd-23rd, 2018** – Beginning Pocket Watch Repair
- **October 6th, 2018** is Chapter 124's One Day Meeting at the Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX. Educational to include an instructional demonstration about "Sherline Mill as an economical alternative to a Busing Machine" by Kelsey Downum.
- **October 13th & 14th** – "Top 25 Tips for Clock Repair" by Mike Dempsey.
- **October 26th & 27th, 2018** is the MKOA Regional in Oklahoma City, OK.
- **March 1st and 2nd, 2019** is the Lone Star Chapter 124's Regional at the Hampton Inn & Suites and the Mesquite Convention Center & Expo Center.



Gene Meysenburg and Pam

The Self Winding Clock Class

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Part of the ongoing educational resource of Chapter 124

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Several members brought the traditional metal clocks and some beautiful wood clocks for the workshop. John was on hand to assist in the process of repairing clocks in various stages of restoration.

Founded in Brooklyn in 1886 operated until 1970 at 205 Willoughby Avenue in Brooklyn, New York. This site was across from the Pratt Institute, (my alma mater. I had classes in the building used for the Company).

Charles Pratt (1830–1891), the founder of Pratt Institute, was also one of SWCC's original founders and the company started business in his buildings.

The Self Winding Clock Company clock mechanisms were truly revolutionary because the spring that powers the clock was not wound by hand but with an electric motor.

The product this new industry was selling was "exact time". This became possible following the development of the telegraph. The railroads recognized that safety was related to precise timing and all timepieces in a given area must be set to the same time. The heads of the major railroads met on October 11, 1883, in Chicago to adopt our Standard Time System.

The relationship between the two separate companies began with an agreement between Self Winding Clock Company and Western Union (WU) being entered into in June 1889. This agreement was for the transmission of time signals over Western Union telegraph lines to synchronize clocks made by Self Winding Clock Company. SWCC owned the clocks and WU installed and maintained them for a monthly fee, ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per clock per month. SWCC was paid a percentage of the rental fee for providing clocks for the WU customers. If the clock movements required major repairs, they were sent to a SWCC repair facility and a replacement movement was installed by - Western Union at the customer location. Sales people were assigned territories across the US and would service and replace the batteries once a year.

The availability of electricity all across the country eliminated the need for the Self Winding Clocks.

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