

# CAPITAL AREA WATCHMAKER AND CLOCKMAKER GUILD

October 2006

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 24th - 6:00 pm - Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Rd )

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A note from Nino: There will be a meeting of the Mulholland award committee at 5:45 pm during the next meeting (Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>). If you are one this committee – you know who you are so be there.

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We had an outstanding clock class earlier this month at the Brazos Center. Hats off to the instructors that made this possible (Mary Ellen, David, Don & Hugh) on such a short notice. I hope you enjoyed the class as well as I did, and if so, please let them know you appreciate their efforts. As always, these instructors and their classes set our Guild apart from the majority of others. I think you would be hard-pressed to find the quality of talent, well equipped with excellent tools and parts, for such an affordable price. I learned a lot and went home with a running clock, some clean movements, and lots of additional experience.

Bob Larson has volunteered to make arrangements for our Christmas party again at the UT Club. The total cost per person is \$42 and we need to select either stuffed chicken breast or roast pork. The party will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. I am going to take a vote at our next meeting to decide which meat we will have (we get one or the other, not both). It is not too early to place your reservation (and pay) at our next meeting. If you can't attend this meeting, send one of the officers or myself your meat selection before the meeting next week. Send (or give) your payment to Hugh.

See you on Tuesday.

## Rich

### Last Month:

**The Treasurers report:** The operating account currently has \$2437.31. The education account has \$9778.04 in it.

### **Education:**

**Mary Ellen Bell:** Had 12 people signed up for the basic clock class for Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – good response for such short notice.

We are still waiting on Phil's schedule to determine the new date for the wooden works class.

**Dennis Warner:** The Swiss pocket watch class is scheduled for Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. from 9-4 . Cost is \$35.00 and Dennis needs names and email address for attendees. Class is limited to 10 students unless you have your own movement.

**Rich Reich:** Has found an instructor to teach the “lost wax ” method of casting. Rich will act as assistant. Class will be sometime after the first of the year.

### **Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mary Ellen showed a copy of Steven Conovers new text “French Pendulum Clocks” and pronounced it good.

- A Web-Site Committee was created to look into the possibility of creating and maintaining a web site for the Guild. Mike Williams is chair. Dennis Warner is also on the committee. Mike Williams has volunteered to create/maintain the web site. The cost to the Guild would be about \$45 per year.
- Upcoming show: NAWCC Chapter 15 one day show in Waco on Oct 28.
- **Our Christmas Party: (There is some question concerning the following events)**
  - Tien Hong was presented as a possible place to hold the party -- meeting attendees in general were not very enthusiastic towards this proposal. Attendees were in favor of going back to the UT Club.
  - Further discussion concerned combining NAWCC Chapter 15 party with the Guild party, and having party on Dec. 5th or 12th. It was decided that Dec. 5th would be our first choice.
  - Discussion also concerned entertainment at the party. Gene Galbraith said that his choir would not be available for the party. He recommended 3 people who do a Christmas reading with classical guitar. It would cost

\$600. He said he would cover the expense of this entertainment if the Guild would not.

- There was a projected cost of \$35-40/head, not counting entertainment, for the UT Club.
- A motion was made and passed to combine the NAWCC Chapter 15 party with the Guild party, to have the party at the UT Club, to have the party on Dec. 5th or 12th (with Dec. 5th being our first choice), and to have the entertainment which Gene recommended. A decision was not made on who would cover the expense of the entertainment.

**Library Report:** Making progress getting overdue books checked back in.

**Remember:** There is a minimum “gratuity” for all attendees at the guild meeting. Even if you do not eat or drink you will pay \$3.00, so be prepared. If you have any questions, call your officers.

**Meeting program:** “Bushing” with Gene Galbraith

**Next months program:** Terry Palmer “Cleaning cases with novus”.