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WATCHMAKER & CLOCKMAKER

GUILD NEWSLETTER

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American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute “Chapter of the Year” -- 3 of the last 4 years

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 28th – 6 pm (arrive as early as 5 pm to visit with fellow members) – Kim Son Restaurant (10901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite A1-501, (N. Lamar at Kramer), Austin, (512) 832-0500)

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From the President:

If you thought you worked really hard this week, imagine yourself working for the Elgin National Watch Company factory in 1879 (Elgin, Illinois).

Great working hours: 7 am – noon and 1 pm until 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. Ten hour days – six days a week. Of course Sunday was yours to enjoy!

Running late, think again – the factory door was locked promptly at five minutes after 7 am. Oh, you could still get in – at 7:15 am, the foreman would personally greet you and make note of your tardiness. Too much of that and no job!

Shhhh – no talking. Also no smoking, reading, or visiting other departments! And certainly no working on your own watches!

Great benefits – as long as you didn't expect much in the way of sick days, vacation days or expect holidays (except for Christmas of course). If you absolutely had to take off a day, permission had to be granted by the foreman and superintendent. If you did that too often, you would be in danger of being fired.

Equal opportunity for women – Elgin “valued” female dexterity in working with small parts and attracted women to the city from surrounding farms and communities. The factory workforce was evenly divided between men and women. The “equal” part ended there. Although the women typically performed the same tasks as men, the estimated daily wage in 1899 was \$1.25 for women and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for men. Most employees, other than the foremen and machinists, were paid on piecework.

So the next time you think things are pretty tough at work, consider your counterparts from a century or so ago. We have definitely made progress! Personally, I would have great difficulty with the 7 am start time!

Speaking of early start times, Mary Ellen Bell and I headed to Lockhart at 5:30 am on October 18th to make the 8 am opening of the Tri-Chapter One Day Show. The reps from Chapters 15, 124 and 139 put on a very nice show and had a good breakfast waiting for us. While in Lockhart, Dan Havlik and Sam Carruthers accompanied us on a visit to the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches. The museum looks great and was attracting a fair number of tourists while we were there. Gene Galbraith and the museum directors have done a very nice job of showing off the collection in the historic downtown setting. We also managed to find some Lockhart BBQ for lunch before heading home to College Station.

I hope you noticed the changes that were implemented last month at our new meeting location, Kim Son Restaurant. The ordering process went much more smoothly – thanks to Dan Havlik for working out the kinks! The

“Mini-Mart” that preceded the monthly meeting provided some good selling and buying opportunities for our members. The silent auction format seems to work well so we will continue with that at the next one. Thanks to David Craft for enlightening us on the “Theory of Gears”. David is very knowledgeable in his “Craft”, oops. I meant to say that David really got “geared” up for the presentation. Ok, forget that – David you did a great job!

I’ll see you at the October Meeting!

Don

Kim Son Order Taking and Pay Process:

The order taking and pay process, for the upcoming Guild meeting at Kim Son, will be similar to that used before at Tien Hong. When you first come into Kim Son, place your order at the bar and also pay at that time. (A 15% gratuity will be charged.) Then enter the banquet room, sit on the far right, and give your order receipt to the waiter.

Mulholland Award:

Each year, the Guild gives an award at our Christmas party, to a deserving Guild member. This award is named after the first recipient of the award, Cecil E. Mulholland. There is a tribute to Cecil Mulholland at: <http://www.geocities.com/mvhw/mulh2.html>. The minimum criteria for nomination to receive the Mulholland Award are:

1. Talent and willingness to share that talent
2. Hard work and dedication to the Guild
3. Warmth and friendliness to fellow Guild members
4. Love of horology
5. Unselfishness-- giving of time and resources
6. Concern for others
7. Contributions to the Guild and the community
8. Nominee cannot be a current Guild officer

The Mulholland Award Committee, which is made up of the prior award recipients, meets at the end of each year to make a decision regarding who will receive the award for that year.

At our upcoming Guild meeting, the Mulholland Award Committee will accept nominations from Guild members for the award. The Committee will also meet at the upcoming Guild meeting and make their decision on who will receive the award.

Mulholland Award Winners

- 1995 Cecil E. Mulholland
- 1996 Nino Gonzales
- 1997 Cully Ellis
- 1998 Harry & Sue Ann Wysong
- 1999 George & Frances Kiser
- 2000 Carrol and Mary Ellen Bell
- 2001 Susan Hansen
- 2002 Jim Huckabee
- 2003 Mike Webb
- 2004 Kip Naleski
- 2005 Luther Lucko
- 2006 Hugh Lindsay
- 2007 Dennis Warner

Education:

Mary Ellen Bell: A **Basic Clock Repair Course** will be held on Oct. 25, Saturday. The course will be 1 full day. Thirteen identical American kitchen clock time and strike movements (with count wheels) have been purchased from Merritt's for the class. Among items covered will be disassembly, assembly, getting your clock in beat, etc. The course will be held at the Westover Hills Church of Christ (Steck at Mesa), Austin. There will be more advanced courses in the future, building on this introductory class, which will cover subjects such as bushings and repairing teeth.

A **Basic Pocket Watch Course** might be offered in February 2009.

Rich Reich: A **Metal Casting Course** might be offered in the future. Contact Rich Reich if interested at reich@us.ibm.com

Guild Christmas Party:

The Christmas party will be held at Cannoli Joe's in South Austin, on Saturday evening, Dec. 6, from 5 - 8 pm. This is an "all-you-can-eat" Italian restaurant. There are many items to choose from on the dinner and dessert buffet. The price is \$22 per person (plus, I believe, tax and tip).

4715 US-290 E, Austin <http://www.cannolijoes.com/location.htm>

Treasurer's Report:

The operating account currently has \$4,125.12. The education account has \$9,436.30 in it.

CAWCG Web Site:

Our webmaster, Mike Williams, has added a bunch of new links on our web site, cawcg.org, to watch/clock supply sources, and other tools and material sources. A big thanks to Mike for doing such a great job creating and maintaining our web site.

Upcoming CAWCG Meetings and Classes:

Basic Clock Repair Course, Oct. 25, Sat., Austin, Texas, Westover Hills Church of Christ (Steck at Mesa). The course will be 1 full day. Thirteen identical American kitchen clock time and strike movements (with count wheels) have been purchased from Merritt's for the class. Among items covered will be disassembly, assembly, getting your clock in beat, etc.

CAWCG Program and Meeting (Dennis Warner will conduct a program on "**An Introduction to the New Co-Axial Escapement on Omega Watches**"), Oct. 28, Tues., Austin, Texas, Kim Son Restaurant, 10901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite A1-501, (N. Lamar at Kramer), meeting begins at 6 pm followed by program (arrive as early as 5 pm to visit with fellow members)

Upcoming Marts, Classes, and Socials Held by Other Organizations:

Kitchen Clock Repair Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), October 25-26, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Chime Clock Repair Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), November 8-9, 15-16, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

NAWCC Chapter 15 Potluck Social, November 22, Pflugerville, Texas, Home of Pat and Jay Holloway

NAWCC Chapter 139 One Day Mart, November 22, Houston, Texas, St. John's Presbyterian Church

Introduction to Basic Time & Strike ... The American Kitchen Clock (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop), January 15-18, Houston, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 139 is the sponsor)

Jewelers Lathe I Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), January 17, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Time & Strike Clocks with Spring Barrels (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop), January 24-27, Grapevine, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 124 is the sponsor)

Spring Barrel Clock Repair Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), February 7-8, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

For Sale:

Sue Wysong has a jeweler's bench and some crystal cabinets for sale. There are 2 small 4-drawer 10" X 12" crystal cabinets loaded with acrylic crystals (all sizes, all shapes). There are 4 tall GS crystal cabinets, which are 47" X 12", loaded with crystals. There is 1 big 32" X 23" 16-drawer cabinet loaded with glass crystals of all shapes and sizes of ladies and gents' crystals. Then of course the jeweler's bench. Prices on any or all of this are very negotiable. You can contact Sue at her home phone (512-836-7167). If

she is not home, just leave a message and she will contact you as soon as she can.

Reminder:

Please bring door prizes to be given to some lucky individuals at our meetings. And also please bring your used watch batteries to our meetings. These batteries will be sold to benefit the Guild.

