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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, November 25th – 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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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.

From the President:

It stood on a stone shelf built out from the wall as high as one could reach. “Tut, tut, a broken-down clock”, cried St. Hilary contemptuously. “Nothing could be more useless and uninteresting”, and he blew out the candle. (An excerpt from **The Clock and the Key**, 1905)

“I’ll tell you what, Mrs. Flint, I’ll leave the clock in your care till I return” ... We can do without any article of luxury we have never had, but when once obtained, it is not in ‘human nature’ to surrender it voluntarily. Of fifteen thousand clocks sold by myself and partners in this province, twelve thousand were left in this manner, and only ten clocks were ever returned. (An excerpt from **Sam Slick, the Clockmaker: the Sayings and Doings of Samuel Slick, of Slickville**, 1887)

The American clocks go a week with both less weights and less fall for them than the English ones, and this with no assistance from fine workmanship, as they are remarkable for their want of what is called ‘finish’ in the machinery, on which so much time and money is wasted in nearly all English clock-work ... The wheels of the American clocks are all stamped and the holes in the plates also; in fact, there is probably not two shillings worth of mere manual labour in the whole of an American clock movement. There is no doubt that in the making of machines by machinery, the Americans are far ahead of us. (An excerpt from **Clock and Watch Work**, 1855)

What do these excerpts have in common you may ask? They are from books written in the 1800’s and early 1900’s and available in their entirety through Google Book Search. In Google’s quest to “organize the world’s information and to make it universally accessible and useful”, there are many books no longer protected by copyright that have been completely digitized such that the full texts (along with illustrations) are now available through the Internet.

To begin a search, go to http://books.google.com/advanced_book_search. Indicate ‘Full view only’ under ‘Search’ and enter the key words that you are searching for. Example: Clock, Watches, Tower Clocks, Watch Repair, etc. Find out what your contemporaries of over a hundred years ago were reading!

(Google Book Search is also an excellent way to find all books written on a particular subject (instead of indicating ‘Full view only’, click on ‘All books’) – it’s like having a global card catalog – give it try, I think you’ll be impressed!)

At our October meeting, Dennis Warner presented some of the latest advances in watch escapements. Just to prove a point, Dennis brought along

a microscope to impress upon the Guild clockmakers just how small watch escapements can be! Ok Dennis, we were impressed however if a part falls out of a clock that we are repairing, at least we have a reasonable chance of finding it. Nice job Dennis!

At our November meeting, Gene Galbraith will present a program on the Milam County Courthouse Jeweler's Regulator. And in December, in lieu of our regular meeting, we will get together for our annual Guild Christmas Party at Cannoli Joe's on Saturday, December 6th from 5 until 8 pm. There will be an optional gift exchange as well as an announcement of the winner of this year's Mulholland Award. Full details and a map are included in this newsletter.

And finally, I must end on a sad note. Long time Guild member David Allred passed away. David was a retired jeweler and died at age 90. Please keep David's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Don

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, in the Galleria Room. 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. Included is soda or tea, refills on soda/tea, tax, and gratuity. If you would like coffee, it will be an additional \$2.

Dress, voted on by the Guild at the last meeting, is coat and tie. You can invite any guests you would like to the party.

Pay our treasurer, Hugh Lindsay, at the upcoming Guild meeting on November 25. You can also mail him the money to attend the party. His address is 412 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77840. Either of these 2 payment methods is highly preferable, but if you need to, you can pay the Guild at the party.

We will need a “number attending” count to give the restaurant 4 days in advance of the party, so be sure that your money gets to Hugh by Tuesday, December 2. Hugh will then notify Dave Howard, who will give the “number attending” count to the restaurant the next day.

If you are going to pay the Guild at the party, you must contact Hugh with your RSVP by December 2. His email address and phone number are always at the top of the newsletter.

There will be a gift exchange that is optional. If you choose to bring a gift, there is a \$15 limit, unless you really want to make someone’s day. Label your gift with “Male”, “Female”, or “Either”.

A map is below along with instructions on how to get to the restaurant.

4715 US-290 E, Austin, next to the Tony Burger Center, (512) 892-4444
<http://www.cannolijoes.com/location.htm>

From East of 290/Brodie Ln.

- While traveling West on 290 ...
- Take the Brodie Ln. exit
- Take the U-Turn at the Brodie Ln. intersection and head East on S. Lamar
- We are 600 yds. on the right

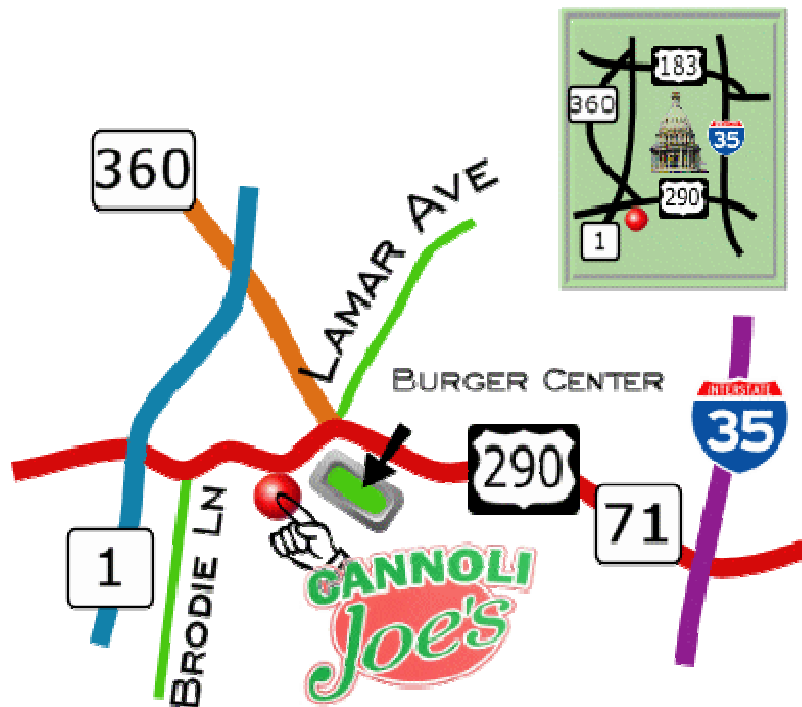
From West of 290/Brodie Ln.

- While traveling East on 290 ...
- Take the MoPac South exit
- Go through the MoPac intersection
- Go through the Brodie Ln. intersection
- We are 600 yds. on the right

From North of MoPac/Brodie Ln.

- While traveling South on MoPac ...
- Take the 290/71 East exit which is right after the frontage road exit
- Stay in either of the two left lanes (2nd from left preferred) as you approach the Southwest Parkway intersection and go through the light

- Stay in either of the two left lanes (2nd from left preferred) as you approach the West bound frontage rd. of 290/71 intersection and go through the light
- Turn left at the East bound frontage rd. of 290/71
- We are 600 yds. on the right



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.

The Mulholland Award Committee, which is made up of the prior award recipients, received nominations from Guild members, met at the last Guild meeting, and made a decision regarding who will receive the award for 2008. The Committee will announce the 2008 award winner at our Christmas party.

Guild Member David Allred Passes Away:

We want to express our condolences to David Allred's family. Below is his obituary.

ALLRED, David Daniel, 90, retired jeweler, of Austin, formerly of North Carolina, died Saturday, 11/8/2008. Survived by wife Bess. Visitation 10 a.m. and services 11 a.m. Wednesday, 11/12/2008, Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location. Burial Assumption Cemetery.

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Education:

A **Basic Pocket Watch Course**, using Swiss pocket watches, will be offered in March 2009.

Treasurer's Report:

The operating account currently has \$4,149.07 in it. The education account has \$9,483.32 in it.

Miscellaneous:

- Sue Ann Wysong donated books to the Guild library, including chronograph books and Chicago School of Watchmaking books. Contact Luther Lucko (lutherlucko@yahoo.com) to check out books from our library.
- AWCI clockmakers certification is now up and running. See awci.com.
- A new CAWCG membership roster has been put together and was emailed to members. Paper copies will also be available at the upcoming Guild meeting.
- Luther Lucko has been appointed chair of the Nominations Committee for purposes of coming up with nominees for officers of the Guild for 2009.

- The Guild will purchase a projection screen to be used for upcoming programs.
- The Guild currently has 75 members.

Upcoming CAWCG Meetings:

CAWCG Program and Meeting (Gene Galbraith will conduct a program on “**The Milam County Courthouse Jeweler’s Regulator**”), November 25, 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). The regulator appears in the below picture.



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

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

One Day Mart and Educational (NAWCC Chapter 124), January 10, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

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



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