

CAPITAL AREA WATCHMAKER AND CLOCKMAKER GUILD

January 2008

Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 22nd - 6:00 pm - Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Rd)

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From the President

Greetings! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that your New Year is getting off to a great start.

In November, we had a lively discussion of horological items that began with the Letter "P". The items presented ranged from the "pitiful" to the "profound". It was both educational and humorous. Thanks Mary Ellen for coordinating the event. In addition, we had an election of officers. Your new officers include:

Don Bugh - President

Rob Putney - Vice President

Hugh Lindsay - Treasurer

We as yet do not have a new Secretary but David Arnold has agreed to "hold down the fort" until we persuade someone to take on those responsibilities. In fact, rumor has it that Dan Havlik is actively campaigning for the position! Perhaps we can accommodate Dan at the January meeting.

Our thanks to outgoing President Rich Reich -- Rich has faithfully served as President of the Guild for the past two years and vice-president before that. Also our thanks to David Arnold for serving as Secretary and Hugh Lindsay as past Treasurer and current Treasurer! And while I'm at it -- thanks to our committee chairs, auction workers, and to those that presented programs over the course of the year. The reason that we have a strong Guild is the fact that our members are so willing to give of their time and expertise!

In December, the Guild celebrated the holidays at the annual Christmas Party held at the UT Club. Although a bit heavy on the "burnt orange" theme, even the Aggies had a great time. We were all pleased to learn that Dennis Warner was honored with this year's Mulholland Award. Congratulations Dennis!

One of the things that I would like to accomplish this year is to document the history of the Mulholland Award as well as to obtain brief information about each of the award winners. Some months ago Nino suggested to the membership that we need to get on with this project while we still have folks available that can assist us with this task. So -- If any of you would like to assist with this project, please let me know.

And did you know that we have a celebrity in our midst? Mr. Cully Ellis was interviewed by the Austin American Statesman and is recognized in a December 30, 2007 article entitled "Keeping Track of Time". Included in the article are quotes by Rich Reich and references to George Kiser! The link may be found at:

<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/12/30/1230watchmaker.html> In addition to the article, there is a great video of Cully as well. The video link may be found at: <http://www.statesman.com/news/mplayer/m/52406>

I'm looking forward to seeing at the January meeting -- George Kiser will present a program entitled "Horological Travels in Europe".

Don

Last Month:

The Treasurers report: The operating account currently has \$2619.63
The education account has \$9803.70 in it. Time to think about dues.

Education:

Mary Ellen Bell: The class with Phil Gregory on Stenciling on wood will be March 1-2, 2008. The cost will be \$80.00 for the 2 day class. It will be at the College Station Conference Center. Hugh and I will be collecting money. Those on the original list have been contacted.

If anyone else wants to take the class, please let me know. We can take 12 students. I will have more information at the meeting.

Rich Reich: casting class is still in the works,

Library: Luthor had no report but we tripled his salary anyway, he graciously donated it back to the Guild.

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: George Kiser. His topic is Longitude and John Harrison at Greenwich.

Next months program: Gene Galbraith. His topic: Anglo-American wall clock restoration.