



CAWCG NEWS

July 2009

Capital Area Watchmaker and Clockmaker Guild, Central Texas Affiliate Chapter
American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute (AWCI)
<http://www.cawcg.org>

This Month's Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

5:30 PM (Dinner) 6:00PM (Program)

Pok-E-Jo's Smokehouse (BBQ)
2121 Parmer Lane (near Metric Blvd.)

512-491-0434

<http://www.pokejos.com>

Program:

Charles Feichtinger and His Clocks

Presenters:

Don Bugh and Mary Ellen Bell

Please see *map* on page 2.

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From the President:

By Don Bugh

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Take yourself back a hundred years or so ago and imagine that you are the owner of a retail clock or watch store or perhaps you own a clock or watch repair shop. Even if you are located in a large city in 1900, you would be very fortunate indeed to have electricity. Edison invented the light bulb in 1879 yet it took a number of years to get the

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Keith Brooks lost his step-father unexpectedly last week. Please keep Keith and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Benchtip:

Use Mr. Clean and 4-ot steel wool to clean old wood and alligator-checked glaze.

Auction News

Due to all the seller and buyer participation our Auction was profitable!

Gross income: \$3704.00
 Costs were: -151.34
 To Members: -3148.40
 Net to Guild: 404.26

THANK YOU!

Pok-E-Jo's is located at 2121 Parmer Lane between Metric and Mopac in North Austin.

News:

Education:

No Report.

Treasurer's Report:

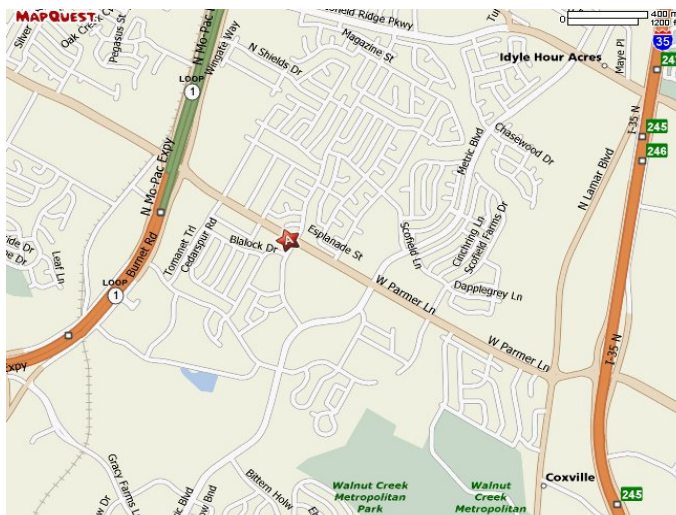
Fiscal report:

Operating account-- \$4,784.04
 Education account-- \$9,769.10

News:

1. We will have another Mini Mart in September.
2. Don Bugh, Mary Ellen Bell, Hugh and Kathryn Lindsay and Terry Palmer represented the Guild at National.
3. Next year's National will be held in York, Pennsylvania.
4. The date and location of our Christmas party has been confirmed. It will be held on December 8th at Ventana in Austin. (More details will come as time gets closer.)
5. Kim Sum, our previous meeting location is open for business again as a Chinese/Seafood restaurant. A vote was taken to check into it, and Dan Havlik agreed to look into the possibility of returning to our previous locale.

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President's Message from page 1

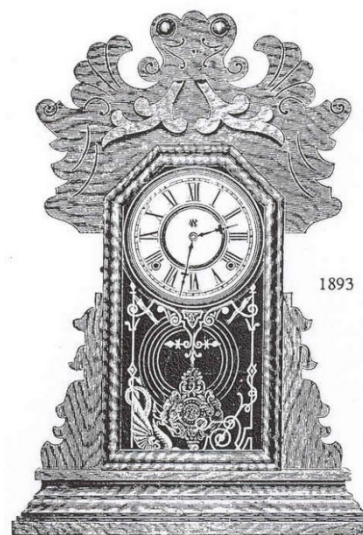
electrical generating plants on line. Of course there was no air conditioning – the movie theaters were some of the first buildings to get air conditioning and that didn't happen until the mid-1920's.



Your clock and watch inventory, repair tools and supplies probably came to you by way of rail. Thus the shipping crates of yesterday had to be a bit sturdier than those found today!

At the July Guild meeting, Mary Ellen Bell and I are going to introduce you to a Pennsylvania watch/clockmaker that operated a watch and clock repair shop under such conditions (late 1800's to early 1900's) Charles Feichtinger's brief claim to fame is that he invented a perpetual calendar mechanism that could be used in kitchen clocks as well as wall

President’s Message continued:
 clocks. With capital provided by a family friend, Feichtinger tried his hand at installing his patented calendar mechanism in clocks purchased from the Waterbury Clock Company. Come join as we take you on our quest to document the life of Charles Feichtinger and the clocks that he produced and sold. (The photo below is of Charles Feichtinger in his watch and clock repair shop in Sinking Spring, PA – circa 1910.)



HARDIN

OAK OR WALNUT

8 Day, Half-hour Strike.	\$5 50
8 Day, Half-hour Strike, Gong.	8 00
Alarm Additional.	50

Dial, 6 inches. Height, 22 inches.

(Shown above is one of Feichtinger’s kitchen calendar clocks and the catalog photo of the Waterbury model that was used to make the clock.)

President's Message continued:

At our June Guild meeting, Mike Williams gave a very interesting presentation on fake Swiss watches. The art of deception has been around for a long time as clearly demonstrated by Mike in the slides and information that he provided.

Be careful out there in spending your hard earned money – things are not always as they seem.
Thanks Mike!

Please give some thought to our future Guild meeting location. We have learned that the Kim Son restaurant that served as our home for a few months has now re-opened (probably under a new name). Dan Havlik has talked to the manager and found that the meeting room that we previously occupied is again available with basically the same deal that we had before. There are pros and cons to both locations. The Chinese restaurant offers us a much larger meeting room that allows better presentations and demonstrations. Pok-E-Jo's is very limited in space yet many of our members prefer the food offered. At the July Guild meeting, we will take a vote. The outcome will determine our future meeting location.

I'll see you at the meeting!
Don



**Abandoned WestClox Factory -
Lasalle, Illinois**



**Ingersoll Watch Factory - Circa
1910**