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GUILD NEWSLETTER

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

Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 24th – 6 pm – Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Road)

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From the President:

Greetings from the NAWCC National in Springfield, Missouri! Springfield has provided us with a variety of weather-- beautiful sunshine on Wednesday and Thursday followed by very stormy weather on Friday. As usual, lots of clocks, watches and tools to sort through. The Guild is well represented here-- so far, there have been sightings of Pat and Jay Holloway, Terry Palmer, Hugh and Kathryn Lindsay, Mary Ellen Bell, Mike Webb,

George Kiser, Robin Shirkey and Ramona Warren. I'm not sure who is spending the most money but they all seem to be having a pretty good time!

As mentioned last month, the Tien Hong Restaurant is closing. Fortunately the owners have delayed the closing for several more months so we have a bit more time to find a new home. **THE JUNE MEETING WILL OCCUR AT TIEN HONG AS USUAL.** Dan Havlik, Mike Webb, and Rusty Horn have graciously agreed to "eat their way" throughout the Austin area looking for a suitable restaurant that can serve as a new meeting site for the Guild. Stay tuned!

As a reminder, we will have our second "Mini-Mart" prior to the June Guild meeting. This one will use a silent auction format rather than setting a price. A silent auction form will be available and should be completed for each item to be sold. The seller may of course establish a minimum price. Other rules as follows:

1. To buy or sell, you must be a current member!
2. Each member wanting to participate may bring up to ten items (or lots) to sell.
3. An entry fee of \$5 will be collected from each seller for the benefit of the Guild. (The seller will pay \$5 for all of the auction items brought-- not \$5 for each item!)
4. Setup may begin at 5 pm. Bidding may begin at 5:15 pm and an announced ending of the silent auction will occur at 5:45 pm.
5. All transactions should be completed by 5:50 pm in order that we may get the meeting underway at 6 pm.

And finally, we want to express our condolences to the Mike and Carrie Williams family in the loss of Carrie's sister-in-law Bonnie Spurrell. Bonnie passed away from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Don

Last Month:

Education:

David Douglas: A Modern Calendar Automatic Swiss Wristwatch Course is planned for late August. The course will be 1 full day. Among items covered will be taking the watch apart, and servicing the barrel of these watches. Quite a bit of time will be spent on the mainspring barrel. AWCI standards will be followed. The course will be \$50 per person. Contact David if interested at DDouglas@SigmaTel.com

Treasurer's Report:

The operation account currently has \$4,826 (included in this amount is \$2200 recently added to the account from selling used watch batteries that the Guild collects during the year). The education account has \$9,825 in it

Search for a New Meeting Place:

Tien Hong, where we currently have our Guild meetings, will be closing unless a buyer is found. The latest information that we have obtained from their management is that they will be closing “no earlier than July 28”. A committee has been formed to find a new home. Suggestions that we have received so far are Kim Son (10901 N. Lamar near Braker in the Chinatown Center, an exceptional 5 star restaurant just expanding from Houston with a huge meeting room seating 250, very good food, kimsonaustin.com, 832-0500), Summer Palace Chinese Buffet (2800 N. IH35, this meets all of our needs except it is in far north Round Rock, which would make a long commute for some Austin folks, the commute for the College Station folks would be about 2 hours, per Yahoo Maps, if they came in on 79 through Taylor, 733-8100), Casa Chapala Mexican Grill & Cantina (3010 W. Anderson Ln. near Shoal Creek, can seat up to 60, private dining room fee of \$50 per hour though per website, casachapala.com, 459-4242), Jorge's (2203 Hancock, 454-1980, jorgesAustin.com), Pok-E-Jo's Smokehouse (BBQ, 2121 Parmer Lane near Metric Blvd., 491-0434), Night Hawk Frisco Shop (just closed but rumored to be moving further north on Burnet to where old Farmer's Market was, 459-6279—their phone number is not longer answered), Brick Oven Italian (10710 Research close to Arboretum, 345-6181), North by Northwest (10010 N. Capital of Tx Hwy, 231-8157),

Pappasito's Cantina (6513 I-35 N, 459-9214), and Kim Phung Restaurant (451-2464, 7601 N. Lamar)

Miscellaneous:

Bob Benson donated some great books to our Guild library. Included are Donald de Carle's Practical Clock Repairing, Veneering Made Easy, and Hoey's Pendulum Clock Repair and Service Manual. These are some of many books, as well as videotapes, that are available from the Guild library. Contact our librarian, Luther Lucko, at lutherlucko@yahoo.com, in order to check out items from the library

Kip Naleski's nephew, Michael A. Norman, died while serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq. Services were held on May 16, 2008. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family

Upcoming CAWCG Meetings, Marts, Auctions and Classes:

CAWCG Silent Auction, Program, and Meeting (Luther Lucko will give a presentation entitled "**Rolex Tools Used for Casing Up a Watch**"), June 24, Austin, Texas, Tien Hong Restaurant, silent auction setup begins at 5 pm, silent auction begins at 5:15 pm, meeting begins at 6 pm followed by program

Upcoming Conventions, Marts, Auctions, and Classes Held by Other Organizations:

NAWCC Chapter 15 Meeting ("Key Wind, Key Set Pocket Watches"), June 21, Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, Lockhart, Texas, 101 E. San Antonio, 10 am

NAWCC Chapter 124 One Day Show and Clock Auction, June 21, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main, 8 am

Pocket Watch Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), June 28, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Dial and Reverse Glass Painting Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), July 12-13, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

NAWCC Chapter 15 Meeting (“Time Pieces of the Civil War Era”),
July 19, Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, Lockhart, Texas, 101
E. San Antonio, 10 am

Kitchen Clock Repair Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), July 26-
27, August 2-3, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

AWCI Convention and Educational Symposium, July 31 – August 3,
Clayton, MO (St. Louis)

Dial and Reverse Glass Painting Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124
Class), August 2-3, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

NAWCC Chapter 124 One Day Mart, August 16, Grapevine, Texas, 701
S. Main, 8 am – 1 pm

All Texas Chapters Regional (NAWCC), August 24 - 26, JW Marriott,
5150 Westheimer, Houston, Texas

NAWCC Chapter 15 One Day Mart, September 13, Wharton, Texas, 1st
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 8 am

Micro Lathe Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), September 20,
Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Advanced Lathe (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop), September 27-30,
Grapevine, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 124 is the sponsor)

Wood Clock Case Restoration Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class),
October 4-5, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Repair and Replacement of an American Strip Recoil Escapement
Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), October 11-12, Grapevine,
Texas, 701 S. Main

Reminder:

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.