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Greetings Chapter 124 Members,

I truly hope all of you are having a good year in spite of the coronavirus and all that is coming with it. Stay inside, wash your hands, work on clocks and we will get through it.

A New Location

Our Chapter has some good news. Our new location at 102 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX, will be ready soon. There are a few loose ends that need to be finalized. We will need chairs. If anyone has about 20 chairs they would like to donate or sell the Chapter, please contact me, Tim Brownlee.

Kelsey Downum has taught two classes this year. The first was CR100 - Kitchen Clock Repair, and the second was the SR - 200 Adjusting Common Clock Escapements class. **Larry Thomas** has been working with Kelsey for the future. **Bill Nash** and **Larry Thomas** oversaw an Open Bench Workshop last February. **More classes are coming soon!** Once again, we must follow the regulations of the State regarding coronavirus issues.



LIBRARY EXHIBIT

The **Bella Library** exhibit will be in Grapevine through June then move to Watauga in July. **Evelyn** and **Hugh Slough** are still working with this and many people through the years have enjoyed the exhibit. Please stop by and check it out.



2020 Regional

Our 2020 Regional was held at the Hampton Inn & Convention Center 1700 Rodeo Dr. in Mesquite, Texas. Hampton Inn has always been helpful and has a great location. Mart table set-up was completed by the hotel Wednesday night, which allowed our Convention Chair, **Bill Slough**, to have the Thursday start-up come together almost flawlessly. **Greg Cook** and **Mike Dempsey** set up the exhibit. This year's theme was "**Carriage Clocks and Antique Tools.**" **Bill Edwards**, **Arnold Madnick** and **Bruce Wooldridge** added items to the exhibit, too. The educational instructors were **Jerry Kieffer**, **Mike Dempsey**, **Jeff Hamilton**, **Craig White** and **Mary Ellen Bell**. There were 271 tables sold and more than 570 registered attendees this year. **Brian Schmidt**, along with **John Erickson**, started the registration Thursday afternoon and the mart opened for two hours Thursday. **Gerald Greener** took the place of announcer this year.

Greg Cook was our Keynote Speaker and curated the Carriage Clock portion of the Exhibit



The public was invited to attend Friday afternoon and Saturday this year. Although we had a little trouble with advertising, the public attendance was fair. Hopefully next year the publisher's event calendars will be a little more amenable to our event. We did sign up some new members for the NAWCC and our Chapter from the public.

Pam Tischler did a wonderful job, as usual, planning and executing the Banquet. The national representative this year was **Chris Miller**. NAWCC board member **Jim Price** was also in attendance. Chris Miller presented the awards for the volunteers and board members.

The David Tips award for Volunteer of the Year went to **John Acker**. This award was presented by **Hugh Slough**, our awards chairman. John has been the go-to person to keep the “flies out of the ointment.” This Chapter is lucky to have him. **Congratulations John!**



Bruce Wooldridge, Mike Granderson and Joe Richards coordinated the auction, both live and silent, and the “Let’s Make a Deal” table. These fund raisers contribute to the overall continued financial success of our Chapter.

We did have a number of young people attend with their parents, and **Cathy Slough** was ready at the Children’s Table with games and projects to stimulate horological interest for our youth.



Let's not forget the members and donors working behind the scenes. The members take care of the website and messaging, **Sam Creech**; Graphics, **Peter Crum**; advertising, **E.K. Wilson**; letter and regional packet stuffers, **Arnold Madnick, Hugh, Evelyn and Bill Slough, George Augustas, Brian and Debbie Schmidt, John Acker, Pam Tischler, John Erickson and John Hunt**. All the members listed put in a lot of time and this event wouldn't have happened without them. The donors contribute cash and merchandise for the door prizes and other giveaways such as Mart Bucks and the Grand Door Prize. This year the Grand Door Prize was a Carriage Clock. The clock was restored by **Greg Cook**. This year's donors were **Anonymous, Ashland Investments, Time Savers, Merritt's, Donegan Optical, Hugh and Evelyn Slough, Curt Lefferts, Pam Tischler, Pete Cronos, Chapter 80, Chapter 139, Chapter 15 and Mike Muggy muggy-weld.com**.



There is one other person I need to thank, and that is **Madison Ball**. Madison drew the tickets for the Grand Door Prize. Thank you Madison, Great job!

One Day & Annual Meeting

The One Day will be held at the old location in Grapevine on May 30th 2020, if the City and County will allow due to the Coronavirus. I will send an update as soon as I know something. The Founders Building will be better suited for this One Day. There will be a **BBQ lunch with an auction**. We will be electing new board members for the fiscal year 2020 – 2021. Set up will begin at 8:00 am, Mart 8:30 – 10:00 am, Business meeting 10:15 – 10:45, auction and lunch. A short board meeting, with the new board members, will follow the lunch.

★★★ I will send an update regarding the Annual One Day Meeting! ★★★

Tim Brownlee

President

Welcome New Members

Nichelle Nguyen, Larry Thomas, Mansel Clay, Lee Thierry, Dale Swindle, Charles Sargent, Edwin Richards, David Goodroe, John Miner, Harold Yarbrough, S. Marion Gaston, David Robison, Steve Sukovich, Stefani Curtis, John Vaught, Dudley Piland, Donald Smith, Shane Alexander, Mark Humiston, Gary Snider.

We look forward to getting these new members involved in our Chapter Activities!



AUCTION HELP NEEDED !!!

We all enjoy the auctions at the Regional and the One Days. But, have you ever wondered how it all happens? A team of hard workers led by Bruce Wooldridge works year-round gathering, sorting and cataloging items for these events. It's a lot of work, but it's also a rewarding service to help members and their families to disperse a lifetime of collecting. If you would like to help with the auction team, and learn what all goes into putting on an auction, please contact Bruce at : 903-571-3093 or bawool@suddenlinkmail.com.

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You can also apply on line at NAWCC.org & Chapter124.org

Please use this form to renew your Chapter 124 membership - or, if you're not already a member, please consider joining. As a member, you'll always be the first to know about Chapter activities, classes and meetings. Help us keep our chapter strong!