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President's Message

Greetings Chapter members. **The Board will be discussing a possible One Day for the month of October. Please watch your email for a notice, and RSVP so we know how many meals to order.** It has really been a bad year for our Chapter as well as the NAWCC. The virus seems to be slowing and I see a glimmer of hope that somewhat normal activities could return again. The Southern Regional is holding their event on October 2nd and 3rd. This is encouraging. We hope they do well and I want to see their attendance numbers. We are making plans for our Regional as normal, but plans could change.

After many months, the Red Oak clock project has been completed. Please read the article written by **Bill Nash**.

Red Oak's Downtown Clock Restored

Red Oak: *Red Oak, located in north central Ellis County, Texas has a downtown area street clock located at the corner of Methodist and Waller. Unfortunately, provenance of the clock is lost, all that is known is that it was purchased in the 70's. The clock has been inoperative for quite a while. A Red Oak resident and a member of the DFW Lone Star Chapter 124 of NAWCC (National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors) noticed the condition of the clock. He proposed that the Chapter might consider undertaking restoration of the clock as a community service project. Chapter 124 has, in the past, performed these community service projects. The president of the Chapter, Tim Brownlee, contacted Mr. Williams, Director of public works of the City of Red Oak, inquiring if Red Oak city officials would consider our offer to repair the clock. The okay was given.*

The clock was in rough shape. The post needed painting, rust was forming around the bezel, rain was getting into the dial and both motors had worn out. The motion works, dials and glass were removed in November of 2019.

New replacement parts were ordered and the deteriorated dials were restored. Dial restoration was accomplished by skilled artisans and required six months to accomplish. New motion works were ordered as well as tempered glass. The post was removed in March, 2020. Post restoration required sandblasting, filling of voids, welding and painting. The pole was sandblasted, patched, welded and painted. This process required four months to complete. After all the off-site work was completed, the assembled and finished clock was delivered and installed September 4th, 2020.

All the work (with the exception of the dials) was done by volunteers, some with regular jobs and others who are retired. The members of Lone Star Chapter 124 and the NAWCC enjoy these projects. Encouraging interest and instructing others interested in collecting and repairing antique clocks and watches is what we are all about. Chapter 124 is exploring restoration of other street clocks, one at the Smith County Courthouse and in another location in Cherokee County. Hopefully, city officials will appreciate and encourage our interest in restoring these clocks as soon as we can raise the required funds.

We hope Red Oak is pleased with the work that was done and they get many years of service from it.

To find out more about our Chapter and NAWCC please visit our website www.chapter124.org or www.NAWCC.org Come and find out more of what we are about.

Chapter 124 and the NAWCC are both 501 (c) (3) not for profit
Organizations dedicated to the preservation and education of horology.

Future events will cautiously be planned. Hopefully our next One Day will be in January. One other note; our Chapter has some very generous members. Paint and labor were donated to paint our new location class room and the time given for the clock project. Thanks again to all who work to make our Chapter the talk of the NAWCC.

Tim Brownlee

President



Bill Nash sets the time on the restored Red Oak



(L to R) Two officials from Red Oak, Bill Nash, Mike Granderson, John Acker, Bruce Wooldridge, Tim Brownlee and missing is Larry Thomas.



Brian Schmidt, Bill Nash, Mike Granderson and Bruce Wooldridge working on the clock in Bruce's shop.

Education:

The board will be discussing an **Open Bench** for October and hold a class, **CR200—Spring Barrel Clock Repair**, if the instructor feels comfortable with a class. We will be following City of Irving rules and guidelines for occupancy and COVID-19 safety. A waiver will be given and required to accept before a member attends any events. **Larry Thomas** is wanting to teach his first class, **CR100—Kitchen Clock Repair**. **Jerry Kieffer** may come to teach **Wheel and Pinion Cutting** in **January or February**. His schedule is rather busy, but he wants to come back for the Regional, or a class, or both. A **Micro Set** class was taught a few years ago, and **Kelsey Downum** wants to do another. The instructors are waiting for the go ahead as soon as it is safe.

Library Exhibit:

Hugh and **Evelyn Slough** were finally able to retrieve their library exhibit from the Irving West Library. They had scheduled two other exhibits, but postponed them because of the City restrictions of the COVID-19 virus. They will set up again in Grapevine's library in January.

Regional:

We are being optimistic and proceeding with plans for our 2021 Lone Star Regional. We hope to see you March 5 & 6 in Mesquite, TX! The exhibit will be electric watches and novelty clocks. **Jarett Harkness** will chair the exhibit with assistance from **Clinton Kleen**. Other demonstrations are being planned. **Cathy Slough** and **Richard Cox** have committed to contribute, too. Thanks Jarett, Clint, Cathy and Richard for your involvement for the continued success of our Regional. Watch the December newsletter for your registration form.

New Board Members:

Thanks to all of our members who participated in our "virtual annual meeting" by voting and sending in your ballots.

Let's welcome:

Tim Brownlee, President; **Brian Schmidt**, Vice President; **Bill Nash**, Secretary; **John Acker**, Treasurer; **Larry Thomas**, Education; **William Slough**, Convention Director; **Ernest Smith**, At Large; **John Okonski**, At Large.

Thanks to these members for serving during these uncharted times. A board meeting is scheduled for October 3rd 10:00am at 102 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX.

Welcome New and Returning Members

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Auction Items Needed

Bruce Wooldridge is soliciting auction items for the 2021 regional. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in parting with items in your collection, or you know of an estate with horological items, please contact Bruce Wooldridge at 903 571 3093 or any of the board members.



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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!

