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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ONE

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February 26th, 2012 GREATER PHILADELPHIA EXPO CENTER AT OAKS ***100 Station Ave., Oaks, PA 19456 (484) 754-3976***

THE SPEAKER FOR THE FEBRUARY 26TH MEETING WILL BE: WAYNE LANNING.

His topic will be "Joseph Ives, his life and his clocks."

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE GIVEN BY: ANDREW KENNEDY. The topic for the meeting workshop will be "Watch Case Repair."

Membership

We now have 347 dues paying members. We are well ahead of last year's total at this time. However, we are always looking for new members. If you know of anyone who has an interest in watches, clocks, tools or horological history feel free to bring them to one of our meetings. Everyone who has paid their dues for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal years should have received their new Blue highlighted membership card and should be receiving their Newsletters in the mail or by Email. If you don't, contact Secretary Gorrell immediately, either online at djgclocks@aol.com or by phone at **(410) 987-5915**.

Meeting Date Change

Unfortunately we had to alter the date of the April Meeting. The Meeting date has been changed to April 1st, 2012. No, this is not an April fool's joke. In order not to have a conflict with Schmitt's Auction we agreed to move the Meeting back to the 1st of the month. We hope that this doesn't overly inconvenience anyone. If so, we do apologize.

One Day Classes

The one day class on *Clock Case Stripping and Refinishing* was another success. There were ten students in attendance, four cases were brightened and 14 were stripped and refinished. The workshop went very well. The cases that were candidates for stripping really needed to be stripped as all of them were very dirty and highly alligatored. It was a messy class but no one seemed to mind getting their hands dirty despite the use of protective gloves and lots of rags. The use of traditional finishes was emphasized and those who were unfamiliar with or afraid of using shellac were soon applying several coats like professionals. It was encouraging and pleasing to see the satisfied faces of the students as they packed up their newly refinished and much better looking clock cases at the end of the day. The next class will be on *"Replacing Missing teeth in Clock Wheels and Barrels"*. So if you have a wheel or barrel that has a tooth or two missing, bring it to the class and learn how to replace them. If you don't have a damaged wheel or barrel, one will be provided for you. This class will be augmented with a hands on class on the techniques of soldering. Both soft and hard soldering (often called silver soldering) will be covered. Students should bring a pair of work gloves and safety glasses for the soldering class. The instructor will again be Dave Gorrell.

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Education Chairman Charlie Buttz is happy to announce that he has received several applications for the Chapter One Scholarship. Two of the applicants stand out as excellent candidates and are deserving of our financial help. After long and exhaustive consideration the committee decided that both candidates were equally qualified and therefore each would share in the Scholarship money. The first recipient, **Gilchan Oh**, will be studying Watchmaking at Paris Junior College in Paris, Texas. Karen Benson, the other recipient, will be studying Watchmaking at the Gem City College in Quincy, Illinois. We wish both of these young students the best of luck and hope they have rewarding careers in their chosen fields. It is good to see young people interested in pursuing a career in the Horological Arts.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

This coming June Chapter One must hold its biennial election of officers. Five of our ten Directors on the Council must be replaced. They are elected to a four year term, their duties are to attend Council meetings, assist in serving on various committees and perform various duties to ensure that the Chapter's obligations to its members are fulfilled. Also the offices of President and Vice President must be filled. These officers serve a two year term and are not eligible for reelection to the same position for two years after they leave office. The duties of the President are to oversee the operations of the Chapter, chair all Council Meetings and to ensure that the various committee chairpersons carry out their respective duties. The President is also responsible for presenting to the Chapter, at least once a year, a report on the activities and status of the Chapter. This can be done by Newsletter or at the last meeting of the year. The duties of the Vice President are to assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and are responsible for chairing the Programs Committee. The office of Secretary also needs to be filled. The duties of the Secretary are to handle all Chapter Council minutes, correspondence, historic records, and files. The Secretary is also responsible for maintaining an up to date roster of all Chapter One Members. And lastly, the office of Treasurer needs to be filled. The duties of the Treasurer are to collect all income, pay all expenses and to keep an accurate record of all financial transactions pertaining to the Chapter. The Treasurer must also present to the Council at every meeting an accurate, detailed and up to date account of all Chapter financial activities. The Treasurer must also compile and file, in a timely manner, all Federal and State tax forms. The Treasurer must make available, for audit, all Chapter Books and records and to submit, a written financial report to the membership at least once a year. This also can be done by Newsletter or at the last meeting of the year. Due to the complex nature of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer the persons serving in these positions may be reelected an indefinite number of times.

The duties and responsibilities of these offices are clearly spelled out in the Chapter's Constitution and By Laws. If any Chapter One member wishes a copy of that document just notify the Secretary and one will be provided.

We, the Council, have been making announcements about the need for people to fill these positions for quite some time. It is rapidly becoming a crisis. Far too many people have been depending on far too few people, for far too long to keep this Chapter alive. If we do not get new people to join Council and assist in running your Chapter there will come a time, and it is not very far away, when the Chapter will have to fold and turn in its Charter. It would be a shame for the oldest and largest Chapter in the NAWCC to close because there was no one willing to help run it. The answer to this problem is simple: good hard working members need to volunteer to assist or to run for one of the offices described above. Your help is desperately needed. Please fill out the form below and send it in with your Registration or mail it to the Secretary and a Council Member will contact you.

Loading and Unloading Assistance

As our membership seems to be getting older, many of us are having difficulty unloading vehicles and getting materials to our tables. If that is the case with you, do not hesitate to indicate on your Registration Form or just inform the Registration Desk that you need some assistance and help will be provided. The Mart Chairman will be quite happy to provide our members any help needed to transfer materials to their table or vehicle.

Life is a series of struggles. Setting up your table at a Chapter One Meeting should not be one of them.

I would like to run for the following Office on the Chapter One Council:

Name: _____

President_____, Vice President_____, Secretary_____, Treasurer_____, Director_____.

I would like to Volunteer to work on the following Chapter One Committees:

Name: _____

Mart_____, Education_____, Security_____, Membership_____, Regional Committee_____

Silent Auction_____, Publications_____, Registration_____, Nominations_____, Programs_____.



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Speaker: TBD

Workshop Presenter: TBD

Mart Schedule

7:00 A.M. Registration opens

7:30 A.M. Mart room opens for Table Holders and Early Birds

8:30 A.M. Mart opens for all Registered NAWCC members.

10:30 A.M. Workshop

12 Noon Mart Closes , Luncheon

1:00 P.M. Speaker

The Membership Drawing for this Meeting will be \$100 in Mart Scrip. Remember only Pre-registered, dues-paying Members are eligible.

Registering for Chapter One Meetings Online

Just email Dave Gorrell at djgclocks@aol.com to register online. Indicate the number of tables you want, the number of registrations you need, whether you want to register as an Early bird, and if you will be staying for Lunch. You can then present a check for your reserved items and pick up your badge at the door the day of the meeting. However "**Wednesday 12 Noon prior to the meeting**" is still the last day for adding or canceling registrations.

NAWCC PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ONE REGISTRATION FORM

For our **February 26, 2012 Meeting**

Meeting/Mart Advanced Registration (All participants must pay these entrance fees to the Mart)

NAWCC Member/spouse \$18 per person # _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

Member's Child (age 5 - 17) \$ 9 per child # _____ @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

I WILL _____, I WILL NOT _____ be staying for Lunch

MART TABLE (Chapter 1 Members Only) \$20.00 each # _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

EARLY BIRD (This fee is in addition to the \$18.00/ person entrance fee)

1 or 2 Members only + Spouse or Children \$15.00 # _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

3 or 4 Members only + Spouse or Children \$23.00 # _____ @ \$23.00 = \$ _____

Make Check Payable to NAWCC Chapter #1

TOTAL \$ _____

NAMES FOR BADGES (Please Print Clearly)

1) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

2) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

3) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

4) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

Phone(_____) _____

Mail to : Dave Gorrell/ 1179 Dicus Mill Rd. / Millersville, MD. 21108 By filling out this form the payee agrees to adhere to all Chapter One Mart Room Rules and By-Laws

CHAPTER ONE HOROLOGICAL TOURS

The Council of Chapter One is in the process of developing a series of horological tours to various museums and sites of horological interest throughout the area. Many of the museums on the East coast have interesting collections of watches and clocks. Some of these have been seldom seen by the public, much less studied by devoted watch and clock enthusiasts like ourselves. Such institutions as **Wintertur, Walter's Art Gallery, The Smithsonian, The Franklin Institute**, and many others have extensive collections that are only rarely placed on display. It is our intention to try to get to see those rare collections and to some extent try to give them the publicity they deserve. These Chapter One Sponsored tours would strive to be more than just your average bus trip to a museum, but would also be an opportunity for us to get behind the scenes and see things that the average person would never get to see. We would also try to get the curators or other experts to give lectures on their collections and even explain the intricacies of the curatorial arts. We would like to start this project this winter with the first tour occurring sometime in January or February. If this proves to be a successful endeavor, tours during the summer could also be planned.

If you are interested in this project and think that it is something in which you would participate, fill in the questionnaire below. This is just a survey to judge the level of interest within the Chapter, it is not a commitment. Give or send this form to any Chapter One Council Member.

YES, I would be interested in participating in the Chapter One Sponsored Horological Tours!

Chapter One Horological Tours

Name _____

Phone Number or Email address: _____

(Fill out this survey form and give it to any Chapter One Council member.)

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CHAPTER ONE

Chapter One has scheduled meetings for the following dates in 2012:

April 1st, 2012—Oaks Expo Center

June 3rd, 2012—Oaks Expo Center