



Chairman’s Comments:

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday time with your family and friends. I would like to personally thank all of you who attended our December meeting. To call out a few of you, I would like to thank Pierre for helping with the food, and everything else, Stu who helped with taking the photos, all the ladies who helped set up the food and clean up, and also our main presenter Andy. Well done everyone, thank you.....

Our next meeting will be on February 4 at the Dearborn facility at 1 PM. Please try to make our once a week Zoom meetings on Wednesdays at 10 AM. You are all more than welcome to attend. At our next meeting in February, we will be doing a presentation on watches. I hope you can all attend. If you have any suggestions or any programs that you would like to see or hear, please let us know. We will try and do our best.

As always, please stay healthy and safe, so that we can see you again soon.

Raymond Fowler

Tentative 2024 Chapter Meetings

February 4, April 7, October 6, December 1

Dearborn Masonic Lodge

August 3 “All Michigan Meeting”

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Brighton, MI

Board Meetings: January 4, March 7, July 2,

September 5, October 31

2023-24 Chapter Officers

Ray Fowler, President 313-588-5858

Jim Miller, Treasurer 734-718-8563

Tom Morris, Secretary 734-282-1725

Andy Dervan- Historian 313-885-8861

Gordon Webb, Rich Pozniak, and

Charlie Lauhoff, Directors

Joke of the Day: Why was the clock in a hurry? It was running out of time.

2024 Dues are Due:

2024 Chapter Dues are due and remain at \$5 for email and \$10 for a paper newsletter. If you owe dues, there will be a dues notice included with this newsletter. There are several ways to pay your dues. You can remit your dues using the dues renewal form. You can pay the treasurer, Jim Miller, at an upcoming Chapter meeting. You can also pay via PayPal using this link, [PayPal.Me/chapter6dues](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.greatlakeschapter6.com). Dues must be paid by April 15th.

December Chapter Meeting:

The December Chapter meeting of Great Lakes Chapter Six was held on December 3rd, 2023, at the Masonic Lodge in Dearborn. About 40 members, wives, and guests, attended the meeting which was our annual Christmas party. It was also a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of Great lakes Chapter Six in June of 1948.

The meeting started with a mart where many items changed hands. The most unique item was a rotisserie for a fireplace using a clock works for power. There was also a shoe box of watches and watch parts donated by Chris Thompson that the members enjoyed digging through. Many treasures were found that netted the Chapter \$67.

Food arrived shortly after 1 o’clock and members enjoyed pizza, salad, and beverages. This was followed by the delicious anniversary cake. The food quickly disappeared, and it was time for the program.

There was a short business meeting to discuss the state of the Chapter. President Ray Fowler opened the meeting and discussed the anniversary and recognized new members. Treasurer Jim Miller gave the financial status as of end November. The results show that the Chapter has done well financially primarily due to the sale of items donated in the last few years by members Jerry Stocking, Paul Mallie, and Joe Haase. This has allowed us to have a “FREE” meeting in December. Secretary Tom Morris discussed membership status which showed a total of 92 members which included eight new members in 2023. All in all, the Chapter is doing well going into 2024.

Following the business meeting, Andy Dervan gave an excellent presentation on the “Romeo/Eurich Bicentennial Clock”. This was a clock that the two Chapter members, Rocky Romeo and Tom Eurich, designed and built to commemorate the United States Bicentennial in 1976. This was a lyre style wall clock with a mechanical movement, carved wood front that could also be gilded, and reverse painted glasses with patriotic scenes.

Andy outlined the huge undertaking that was involved in successfully completing this project that included design, sourcing, procurement, and manufacturing of the various parts using several suppliers. The completed clocks were assembled by Rocky and sold by Tom and have become collectors’ items over the years. One hangs proudly in the NAWCC museum in Columbia, PA.

Andy wrote an article about this clock that appeared in the Nov/Dec 2014 NAWCC Bulletin. It is also posted on our Chapter website at NAWCC.org.



Romeo/Eurich
Bicentennial Clock

The meeting wrapped up with a drawing for the door prize, our lottery ticket tree, which was won by Norm Anderson.

Thanks to all who helped make the meeting a success and especially to Pierre Poisson for all his help and Kathy Miller and Sara Morris for taking care of the food and the cake.

February Chapter Meeting:

The February Chapter meeting will be held on February 4th, 2024, at 1PM, at the Dearborn Masonic Lodge. 907 Monroe St, Dearborn, MI (see map on last page). We will have a mart with free tables and a presentation by Andy Dervan on repivoting called “Minimally Invasive Watch Surgery”.

Membership:

On a sad note, longtime member Sue Ellison passed away on December 7th, 2023, at age 84. Sue had recently moved to Virginia to live near her daughter. She died from complication after a fall at her new home. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

History of the Chapter Part Two:

Our historian, Andy Dervan, has compiled a “History of the Chapter Part Two” as a continuation of Chapter History documentation started by James West. Part Two outlines Chapter officers and events from 1990 to 2023 and contains lots of information and pictures from the archives. We have posted the information on our NAWCC website where you can view it or print a copy. I will have a few copies at the next Chapter meeting.



Sue Ellison at a Recent
Chapter Meeting

Chapter Six on Facebook:

NAWCC is offering help in establishing a Facebook page for Chapters. This would be a way of communicating with members and interested clock and watch people in near real time. We are looking for a volunteer, familiar with Facebook, to help take our Chapter to the next level! If you are interested, contact Andy Dervan on 313-885-8861 or email at dervan14@att.net.

Picture Page



Charlie, Imad, and Rick



Lunch Time



Chapter 75th Anniversary Cake



Chapter Memorabilia



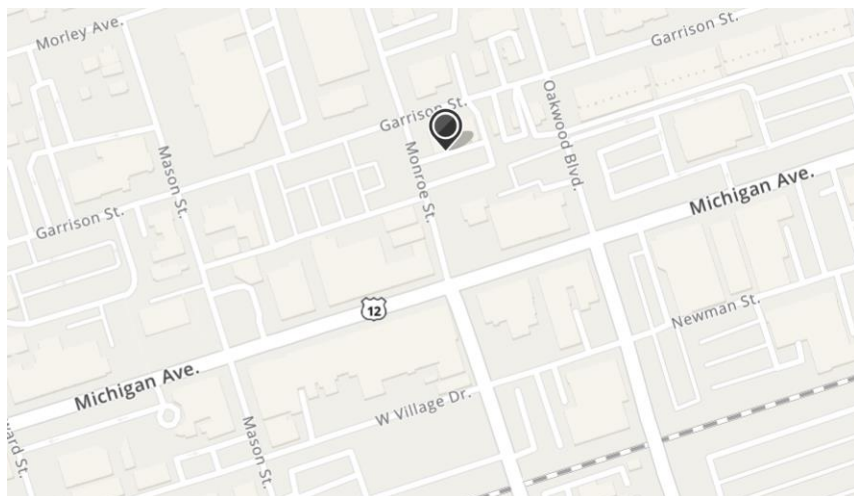
Watch Shopping



Twelve Pizzas Gone

Pictures Courtesy of Stu Raben

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