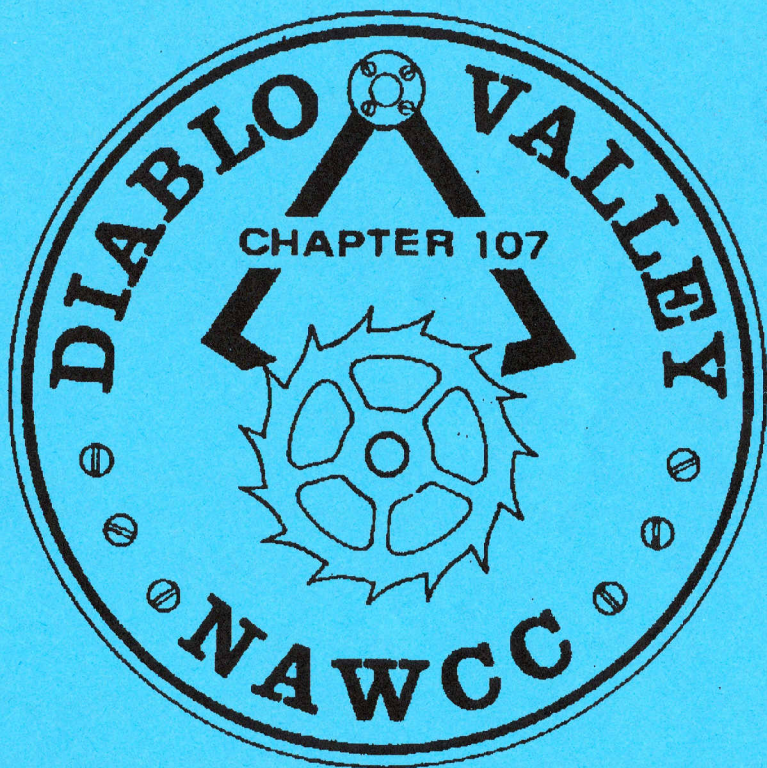


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MEETING DATES, MEETING TIMES, AND MEETING  
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## OCTOBER 8, 2000 Meeting

Acalanes Adult Center  
(The old Del Valle High School)

### NOTE ROOM CHANGE

Due to construction at the Adult Center we will be meeting in a new room. At the time of publication the new room number is not available. Please look for signs that will be posted at the Adult Center announcing the new room.

\*\*\*\*\* **PROGRAM** \*\*\*\*\*

### ESCAPEMENTS

Jack Coulter will repeat the second half of a program he presented about 7 years ago. The first half of this program addressed dead beat/anchor escapements. This second half will address recoil escapements.

\*\*\*\*\* **DISPLAY** \*\*\*\*\*

Due to the room change there will be no displays for this meeting.



## *President's Message*

Where has the summer gone? Our year seems to be wrapping up so quickly. Can it just be the viewpoint through the eyes of an aged mind? Firstly, I must thank our August picnic party workers, Lois Naye, our gracious host and Southern Baked Beans chef; the quartermasters and pit cooks, Walt Hubrig and Jay Taylor; and of course, all attendees who contributed special dishes and foods that were eagerly shared by all. Over 35 showed up and a good time was had by all. And Lois, those "Misters" were a great addition to our summer comfort in your lovely patio and gardens. Sophie Gardner, our chapter's excellent photographer, took some outstanding photos of those present, and she will have them on display at our October meeting. Sophie wishes you to chose a photo or several to take home as a gift and memento of another of Diablo Valley Chapter's good times. Look them over and pick them up early before the meeting. Thank you Sophie, for that good idea and warm touch.

Looking ahead to Diablo Valley's next meeting on Sunday, October 8, Jack Coulter will continue his lecture on "Clock Escapements and How They Work". He started the lecture at our last April 2000 Meeting. For your homework and future reference on escapements, check back to the June 2000 Bulletin, Pages 8 & 9, which lists Jack's "Escapement Bibliography". Does everyone save and file their old Diablo Valley Bulletins? What a great source of clock and watch information they contain, and who knows, they might just save you research time, tomorrow, next month, or next year.

I want to share with you a visit Carolyn and I made in early August to a Preview Event and Opening at the new and almost completed Chabot Space and Science Center in the Oakland Hills. There is nothing like it in the country. It is a multi-million dollar vast project. An affiliate now with the Smithsonian Institution, it contains the most advanced equipped Planetarium, MegaDome Theater, learning centers, labs, space exhibits, and much, much more.

The three telescopes, 8inch, 20inch, and the new 36inch (open in 2001) will all be available to the public and Oakland School children. The new 36inch telescope will be the largest in the country with public access. I would highly recommend you visit and/or become a member of this special and unique center.

This complex replaces the second Chabot Observatory, built at the turn of the century (directly on the Hayward Fault) in the Leona Park area of East Oakland. The original Observatory was in Downtown Oakland, founded by East Bay pioneer, Anthony Chabot, for the school children and citizens of Oakland. First moved to escape the encroaching city lights, and later, for more encroaching lights and the fault, the new Center now is situated in the Redwood Regional Park area, away from the city.

Back to our visit, Carolyn and I were in the Planetarium Theater waiting for the show to begin and in walked Diablo Valley Chapter member Tom Beales with his 90-year-old father and members of his family who sat next to us. A most pleasant surprise! When the program started, the Director spoke about the new Center, and told us there was a special family in the audience that he wished to honor, a family which descends from the Chabot Observatory's first Director, Mr. Burckhalter. Tom Beales and his family stood up!

How amazing, I grew up knowing about Burckhalter School on Burckhalter Avenue in East Oakland and now it all came together. Burckhalter, director and educator, was Tom Beales' grandfather. Also, Tom Beales' brother, Alan, who was also there, was someone Carolyn and I had known for over 30 years, and one of our five children had baby-sat for Alan's children when they lived in our neighborhood. I had not connected Alan Beales and Tom Beales. Maybe we can persuade Tom to tell us the "Whole Story" at a future meeting. In the meantime, please visit this remarkable Center. It's a very "Clock-Like" place for NAWCC people.

See you on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Tom



### PICTURES FROM OUR AUGUST (SUNDAY) PICNIC

Dale suggested (and quite rightly so) that we show our appreciation to the wives and ladies in the Chapter by putting their pictures in the bulletin this month. After all in most cases they are the ones who prepare the food year after year.







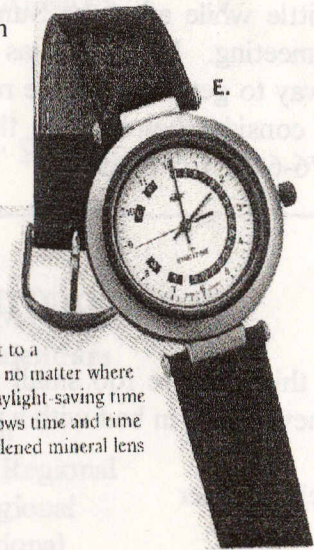
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## REDCAPS FOR THE REGIONAL

The 2000 Golden Gate Regional will take place on November 16, 17, and 18. Our chapter is providing Red Caps for the Regional. Please consider helping out the chapter. Contact John Stohr at 925-376-6476 to volunteer. People who volunteer for Red Cap duties will of course be admitted free to the Regional.

## ONLINE MART

For those that haven't seen it, the National now has an online mart. Look at the web site WWW.NAWCC.ORG and follow the directions.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

December is the month we elect new officers and directors. John Stohr, our Nominating Committee Chairman, is now beginning to canvass members in order to see who would be interested in helping to steer our Chapter. Most positions involve only staying for a little while after the Sunday chapter meeting to attend the board meeting. Everyone has something to contribute and it's a great way to get to know the rest of the members of Chapter 107. Please consider helping out the chapter. Contact John Stohr at 925-376-6476 to volunteer.

## CLOCK QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you think you're too small to make a difference, you've obviously never been in bed with a mosquito.

-Michelle Walker

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Start planning now to attend our December Luncheon. It's always a lot of fun and some great bargains to be had. Watch for a flyer in the mail around the 1st of November. Preliminary details:

Diablo Valley Chapter's December Meeting  
*Hungry Hunter Restaurant*

*Sunday December 10, 2000, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM*

### *Program:*

*Election of the 2001 Officers and Directors*

*Auction of Quality Pieces.* Bring your serious Clocks and Watches, Related Timepieces and Supplies of High Quality.

### *Entrée Choices:*

CAESAR SALAD WITH GRILLED CHICKEN  
GRILLED NORWEGIAN SALMON  
PRIME RIB  
TERIYAKI CHICKEN

*Price (Augmented by Chapter): \$8:00 each*

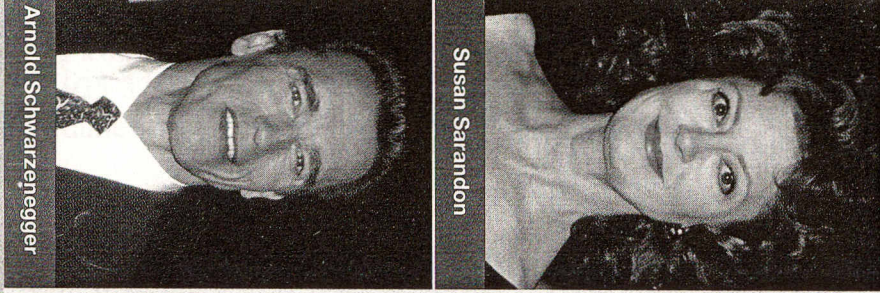
## DATES TO REMEMBER Mark your Calendars

<i>Nov 16-18</i>	Golden Gate Regional
<i>Feb 1-4</i>	Greater Los Angeles Regional
<i>Mar 22-24</i>	Arizona Sunshine Regional
<i>May 17-20</i>	Pacific Northwest Regional



# WATCH AUCTION

From In Style Magazine, October 2000



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Susan Sarandon

time is money



Susan Sarandon watch is engraved with her autograph

Hey, want to buy a hot watch? Then clock in with **Arnold Schwarzenegger** and **Muhammad Ali** as they chair an auction of celebrity-owned watches to celebrate the 125th anniversary of famed Swiss watchmaker Audemars Piguet. "Time to Give," the October 23 event at New York's Christie's, will showcase more than 30 luxe watches engraved by—and guaranteed to have graced the wrists of—stars such as **Uma Thurman**, **Calista Flockhart**, **Sharon Stone**, **Susan Sarandon** and **Goldie Hawn**. All proceeds from the event will benefit Schwarzenegger's Inner-City Games Foundation and Ali's proposed educational center in Louisville, Ky. Among the timepieces on the block is Arnold's own Royal Oak, valued at \$395,000. Encased in titanium and pink gold, the movement has 460 hand-assembled parts. (A Swatch has 51.) According to the manufacturer, the piece "sets a new record for the number of complications in a single wristwatch." Not too complicated for Arnold, though, who describes it as "very strong but subtle—not in your face." As the Terminator might say, "Hasta la wrista, baby!" —Margaret Rauch

*For more information, log on to [www.audemarspiguet.com](http://www.audemarspiguet.com).*

# CHAPTER #107 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 1999

No meeting was held due to last meeting's picnic.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Articles for the bulletin have been pretty meager. Please search and see if you don't have some valuable information to share with the rest of the Chapter. Most of you do.

## TOOL LIBRARY

- The following tools are available for two-week periods.....at NO COST! call Walt Hubrig @ 925-685-0260
- \*\*\* L&R Ultrasonic Cleaner w/basket 11 3/4" x 9 3/4" x 6"
  - \*\*\* TIMETRAX #160AC Timing m/c with beat amplifier
  - \*\*\* Webster Depthing Tool
  - \*\*\* Webster Escape Wheel Tooth Straightener
  - \*\*\* Power Punch ( for end holes in mainsprings etc.)



## CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS\*

### *Meeting Days and Times\*\**

Mart     Second Sunday 11:00AM     - Even numbered months  
 Chapter Second Sunday 12:00PM     - Even numbered months  
 Board    Second Sunday - following the Chapter Meeting  
 Evening First Friday         7:30PM     - Odd numbered months

### *1999 Meeting Dates*

<u>SUNDAY &amp; Board</u>	<u>FRIDAY EVE</u>
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	January 8 <sup>th</sup>
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
December 12 <sup>th</sup> (luncheon)	November**

\*If any members are having problems or issues with transportation to and from meetings, let a director or officer know so we can help find a carpool. We want to keep our members coming to the chapter meetings on a regular basis.

\*\*Dates may vary due to conflicts. No November meeting due to Regional.

### Other NAWCC Chapter Meetings in Northern California

Chapter	Meeting Address	President	Meetings
<b>De Anza #94</b>	Odd Fellows Lodge 20589 Homestead Rd Cupertino, CA	Ron Bechler (408) 926-3212	1st Sunday even months (except April)
<b>Monterey Bay #70</b>	Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA	Robert E. Moore (408) 728-4211	3rd Sunday odd months
<b>Sacramento #71</b>	Sacramento Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	Mike Slater (916) 442-6183	4th Sunday odd months
<b>San Francisco #5</b>	San Leandro Boys & Girls Club 401 Marina Blvd. San Leandro, CA	Jay Taylor (510) 522-2409	2nd Sunday odd months (except May)

## DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETINGS

### *Sunday Meetings*

#### From Oakland - Highway 24 going East

Take Pleasant Hill Road South exit  
 At light, turn right onto Pleasant Hill Rd  
 At end, turn left on Olympic  
 At light, turn right onto Tice Valley  
 Go up until first light  
 Go another 150 yards and just before Pedestrian X-ing - turn right into  
 Acalanes Adult Center, room D-1  
 (address 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard)

#### From San Ramon - Highway 680 going North

Take South Main exit  
 Left on Newell  
 Left on Olympic  
 Left on Tice Valley  
 Go up until first light  
 Go another 150 yards and just before Pedestrian X-ing - turn right into  
 Acalanes Adult Center, room D-1  
 (address 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard)

#### From Benicia - Highway 680 going South

At 680/24 take Highway 24 to Oakland/Lafayette  
 Take first exit - Pleasant Hill Road South  
 Go under freeway onto Pleasant Hill Rd  
 At end, turn left on Olympic  
 At light, turn right onto Tice Valley  
 Go up until first light  
 Go another 150 yards and just before Pedestrian X-ing - turn right into  
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### *Friday Technical Meetings*

Across Tice Valley road from the Acalanes Adult Center (directions above) at the Civic Bank of Commerce.

**Note: Due to our tax exempt status only NAWCC members can participate (buy or sell) in our MART - be prepared to show a current NAWCC membership card.**