



# News at 11

Activities of the NAWCC Maryland Chapter 11

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DECEMBER 11, 2016

OUR 64th YEAR  
1952–2016

## 2016/17 Important Dates

### MEETING NOTICE...

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**Program: "Ugly Clock / Show & Tell" Presenter: Various**

Pickersgill Retirement Community, 615 Chestnut Ave., Towson, MD 21204

**Mart & Set-up 8:30 am / Breakfast 9:00 am / Program 10:00 am**

*Directions: From Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take Exit 25 to MD 139 S (North Charles St.). Proceed (1.7 mi.) to Chestnut Ave.. Turn left on Chestnut Ave. and go (0.4 mi.) to the Pickersgill Retirement Community on the right. Park in the Visitor Parking, and use the main entrance. Check-in at the reception desk for directions to the meeting room.*

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### President's Column

Twenty four members and guests attended the October 9th meeting at the Pickersgill Retirement Community. We were joined by several members of the community for our program.

After breakfast and a short business meeting, Tom Mostyn gave his presentation on "The Quest for Accuracy." Tom began the program with a brief history of the earliest known watch. The watch which was purchased at a flea market, was initially believed to be a fake. However, during restoration it was discovered that it was minutely signed and dated. The watch, currently called the "Pomander Watch", was made by Peter Henlein of Nuremburg, and the date was 1505. Peter Henlein (1485-1542), a locksmith by trade, became a master in the city's Locksmiths Guild making small portable ornamental spring powered brass clocks. These were often worn as pendants or attached to clothing. Additional information and photographs of the watch can be found by searching the internet for "The Pomander Watch". Tom then considered the critical areas to improve timekeeping accuracy: the mainspring, the balance spring, and the escapement. The topics included double barrel mainsprings, sag in the balance spring, and friction in the escapement. The presentation included a discussion on single, double, and triple tourbillion escapements. All of these refinements in the quest for accuracy in timekeeping also escalated the cost of the timepiece. Quartz and radio controlled watches were not included in the presentation. Thank you Tom for a very informative presentation.

Chapter 11 will have been in existence for 65 years as of March, 2017. To show our appreciation for your continued support, there will be no Chapter dues collected for 2017. We are also considering other options to celebrate our 65th.

Our next meeting will be on December 11, 2016. On that date we will have our annual "Ugly Clock Contest and Show and Tell" program. Please plan to attend with your ugly clocks and show and tell items. See you then.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Buck, President

### Maryland Chapter 11

December 11, 2016  
Pickersgill Retirement  
Community  
Breakfast Meeting

February 12, 2017  
Pickersgill Retirement  
Community  
Breakfast Meeting

### Philadelphia Chapter 1

December 4, 2016—  
Horsham, PA

### Washington Chapter 12

2nd Sunday of odd months

### Free State Chapter 141

2nd Thursday of odd months

### Harrisburg Chapter 158

3rd Wednesday of odd months

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CHAPTER 11

December 11, 2016 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST  
PROGRAM: UGLY CLOCK CONTEST/SHOW & TELL  
PRESENTERS: VARIOUS

February 12, 2017 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 6-8, 2017 – Southern Ohio Regional, Wilmington, OH

### 2017 DUES

TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE CHAPTER. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS VOTED TO GIVE YOU FREE DUES FOR THE 2017 CALENDER YEAR. ANY NEW MEMBERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE FREE DUES.

## RESERVATION FOR BREAKFAST MEETING NAWCC CHAPTER 11

Mail to **BILL MILLER, 4301 MEADOWCLIFF ROAD, GLEN ARM, MD. 21057** by December 2nd

Please reserve the following for me, for the meeting of **DECEMBER 11, 2016**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dues @ \$10  | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission to the meeting @ 10.00 each for self and guest(s) other than spouse. | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission for spouse: \$5.00   | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tables. First come, first served.  | FREE     |

**NOTE: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$2 EACH FOR ADMISSIONS PAID AT THE DOOR.**

**MEMBER MUST ACCOMPANY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GUESTS**

I enclose a check payable to MARYLAND CHAPTER 11, NAWCC for

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