



National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors
Western New York Chapter 13
May 19, 2019 Newsletter

Please join us for our next meeting!

Sunday May 19, 2019
10510 Bethany Center Rd.

Bethany Community Center
E. Bethany, NY

\$14 per person (mail-in registration)

\$16 per person (at the door)

- MART: 10:00-11:30
- BUSINESS MTG @ 11:30
- DINNER: 12:00 followed by program speaker Jim Burghart
- SHOW & TELL: Recent Horological Acquisition
- PROGRAM: Woodworks Repair Skills (bring a woodworks movement to share and learn)

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PRESIDENT - Eric Hooker/Kevin Cole

TREASURER - Phil Sortore

VICE PRESIDENT - Kent Stewart

SECRETARY - Debbie Cole

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE - Don Cecala

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 -2019



Officers:

Kevin Cole and Eric Hooker as Co-Presidents
Kent Stewart Vice President
Debbie Cole as Secretary
Phil Sortore as Treasurer
Don Cecala as Director at Large

Volunteers:

Treasurer's Assistant—Donna Stengel
Woman's Program Leader— Nancy Ziefel
Member Highlights—Dorothy Baker
Communications Liaison—Beth Lewis
To go meals—Laurie Kimble

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE



Mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of the year's meetings! Chapter 13 has three different meeting venues. The Rochester contingency hosts 8 meetings per year for those who live in the Rochester vicinity. The Buffalo contingency holds 4 meetings per year for the Westside crowd. And we all have the opportunity to come together in Bethany for 5 meetings per year. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings and to bring a guest as well.

Bethany Meetings:

10510 Bethany Center Rd., E. Bethany, NY.
3rd Sundays at 10:30 am

January 20	July 21
March 17	May 19
October 20	

Rochester Meetings:

Pittsford Community Center
35 Lincoln Ave. Pittsford NY 14534
mart 6:30, meeting 7 pm

January 16	February 20
March 20	May 15
September 18	

Buffalo Meetings:

St. Paul's Church, Ellicott & Eagle Sts.
3rd Sundays at Noon

February 17	Sept 15
April 28	Nov 17

2019 CHAPTER 13 DUES



The 2019 campaign to bring members up to date has been a great success. If you still owe, please submit your payment with your dinner reservation or pay at the registration table at the next meeting

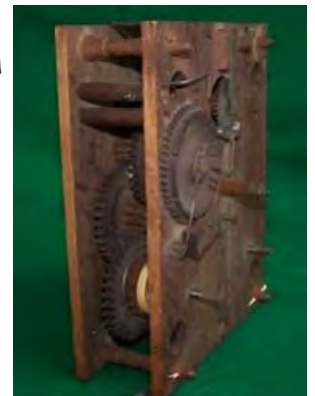
A value at \$10 for yearly membership. Members 3 years in arrears are dropped from the membership list.

May Program: Woodworks Repair

Jim Burghart

Jim Burghart will present woodworks repair skills; tooth repair, bushings and cleaning pivots. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills with sample movements!

Karl Burghart, a long time collector and NAWCC member, brought his sons, Karl and Jim to antique shops, flea markets and marts. In 1987 Jim gave Karl and his first wife a clock for a wedding gift. As time passed, brothers Jim and Karl spent time with their father repairing, buying and selling clocks and by the early 90's both brothers were building their collections.



In 2013 Karl and Jim bought a large collection and opened for business as the "Clock Brothers". In 2017 both brothers retired to run their business full time. Jim works on early tall case clocks, case repair/veneer, woodworks and reproduction tablet transfers on glass. Karl works on Chelsea, platform escapements, chime clocks, watches and cut wheels.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is a pleasure to greet you for another Chapter 13 event.

By now most of you know that Chapter 13 has lost one of its premier members Tony Prasil. He was an asset to the to the World and to the world of Horology, a Gentleman and always willing to talk clock, he will be missed by us all. He lived a Great long life. A card to his family would be appreciated. Send it to The Family of Tony (Anthony) Prasil, 2179 Titus Avenue, Rochester NY, 14622.

Last newsletter we shared the passing of Olga Edwards. There is an upcoming Memorial service for Olga, I will send out a notice as it draws near.

Our auction was a great success, lots of items traded hands and everyone was happy. A great way to celebrates St. Patty's Day and enjoy a great corn beef and cabbage dinner, but mostly the companionship of fellow horologists.

Our presentation program is the great program we had scheduled for January's meeting on Wood Works Movements. We were lucky to be able to have Jim Burkhart available to come to our May meeting. I am hoping we will not have to cancel again because of the weather. Bring a WW Clock for Jim and to share.

We are going to have a go at our watch and clock information and answers to their problems, bring a question! Frank Ziefel and Dan Genovese will be our watch experts and Dave Richardson will be our clock expert.

I sent out dues reminders to all members that were 2 and 3 years past due. We had a great response. The members that were 3 years past due and did not respond were dropped from the membership list as of March 31 as indicated in the notice.

The July meeting will be a Picnic at Joe DePonceau's place. The good weather is approaching and we all need a break from the long winter, I hope you all have a great and healthy summer.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Eric

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Hello Everyone,

At last we are welcoming Spring and all the new life and growth it brings. This Spring we also experienced a great loss to our Chapter and a personal loss to many of our members. I would like to dedicate my message this month, to Tony Prasil:

It is with great sadness that I announce Anthony Prasil's passing. Tony was a NAWCC member for 57 years. Because of his valuable contributions in the field of horology and to the NAWCC, Tony became a Fellow in 1989. He served as Secretary to Chapter 13 for 8 years; Vice President of our club for 4 years and President for 3 years. He was also the curator of the Hoffman Clock Museum for several years. Tony said, "The best job in the world was given to me – curator of a clock museum."

Tony's penchant for horology started at a young age. As a child, he got his father's old watches to take apart. After receiving an Erector Set, he then learned to put things together. The first time Tony acquired a clock that didn't run - he took it apart and worked to repair the clock. He succeeded. The clock began operating and so began a passion for horology. While antiquing with his wife in the 1960s, Tony met a clock enthusiast who invited him to a Chapter 13 meeting...and the rest is history.



The October 1987 NAWCC Seminar was held in Rochester, New York. One of the highlights of the seminar was an exhibit of New York State clocks at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Clocks and watches were on display, many on loan from members of Chapter 13 and Chapter 55. Three thousand people, including school children, viewed this exhibit. Tony Prasil coordinated this successful event. *Continued on page 6*

Thank you,

Kevin Cole

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MARCH 17 MEETING—AUCTION!



Thank you to all who made our auction a success



MARCH 17 MEETING—MEMBERSHIP PIN DEDICATION CEREMONY



Front row: Dan Genovese, Eric Hooker, Pal Cseplo, Phil Sortore, Lou Saccomanno; Back row: Kevin Cole for Tony Prasil, Chris Tahk, Paul Kostelny, Ed Bushway, Douglas Tingue, Paula Fuller, Dick Baker, Richard Rank, Carl Doran, Frank Ziefel, Horace Bowne, Marie Bender, Don Cecala, Frank Perkowsky, Sr. (Not pictured: Joe Brown, Laurie Kimble, John Fadden, Chuck Roeser)

Hope everyone enjoyed their pins!

MARCH 17 MEETING—SHOW & TELL UNIQUE WATCH TOOLS



MARCH 17 MEETING—WOMEN'S PROGRAM FOR ALL

COME PLAY THE GUESSING GAME!

The Women's Program today has a fun
guessing game...what is that object?
Come try and guess what all the objects are!

Everyone is welcome to play!
There are even prizes involved!

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Tony Prasil



Tony served as Chairman of the workshops for the 1989 National Convention in Buffalo.

Anthony J Prasil

April 1, 2019

at the age of 96

Tony and Georgiana Prasil headed the design committee that created Chapter 13's outstanding banner for display at the 1993 National Convention in Dallas, Texas.

His immeasurable knowledge was a gift Tony shared with everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. In addition, he was very generous – donating not only time but also material goods to our Chapter. He presented more than 100 lectures. All of Tony's contributions were substantial and

greatly appreciated.

Tony had the knack to create an interest in people (young and old alike) in the field of horology. For many years he participated the Science Exploration Days at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, making it fun for children and adults to learn.



Not very long ago, while recuperating at a local nursing facility, Tony was recruiting an employee to become a new member for our club – not bad for a 96-year-old! Tony also successfully completed the Cryptogram Puzzle #104 without the help of a computer, dictionary, etc.

Tony lived with his parents in Buffalo, New York. He studied at Cornell University and graduated Summa cum laude with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Tony married Georgiana in 1944 and together they raised four remarkable children. They made Rochester their home.

Tony started his profession as an electrical engineer at the Eastman Kodak Company in 1945. He designed secret military devices. His career at Kodak spanned many decades.

Tony was an active member of the Downtown United Presbyterian Church for 70 years, serving in several capacities.

Tony Prasil is predeceased by his wife and great-granddaughter. He is survived by his children, Ann (Philip) Karam, William Prasil, Marilyn (Guillermo) and Janet (Arthur) Newton. Tony is also survived by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Along with his family,

Tony leaves a host of colleagues and friends who were so fortunate to have known him and who will miss him immensely.



WOMEN'S PROGRAM

At our May meeting, let's explore antique and vintage post cards. They provide a fascinating look at a time gone by, for holidays, travel and comedy. Please bring your post cards to share!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT—Fran and Dave Murdoch



Fran is into repairing the clocks which started when she was a young child. She took things apart and kept at it until she got them back together. Dave is into tools having been a machinist at Rolan Engraving for 32 years. He is a collector and an expert in researching and identifying many different tools. He has done many tool shows, some lasting as long as a week. Fran did accounting for 20 years and then retired as an

LPN after 20 years. They live in Williamson and during the 40 years they have been together they have gone to many auctions. Dave would bid on tools and at one Fran got a Seth Thomas clock. They then got into the antiques and now have a booth at Peddler's Antiques in Canandaigua where they sell clocks, tools and antiques. Fran started to get so many clocks that did not run that she decided she better figure out how to fix them if she was going to be able to sell them. Having gone to a lot of auctions they became friends of Dick & Dorothy Baker and Kevin Cole and together they got them to attend a meeting in Bethany and Rochester. They have not missed a meeting since. They both have volunteered to do several things to promote clocks at our meetings. Since then Fran has joined the NAWCC and Chapter 13. They attend the Rochester meetings and have done some programs for them. Dave did one on tools and Fran did one after she graduated from Eric Hooker's Clock Repair Class held at the Hoffman Museum in 2018. She learned a lot and is still learning as now Dave is excited about the clocks and buys them also. As they have no children that are interested in the clocks, Fran is planning on trying to get her nephew interested as he is mechanically inclined and she is sure he could do it. With Fran's encouragement he may be a new member of NACWW before too long.

MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS

Checks payable to NAWCC Chapter 13

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ people (\$14 per person)

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I have enclosed \$10 for my
2019 Dues

_____MEMBER

_____GUEST

_____GUEST



Mail reservations to:
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