

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors
Western New York Chapter 13
May 15, 2022 Newsletter

Please join us for our next meeting!
Sunday May 15, 2022
10510 Bethany Center Road—East Bethany, NY

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OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Eric Hooker

TREASURER - Phil Sortore

VICE PRESIDENT - Joe Walters

SECRETARY - Dave Richardson

Volunteers:

Treasurer's Assistant—Donna Stengel
Woman's Program Leader— Nancy Ziefel
Member Highlights—Dorothy Baker
Communications Director—Beth Lewis
Membership—Ed Oleksy

2021—2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Chapter 13 Meetings:

*Fire Hall—10510 Bethany Center Road
East Bethany NY
10:30 mart & social, 11:30 business meeting,
12:00 lunch + program*

**May 15, 2022
July 17, 2022 picnic**

**See the July Newsletter for the
fall 2023 Schedule!**

Rochester Meetings:

*Pittsford Community Center
35 Lincoln Ave Pittsford NY 14534
mart 6:15, meeting 7 pm*

**May 17, 2022
June 15, 2022**

Watch your mail for the postcards!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

Well, I am sitting and looking out at spring flowers after a long, cold, windy winter. The only problem is, there are snowflakes flying around! Oh well...it is still winter and the weather is unpredictable in this area until Mid-May when our next meeting will be. I enjoyed being at the March meeting and seeing all of you and catching up on things.

Phil Sortore has been working with the firemen's auxiliary team regarding our dinners. We are covered until we begin in October of 2023. There is concern and I have a feeling they may not provide the meals at the present cost, if at all. Comments have been made that there is not enough profit to benefit their goals. I can understand their position. They have the same problems we have finding volunteers and members. We are so grateful for all the volunteers do in our chapter but having new volunteers is vital to the success of all organizations.

We owe Phil a big thanks for his work as the Treasurer of Chapter 13 and his work with the fireman's organization. Phil has expressed a desire to retire as treasurer and we need a member to step up and relieve him of this responsibility to allow him to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. He has served Chapter 13 for many years and we need one of our members to step forward and assume this role. The Treasurer position does not require a lot of time and there is help!

We welcome Dick Baker to our May Meeting to talk about Black Forest clocks. The Black Forest region produced more than the popular cuckoo clocks. If you have a Black Forest clock, please consider bringing it to the meeting to share with our member.

Two reminders, please send your \$10 annual dues and your dinner reservation early. If you plan on attending, it really helps the kitchen to know in advance how many will attend.

It is sad that there has been sad news to share about some of our members. While I did not know Robert Fedeles very well, he was a long time member of the Chapter. Bill Zinger was a very well-liked member of Chapter 13, had a strong interest in clocks, and will be missed.

I am trying to come up with a plan to have a continuing repair class which will be hands on. I am looking for volunteers, ideas, and maybe a place to have it. Also, please share your ideas with me for the October meeting. That is all for now, stay safe.

Eric

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Many of you know our long-time member Joe Stieffenhofer. What you may not know is that he worked at Eric's Clocks for many years. These notes, in Joe's own handwriting, are in the notebook he kept during those years. They are a great reminder for us all who participate in the art and science of clock repair!

- THINGS NEVER TO FORGET
1. JUST BECAUSE IT CAME APART THAT WAY, DOESN'T MEAN IT SHOULD GO BACK TOGETHER THAT WAY.
 2. JUST BECAUSE IT TICKS, DOESN'T MEAN IT'S WORKING CORRECTLY.
 3. JUST BECAUSE IT STRIKES, DOESN'T MEAN IT IS STRIKING OK.
 4. JUST BECAUSE EVERYTHING WORKS CORRECTLY, DOESN'T MEAN IT WILL WORK IN THE CASE. ^{ON TEST FIXTURE}
 5. IF THE CLOCK KEEPS STOPPING EVEN THOUGH EVERYTHING APPEARS OK, TRY WINDING IT UP.
 6. DON'T FORGET TO START THE PENDULUM.
 7. DON'T FORGET TO OIL THE MOVEMENT.
 8. DON'T FORGET TO LET DOWN ALL OF THE SPRINGS.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS—PAULA & DON FULLER

by Dorothy Baker

Paula and Don have been members of Chapter 13 since 1990 and have been married to each other for 45 years. They have lived in Springville for 44 years. They have two daughters, and three grandsons. Their girls do like clocks, but not quite as much as their parents. Paula served as secretary for our Chapter for several years.

They shared a wonderful story of how they became interested in clocks. It seems that Don did welding and as part of his payment for a job he did, a man gave him an Adamantine Mantle Clock that did not work. They liked the style of the clock and decided to take it to a man named Bly in Springville to have it repaired. When they went to pick it up Mr. Bly told Paula that the clock had a spring problem that he called ischronical error. He explained that it was due to some type of pressure in the spring. Paula wanted to learn more about that and became interested in finding out. In 1978 they bought a German wall clock from Don's aunt, Marion Diebold, who was also a member of Chapter 13.



On a coffee break, while working at a stand at the Springville Auction, Paula bought a clock and Dan Beecher spotted the clock and told her about NAWCC. Dan came the next week with information on how to join the club. They have gone to many of the Eastern States Regionals and had a friendship with Dan for several years. The eeriest thing for them was that Dan Beecher had a twin brother named Don and Don Fuller has a twin brother named Dan. Although Dan and Don Beecher are gone, the memories they shared will last forever. Dan Fuller is a snowbird and winters in Florida.

Like many collectors, Paula and Don like a variety of items. Many of the clocks that they bought and sold helped to finance their other habits of antique oil lamps, kitchen machines, miniature oil cans and other items they enjoy. They may have used some clocks to buy other items but they still have the Adamantine mantle, German Wall clock and many more of their favorites. Some things you just cannot part with as the memories are so delightful.

ROCHESTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

DICK & DOROTHY BAKER

MARCH—2022

Rochester Watch & Clock Group Highlights of March 11, 2022 Meeting

There were 31 attending this meeting to learn from Dave Richardson of what to do when disassembling an American clock movement. Dave demonstrated things to do to make sure you have a way to keep track of the parts you remove from the movement. There was a lot of interest and everyone said they learned something from the demonstration.

Our member Richard Rank also brought a home made drying unit. He constructed it so that you can put your cleaned movement or any parts inside to dry. He installed a hand-held hair dryer and wired it with an automatic timer. Then, all you have to do is, put the parts in, turn it on, and let it dry, while you do other things!



ROCHESTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

DICK & DOROTHY BAKER

APRIL—2022

Rochester Watch & Clock Group Highlights of April 24, 2022 Meeting

There were 25 attending this meeting to learn from Dick Baker how to repair the bellows of a clock. He brought some cuckoo clock bellows and showed everyone how to apply the replacement material to get them to cuckoo again! He informed everyone of where you can obtain the right material and showed how to install the material properly. He also explained why it is necessary to make sure you have the right amount of fabric to make them work properly. Everyone enjoyed the demonstration and the evening!



Please join us to see amazing, museum quality Black Forest clocks from the collection of Dick & Dorothy Baker!



Message from a Member

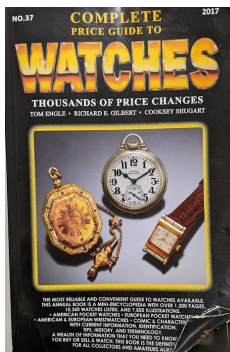
Thank you to everyone for the get well wishes! I am doing therapy and should be better soon. Tom will take over for me at the May meeting, I will not be able to attend. If anyone is willing to help him out, it would be appreciated!

- Donna Stengel

March 20 — In Person Meeting Watches & Easter

Joe Deponceau & Nancy Ziefel

Joe prepared a slide show highlighting the G.B. Graves Grandfather clock and a few watches and brought pieces from his watch collection Nancy shared her Easter collection with us at the March meeting! There were even birthday cupcakes for Eric! Please join us for friendship and information in May!



THE STORY OF AN
H. B. GRAVES GRANDFATHER CLOCK
&
A FEW
POCKET WATCHES

In Memoriam



Robert Fedele
October 29, 1940—April 1, 2022



Bill Zinger
1942 - April 19, 2022

MAIL IN RESERVATIONS & DUES

CHECK PAYABLE TO NAWCC CHAPTER 13

Please make checks payable to Chapter 13!

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ people (\$18 per person in advance \$20 at the door)

Enclosed is \$_____ for \$10 Annual Dues for _____

_____MEMBER

_____GUEST



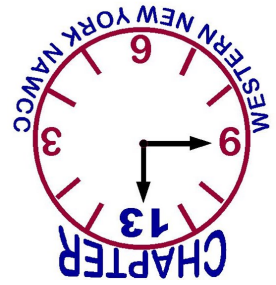
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\$18 per person (mail-in registration)

\$20 per person (at the door)

- MART: 10:30-11:30
- BUSINESS MEETING: 11:30
- DINNER: 12:00—Chicken Parmesan
- Program follows dinner
- PROGRAM: Black Forest Clocks
by Dick Baker
- Show & Tell: Black Forest Clock
- Women's program by Nancy