



*National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors*  
**Western New York Chapter 13**  
**January 20, 2019 Newsletter**

Please join us for our next meeting!

Sunday, January 20, 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
- SHOW & TELL: Unique Watch Tools
- PROGRAM: Woodworks Repair Skills (bring a woodworks movement to share and learn)
- Guest Speaker—Jim Burghart

🌀 OFFICERS 🌀

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



**Results from the October meeting is election of 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 next 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  
March 17  
May 19

July 21  
October 20

### **Rochester Meetings:**

Pittsford Community Center  
35 Lincoln Ave  
Pittsford NY 14534  
Activity room #19  
mart 6:30, meeting 7 pm

January 16                      February 20  
March 20

See March newsletter for future dates

### **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



As we begin a new year of meetings it is time to pay your local chapter dues for 2019. Dues remain at a very affordable \$10 for the year. You may send your dues in with your dinner reservation or pay them at the meeting. The Chapter wants to keep you on the mailing list. Members who are 3 years in arrears will be dropped from the mailing list.

## October Program: Woodworks Repair

Jim Burghart

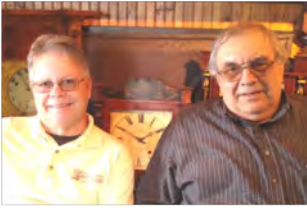
Jim Burghart will present woodworks repair skills; tooth repair, bushings and cleaning pivots. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills with sample movements!

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



Members and friends of Chapter 13,

Happy New Year! The January meeting is the first meeting of our new year and it is going to be GREAT ONE, we have a great education program lined up on the service and repair of wood works clock movements by Jim Burkhart one of the Clock Brothers. The Wooden Works have some special needs.

Thank you to the 2018 officers for serving again. I want to thank Beth Lewis for volunteering to take over the publishing of the newsletter, a very important means of communicating to the members, a very big THANKS. I also want to thank Laurie Kimble for her many years of doing the job and doing it well. I know it sometimes a struggle to get the information and put it together to meet all of the deadlines, it takes a real commitment of time and caring for the organization and its members.

At our March meeting we are going to be treated to an Horological Auction by our own auctioneer Kevin Cole, bring your treasures to sell and bring your desire to own a new piece of Horology.

I am very proud of the accomplishment of the Chapter's support for the Lockport Rotary's project to restore a very important O B McClintock post clock located in a very visible part of Lockport NY's entrance to the well visited Locks. I believe that projects like this are a responsibility of the Horological community. It also gives the Chapter a very caring visibility. I thank you all for the support. I am sure we will be updated on the progress by Chuck Roeser the contractor, and member of Chapter 13.

Please come and join our progressive, growing chapter and learn with us, we have more good things to come. Please let me know what programs you would like us to arrange for you to enjoy.

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Hello everyone,

I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope 2019 is a time of peace, health and happiness for you and yours. As we look forward to a great new year, we reflect and appreciate the past.

In that vein, I would like to thank Laurie Kimble for all of the work she put into preparing the newsletters for Chapter 13. She accomplished a great deal – keeping us informed of Chapter 13's future activities, relating prior events and keeping us connected. Her hard work and contributions to our organization are greatly appreciated. Also, I would like to welcome Beth Lewis to her new role as our Communications liaison. Beth has graciously accepted this undertaking and we look forward to enjoying the fruits of her labor.

Along the same lines, regarding the past and future, the newly elected officers of Chapter 13 will remain the same officers of 2018. Once again, Eric and I appreciate your support and will continue to work together to enhance our Chapter, and along with your help, continue to increase our membership and cultivate new ideas.

And, last but not least, ringing out the old and ringing in the new...our annual auction will take place at our March meeting.

Our January meeting promises to be an excellent way to start the New Year. The mart will begin at 10:00 a.m. and dinner will be served at 12:00 p.m. The Show and Tell segment will feature unique watch tools. I'm sure many of you can contribute to this portion of the meeting.

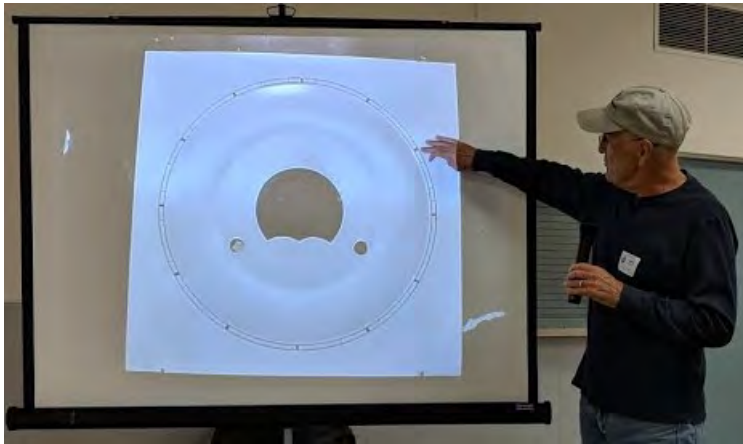
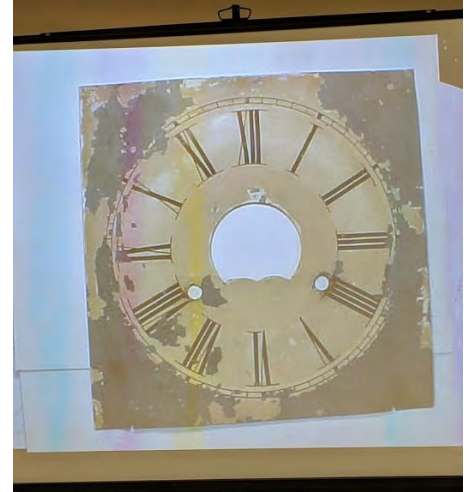
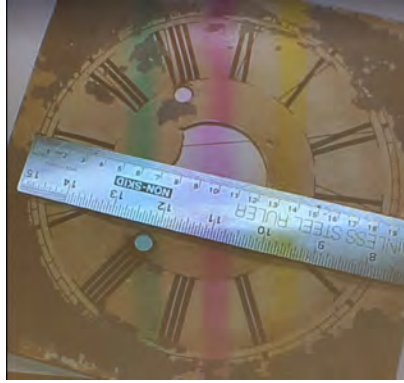
Our January program will feature Jim Burghart. Jim will present woodworks repair skills. Please bring in your woodworks movements with any questions for Jim.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2019!

Thank you,  
Kevin Cole



## OCTOBER DIAL PAINGING MEETING— BY DAVE LIMA



## LOCKPORT POST CLOCK PROGRESS—REMOVAL NOVEMBER 2018



- 1: Rotted base
- 2&4: Removing doors and dials
- 3: Without dials





Ed Oleksy's Auction Finds



Educational Women's Program—Kitchen Utensils



Winner! Spooky Clock Costume by Mike Horn



## A Fundraising Success: The Lockport Tower Clock



### Lockport tower clock to be restored with help of Rotary Club

PROJECT: City man handling work has fixed clocks in Independence Hall, old Erie County Hall.

By Tim Fenster [tim.fenster@niagara-gazette.com](mailto:tim.fenster@niagara-gazette.com) Nov 11, 2018

Over the past 45 years, Chuck Roeser has restored iconic public clocks across the world, from Independence Hall in Philadelphia to the Erie County Hall in Buffalo. His work has a horologist — a maker and fixer of clocks — has taken him across the American West and Europe, where he was restored to working order the sort of clocks that are centerpieces of campuses and city squares. Yet for much of his time in the trade, the hands on his own hometown's most historic tower clock, at Main and Pine streets, have not accurately kept the time. But Roeser will soon change that. Over the next year, he will make the repairs to get the nearly century-old clock ticking, accurately, once more. "Lockport is a very historic town; we've got a lot of history here," Roeser said. "It's as shame to let the clock deteriorate to the point it is now."

The Rotary Club of Lockport is leading the project, funding the work with about half club funds and half private donations and grants, including from the Oath Community Benefit Fund and \$3,000 in Niagara County casino monies. Club Sgt.-At-Arms Steven Cotten said the restoration will cost about \$38,500, along with various incidental costs.

The club is restoring the tower clock as part of its centennial celebrations next spring, (though it likely won't be finished until next October or November). The club was chartered in May 1919, and the clock was built — manufactured by O.B. McClintock Co., of Minneapolis — and erected in 1920.

But club vice president Cynthia Cotten said the they had not considered the clock's nearly-shared centennial, but simply felt the restoration was long overdue. The club is also planning to celebrate its centennial with new signage for the in-the-works playground, named in honor of Civil Rights pioneer Aaron Mossell, east of the Washburn and South streets intersection. "It's right at the edge of the locks historic district; people come up and see this eyesore," Cynthia Cotten said. "We thought, it's about time somebody get this fixed." Cynthia Cotten said they were also inspired to take on the project because of Roeser, a lifelong Lockportian who practices an increasingly rare craft. "It was kind of serendipitous that he was doing this right in Lockport," Steven Cotten said.

When the clock was erected at Main and Pine streets in 1920, it was operated by an electric controller located in the basement of what was then the Niagara County National Bank. The bank, along with the clock, was purchased by the Midland Marine Trust Company in 1951, and later by HSBC in 1980 (though the Midland Marine name remained). Sometime in the 1980s, Roeser said, the original controlled was removed. "The electric clock movements in there now, none of them really work," Roeser said.

Accounts vary on when the clock stopped functioning properly. The Cottens say the clock has not worked in at least 20 years. Niagara County Deputy Historian Craig Bacon said the clock stopped reading time accurately and consistently around the late 90s. The bank closed in 1999, and was later taken over by Niagara County Community College. The county took over the building in April 2015, and in May 2017, transferred it to the the Niagara Orleans Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Roeser plans to install a digital controller inside the clock, which will operate the analogue hands. He also plans to add lighting for nighttime reading, and a sound-system that will chime carols on the quarter-hour. The club has yet to decide which songs it will play. The exterior will also be refurbished and coated with copper to prevent future rusting. Steve Cotten said that in 1920, copper was depleted because of World War I. Wherever possible, original materials will be used. "It'll look very similar to when it was manufactured," Roeser said.

Some aspects of the restoration may remain a mystery. Steven Cotten said they will not know the condition of the clock's base until they crack open the concrete and get a look inside. He is hopeful they can remove the clock and begin the restoration before the winter cold blows in. Should all go as planned, by this time in 2019, pedestrians on Main Street can check the time as they cross by Pine Street — just as Lockportians did 98 years ago. Cynthia Cotten hopes that the restoration will revive interest in what she considers a downtown icon. "I think there are people who haven't grown up in Lockport and say it's just a clock. But for people who've grown up here, it's an iconic piece. When you go down Main Street, you see the clock," she said.

"It caught your eye," she added. "It stood witness to 98 years of Lockport history." And with a thorough restoration, it could stand for another 98 years or more, ticking away the time minute by minute, hour by hour.



Tim Fenster/staffChuck Roeser, owner of Essence of Time, has restored public clocks around the world, including clocks in Philadelphia's Independence Hall and Buffalo's former Erie County Hall. His next project: get the clock at Main and Pine streets in Lockport to keep time, accurately, once again.



WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Bring in items you think will stump our fellow NAWCC friends.  
Do you have tools, kitchen items, sewing items, etc. that you think no one will know what they are? Bring them in, and we will have a little contest, with a prize for the person who correctly guesses the most right! Men and women are encouraged to participate!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Mike Horn is from Ransomville NY, near Niagara Falls, is married with 2 daughters. He is 42 years old and is a crane operator, working his way up from a welder just out of high school. He has driven heavy equipment but the cranes are his passion. His other passion for clocks started at a young age, his parents had a cuckoo clock but he was never allowed to touch it. After he got married he found that his father in law had clocks, mostly novelty ones. His father in law took them to Norm Locke in Springville for repair but as he got older he was not able to make the trips. He asked Mike if he could look at one that needed some work. That started his repair passion and he now has a room in his house complete with a lathe. He does all his own work like bushings, pivots, polishing, all the things that go with restoring movements. For the time being his clocks, of which he has about 150, are a hobby but he can't wait till he retires to open his own clock shop.

Mike met Kevin Cole at a Kelly Schultz auction about 2 years ago and was invited to attend a Chapter 13 meeting and has been coming ever since. He also sets up booths at the North Tonawanda Old Chapel and the Lewiston Antique Mall in Sanborn, NY. Mike loves his clocks but is also interested in the mid century modern antiques and collectibles.

Mike is also happy that his younger daughter is interested in the clocks and wants to learn everything when he is repairing. It is nice to see young people interested in our hobby, maybe Mike will have a partner in the clock shop when he retires.

IN MEMORY OF CHAPTER 13 MEMBERS



Robert Hall Wagner  
JSC (Ret.)  
October 2, 2018  
at the age of 97



Theodore H. Morse  
October 19, 2018  
at the age of 91

MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS Checks payable to NAWCC Chapter 13

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people (\$14 per person)  
☐ I have enclosed \$10 for my 2019 Dues

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