



*National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors*  
**Western New York Chapter 13**  
 May 17, 2020 Newsletter

**Special Safer @ Home May 2020 Edition!**

**Next Meeting To Be Announced**

10510 Bethany Center Road

Bethany Community Center

East Bethany, NY

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❧ **OFFICERS** ❧

PRESIDENT - Eric Hooker/Kevin Cole

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Woman's Program Leader— Nancy Ziefel

Member Highlights—Dorothy Baker

Communications Director—Beth Lewis

To go meals—Laurie Kimble

Membership—Ed Oleksy

Show & Tell—Paul Kostelny

**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE—Contact your local group for next meeting dates**

**Bethany Meetings:**

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

January 19  
 March 15  
 October 20  
 May 17  
 July 19  
 October 18

**Rochester Meetings:**

Pittsford Community Center  
 35 Lincoln Ave. Pittsford NY 14534  
 1st 6:30, meeting 7 pm

September 18  
 October 16  
 November 20  
 January 15  
 February 19  
 March 18  
 April 15  
 May 20

**Buffalo Meetings:**

St. Paul's Church, Ellicott & Eagle Sts.  
 3rd Sundays at Noon  
 September 15

February 16  
 April 26  
 Sept 20  
 Nov 15

**2020 CHAPTER 13 DUES**

Dues is a value at \$10 for yearly membership. Members 3 years in arrears are dropped from the membership list. A generous patron will pay the first year for new members!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope this finds everyone healthy.

A lot of you have enquired as to my condition. I am doing OK, notice some improvement everyday. Thanks for asking and hope to see all of you soon as we can.

I am sorry we have to cancel another meeting but our health is more important. That is why we decided to publish a newsletter to let everyone know what the members are doing while they are shut in. The time can be well spent on those projects that have been postponed until there was time to do the project. I am looking forward to seeing what all of you have been working on.

I thank everyone that sent cards for my birthday and cards wishing me to get well. They were much appreciated and brightened my days. I also want to thank all of you for the special tray that Joe DePonceau created and made, it is great.

We still want to do a zoom.com program. Several have expressed an interest. We will try to set up a date in a few weeks, we will confirm. Beth has agreed to host the event and will let you know how to sign in to the site. The first attempt will be a meet and greet to make sure we can get on board with this.

Let me know your feelings. Look for an email with details.

Please send in your dues so I do not have to send you an invoice to keep you current, it costs the Chapter money and takes time. Enough of my ramblings, saving room for the projects.

If you have questions or concerns call me,

Eric

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Hi everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. In my message for the March newsletter I hoped weather wouldn't be a factor in the attendance for our St. Patrick's Day meeting – in hindsight, I wish weather was the only influence on our turnout.

Due to the ongoing information available to us and our concern for the health and safety of our members, as well as the Bethany volunteers, we have decided to cancel our May meeting. As much as we look forward to getting together, this seems to be the wisest decision. We will hold out hope that our picnic in July will take place. It certainly would be nice to see everyone! We will keep you posted.

Our March meeting took place on St. Patrick's Day. We were just then beginning to hear about the Corona virus at that time. Understandably, many members were wary about attending. For those who did attend, we enjoyed the camaraderie, meal and presentation. Frank Boyce and his wife, Helen (Chapter 55) were kind enough to fill in at a moment's notice and travel quite a distance to do a great presentation on Jerome Clocks.

There were several people who prepaid for their dinners before there was any idea how this pandemic would affect us. Unfortunately, the Chapter had no idea either. The volunteers who provide our meal, purchase the food based on the attendance figures we provide; therefore, we were not able to refund those members.

If you are bored and looking for something to do, you can always send in your dues (\$10.00/per year) if you haven't already done so. You can send your payment to: Donna Stengel, 46 Court Street, Lancaster, NY, 14086.

Update on Eric: He happily survived a milestone birthday in March and is slowly on the road to recovery with his health issues. Please keep Eric and Doris in your thoughts.

Please take all precautions to remain healthy. Also, if you would like to talk clocks or anything else, if you're looking for information or just want to chat for a while, please feel free to give me a call or e-mail.

Kevin Cole  
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[Kcole1@frontiernet.net](mailto:Kcole1@frontiernet.net)

Special thank you to Frank & Helen Boyce for stepping in at the last minute to present a fantastic history of Jerome Clocks!



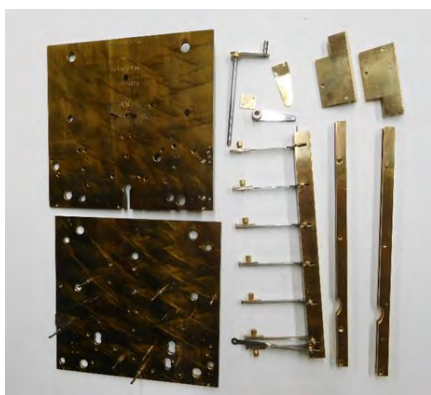
### Highlights from the February 19, 2020 Rochester Chapter





## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE KIMBLE KLOCK SHOP—LAURIE SAFER AT HOME

These are crazy times! I pray everyone is staying well and practicing the oxymoron of 'social distancing.' Since we are basically housebound I have been spending a lot of time downstairs in the clock shop. Just before our world got turned upside down I took in for repair a Colonial Tubular Bell clock with a Hans Winterhalder (HWN) movement. After finishing up the other customer clocks in the shop I started on the tubular bell. It is a beautiful movement with heavy 3/16" thick plates and about a million pieces! The movement was very dirty and dusty and obviously had not run in quite some time. Everything had to be hand cleaned before going in the ultrasonic and then polished. It took a couple of days to complete this process. After cleaning the parts I laid them out and took pictures of all of them. Couldn't fit them all in one shot - it ended up taking three photos! So now the question becomes, "Will all these pieces find a way to get back together again?" I sure hope so! This should keep me busy for a while.



Hello,

Attached is a picture of a Terry type wooden works movement holder. It was constructed from plans I found on the NAWCC website posted by a Don Bugh of College Station TX in 2006. It is designed to hold standard 30-hour Terry movements.



I purchased a movement on Ebay and it is shown in the picture. It runs!

I hope all is well with you, Regards, Rodney Boatman

## SAFER AT HOME—RODNEY BOATMAN- WOODEN WORKS STAND



## SAFER AT HOME—DAVE RICHARDSON—HOFFMAN CLOCK MUSEUM



Recently, the Hoffman Clock Museum acquired a Seth Thomas "Violin" reproduction clock, circa 1975. The original Violin Clock (circa 1885) was a special-order clock made by Seth Thomas and was not included in any of their catalogs. Perhaps no other model has been copied as much as the famed (and extremely rare) Violin Clock. Guestimates are that approximately 20 to 25 Violin Clocks were originally made by Seth Thomas. This example was probably made by E.N. Harvell from North Carolina in the 1970's (although there is no signature) and is about as close to an original as you can get.

The walnut case stands 29 inches tall and is 13 5/8 inches wide at the base. The door glass with a musical theme matches the original. The lyre 8-day, time-and-strike movement is an original Seth Thomas movement as is the gong, dial and pendulum assembly. The components are circa 1885 and probably originated from a Seth Thomas City Series clock. There is a Seth Thomas label on the inside bottom of the clock. A number of Violin Clock reproductions have been made over the years of varying quality and trueness to the original. The Museum's clock is one of the finest examples.



## SAFER AT HOME—ED OLESKY—8-DAY INGRAHAM



Hello All!

This is a 8 day Ingraham wall regulator that now ticks again. The movement refurbishment included 6 bushing replacement.

The clock is one of the beginning purchases for my collection 44 plus years ago.

Submitted by Ed Olesky

## SAFER AT HOME—KEN BROWN—ITHACA CALENDAR CLOCK

Attached are photos of an Ithaca Calendar Clock No. 4 1/2 "Favorite" that I picked up a few years ago.

I cleaned, re-bushed, polished the pivots and oiled the time movement. Then I dismantled the calendar movement completely, cleaned and reassembled (NOT OILED!). Up and running again.

Ken Brown, Fairport





## SAFER AT HOME—KEVIN COLE—WEIGHT DRIVEN WALL CLOCKS



Now that I have you as a captive audience ... since our President and Governor have advised that we should stay home as much as possible, I would like to share my homebound activities these past few weeks.

As I was sitting in my chair, I couldn't help but look at my weight driven wall clocks. I thought this would be a great opportunity to oil the movements and clean the clock cases. This turned out to be a timely (ha, ha) endeavor. One clock lead to another and as the weeks went by, I was able to get about 80 percent completed. I have attached photos to share by handiwork with you.

If you have any questions or would just like to talk, you are welcomed to call me at 585-322-

5581.

It's amazing how pleasantly time goes by when your occupied by a project that you really enjoy. Not only are my clocks serviced, my clock shop is immaculate too. My tool shed is cleaned, my gardens are mulched, my lawn is seeded, my basement is in order, and my car is fixed. Any suggestions for the next four weeks??? - Kevin Cole



Wanted to Buy:

**Oval Glass Dome**

10" high 7 to 7 1/2" Wide 3 1/2 to 4" deep

Dick Baker - 315-946-6353

email- [baksdd3752@gmail.com](mailto:baksdd3752@gmail.com)





Richard bought his first clock in 1968 while in Germany serving our country in the United States Army. That purchase gave him the bug and he still has that Vienna Regulator. The bug had hit him and to be able to get more he joined the NAWCC in 1974, located Chapter 13 and attended some of the first meeting they had and has been attending ever since. Over the years he researched and learned all he could about many clock makers. Now if someone needs information about a maker, Richard will know the answer and if he doesn't he can direct them to research about it.

Richard graduated from Brockport and Geneseo Colleges in New York and from the University in Nice France. He has been recognized in the Whos Who of American Teachers. Richard taught elementary school and retired as Vice Principal from the Greece middle school in 1998. After retiring clocks became his full time interest. He expanded his research and knowledge of makers and clocks. His favorite maker is Seth Thomas as he believes Seth Thomas was a survivor. He lasted through famine, depression and fires and made a good reliable clock. He stuck with what worked and lasted longer than other clock makers of his time. Richard has a philosophy that he buys and sells with the idea of letting the next guy make a little if he resells or get a good deal if he is collecting. He figures if a person buys a clock and takes it home and their other half does not care for it, they can always resell it and make something, thus making the other half happy.

Richard and his wife Barbara have been together since 1990 and both can be seen at all the Regionals and Nationals. Richard is always at the chapter meetings and has been a past Director of the Rochester part of Chapter 13 and has been on the Board of Governors of Chapter 55. He is active in many activities, giving lectures to many groups and has even been on the radio extending his knowledge to many people. There are many more things he has done and still does that are done behind the scene that no one realizes are being done. We thank him for all that he has done over the years for all the members of the NAWCC, the Chapters and members of many organizations. He is willing to assist anyone looking for a clock, wanting to sell collections or in need of help settling family estates. If anyone needs help or information he can be contacted at 585-225-3194. He brings many items of interest for many of the members and knows a lot about a lot of things and is always willing to share his knowledge.

Richard not only loves clocks but he also had a Corvette he loved. He bought it after he got out of the Army and kept it for 47 years before deciding it was time for someone else to enjoy it as much as he did. Not sure when he will decide the same about the Vienna Regulator he bought in 1968 but I'm sure he will enjoy it as long as he possibly can.

#### MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Watch your e-mail and mail box for the next meeting announcement

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Rochester, 14609



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# Watch your mailbox for details when meetings will restart!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

May meetings are cancelled. Stay safe and enjoy this month's our Safer At Home Edition!