

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors
Western New York Chapter 13
 January 17, 2021 Newsletter

January 2021 Edition

Next Meeting January 17 1:00pm via Zoom Conference Call
 Details on page 7, no charge for this meeting

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OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Eric Hooker

TREASURER - Phil Sortore

VICE PRESIDENT - Joe Walters

SECRETARY - Call Eric if interested

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE - Don Cecala

Volunteers:

Treasurer's Assistant—Donna Stengel

Woman's Program Leader—Nancy Ziefel

Member Highlights—Dorothy Baker

Communications Director—Beth Lewis

Membership—Ed Oleksy

Show & Tell—Paul Kostelny

2021 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
 Oct 18 1:00pm — Online ZOOM
 January 17 Zoom May TBA
 March TBA July TBA
 October TBA

Rochester Meetings:

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

Future Meetings to be announced

Buffalo Meetings:

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

Feb 21
 Sep 19

Apr 18
 Nov 21

2021 CHAPTER 13 DUES—Check your mailing label Red Dot = Dues Behind

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

Happy New Year to all of you.

As you probably realized we will not be having in person meetings at East Bethany in January and again in March. I hope this COVID-19 gets under control so that we all feel safe to meet again. I am glad 2020 is gone and look forward to a better 2021, Time will tell how it will be.

We are going to try another Zoom meeting. I hope you will join us. See below for details. A reminder that dues for 2021 were due in October, check your newsletter for a red dot. If you see a red dot your dues need to be brought up to date to continue to receive the newsletter. Some of you already sent in your dues to Donna Stengel and we thank you.

We are in search of a club Secretary to replace the wonderful service provided by Debbie Cole for several years. Please call me if you are able to help our club.

Want to send condolences to Dorothy Baker on the loss of her sister and to the family of Chris Tahk who left us suddenly. Please let myself or Beth Lewis know if any of our members need their spirits lifted or have left us. We thank Kevin Cole for keeping us up to date as he hears of members who need support.

I hope you are all well. We look forward to seeing you on January 17th.

Eric

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JANUARY 17TH MEETING 1:00PM STRING INSTRUMENT CLOCK PROGRAM

January 17 we will hold a program on String Instrument Clocks and Their Makers!

In addition we will have a discussion on clock stands and please have your favorite clock stand available to share with the group! We are especially interested in homemade and antique clock stands.

In addition, Dave and Eric will answer your project repair questions! If you have items for sale, we will reserve the last part of the meeting for an on-line mart! All of this at no charge as we continue to bring value to our members!

Doris and Eric have space for 2 or 3 people to safely join in front of a computer in Fairport NY.

ZOOM instructions: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74024439313?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74024439313?pwd=SUJCTmtTRFMvYzkwaXRhYUVISklUdz09)
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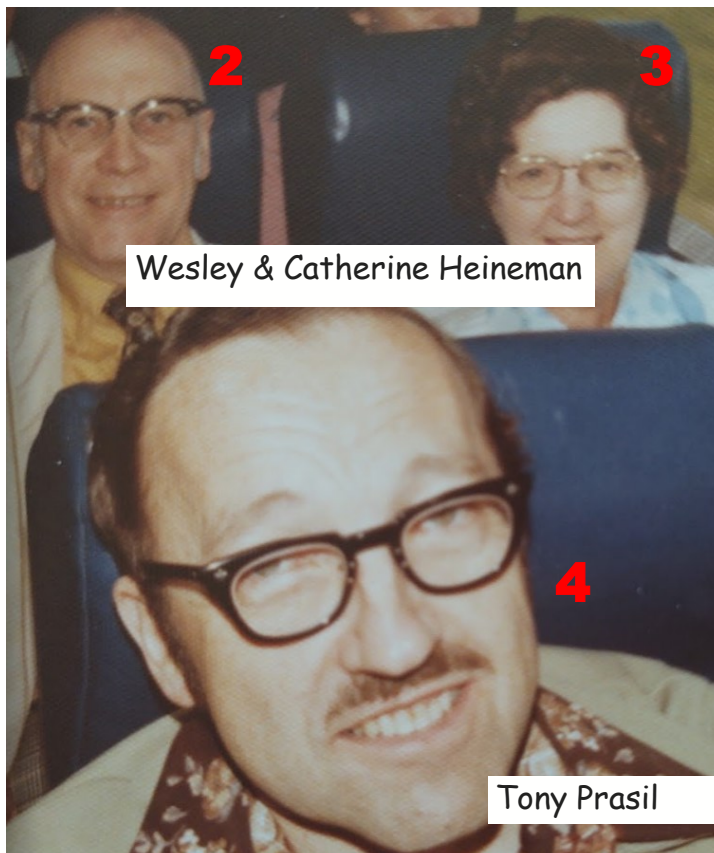
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OCTOBER PROGRAM: OLD TIMERS ANNOUNCED!

This month we are sharing member and speaker photo's of years gone by. A sincere thank you to Richard Gallucci for suggesting this idea and Marie Bender, who provided the majority of the photos and the identity of the members! If you know who our unidentified members are, please call Beth or Eric!

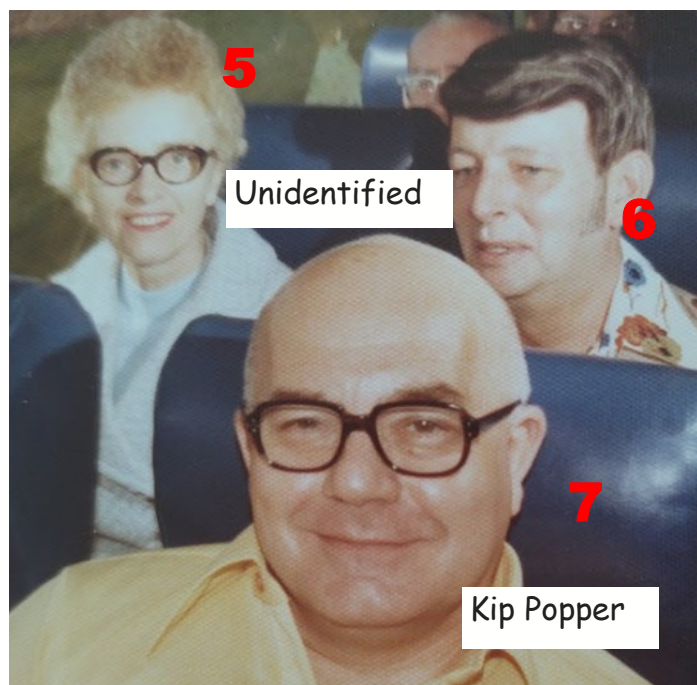


Georgiana Prasil



Wesley & Catherine Heineman

Tony Prasil



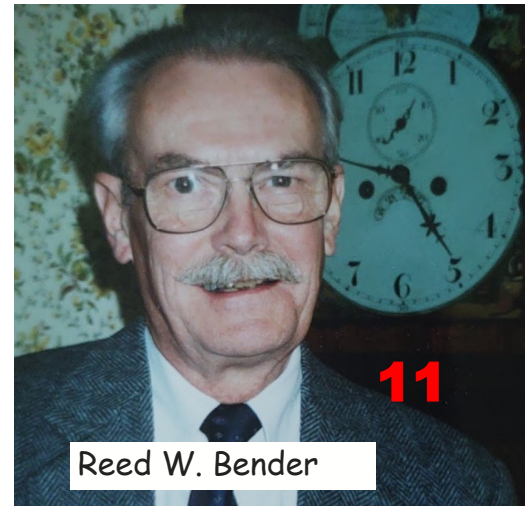
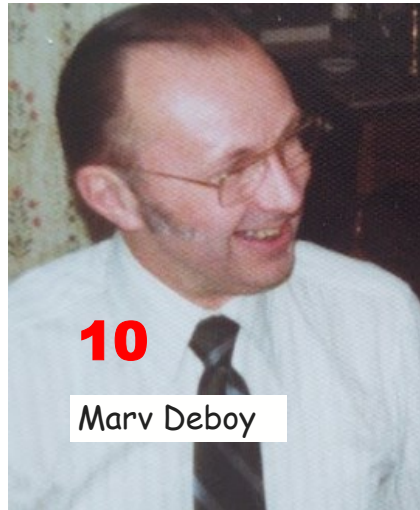
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OLD TIMERS—PART 2



Richard Gallucci Frank Ziefel, unknown speaker



Bob attended an Eastern States Regional about 7 years ago and received a 3 month membership to the NAWCC. He renewed the membership after the 3 months and has enjoyed being a member. When he became a full member, he received a phone call from Ed Oleksy and was invited and came to a Chapter 13 meeting. He has been to all the meetings since and is also a welcomed face at the Rochester group meetings. We were very surprised to see that he shows up at most of the Chapter 55 meetings held in Homer, which is over a 2 hour drive for him. He lives in Webster with his wife Maureen and has one daughter Christina. He retired from Xerox about 5 years ago after 25 years of being a pipefitter. He has many interests including guns and water slip decals.



He got into clocks when he cleaned out his basement. He found an old clock his sister had given him. When he hung it up, it worked but ran fast. Being mechanically inclined he figured out that if he turned the nut at the bottom of the pendulum on the clock he could regulate how fast it goes. He was hooked. He likes all clocks in general and leans more towards the brass movements. When Bob found out about Eric Hooker offering a class on learning how to work on movements in 2018, Bob was one of the first to sign up. He enjoyed all his classmates and learned a lot from the class. Now Bob can do his own repairs and looks for clocks he likes. He does not do for others as he is still learning

Since Bob has been with our Chapter, he has really enjoyed the fellowship and knowledge that all the members have shared with him. He said that going to the meetings is very rewarding as everyone welcomes him and if he needs help there are so many members that will help him and give him any information he may need. It really is a nice way to have fun while learning all he can. He did not know that there was so much fellowship and help so close to where he lives. Bob has also shared his knowledge of guns and water slip decals by presenting a wonderful program for our Rochester group meeting. I was very impressed with Bob as we have elderly members in our Rochester group that do not feel safe driving at night, when our meetings are held and Bob has volunteered to bring them to the meetings. He was doing this a lot before the virus hit and we have not had any meetings. I am sure he will continue to do it when we do start up again.

CARDS FOR OUR MEMBER

Kevin Cole has let us know that Paul Kostelny is in the hospital with Covid-19. No visitors are allowed but cards can be sent to cheer him up:

Paul Kostelny
6640 East Webster Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127



350-YEAR-OLD POCKET WATCH SET IN A SINGLE COLOMBIAN EMERALD

Uncovered by a group of laborers under a floor in London's Cheapside in 1912 and dating to pre-1666 it is a fabulous find we would all like to discover in our floor! More information: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2335913/The-emerald-dial-Priceless-350-year-old-watch-single-jewel-lost-floorboards-centuries-cheapside-hoard.html>

2 - 350-year-old pocket watch carved from a single Colombian emerald.



IN MEMORY OF:

It is with great fondness and respect we remember Christopher Tahk. As an active member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and the Early American Industries Association, he had a wealth of knowledge to share with us. On behalf of Chapter 13 a donation has been sent to the NAWCC Endowment Fund in the amount of \$100.



Cards may be sent to his wife, Charlotte Tay Tahk at:
6766 East Quaker Street
Orchard Park, New York 14127

The obituary can be viewed in full at this web address:

[Frederick Christopher TAHK Obituary - Orchard Park, NY | Buffalo News \(legacy.com\)](#)

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Chris Tahk and Fred Robjent restored this piece for the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society.

This Apostolic Clock strikes and figures of the Apostles move from the door at the left and parade before the figure of the Savior. All bow to Him except Peter, who turns away s the Latin inscription meaning "He denies the Savior" appears. Built by Mr. Myles Hughes.

CLASSIFIEDS: FOR SALE

Looking For A Project?

Dick Baker has more parts and clocks than you can imagine!

Contact Dick Baker at 315-946-6353 for your needs

CHAPTER 13 DUES FORM—due now for 2021!

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ years (\$10 per person/year)

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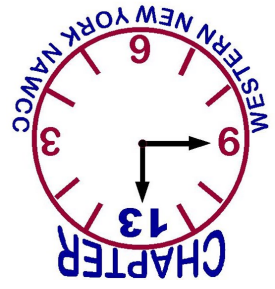
Mail dues to:

Donna Stengel

46 Court Street

Lancaster, NY 14086

Western NY Chapter 13
995 Atlantic Ave.
Rochester, 14609



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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Our January Meeting will be virtual using Zoom.

Stay safe and enjoy our Safer At Home Edition!