

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS
March and April Report, 1964

Member of H.O.A. Chapter No. 36:

On April 12th, our next Meeting, we celebrate our Fourth Anniversary. This is the fourtieth Report published by your Secretary, and this coming Meeting will be out twenty-fifth Meeting. The Heart of America Chapter presently has fifty-three paid-up Members and during the four short years has had four of our Members serve in some capacity with regard to the National Association either as Directors or Committeemen. We are exceptionally proud of our Chapter and its progress under the capable leadership of our H.O.A. Officers, and look eagerly forward to continued progress under the next Officers our Members will select at this coming Meeting. Our Chapter is only as ~~good~~ good as you, the Members, want it to be.

We wish to remind the Members that their 1964 H.O.A. Chapter Dues will be due as of the date of the April Meeting. These Dues amount to only two dollars a year, and the spouses of all Members are automatically Members of the Auxiliary. Send in your 1964 H.O.A. Chapter Membership Dues NOW, before you forget it.

At this time we would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bruer upon the death of Mr. Jules B. Lamorere, Bill's Father-in-law. He was 81 years old and died after a reoccurring severe heart attack.

This coming Meeting April 12th will be held at the Carousel Cafeteria in Kansas City, Missouri, 5830 Troost, and Dinner will begin at 1:30 followed by our Anniversary Meeting starting approximately around 2:20 p.m. For those who do not wish to join in the Birthday Dinner, come early for the Meeting and bring in your exhibits so that our Meeting can start promptly. The Exhibits and Auction hold a deep fascination and play a very important role in our get-to-gethers so come early enough that everyone can partake in the fun and be ready to go by around 2:20 that Sunday afternoon.

Our Program for this Meeting will be presented by Paul Holland of Springfield, Mo. and should be very interesting as Mr. Holland is one of our Area's earliest collectors of Early American Clocks and has the unusual ranging from calendars to grandfathers in every type and make. Also begin thinking about our June 14th Meeting. No arrangements have been made as to where the June Meeting will be, nor has a program been arranged for as yet. This will be Convention Month so make your plans to help make both events a success where H.O.A. is concerned.

At the forthcoming Meeting we would like your ideas regarding the following. Several of the older chapters have each meeting dedicated to some facet of clocks, their makers, or watches. An example might be a meeting around Eli Terry with the Members bringing any clocks they might have made by Terry, and a program centered around Terry, his history, or his clocks. The same could be utilized regarding H. B. Horton, or Waterbury Clocks, or Hotchkiss and his wooden works, or watch fobs, or Swiss Lever Watches, etc. Are you interested in such an idea???

Dear Clock Chapter Members and Auxiliary Members:

For those who did not get to bring door prizes before, we would like to have you bring them to this Meeting and either give them to Mrs. Henry or me.

Since we usually give out six door prizes---three for men and three for women---we do need quite a few for our six meetings during the year, and presently are short along this line. If your door prize is distinctly for a man or a woman, please mark it as such. Else, we will assume it is something for home or office.

We have had many very nice door prizes so far, and we do appreciate your cooperation and gifts. Thanks again.

Margaret Wagner, Auxiliary Chairman

Good Friends:

Our February Meeting was well attended (approximately 45 Members and guests present) and we are certain everyone enjoyed themselves. A new addition has been added to the Wagner Family---Clement and Karen are the proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 10, 1964, weighing in at seven pounds ten ounces. Grand Pa, Grand Ma, Brother Florent, Pa Clement, Ma Karen, and little Christopher Joseph (the new arrival) have all survived

the great event in fine shape. I know all of you will concur when I say congratulations and many happy returns of the event. Sign him up, Clement!

Many thanks to Ervin and Hila Smith for escorting us on their recent trip to Germany with their color movie slides. The slides included many Tower Clocks of ancient vintage. By the way, Ervin is importing some handy items in the clock lines--keys, clock oilers, and many other supplies. Contact Ervin if you need something.

Mrs. Holland has promised her husband will speak at the April Meeting coming up. Should be an interesting Program. Don't fail to come. Girls, this door prize thing has come up again. Please bring a few extra for the April Meeting.

An informant brings news of Professor End Shake and Big Chief Tock-Tick. Presently they are in court. Big Chief claims End Shake's clock cleaner exploded in his face and as a result, removed all of his hair. If you will recall, Big Chief's previous encounter with this lethal clock cleaner cost him his finger and toe nails. Prof. End Shake claims Big Chief was drinking the stuff and some must have splashed on his head. Prof. End Shake, hoping to pacify Big Chief, bought an old red wig at a farm sale and gave it to him. Big Chief is now being threatened with expulsion from the tribe because the braves say they will not tolerate a bald headed chief and that there is no such thing as a red headed indian!

As all of you know, we will elect new H.O.A. Officers during the April Meeting filling the positions of President, Vice President from State of Missouri, Vice President from the State of Kansas, and Secretary-Treasurer. This will be a final message from Ole Bill. Having reached the conclusion of a second two year tenure in Office, I would like to say to each and everyone that having served as your President has been a real and genuine pleasure. I would like to state further Ole Bill will always be available to assist or to help H.O.A. Chapter and all its Members in any way.

The records and facts indicate we have come a long way in four years. Fortunately our accomplishments far out number our failures; "It's better to have tried and failed, than not to have tried at all." Your presence at the April Meeting is a must: 1) Paul Holland will speak; 2) Election of Officers; 3) Fourth Anniversary of H.O.A. No. 36. Many thanks to everyone for your fine assistance and cooperation. Make Ole Bill happy and be present at the April Meeting on Sunday, April 12th., at the Carousel Cafeteria.

Sincerely,
Bill Bruer, President

These same sentiments have been expressed by all your H.O.A. CHAPTER OFFICERS. Any success our Chapter has attained has not been thru our efforts, but thru you, the Chapter Members. A final remindure---dues for 1964 Membership in H.O.A. Chapter #36 of the National Association of Clock and Watch Collectors is \$2.00 and are due NOW so don't fail to mail your dues in by return mail. To be a member of a local chapter, you must be a paid-up Member in good standing in the National Association, and the National Association's yearly dues are \$8.00

One last note; your Secretary wishes to extend his apologies to the Members of the Chapter, and to the many friends that I and Karen have. We did not send announcements to the Members regarding Christopher Joseph's arrival as I had the best of intentions of putting out a report shortly thereafter and announcing it there. But the best intentions can go astray. We are happy to report, tho, that our Son is progressing fine. Thank you one and all for the kind considerations and interest you have shown. We hope to see all of you at the April Meeting.

Sincerely yours,
Clement C. Wagner, Secretary