

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER NO. 36 OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

April, 1966, Report

Dear H.O.A. Members:

APRIL FOOLS DAY WAS A BIG SURPRISE---

Your Editor suddenly realized that March was gone and he had not written to you to tell you we had changed our meeting day for H.O.A.'s April Meeting. Since Easter hits on our meeting date, at the last meeting it was voted to meet this year on the Sunday following Easter, April 17th--and this is not an April Fool trick? It is the truth so mark your calendar NOW.

H.O.A.'s Auxiliary has been working hard all winter with various groups of girls getting together to plan parties for various meeting dates. There was some talk of an Easter Party, but then, this is our Seventh Anniversary so now the girls are talking up a Birthday Party. Anyway, whatever they have, they have arranged an interesting meeting place for this meeting. We will meet at the Charl-Mart Cafeteria here in Kansas City, Missouri (more later on regarding the location).

The Auxiliary is now busy planning the summer meetings and open houses. With 56 members in our "little" Chapter, it promises to be a busy summer, and thru the next three years, the Auxiliary Ladies are planning events that they hope will take us to every member's home as well as to important collectors' historical spots in our four state area. This is a real surprise as the Auxiliary has undertaken a project of listing on their calendar agenda such educational spots as the Lawrence Museum where the famous Jones Clock and Watch Collection is preserved.

NOW YOU HAVE IT--NOW YOU DON'T---

This is the little game played every April 15th between all red blooded Americans and Uncle Sam. Most of us still have "it" as yet, so lets send in that little two dollar check as soon as you receive this Report and then you will not have to worry about not having "it". Look at your Membership Card for H.O.A. Chapter. Does it say "April, 1967" on it? If it doesn't, you owe your dues.

P.S. Ladies, get out your Auxiliary Card and take a peek at the date. If your's isn't dated April, 1966, your husband has forgot to send his dues in so probe him a bit. When a member pays his dues, the Auxiliary automatically gets their card--no dues for the Auxiliary--but in order to avoid having to remake the Auxiliary Cards every year, we make them out for two years since there are no dues involved. CORRECTION; there isn't any dues but you sure work hard enough planning and preparing for the various meetings and open houses. You might say your dues are the door prizes you provide every year for the various meetings thru out the year. Have you turned your door prize in yet for this year?

APRIL IS THE MONTH WHEN---

April is the month for planning your vacation, starting your garden, and taking to the highways to see what new items have been unearthed during the long winter rest. The National Convention of the N.A.W.C.C. will be in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 19, 20, and 21 at the Hotel Pick-Carter. For full details of their outstanding program plans see your December, 1965, Bulletin pages 80-82. The Thompson Auto Museum's Clock Room tour, the workshop on English Lantern Clocks, and the workshop on cutting wooden gears sounds very inviting. One nice feature is that you can either take in the whole show for \$18.50, or pick up any given part of the whole picture at prorated rates.

And H.O.A. Chapter is going to be there? Yes, and with loads of goodies as well as another outstanding exhibit. We were the "hit of the Exhibitors Show" last year, and we want another well organized exhibit this year. We need everyone's help, plus lots of good ideas. All the Officers are presently planning on attending as well as four or five members from each of our four state areas so H.O.A. will be right there taking part in all the fun. April Meeting will see final plans drawn up. Insurance form for your exhibit items can be filled out now (see the March, 1966, Mart for form) and our President will turn them all in together if you wish. What a show?

While you are out renewing old acquaintances during April, do not forget to drop by and see Sol Williams who is now recovering from a serious illness. Since many of our members have already begun to take to the highways of late, we are beginning to get a bit more information. Please continue to drop us a post card of your latest happenings. Few of us realized that Sol was sick, and we are sure there are many others of us who have also been a little under the weather. Lets make it a point to drop in on a collector if we get in their area. It is amazing the amount of interesting items we will discover. And at the same time, you might just uncover that one item you never dreamed of finding.

#### COLLECTORS OUT IN DROVES----

With the Spring fresh in our minds, there has been a big rush to clock shops and supply houses seeking repair parts and new ideas for preserving these antique timekeepers. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Editors of the Bulletin for the outstanding job they have been doing in presenting interesting and educational items on how to repair in their recent Bulletins.

The members in this area presented an educational program of rare clocks and watches for the Antique Discussion Club here in Kansas City. The exhibit that evening was something to be admired as all the members showed up with unique and different items which paralleled the excellent talk and slides that Dr. Knauf had on the history of time and methods by which time was measured. Robert Caywood had an article published last year in the Bulletin, and we hope that many more of our members will share their vast storehouse of knowledge and experiences with the entire Association by this means. H.O.A. Chapter is receiving the recognition it so rightly deserves, and lets keep up the good work.

Mark the date of our June 12th Meeting on your calendar NOW . This is going to be a unique tri-chapter meeting. The St. Louis Chapter, the Mid-America Chapter, and the Heart of America Chapter will all meet in Columbia, Missouri, at the Holiday Motel for a joint meeting. The fun starts at 9:30 with exhibits, mart, and a guest speaker; lunch will be at 1 p.m. for a nominal charge of \$1.75 with auction to start at 4 p.m. Should be real fun so get your caravan organized as soon as you return from the Nat'l. Convention.

#### ONWARD WE GO----

Any Chapter is only as good as the members that go to make it up. The Officers we select determine the pace and the direction of our progress. This is the meeting we select who will be our directors the coming year. What contribution would you like to have our Chapter make to the history of progress that has already gone down in the record books? Let us know by being there and casting your vote, expressing your ideas and opinions, and by giving us your support. Our last program (H.O.A.'s February Meeting) was on Welch Clocks. Our members have become enthusiastic about this type of programs as all have been well presented, well attended, and the members all have contributed tremendously to the general growth of knowledge. Our April Program will be an exhibit of Art-Nouveau type of clocks--that is, any of your figure or ornamental clocks. We have purposely avoided a particular maker as there will probably be little time for a good development of a given topic, so we are just asking for a good exhibit of your favorite figure clock.

Hoping to see all of you Sunday, April 17th, we now say, "so long".

Clement C. Wagner, Editor of H.O.A. Report

Dear Fellow Members:

Our next meeting has been scheduled for April 17th, the third Sunday in April, at the Charl-Mont Cafeteria in the shopping center at 3600 Broadway (on the west side of Broadway at 36th Street), here in Kansas City, Missouri. There is a large parking lot in connection with the shopping center. This is a new place and we have been promised plenty of tables.

As you come in, go through the line and pick up your food about one o'clock and go into the room at the rear. Please stay there until all have finished eating. I think

it will be better to bring in the articles to show or for sale after we finish eating and are getting ready for the meeting which should be about 2 p.m. or earlier if all are finished with their dinner.

This is an important meeting as you will be selecting your officers for the next two years. Every member should be at this meeting. Our Chapter has grown steadily and it takes every Member's interest to keep a healthy chapter.

This meeting begins the 7th year for our Chapter. This brings up the matter of dues of \$2.00 for the coming year. quite a few of our members have already paid for the coming year. This has been a loyal group. It has grown from a beginning of 20 members to its present 56 members and there are a number of new N.A.W.C.C. Members in the vicinity that will no doubt soon become members of our Chapter. Send dues to:

Mr. Florent Wm. Wagner, Secretary-Treasurer  
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Don't forget about the National Convention and we will appreciate ideas for a display for our Chapter. Better make your reservations early as we would like all our members located at least in the same hotel. We will no doubt have some more information before our next meeting.

See you all Sunday, 1:00 p.m. at the Charl-Mont Cafeteria, 36th Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri

Caspar A. Wagner, Pres. H.O.A. Chapter #36