

**Chairman's Comments:**

I can't believe it's December already! We had a wonderful turnout for our October 8th meeting that was held at Schmidt's Antiques in Ypsilanti. There were over 40 in attendance, and we were able to get five new members as well. After talking with Chuck Schmidt, he would like to see us make this an annual event, and I am in total agreement. Our next meeting will be at the Dearborn Masonic Lodge at 907 Monroe St. on December 3rd at 1 PM. At last year's December meeting, there was no charge for admission or for a table, and we had some great refreshments and pizza. I'm sure we can continue this for our next meeting.

I have served for two years now as the President of our Chapter. I'm hoping that someone will step up and offer to take the position for 2024. But if no one is ready yet to take over, I am willing to serve a third year. Hope to see you all in December at that meeting, I'm looking forward to it.

Raymond Fowler

Tentative 2024 Chapter Meetings

February 4, April 7, October 6, December 1

Dearborn Masonic Lodge

August 3 "All Michigan Meeting"

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Brighton, MI

**Board Meetings: January 4, March 7, July 2,
September 5, October 31**

2022-23 Chapter Officers

Ray Fowler, President 313-588-5858

Jim Miller, Treasurer 734-718-8563

Tom Morris, Secretary 734-282-1725

Andy Dervan- Historian 313-885-8861

Gordon Webb, Rich Pozniak, and

Charlie Lauhoff, Directors

Joke of the Day: There is a new documentary about clocks. It's about time.

2024 Dues are Due:

2024 Chapter Dues are due and remain at \$5 for email and \$10 for a paper newsletter. There are several ways to pay your dues. You can remit your dues using the dues renewal form included in this newsletter. You can pay the treasurer, Jim Miller, at an upcoming Chapter meeting. You can also pay via PayPal using this link, [PayPal.Me/chapter6dues](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nawcc.org%2Fchapter6%2Fdues)

October Chapter Meeting:

The October Chapter meeting of Great Lakes Chapter Six was held on October 8th, 2023, at Schmidt's Antiques in Ypsilanti, MI. About 40 members, wives, and guests, attended the meeting. Chuck Schmidt hosted the meeting and provided mart tables and refreshments.

The mart tables were set up in the auction room and clocks and watches scheduled for the auction the following Saturday were on display for attendees to peruse. There were many beautiful and rare examples for members to consider for their collections. The furniture gallery was also open for attendees to walk through.

There was a Chapter table for donated items featuring the remainder of the mantle clocks donated by the family of Joe Haase, a former member. These clocks sold out quickly, and there were some free items that members also picked up.

There was a short program consisting of Rich Pozniak discussing a couple of horological horror stories he had encountered while repairing customer clocks including one with a broken mainspring that someone had riveted back together. Tom Morris also discussed dating a Seth Thomas OG clock.

This was a nice change of pace from our normal Chapter meetings and many attendees expressed the hope that this could become a regular event. Many thanks to Chuck Schmidt and his staff for hosting the event and providing the refreshments. If you would like to see a brief video of the event, click this link or go to the Schmidt's Antiques website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yNjGq5SHjY>

December Chapter Meeting:

The December Chapter meeting will be held on December 3rd, 2023, at 1PM, at the Dearborn Masonic Lodge. 907 Monroe St, Dearborn, MI (see map on last page). This will be our Christmas meeting. We will have pizza, salad, and beverages. This will be a **FREE** meeting, so please come and bring your items to sell. We will have a short business meeting to discuss the state of the Chapter and a program on the Romeo/Eurich Bicentennial clock by Andy Dervan. There will also be a lottery ticket tree for you to buy chances to win. Please let us know if you plan to attend by returning the RSVP form included with this newsletter or email me at greatlakeschaptersix@gmail.com or call Tom Morris at 734-282-1725.

Membership:

Ted Wollesen and John Lenius (both returning members), and Mark Johnson, Lynn Knieper, Richard Braekevelt recently joined the Chapter. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome if you see them at a future meeting.

On a sad note, longtime member John Gaydos passed away on April 23rd, 2023, at age 86. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Member Emeritus:

The Board recently named Owen Burt and Bob Arnold as "Members Emeritus" of the Chapter. Bob held many Chapter positions and was our Chapter President for 19 years from 2003 to 2022. Owen also held many Chapter positions including Chapter President in 1993. He was an NAWCC Director from 1979-1983 and NAWCC Board President from 1985-1987. During his tenure as NAWCC Board President, the Great Lakes Chapter was awarded the first NAWCC Chapter of the Year award in 1986. As "Members Emeritus" they will continue to be Chapter members without having to pay dues as a thank you for all they have done for the Chapter.

History of the Chapter Part Two:

Our historian, Andy Dervan, has compiled a "History of the Chapter Part Two" as a continuation of Chapter History documentation started by James West. Part Two outlines Chapter officers and events from 1990 to 2023 and contains lots of information and pictures from the archives. The Great Lakes Chapter was the sixth Chapter to be organized and was chartered in June of 1948 making 2023 our 75th year as an NAWCC Chapter. Something to celebrate! We will post the information our NAWCC website where you can view it or print a copy.

Chapter Six on Facebook:

NAWCC is offering help in establishing a Facebook page for Chapters. This would be a way of communicating with members and interested clock and watch people in near real time. We are looking for a volunteer, familiar with Facebook, to help take our Chapter to the next level! If you are interested, contact Andy Dervan on 313-885-8861 or email at dervan14@att.net.

Photographer Wanted:

We also need someone who attends most of our events to take pictures for the newsletter. If you are interested contact Tom Morris at greatlakeschaptersix@gmail.com or at 734-282-1725.

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Chapter Meeting in Schmidt's Auction Room



Andy Dervan, Rich Pozniak, & Pierre Poisson @



Charlie Lauhoff and Chuck Schmidt @

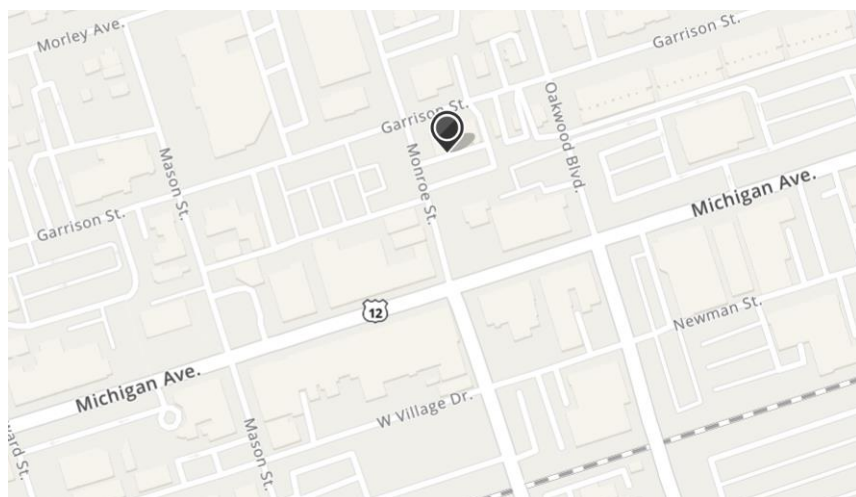


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