



Chairman’s Comments:

Wow where did 2024 go? I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday time with your friends and family. I’m sorry if you missed our last meeting in December, it was one of the biggest turnouts we have had. We had a great presentation about 3D printing gears. Our next meeting will be on February 2 at 907 Monroe St. We will be reviewing our financial status and information about our membership. If you have a chance to mentor someone who is interested in clocks or watches, now is the time to do this. Most of us are well into our golden years and we need to pass our knowledge onto a new generation. Please don’t forget we also meet every Wednesday at 10 AM on Zoom for 40 minutes. There is a lot of good knowledge and discussion available. Hope to see you all soon.

Raymond Fowler

2025 Chapter Meetings

Chapter: February 2, April 6, August 2 (AMM), September 28, December 7

Board: January 2, March 6, June 26, September 4, November 6

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Charlie Lauhoff, Directors

Joke of the Day: I smashed a clock, and the policemen wanted to arrest me for killing time.

2025 Dues are Due

2025 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.paypal.com%2Fdonor/charity/?channel=chapter6dues) Please remit your dues by April 6th to continue to receive the newsletter.

December Chapter Meeting:

Great lakes Chapter Six held its annual Holiday meeting on December 8th, 2024 at the Masonic Lodge in Dearborn, MI. About 45 members and guests attended and were treated to pizza, salad, beverages and dessert. After some time socializing and perusing items for sale in the mart, guest Bruce Pease did a demonstration and presentation on 3D printing. He discussed the development of the technology, the various parts of the printer, the software involved, and the general process of taking an idea for an object, making a CAD drawing, and transferring it to the printer to be created. He showed pictures of several printed items that he had made, many of which were available to examine. He then talked about specific applications to clocks such as making gears, and then printed a drive gear for a tall case movement to replace one that had been broken beyond repair. The group was very interested in this and asked several questions.

Following the demonstration, drawings were held for a grandfather clock that had been donated to the Chapter by Schmidt's Antiques and for a tree of lottery tickets. The grandfather clock was won by Guest Ken Poisson who then sold the clock to member Charlie Wheelihan and donated the proceeds back to the Chapter. Sara Morris won the lottery tickets. Many thanks to Chuck Schmidt for the clock donation, to Ken and Charlie for their generosity, and to all who helped make the meeting possible; President Ray Fowler for making the venue available, Bruce Pease for the presentation, Sara Morris, Kathy Miller, and Pierre Poisson for taking care of the food, Treasurer Jim Miller for managing the proceeds, and everyone else who helped with set-up and clean-up.

February Chapter Meeting:

The February Chapter meeting will be held at 1 PM on February 2nd at the Masonic Lodge in Dearborn, MI. (map on back page). There will be a Mart, a short business meeting outlining the state of the Chapter, goals for 2025, and Chapter officers' roles and responsibilities. We will also show members how to access our NAWCC website and our Chapter Facebook page.

Membership:

Dale Patten and Caleb Kristofice joined the Chapter at the December meeting. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome at the next meeting.



Longtime member Joe Kuechle passed away on November 7th at age 82. Joe was a longtime member of the Chapter and NAWCC, serving in several Chapter officer positions and as a National Officer. Joe ran a clock repair business for many years and was a great source of clock repair knowledge.

Joe Kuechle

Don Doyle, another longtime member passed away on November 11 at age 90. Don was well known for his woodworking and wood carving expertise with respect to clock restoration.



Don Doyle

Gerard Sensoli passed away on December 27 at age 90. Gerard was another longtime member who specialized in watches and was known for his watch art, made from watch parts. He also founded World-Wide Traders and was a wealth of clock and watch knowledge.

Please keep our fallen members in your thoughts and prayers.

Chapter Zoom Meeting:

We have a Chapter video meeting on Zoom most every Wednesday at 10 AM. If I have your email address, you will get an email on Tuesdays with the link to join the meeting. We have an open discussion each week with no set agenda, a "Coffee Klatch" if you will. Participants talk about clock and watch projects they are working on, their collections, upcoming clock and watch events, etc. The Zoom format allows participants to share pictures that can aid the discussion. You don't need a camera to participate, so please join us on Wednesdays to see what it is all about.

Chapter Facebook Page:

The Chapter now has a Facebook page as another way for us to communicate and share ideas. You can join by searching for "Great Lakes Chapter Six Watch and Clock Collectors" under Facebook Groups. If you aren't a Facebook member, you will have to join Facebook first and then you can join the Group. You will have to answer some questions about why you want to join and then one of the administrators will let you in. You can then look at posts from other members, make comments, make posts of your own, post pictures, etc. We only have 15 members so far, so please join the group and start posting.

Many thanks to Canadian member Spencer Brooks for setting this Facebook page up for us and helping get it off the ground.

Picture Page



Ken Poisson & Charlie Wheelihan
Congratulate each other on Winning the
Grandfather Clock



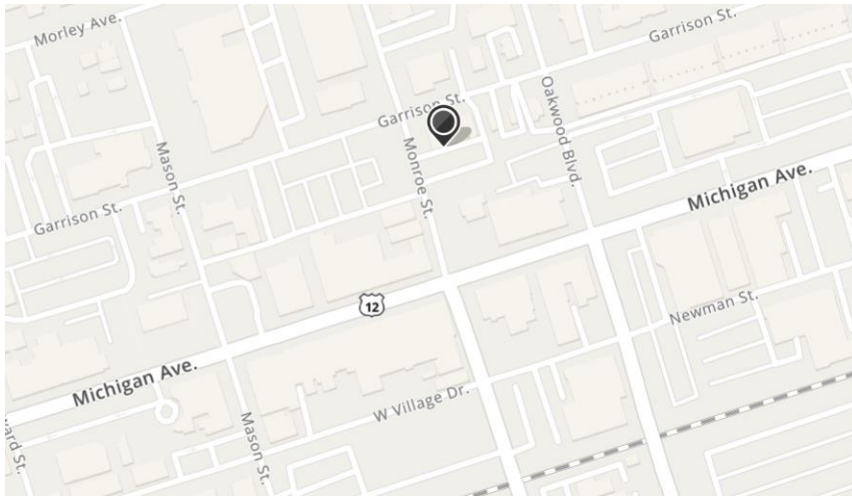
Sara Morris Won the Lottery Tickets



Bruce Pease and the 3D Printer



3D Printed Clock Gear



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