

Florida Gold Coast Chapter No. 60

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC.

Meeting Notice, Sunday Dec. 14, 9:30 AM

Miramar Civic Center, 6920 SW 35 St. Miramar

This is a very important day - the new Chapter Officers are installed for 1998! Long-time member Peter Klein will conduct the installation. 1997 was a busy and productive year and we look forward to another busy year in 1998. Although we lost a few members, we gained almost the same number. Perhaps if we all put forth a little more effort we can grow with new talent and expertise. If each one of us could bring in just one new member we could have the greatest gathering in Florida (except maybe Lakeland).

The 1998 Nominees are: (* incumbents)

- President - Joe Cohen ----- (954) 561-2234 *
- 1st. Vice President - Sturdevant Nye -- (954) 961-3447
- 2nd. Vice President - Nat Gluckman ---- (954) 749-7724
- Treasurer - Bob Spinney ----- (954) 926-0222 *
- Corr. Secretary - Jack Seeley ----- (954) 963-7456 *
- Rec. Secretary - Jan Lamb ----- (954) 963-0504
- Sgt.-at-Arms - Allan Garrett --- (954) 797-7640

Enclosed with this meeting notice is a letter and petition from the Willard House & Clock Museum. This concerns efforts to persuade the U.S. Postal Commission to issue AMERICA'S FIRST HOROLOGICAL STAMP. Since apparent chapter competition is involved, wouldn't it be great if our Chapter 60 was up there at the top, with the greatest number of petitions!

Please give this most important project your time and effort, make copies of the petition - send them to Aunt Myrtle and Cousin Albert, the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker!

You can either mail your completed petitions to the address as noted or, bring them to the February meeting and I will be happy to mail them. They must reach the Museum before March 1st., 1998. The year 2002 is really not that far away - WE CAN DO IT!

PROGRAM: Joe Cohen has been working on a presentation on "WHISTLERS". these are not clocks but use clockwork mechanisms for their operation.

Joe is again asking for short term volunteers for the upcoming February Regional - contact him with your interests.

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CHAPTER 60 MEMBERSHIP - ANNUAL DUES APPLICATION

NAME.....NAWCC#.....EXPIRES.....

SPOUSE.....CHILDREN.....

ADDRESS.....CITY.....

STATE.....ZIP.....PHONE #'s.....

OCCUPATION.....INTERESTS.....

Annual Dues Rates - Check One and Remit. Checks are preferred at meetings. (..) \$29.40 Prepaid Annual Family (No door charge except for \$2.00 per guest), Tables \$5.00 each at door. **OR** (..) \$17.00 Annual Family. plus \$2.00 for each Member or Guest, collected at the door each meeting. Tables will be \$5.00 each. Membership cards will be issued, appropriate to the membership level you selected. Cards will be delivered at the meetings unless you send a SASE with your mail-in payment. ** Note that a late charge of \$2.50 will be assessed after January 31st., except for new Members. Dues will be collected at the December and January Meetings or you can mail this form, and your check payable to Chapter 60 NAWCC, to:

Robert W. Spinney, Treasurer
Chapter 60, NAWCC
1158 SE 6th. Court
Dania, FL 33004-5415



Willard House and Clock Museum

An Affiliate of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

October 16, 1997

Dear Chapter Secretary:

As you know from the Willard House article in the October issue of the *Bulletin*, the museum has launched an all-out effort to persuade the United States Postal Commission to issue America's first horological stamp. If approved, the stamp will be issued in 2002 in recognition of the 200th Anniversary of Simon Willard's patent for his Improved Timepiece (more commonly known as the "banjo" clock.)

I am writing to request that you solicit signatures of chapter members (and non-members!) on the enclosed petition. Please feel free to make additional copies of the petition as needed. The completed petitions will be forwarded to the Postal Commission in support of the museum's application for a commemorative stamp. To encourage greater chapter participation, upcoming articles in the *Bulletin* will include a tally of the number of signatures obtained by each chapter. It is not often that every chapter in the NAWCC can work together to accomplish a common objective that requires so little time, costs nothing, and brings great exposure to the field of American horology. As chapter secretary, I hope you will be able to use your influence to make this project a chapter priority and obtain as many signatures as possible.

A letter is also being sent to the chapter president with a similar request to obtain signatures on the petition. With both officers working toward the same goal, the project will be made much easier and hopefully more signatures will be obtained. Please return all completed petitions to the museum at the address listed below by March 1, 1998. Make sure your chapter is identified on the petition in order to receive proper "credit" for the most signatures obtained! If you have any questions, please contact me at 508-839-3500.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Stephens". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

John R. Stephens
Curator

Chapter 60 Meeting – Minutes from December 14, 1997

The Meeting began at 9:30 AM with Annie Banks in charge of registration. There were 34 members in attendance.

The Meeting began at 10:35 AM. Bob Spinney read the Treasurer's Report and the move to accept was approved.

The Minutes from the November meeting was read by Jan Lamb and approved.

Peter Klein then confirmed that a letter to all NAWCC Chapter Presidents had been mailed highlighting the Broward Convention Center including the safety aspects, restaurant availability, the Sea Escape cruise, etc. This was done to dispel negative rumors concerning the location of the Regional in Ft. Lauderdale in 1998.

Joe Cohen announced that the ad for the Regional will be in the Antiques & Arts in Florida magazine.

The Music Box Society announced it will have an exhibit at the Ft. Lauderdale Regional. The Music Box Society is headed by Moe Goldy. Peter Klein discussed why people from the Watch & Clock Clubs have crossovered to the Music Box Society.

Joe Cohen announced that National will donate a couple of door prizes for the Regional.

All members were encouraged by Trudy Seely to sign the petition for a clock postage stamp. This would be the first stamp designed for clock collectors and enthusiasts.

It was announced that only 125 tables are left to sell for the Regional and confirmations will be sent in January.

President Cohen asked for any old business to discuss. There was none. He then discussed new business with the rent increase of \$25. Per month being the main topic. He has been told that we will have the old rate for the first 3 months of the year with the increase being effective April 98. There have been 2 exhibits scheduled for 1998. The first exhibit will be at the Discovery Museum in April (when the time changes) and will be a 2 day exhibit of clocks and watches. The second exhibit will be in October (when the time changes) and will be on a Saturday at the Coral Ridge Mall. It is being looked into if members can offer evaluations at any of the exhibits.

Peter Klein then installed the new officers for 1998:

President Joe Cohen
Vice President Sturdevant Nye
2nd Vice President Nat Gluckman
Treasurer Bob Spinney
Secretary Jack Seely
Recording Secretary Jan Lamb
Sgt. At Arms Allan Garrett

Special recognition was given to Jack Seely for his 71/2 years of dedication to the Club. Trudy Seely was recognized for her special efforts in expanding club membership and in spearheading the postal stamp petition. Gary Lamb was recognized as outgoing Recording Secretary. Jan Lamb was recognized for bringing the refreshments each month. Gary Colegrove was recognized as outgoing Sgt. At Arms and Becky Colegrove was recognized for her help in greeting and registration at each meeting. Special thanks were given to Annie Banks for her efficient organization of the Registration Area at each of the monthly meetings. Charlie Banks was recognized for his years of work and dedication to the Club and special mention for his work in Security at the Regionals.

After all Club Business was concluded, a slide presentation on Whistlers was presented by Joe Cohen.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.