

# Florida Gold Coast Chapter No. 60

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC.

## Meeting Notice, Sunday March 15, 9:30 AM

Miramar Civic Center, 6920 SW 35 St. Miramar

MART: Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Don't forget your table covers, required by the Center.

TABLES: \$ 5.00 for Chapter Members  
\$10.00 for Non-chapter Members

MEETING: Discussions will include many facets of the Feb. Regional in Ft. Lauderdale and upcoming events. We hope more members will remain for the meeting! How can you be knowledgeable about our activities if you do not attend the meetings, and VOTE.

PROGRAM: We are fortunate to again have a slide-show and presentation by ELY WISHNICK on "Joseph Meraux, Collection of Rare Clocks".

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE INSTRUCTORS FOR A CLOCK CLASS. IF INTERESTED, SEE JOE AT THIS MEETING OR CALL (954) 561-2234.

ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPEAKER OR HAVE AN INTERESTING PROGRAM TO SHARE, PLEASE CALL STURDY NYE, 954-961-3447.

MEMBERSHIP: Along with the usual bi-monthly "Letter of Invitation" sent to prospective members, these letters are being sent to those applicants to National that registered at the Regional. This includes Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

DUES NOTICE: FROM OUR TREASURER: "If you have a RED DOT on your Notice, you have not paid your 1998 dues and this will be the last meeting notice mailed to you, unless your dues are received prior to April 10, 1998. The club has an annual operating budget of \$4,700 and about 120 members. This means that we depend on everyone to pay annual dues in order to remain viable. Please support your club and continue to receive mailings by paying dues immediately. Thank you."

(Note from your Secretary - inadvertently, we gave you a reprieve - we were supposed to cut you off the end of February but we goofed!) OH WELL -

BOARD MEETING: There will be a Board meeting at the end of the regular meeting - Members Please Attend.

Chapter 60 – Minutes from Meeting on March 15, 1998

There were 57 members present with 5 new members: Candice &<sup>ACE</sup>  
*Don* John Brewer, Garlan Hoskin, Val Fink and Francisco Dumenigo.

The General Meeting was brought to order by President Joe Cohen at 11 AM. The Secretary's report was read by Jan Lamb and approved. The Treasurer's report on both the Local Chapter account and the Regional account was presented by Bob Spinney and approved.

The results of the Regional were then discussed. The general consensus of the Regional seems to be there were problems with the loading but that overall, the Regional was a success. It was suggested by the membership that the problems incurred be discussed with possible solutions to better help other Chapters and our own Regional in four years. The following figures from the Regional were available at this time:

138 New Members of which 44 are local residents

838 tables were sold (complete sell-out)

335 banquet tickets were sold (about 100-125 more than normal Regionals)

1863 members in attendance

43 foreign visitors joined

Preregistration Geographic Breakdown:

61% were outside of Florida

35% were from Florida

4% were foreign

Walk In Registration Geographic Breakdown:

38% were outside of Florida

52% were from Florida

10% were foreign

Totals of Attendees by Geographic Breakdown:

51% were outside of Florida

42% were from Florida

7% were foreign

At this time, the survey conducted at the Regional was briefly discussed:

There were approximately 500 responses.

In regards to the question: Where do you want the Regional? 46% responded "Orlando" and 54% responded "Some other location."

75% liked 1 Big Room but 70% responded they preferred the Orlando Expo which is a contradiction because it is 3 rooms.

The biggest problem noted at the Ft. Lauderdale Regional was definitely the unloading problem with the banquet taking second place.

After this general discussion, a suggestion was made by Peter Klein that plaques be made to thank Mr. Conway and Mr. Bullock for their generous donation of the two door prizes for the Banquet Dinner. A motion was made and overwhelmingly approved.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

In regards to New Business, the following items were discussed:

We need to set the dates for the 2002 Regional which Chapter 60 will once again be the Host Chapter.

The Clock School is still being pursued. Alan Garrett is going to school to become a certified instructor for us. It is anticipated the Clock School will begin in January 99. The idea of a watch repair class is also being investigated.

Charlie Banks, Larry Fanshaw and Ed Mullett<sup>allet</sup> has sent in a Presidential Citation for Chapter 60.

It was announced to our membership that Charlie Banks is on the National Committee for Security. Charlie also advised our membership that in the past, according to the surveys, 20% of the people have experienced thefts in past regionals. There were no founded reports of any thefts at this past regional.

Moe Goldy then presented a Show N Tell on Whistlers. ?

The 50/50 was won by Eli Wishnik. — ?

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 by President Joe Cohen.

*Ely wishnick - see report to Natl. for "Highlights"  
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Sent to Nat'l Priority Mail April 7, '98

For  
Feb. + March  
Meetings

MEETING CALENDAR  
THIRD SUNDAY EACH MONTH  
EXCEPT AUGUST & DECEMBER

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The March 15th. meeting was called to order by President, Joe Cohen. There were 57 members, and five new members were introduced; Don and Candace Brewer, Garlan Hoskin, Val Fink and Francisco Dumenigo. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. The survey, provided by Perdue Research Group at the '98 Mid-Winter Regional at the Ft. Lauderdale Convention in February, was discussed with a positive attitude. Peter Klein suggested plaques be made and sent to Joe Conway, of Newtonville, MA and Burley and Olga Bullock, of Houston, TX, in appreciation of their generous donations of the beautiful watches at the Regional as grand prizes. These plaques are on their way to Messers Conway and Bullock with a letter from Joe.

It was announced to the members that our Charlie Banks is on the National Committee for Security. He is also on the Awards committee for our chapter. As Security Chairman at the Regional in February, Charlie reported NO INCIDENTS.

Joe also announced that the ground-level, one-room at the Regional, with 838 tables a sell-out, was over-whelming-**LY** appreciated by the members. He also reported that the "maiden voyage" for some of the 341 registrants on the dinner cruise was enjoyed by most - the buffet afforded seconds or even thirds! At a final accounting, there were 183 new members to National who registered at the Regional. As Co-host, Chapter #96 Florida White Sands was recognized for their unsurpassed cooperation.

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Trudie Seeley,  
for Jack Seeley, Corr.  
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*Draft - Re-done - See Feb: March to Nat'l*

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The February 1998 Florida Mid-Winter Regional was held in Fort Lauderdale, FL. ~~Despite some trepidation~~ the event was a great success. There were **1,863** members in attendance, including National guests and all helpers. At a final accounting, the **838** tables were a complete sell-out. The **ground level, one-room Mart** was over-whelmingly approved; members appreciated and commented on the wider aisles, easier access for movement, and the covered loading area.

Security, chaired by Charlie Banks, reported **NO INCIDENTS**.

A "maiden voyage" for some of the **341** registrants, the dinner cruise aboard the Sea Escape was a change and enjoyed by most. Fortunately, the seas were calm and the night balmy. All accommodations were excellent. The meeting was conducted by NAWCC President Dave Morgan, assisted by Ch. 60 President Joe Cohen who accepted the Presidential Citation for our chapter. **As Co-host, Chapter 96 Florida White Sands**, was recognized and awarded appreciation for their unsurpassed co-operation.

The grand prizes were really grand - from **Joe Conway**, of Newtonville, MA, ~~two~~ Ladies 14K Vintage Hunting Case Size 0 Pocket Watches, and, from **Olga and Burley Bullock**, of Houston TX, Rolex Oyster Perpetual Gents Vintage Stainless Steel Wrist Watch. Also sincere appreciation to **Joe and Mary Ann Kuechle**, of Warren, MI, for their additional 18 gifts of Door Prizes. All Recipients were most happy!

The buffet of numerous entrees, from soup to nuts, was a delight, and one could go back for seconds or even thirds! Some members expressed a preference for a sit-down dinner. ~~And there were quite a few sleepy eyes because the return to port was 1:30 a.m.,~~ but most folks accepted it as a one-time adventure.

REGIONAL EVENTS INCLUDED:

LECTURES: Renowned Lecturer, Martha Tipps, on "How a Professional Appraiser Approaches a Horological Assignment and "Object ID", the new standard by the Getty Information Institute.

Award winning Gerhard Hutter, on "Monumental Centerpiece Introduction".

Research & Lecturer, Joe Cohen, on "Evaluation, Research & Pricing Antique Clocks".

Lecturer, Cliff Dunn, on "Evaluating Pocket and Wrist Watches" both American & European

NAWCC Librarian, Elieen P. Doudna, on "The NAWCC Library, a Horological Treasure".

MEETINGS: Chapter #178 - "Horological Tools"  
Chapter #159 - "British Horology"  
Chapter # 78 - "Electrical Horology"  
Chapter #174 - "Pocket Horology"

WORKSHOP: By Joe Kuechle, on "Clock Case Refinishing Simplified"

AUCTION: By (Who Else?), Mark Peer

SILENT AUCTION: By Murray Friedlander

EXHIBIT: By Moe Goldy, on "Musical Clockworks"

All of the above events were well attended.

SERVICES: The 800 number Hotel Booking Service, with special rates -  
Bus service at participating hotels -  
A selection of four interesting tours -  
Restaurant discounts at many fine eateries -

At the request of the Florida Regional Council, the Perdue Research Group provided the survey to better serve a Regional's needs and wishes, as a prototype for use in other regions. To encourage members to complete this 40 question survey, five Mart Certificates were awarded, to a total of \$1,995, compliments of the Regional.

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