



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
October 2, 2022 Minutes

December Meeting

Our Annual Christmas Celebration Chapter Meeting
Has been re-scheduled due to the run-off election to

Sunday December 11 starting at 9:30 AM

at the Aquatic Center *PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH*

FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY FEAST

The Chapter will provide the Christmas Turkey and Ham

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Thirty-three members and two guests were present with one joining virtually.

Although there were no items placed into the pre-meeting auction, there was a large selection of watches available for sale.



Visitors Mike Dennard Sr and Wesley Pettus

Business Meeting

Mary opened the meeting welcoming attendees, guests and our new members.

Old Business:

Charles presented the Treasurer's Report which can be found on page 4.

Bob and Fran Geier provided specifics of the 2022 Mid South Regional's outcome and thanked the Committee Chairs who made that happen. Special Thanks to Registration Chair Donna and Russ Youngs, Exhibit Chair Chris Martin and Byron Tekippe, Auctioneer Brooks Coleman and Speakers including Russ Youngs, Randy Grunwell and Geoff Parker. On Friday morning prior to move-in, a MSR first Tailgate started the event in the right direction. The tailgate and the event in general, was well attended. The "Made by Our Members" Exhibit and three Lectures were carefully prepared and professionally executed. Following the banquet Chapter Members Chris Martin and Brooks Coleman were presented Certificates recognizing them as "Star Fellows" from Bob Burton, attending National Board Representative.



President Mary Jones



Brooks Coleman and Chris Martin are Honored as "Star Fellows"



Tailgate Chair Dan Butt makes the Tailgate Hum

Chris Martin, 2024 National Co-General Chair, provided an update for the National. The event venue is now fixed at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

New Business:

Mary discussed the February 13-18, 2023 Mid-Winter Florida Regional being held at the Renaissance in St. Augustine. For further information on this event, check their website at www.floridaregional.net.

After evaluating alternative venues for 2023, the decision to continue meeting at the Aquatic Center was finalized. The first Sunday of even month schedule will be maintained with the exception of the April Meeting which will be moved forward to Sunday March 26.

The December Chapter Meeting will not include a Program. An important Business Meeting topic will be the election of the next Treasurer and replacement of one outgoing Director (the Secretary will serve a second term). All are invited to attend this annual Feast. Please bring a covered dish.

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Program

Chapter 24 VP Jeff Whitfield introduced Jim Coulson and his program titled "Girandole Clocks". Jim is an NAWCC "Old Timer", past National President and current member of Chapter 24 and Knoxville 42.

Girandoles are elaborate and rare clocks. The original design was inspired by girandole mirrors, which have an eagle final and acanthus leaf base. Acanthus leaves have been used in architecture since 450 BC when an Athenian architect and sculptor Callimachus is believed to have been the first to apply carved acanthus leaves growing around a votive basket on columns now known as "Corinthian".



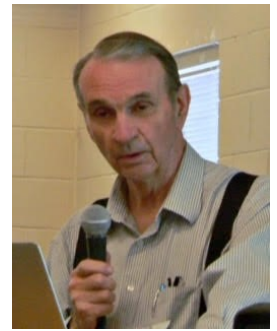
A Girandole Mirror



Corinthian Column
Capital

The new clock case design was patented in 1816 by Lemuel Curtiss, who apprenticed with the Willards. An original Curtis sold at auction in 2013 for \$578,000! After the Curtis girandoles, few, if any, were made until Walter Durfee reintroduced the design in 1908.

Between then and now, Jim described examples by seven noted horologists, all with the same basic design, but with subtle differences. The NAWCC museum has a great example of one made by Ted Burleigh.



Jim Coulson



Curtiss Girandole

The presentation then turned to a detailed discussion of an example of an Elmer Stennis girandole dated August 1968 (below and right). This clock demonstrates Elmer's superb craftsmanship. In addition to girandoles, he made numerous other types of clocks, including lyres and grandfathers. At first he used left over Howard #70 movements. This example has a Kilbourn and Proctor movement which were installed after the unused stock of Howard movements were no longer available. It is marked "E. O. Stennis Weymouth, Mass."

Elmer was an early member of the NAWCC with membership number 370. He attended many regionals to sell his masterpieces.

Elmer lead a colorful life. He was convicted of the murder of his wife in December 1968. Before going to jail, he marked his clocks "OOB", "Out on Bail". While in the "Massachusetts Correctional Institute Plymouth", the prison set up a shop for him to continue making his cases. His prison clocks are marked "MCIP". Because of their rarity, his girandoles with these two marks are more valuable.

A friend got him out on bond in 1973 and he remarried in early 1975. Then, he and his new wife were both murdered in October 1975. There is speculation about these murders, but they haven't been officially solved.

The story of Elmer Stennis had two chapters, one of superior craftsmanship, and one of tragedy.

The presentation ended with Questions and Answers. Thanks to Jim for this very interesting program.



Stennis Girandole

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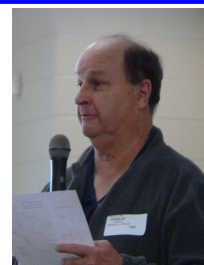


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Treasurers Report

By Charles Carroll

The beginning balance for the period was \$18,853.30. Income for the period was \$4,730.33 mostly (\$4,587.33) MSR registrations and fees. Expenses totaled \$2,359.99; the majority of which was again related to the MSR; leaving us \$2,370.34 "to the good" for this period. The closing balance is \$21,223.64 including \$50 cash on-hand.



Groaners

- ◆ In one hospital's intensive care unit, patients in one bed mysteriously died at 11AM on Sunday morning. A team of experts was assembled to investigate. On Sunday they waited outside the ward to see what terrible phenomena was all about. They prayed and held holy objects to ward off evil spirits. As the clock struck 11AM, Pookie Johnson, the part time cleaning person entered the room. He unplugged the life support system so he could plug in the vacuum!
- ◆ Woody Allen: "I'm so proud of my gold pocket watch. I got it from my grandfather. He sold it to me when he was on his deathbed."
- ◆ An Encore, George read this same item last year. It's a guide to turning your clocks back on November 5th as we transition from Daylight Savings Time.

Smartphone: Leave it alone. It will work its magic.

Sundial: Move one house to the left.

Oven: you will need a masters in Electronic Engineering or a hammer.

Car Radio: Not worth it.....wait six months.



50:50

Bob Nelson held the winning 50:50 Ticket.

Important Note:

Special Thanks to Randy Grunwell for providing all Photographs included in these Minutes!