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Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2016

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Our December meeting was a Holiday Potluck held at Dave and Mark's home in Long Beach. Thanks to everyone who brought the delicious dishes and thanks to Mark for the wonderful coffee.

Members voted to accept last month's minutes and also to meet on Friday, January 6th back at the Masonic Lodge.

We kept with tradition in singing "The Twelve Horological Days of Christmas" and "Grandfather's Clock" but tonight were accompanied on the piano by Mark, who also played a sonata for us to enjoy.

To say "home" doesn't do it justice: it is a 1903 two-story Victorian house. There is a reproduction tin ceiling with original lighting in the dining room, and their vintage furniture pieces and pianos look very much at home. There is an original claw-foot bathtub as well. Dave showed us a presentation on the history, preservation and upgrading of the house and said it keeps its original Victorian flavor. He also has possession of the portraits of a husband and

wife who lived there. They went missing after he moved in, but then re-appeared on the front porch. I would like to add, they really do have a front porch!

Members enjoyed the clock room, of course, which is devoted to Dave's collection.

Happy New Year to everyone and as Tiny Tim said, "God Bless Us, Every One!"

THE FACTS OF OUR FUTURE

[Ed. Note: Actual article is from the January 1946 Hamilton Times. It is interesting how it parallels today's challenges against outsourcing to lower labor cost countries.]

There have been many words written and spoken on the subject of future relationships between labor and management, between employee and employer. Unfortunately, some of them have been spoken or written by those not entirely in possession of the facts in possession only of facts which give a limited and sometimes prejudiced picture. The true facts are that the problem is that of human relations calling for close understanding of a group of people working in a common industry for a common objective. Whether they work together or apart determines the efficiency of that industrial unit and the efficiency of the unit determines whether or not the product manufactured can be made and successfully sold in a competitive market.

The watch industry in general and the Hamilton Watch Company in particular holds a unique place in the industrial relations pic-

This Month

MARINE CHRONOMETERS

This month, join us as we resume our meetings at the Masonic Lodge in Garden Grove. The evening will again start at 7pm with our mini-mart and social hour, complete with refreshments. At 8pm, we will start the meeting.

The Beginner's Corner will be the making of clock hands using various materials including brass, bone or steel as raw materials.

For the main presentation we will view a fascinating program on the history of the marine chronometer and the underlying necessity for its development. The program includes several examples of the works of famous makers and each of their historically significant improvements. During the program, a typical chronometer is shown disassembled as well as tips on the proper care of a chronometer.

See you at the meeting!

TIME TRIVIA

In 250 B.C, Archimedes built an elaborate water clock that included gears and showed the planets and moon orbiting.

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ture because the very nature of our work requires a type of employee which is far above the average. From a small beginning, our company has grown until it now employ Over 2,200 people. because during the fifty-three years of our corporate existence our skilled craftsmen have designed and produced only watches with exceptionally high performance characteristics. These watches have demonstrated that Hamilton watches are fine watches and the public has acknowledged this fact by buying more and more of them. There is every indication that they will continue to buy them so long as the quality of our watches not only meets the high standards of our own specification sheets-but also the high standards set for us by those who buy them. America expects fine watches from Hamilton! – watches which continue to maintain their pre-war leadership over competitors who are constantly endeavoring to improve their position.

Hamilton's well-deserved reputation for accurate performance in the past has been (as stated above) largely due to the. high character and exceptional abilities of our craft men. Theirs is mainly the native skill of a healthy, intelligent, thrifty Pennsylvania community. But to this has been added another valuable ingredient-experience. It is not surprising to note that nearly a quarter of our entire organization has been employed by the Hamilton Watch Company for more than fifteen years. Approximately half have service records in excess of ten years.

It is to this reservoir of skilled, experienced craftsmen that the management of this company and the people of America are looking as they contemplate the future position of the Hamilton Watch Company. The war story has been told over and over again. Everyone is familiar with the inroads on our markets made by the importers while we were engaged in war work .. But we cannot build our future on sympathy. We cannot pay our increased wage rates with wishful thinking. We cannot regain and maintain our pre-war position without a genuine understanding on the part of every Hamilton employee that he must do his job with increased vigor, with greater efficiency -ever conscious of his part in the making of all our futures.

As we re-enter civilian watch production after an absence of nearly four years, we find that the fixed cost of manufacture has increased tremendously above what it was before the war. We have a larger, more modern factory with much new and expensive equipment. Our personnel has grown in number and the wage scale has increased considerably. *Wage advances since the first of this year alone represent a sum equal to half of the average net earnings of the company in the four years before the war.*

The management of the company is confident that its employees recognize the seriousness of this problem and significance of these trends and the need for increased production and increased efficiency throughout the organization to offset these higher costs. This will not be an easy job- but it is a challenge and a responsibility, and it can be done!

It must not be done by lowering the quality standards of our watches. It must not be done by giving the customer less for their money. It must not be done by lowering our employment requirements: Skill and experience is more important than ever. It can be done by reducing spoilage, by stepping up output, by working together and fighting together to secure a place of permanence for the American watch industry and the Hamilton Watch Company in particular.

UPCOMING MARTS

JANUARY 2017

[2017 Kentucky Thoroughbred Regional](#)

When: 1/20-2017 - 1/21/2017

Clarion Hotel Lexington

1950 Newtown Pike

Lexington, KY 40511

FEBRUARY 2017

[2017 Florida Mid-Winter Regional](#)

When: 2/10/2017 - 2/11/2017

The Lakeland Center

701 West Lime St

Lakeland, FL 33815

MARCH 2017

[2017 Arizona Sunshine Regional](#)

When: 3/24/2107 - 3/25/2017

Fountain Hills Community Center

13001 N La Montana

Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

[2017 River Cities Regional](#)

When: 3/31/2017 - 4/1/2017

Lenexa Community Center

13420 Oak St

Lenexa, KS 66215

APRIL 2017

[2017 Southern Ohio Regional](#)

When: 4/6/2017 - 4/8/2017

Roberts Centre

123 Gano Rd

Wilmington, OH 45177

[2017 Memphis King Cotton Regional](#)

When: 4/29/2016

Bartlett Station Municipal Center

5868 Stage Rd

Bartlett, TN 38134



Full details for all upcoming marts: <http://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/Events/NAWCC/Events/Events.aspx>

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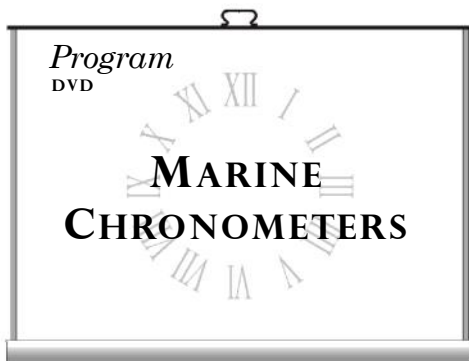
**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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The National
ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.



OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY JANUARY 6, 2017



Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

Making of clock hands using various materials

Show & Tell:

Any horological item beginning with the letter "P", and any Chronometer, Marine or otherwise

Board Meeting:

No Board Meeting this month

Time: 7:00 — Doors Open
8:00 — General Meeting

Admission \$4.00 — General
\$6.00 — Couples

Location: Acacia Grove Masonic Lodge
11270 Acacia Parkway
(in the Civic Center)
Garden Grove, CA

