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# DECEMBER 2011

## Presidential Message

I open this message on a sad note as the recent information that long time member John Bloodworth has passed away. I remember John as friendly and willing to share horology information as well as good humor with all. He in past years was very active in the chapter and his friendship is, and will be surely missed.

Our last meeting was held at OMSI and of note we had a great turn out as well as a great presentation about the Oregonian/ OMSI tower clock in the Turbine Room. We had a great input from all that was involved in the restoration as well as a slide show of photos of the restoration.

Another year has passed with changes in our Chapter 31. My hope for the change of venue to OMSI is to get more public exposure to horology and in particular our chapter. In the future the plan is to meeting in a room on the ground floor near the Omnimax Theater. Please check the website for specifics in January. Please remember that with your NAWCC membership card there is no general admission charge to get into OMSI. If there is a question by one of their volunteers/staff just show the logo on the back of your membership card. If a special event is being held please bypass any lines outside and go straight inside.

**FYI-** Check out the website of that logo on the back of your membership card to see what other venues are available to enter at no cost. What a value of our membership!

An opportunity is available for our chapter to restore a Portland tower clock, though it is electric. I hope all will be interested in this project. Please see Jackson Tower clock article for more information.

## **Attention:**

There will be a council meeting held at the Monarch Hotel at 12:30pm just prior to our holiday party. It is open to the membership for your input, but there will be time allotted for each point on the agenda to make sure that we get through all items on the agenda.

In closing, I hope to see all of you at the Holiday meeting at the Monarch Hotel on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Check flyer in the website or call Kris and Leo Friermuth if at late notice you decide to come so your luncheon meal can be reserved. Planned entertainment will be Rod and Merry Lloyd with their Handbells. I can't wait!

Sincerely,

Mary Gonzalez

President, Ch. 31



## Upcoming Chapter Meetings / Events

Chapter 31 meets monthly (usually) on the third Sunday of the month (unless otherwise indicated).

Visitors are welcome to all meetings. If you have Time please join us.

### Chapter Christmas Party December 18, 2011

#### 2pm Mart, 2:30 Party

Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015 see [Flyer](#)

Rod and Merry will usher the season with a bit of Holiday Cheer.

### Chapter Meeting January 15, 2012

#### 2PM Mart, 2:30 Meeting.

Beaverton Library 12375 SW 5th Street, Beaverton OR 97055:

Interesting Mechanisms by Stephen Nelson. One of the primary criteria for buying clocks in Austria/German are their mechanisms which has allowed Stephen to find some "pretty wonderful pieces". He will describe a few of the mechanical masterpieces with pictures and discussions.

### Chapter Meeting February 19, 2012

#### 2pm Mart, 2:30 Meeting.

Location to be announced:

Dead Beat vs Anchor by Bob Holmstrom. Bob will be sharing a presentation given by Jonathan Betts to the BHI South London Branch on 4 November 2010.

# The Jackson Tower Clock



After the wonderful meeting at OMSI there was question brought up regarding the tower clock on display. For those who don't know, it was totally restored by our own Godfather's of chapter 31. I began searching for more verification regarding which clock this really was. Where was the Journal clock that OMSI claims ownership of, if the clock that we restored is really the Oregonian clock as our previous research had shown?

That brought me to the Jackson Tower in downtown Portland, Oregon. I found a page on Wikipedia that stated that the Jackson Tower, built in 1912 was named for the original owner of the building and owner of the Oregon Journal Newspaper.

The article stated that it had a clock in the tower that was no longer working. In short order an appointment was made to look at the tower clock. I called George Matto and Marietta

and met the building manager for a tour.

Up 12 floors, then through a tenant's office and up another 2 narrow low head-room flights of stairs we came to see the clock. It is an electric with four arms going out to the 12 ft. tall dials that can be seen below in the Pioneer Square. We were told that when the original elevators below the clock were being replaced that a worker stepped on one of the arms to the dial breaking it. Besides that, the movement is horribly grimy and was told that the hands of the clock bound up and the motor doesn't work anymore.

The building manager told us that the owners would like to get the clock working and the possibility of city historical funds or other monies that would help in the restoration if the chapter would offer to clean-up and get the clock in working order.

Though this isn't the end of my search, it does offer our chapter another chance to restore a historical clock as a community service and it is my hope that several of our member's would be up to this not-so-big challenge.

Are you? Let George or myself know.

Mary Gonzalez



# Happy Holiday Gathering

**Sunday  
December 18, 2011**

**Monarch Hotel  
12566 S. E. 93rd Ave  
Clackamas, OR 97015**

**2:00 pm Mingle**

**Mart Table Available**

**2:30 pm Dinner**

**\$23.00 Per Person**

**Caesar Salad, Rolls with Butter,**

**Chicken Cordon Bleu:** Breaded & Baked Breast of Chicken rolled with Ham & Swiss Cheese,  
Finished with Hollandaise Sauce. Accompanied by Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables.  
Lemon Mousse for dessert

(How many delicious meals) \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ (on request)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

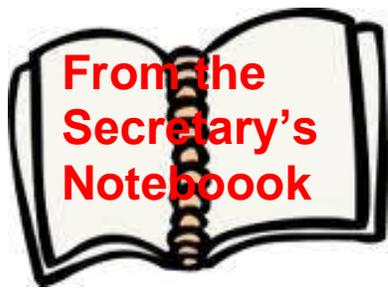
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(Make payable to NAWCC)

**RSVP 12/14/2011**

**Send to:** Portland Chapter NAWCC Holiday Gathering  
559 NE 167th Place, Portland, OR 97230-6103  
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# Minutes of NAWCC Pacific Northwest Chapter 31

NAWCC – CHAPTER 31  
Chapter Meeting Minutes – 20 November 2011

The November meeting of Chapter 31 was called to order by President Mary Gonzalez at 2:05 PM at OSMI (Oregon Science Museum & Industry) in Portland Oregon.

27 members of Chapter 31 and 8 guests, one guest was a national member visiting from Wasilla, Alaska, Mr. Lee Seagondollar & his son Mitchell Seagondollar of Scappoose Oregon.

Mary G. thanked everyone for the support of the change of venue this month. She also announced there will be a Council & Chapter meeting prior to the Holiday Banquet at The Monarch beginning at 12:30 PM Sunday, the 18th of December. All are encouraged to attend in order to discuss some issues regarding the future meeting places and the Treasurer's Report to be made public in our minutes.

Correspondence: We received a letter from Chapter 99 in Greenacres, FL requesting support of their Florida Mid-Winter Regional to be held on February 9 – 11 2012 at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, FL.

Action Item: Referred to the Council for their December agenda.

Approval of Minutes – October Minutes not approved at this time.

Action Item: Referred for approval at our December Chapter meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Betty Chisum sent her report & it was read.

Member's Report – John Bailey reported our membership continues at 79.

Old Business:

Future Meeting Places: George M. reported discussions with OSMI regarding possible meetings there. All details have not been worked out as yet, so BE SURE & watch for a possible changes of venue for future meetings on our web-site [www.nawcc31.org](http://www.nawcc31.org) or contact a member of the Board.

New Business – Mary G. announced the possibility for some Field Classes from National. Cost of the 3-day course would be approximately \$450.00. Grants/scholarships are being looked into.

Program - History of the Oregonian Clock housed at OSMI. Facilitated by George Matto along with several members of the repair team (John Bailey, Mike DeAtley, Al Pohlpetter, Bob Shrug, and Dick Vigal along with photographs, which memorialize the project. Bob Shrug also had some correspondence from a UofO student who had worked on the clock. The clock had traveled from the old Oregonian building to the UofO when the building was demolished and the clock almost destroyed.

Action Item: Much discussion regarding putting together a permanent history and the photographs either in an album, our web-site or ideas welcome.

Raffle – No raffle was held as Denise Johnson was unable to attend.

Adjourn: 4:05 PM

Next Meeting: December Holiday Party & Meeting will be Sunday the 18th of December at The Monarch Hotel.

The Monarch Hotel, 12566 S. E. 93rd Ave  
Clackamas, OR 97015

Council & Regional Meeting to begin at 12:30 PM

2:00 pm Mingle

Mart Table Available

2:30 pm Dinner

\*Remember to check your Chapter web-site at: [www.nawcc31.org](http://www.nawcc31.org)

January Meeting: Sunday the 15th of January 2012 at the Beaverton Library 12375 SW 5th Street, Beaverton OR 97055. 2PM Mart, 2:30 Meeting.

MARK YOUR 2012 CALENDAR !

Pacific NW Regional \* Kent Commons \* Kent, WA  
March 30, 31, & April 1, 2012

Theme: Military Timepieces

Public Day! SUNDAY

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