

# TIMEOUT

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

DECEMBER 2006

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**Seasons greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all families of Chapter 31.**

**Where has the time gone? It seems like I just put my Christmas lights and decorations in storage and now here we are at this most wonderful time of the year again. It is a time of celebrations and I look forward to our annual dinner and gathering at the Monarch. Remember the Mart Table.**

**May this season be a time for sharing with those less fortunate.**

**Harold Baesler**

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## A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS

I have been in a state of shock and a lot of humility since being made a Fellow at the multi chapter meeting and therefore I have said nothing about the matter. But I want to say that there are many in the chapter who give very selflessly of themselves, and it is to those I know I owe this honor.

Thanks is not enough to express my appreciation to each of you who give so much. You and the rest of the chapter know who you are so will not spell out your names, but suffice to say again, thank you very much!

Horologically,  
Dick Vigal

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The monthly regular meeting of chapter 31 was held on November 19th at the Beaverton City Library. The meeting was brought to order by president, Harold Baesler.

V. P.— Terry White introduced and welcomed new members Dave & Carol Grant, Greg & Patricia Hood, & Mr. Stiles. 2007 annual dues are due.

Betty Chisum —Treasurers Report & Sunshine Person— reported that G. Poole was doing well after a recent illness.

Mary Gonzalez— Secretaries Report.

Pat Cavanaugh— reported that Ch 157 will be hosting the 2007 Multi-Chapter meeting on September 9th at the Wittenberg Inn in Keizer, Oregon. The room rates are 73.00-78.00. A suitcase course will be held in conjunction. Dave Cast is taking requests on whether it will be part II of clocks or part II of watches. Please contact Dave with your vote!

The program for this meeting was presented by Dave and Carol Grant who have a wonderful collection of electric clocks made by Mastercrafters, Untied, & Haddon. Dave shared on the simple repairs on the electric clocks as well as how they decided to start collecting electric clocks. Dave shared that they live on a floating home on the river and pendulum clocks won't run, therefore they turned to electric clocks, and wow what a collection they have including many, many clocks with motion. They must have brought at least 40-50 examples from their collection, and along with examples brought for show N' tell by members of chapter 31, we had a wonderful display. Thank you to Dave and Carol Grant.

Drawings were won by Terry W. Bill B. & of course Al P. Door prize was won by Shirley C.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary, Mary Gonzalez

## MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

The December program will be a part of the Holiday Party and will consist of the entertainment which will be provided by Kevin Harding playing the hammer dulcimer that he made and Bob Fossum on the guitar. It will be very nice and if we are very nice we might get Kevin to talk a little about his motivation to build and the actual building of the instrument. That is not a commitment since I have talked little to Kevin about this but his knowledge of the project and the spontaneity of such a matter might be nice but you will have to send in your application and money and come in order to find out how this all plays out.

January's program will be about cutting glass and will be presented by Al Pohlpetter who knows a lot about this subject. Al gave this program some time ago and it was well received by all. I am pleased that he agreed to do it again and I hope you all come to hear this very interesting program.

Dick Vigal

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## FOR SALE & WANTED ITEMS

**For Sale**— Beautiful Seth Thomas "Eclipse" \$250, plus shipping. . Picture available.

Bob Reichel, Chap. 135 Ph.206-364-7374

While on a journey to New England, Carolyn and I decided that a visit to the Willard House and Clock Museum was a must see location. We picked the rainy days to visit museums and we headed to North Grafton, Massachusetts is just off of the turnpike, but it took some careful "sign reading" to get us into the parking lot at 11 Willard Street, the location of the museum. Knowing history of early manufacturers, it was a surprise to find the house nowhere near a stream, sometimes using waterpower to operate machinery.



It was a bit unusual in that you must ring the doorbell to access the museum through its locked doors. Once inside, it became clear, years past the workers were tied up and the museum robbed of some of the clocks; security is tight.

John Stephens, the museum Director/Curator, met us at the door, signed us in and took us on the tour. Some of the furnishings actually belonged to the Willard family members, but most was period items purchased or donated to the museum.



While it was known that the Willard's manufactured long case clocks, the wall and shelf clocks also produced were astonishing. Per the museum's rules, nothing was to be touched, but it was certainly tempting to slip the hood off of a clock and take a look at the works.



The tour ended in the Willard workshop where a tower clock was operating on its test stand and other clocks were hanging and standing. For a small museum, the contents were astonishing. The museum contained a gift shop offering items of horological interest and in particular, books on the history and study of Willard clocks.

If you are ever in the Boston area, make a point to visit the museum. I would like to thank John Stephens for guiding us through the museum and taking the time to answer our many questions.

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CHAPTER 31-  
COLLECTING, LEARNING,  
FELLOWSHIP

**NEXT MEETING**

**DECEMBER 17**

**MINGLE & MART 2:00PM**

**DINNER 2:30PM**

**Monarch Hotel**

Check for registration form at website-  
forms

WWW.nawcc31.org

**MEETING DATES & TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS**

**DECEMBER 17- CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MONARCH HOTEL**

PROGRAM-ENTERTAINMENT

KEVIN HARDING WITH HIS HAMMER DULCIMER & BOB FOSSUM WITH HIS GUITAR

**JANUARY 21- PROGRAM- AL POHLPETER—GLASS CUTTING**

**FEBRUARY 18- PROGRAM TBA**

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