

The Mainspring

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President's Message

Dear Members,

You don't know what you have until it is gone. All of us are saddened by the passing of Joan Jensen, Friday, November 24, 2006. Contrary to what you might think, Joan was not a permanent fixture of the Registration Desk, although she always seemed to be there with her warm greetings and big hugs. Joan along with gal pal Shirley Secor sat at that desk hour after hour at our one day meets and Regionals as long as I can remember. She did this for the love of the Chapter and the love of all of us. It will be strange not seeing Joan behind the desk at the upcoming Kerrville regional. Joan is in a better place now I am sure and is sitting right next to St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. So when you get there make sure you have your name tag on! We will all miss you Joan. Please keep Babe and family in your prayers and thoughts as they work through this tremendous loss.

Jeff Beehler

The family suggests that an appropriate destination for any contributions in Memory of Joan would be: *The Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society*.
Website: http://www.lukemia.org/all_chap

Vice President's Message

Plans for the Great Southwestern Regional Convention are moving right along. The committees and their respective Chairpersons are:

Finance: Neill Day
Exhibit: Vacant*
Registration: Pat Holloway
Hospitality: Vacant*
Program: Micheal Webb
Mart: Jerry Brazil
Banquet: Susan Hansen
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Security: Jeff Beehler
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Photography: Jim De Vries



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* Vacant = Seeking a Volunteer

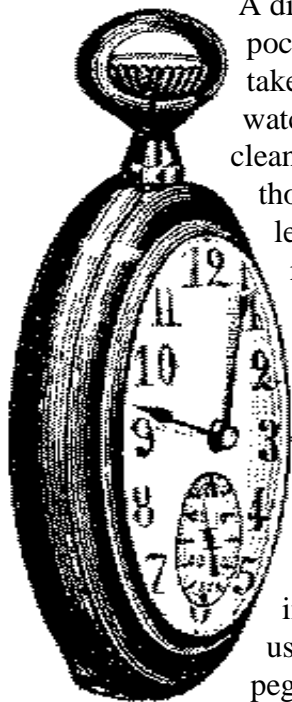
We are most grateful for each of these volunteers. We have others who have volunteered to assist the Chairpersons. These individuals will be recognized in a future newsletter. We would urge volunteers to come forward who would like to Chair one of the committees designated "vacant." Duties can be mailed to anyone desiring more information.

Gene Galbraith

Watch Repair Tips

submitted by Bruce Graham

Clock guys take note: this technique works for clock porcelain dials (like French ones) too! ... nice to have Bruce's input back in our newsletter, Editor.



A discussion on cleaning pocket watch dials could take several installments of watch tips. But one easy cleaning tip is how to remove those annoying rust trails left by a second hand rubbing on the seconds bit of a porcelain dial. I use a pegwood stick sharpened to a flat wedge (like a screwdriver blade) and a mild solution of phosphoric acid. Dip the tip of the pegwood in the acid solution and using the softened pegwood, gently rub the rust stain. Keep the area moist

with the acid solution and after a minute or two of rubbing, the rust stain will disappear. Don't try to scratch the rust from the dial, you may risk marring the porcelain finish. Of course, this technique only works with hard fired porcelain dials - it will quickly ruin a painted dial or a metal dial, and it's probably a good idea to try the acid on the back of the dial first, just to be sure there will be no adverse reaction.☺

Director of Programs

We were fortunate to have Dennis Warner, President of AWCI, present the program at the November 14 meeting. His subject was Introduction to Swiss Pocket Watch Repair. Hopefully this will lead to a class being offered for ten students who would like to learn about pocket watch repair.

The December 5th Christmas Party will be history by the time *The Mainspring* hits the news stands, but around 40 people were signed up to attend.

Saturday, January 13, 2007 we will be privileged to have Ken Reindel present the program. He will cover basic electrical theory and basic electrical measurements as applied to electric clocks. Ken has enjoyed clock restoration and repair work for 40 years. He did his first clock destruction in his early teens. Over the years he has learned how to put them back together. Self winders, electrics, and Vienna regulators are his favorite clocks. Ken has developed a method of miniature horological plating. He also manufactures vintage replacement batteries for self winding clocks. We encourage all of you who would like to get "charged up" to come and learn the difference between an ohm, a volt, a resistor, and a transistor. I've never even seen some of this stuff!

Gene Galbraith

Dues Update

We're almost at 50%; we continue to make progress. As of this printing, 96 members have renewed their 2007 chapter dues. Your dues are paid through the year found in the upper right hand corner of the mailing label of this newsletter. "2006" means you have paid through December 2006 and need to pay for 2007. Please use the Membership Application and mail by December 31st. THANK YOU for your support.☺

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)



● **January 13th, 2007**
*Monthly meeting of Chapter 15
in San Antonio watch next newsletter for
details about location*

● **March 2 - 3, 2007**
Lone Star Regional, Mesquite Texas
sponsored by Chapter 124

● **April 20 - 21, 2007**
*Great Southwestern Regional
Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, Texas
sponsored by Chapter 15*

● June 6 – 9, 2007
NAWCC National Convention
Chattanooga, Tenn

Chapter 15 Membership Application (circle one) NEW // RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$10 per year. Dues are payable by December 31 each year. If joining initially after July 1st dues are \$5 for the first year. You must be a current and paid up member of the NAWCC to join a chapter. You may belong to more than one chapter at a time.

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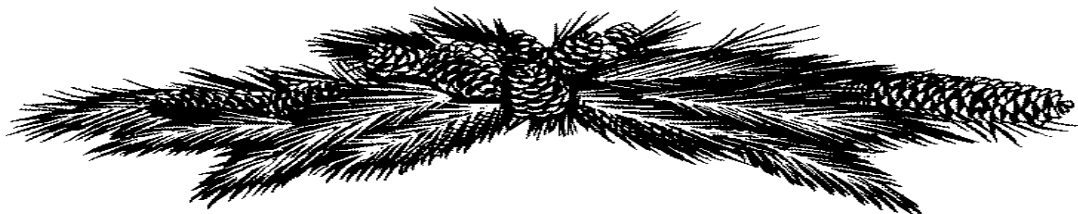
●Long time Chapter 15 officer, supporter and NAWCC Fellow Joan Naomi Jensen passed November 24, 2006. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Babe; 4 children; 3 adopted children; 6 grandchildren and 1 great grand child.

Members are urged to pass along other member news to the Editor for publication in this space.☺

Chapter Financial Report

submitted by Susan Hansen, Treasurer

(General Fund)	
Balance 11/1/2006	\$10,526.67
Income:	\$ 150.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$ 162.35
Dell Computer Equip	\$2,138.31
Balance 12/1/2006	\$ 8,376.26
Regional Account Balance:	\$4,546.35



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