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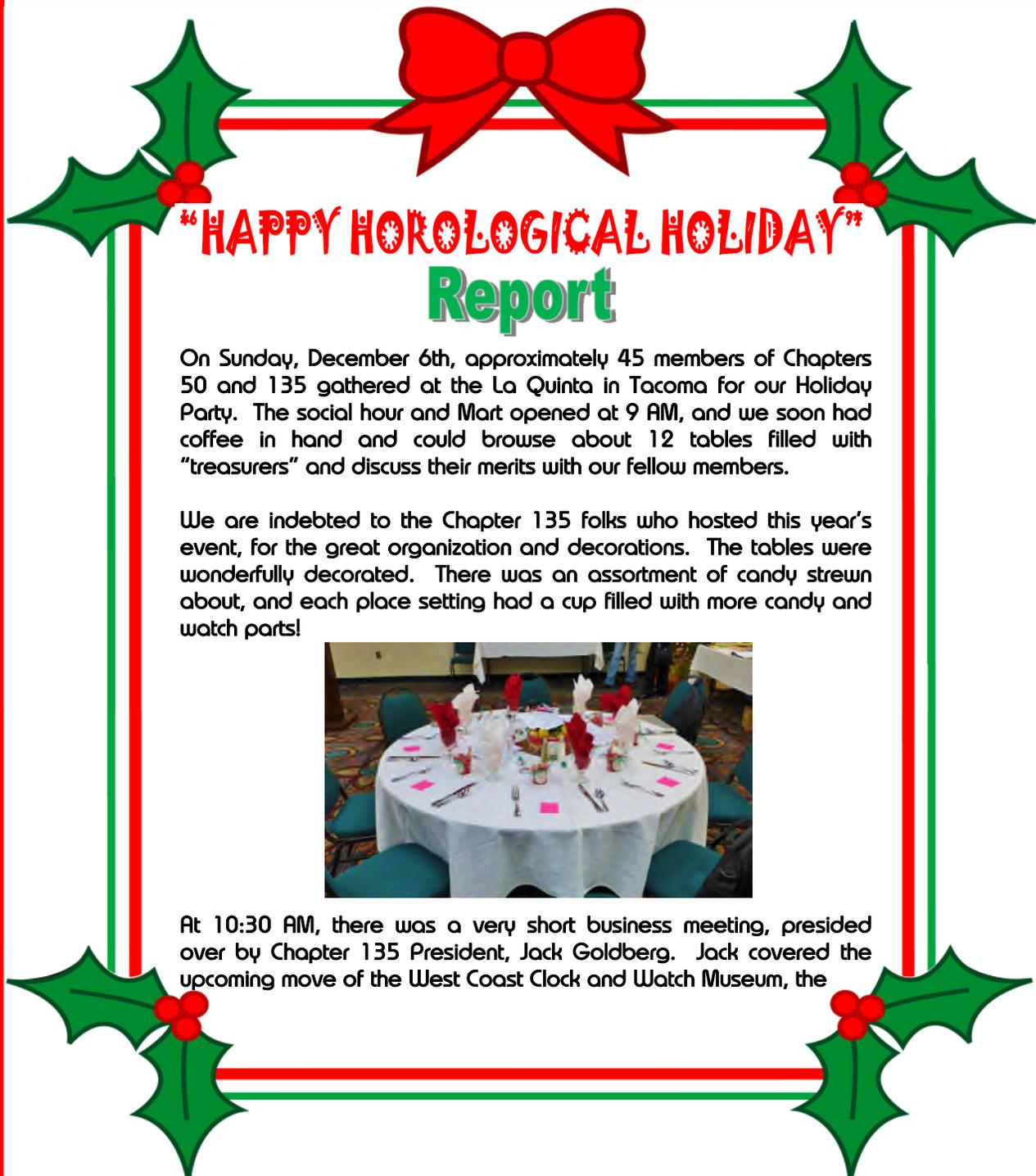
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## "HAPPY HOROLOGICAL HOLIDAY" Report

On Sunday, December 6th, approximately 45 members of Chapters 50 and 135 gathered at the La Quinta in Tacoma for our Holiday Party. The social hour and Mart opened at 9 AM, and we soon had coffee in hand and could browse about 12 tables filled with "treasurers" and discuss their merits with our fellow members.

We are indebted to the Chapter 135 folks who hosted this year's event, for the great organization and decorations. The tables were wonderfully decorated. There was an assortment of candy strewn about, and each place setting had a cup filled with more candy and watch parts!



At 10:30 AM, there was a very short business meeting, presided over by Chapter 135 President, Jack Goldberg. Jack covered the upcoming move of the West Coast Clock and Watch Museum, the

## Happy Horological Holiday, Con't.

upcoming Regional in May, with banquet speaker Prof. James Evans, who will discuss the Antikythera Mechanism. Bob Frishman will be giving the Keynote address and we will have the Nancy Thorn gold gilding classes during the Regional.

Jack also reviewed the upcoming meeting of Chapter 135, and our next Chapter 50 meeting on January 10th, which will feature a presentation by Mike Bovarnick, who worked on the development of the original atomic clock.



Paul Middents' new clock

We also had a short "Show & Tell" by Paul Middents. Paul presented his latest eBay purchase, a Telechron Power Station Master Clock, which was unwrapped for the first time at the party!

So, by about 10:45, we were finished with the "business" portion, and ready for the wonderful brunch! The brunch offerings included — fresh fruit, pastry, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, biscuits & gravy, and blintzes with fruit sauce. I think that everyone found enough to fill their plate (maybe several times!). There was plenty for all, and it was enjoyed by all.

After lunch, there was the drawing for the numerous door prizes. Ellen Wirth called out the winners, and Phil handed out the prizes. Most (?) were candy, in keeping with the theme, and the presentation to follow.

For the program, we were fortunate to have Bill Baarsma, former two-time Mayor of Tacoma (2001—2009), and current President of the Tacoma Historical Society as our speaker. The Historical Society's current exhibit is "Sweet Success: Tacoma's Candy Manufacturers". Tacoma has been the home to over 80 candy manufacturers since the 1880's. The Mars Candy Company was among those who started in Tacoma (as well as Almond Roca, of course).

Bill took us through a history of Tacoma, the "City of Destiny", as it became known. Tacoma seemed to have a series of "ups and downs" throughout its history. Bill described how Tacoma was chosen (to the dismay of Seattle) to be the western terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1873. This was certainly one of the "ups". He also described how the expulsion of all Chinese residents in 1885 was certainly one of the low points of Tacoma history.

Bill's talk was a great insight into Tacoma's history, with some personal first-hand experience from his time as Mayor, and from living in the city. A great presentation.



Chapter 135 President, Jack Goldberg, addressing the multitudes



Ex Mayor of Tacoma, Bill Baarsma, discussing the history of Tacoma



## Chapter 50—Upcoming Meetings

**January 10th — Regular Meeting at the Edmonds Senior Center. The program will be by Mike Bovarnik, who was part of the team that developed the first atomic clock. Jan Jaussaud will provide snacks.**

**February 14th — Regular Meeting at the Edmonds Senior Center.**

**March 13th — Regular Meeting at the Edmonds Senior Center.**

**April 10th — Regular Meeting at the Edmonds Senior Center.**

**May — Pacific Northwest Regional—Tacoma, WA May 5-7. NO regular meeting in Edmonds.**

## NANCY THORNE GILDING WORKSHOP AT 2016 REGIONAL

Registration is now open for the Nancy Thorne Gilding workshop at the 2016 Regional at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. Nancy is a nationally recognized master gilder and founder of Gold Leaf Restoration in Portland.

She will conduct a 6 hour hands-on class on how to apply and restore gold leaf on a variety of projects.

The class will be during the PNW Regional May 6-7. The first half of the class is from 3PM-6PM on Friday, and finishes 9AM-12Noon on Saturday. All supplies are included in the price of \$150.

The class will be limited to 16 persons. We already have several persons registered, so to assure a spot, you should register as soon as possible. You will find the registration form and additional information on the Chapter 50 web site at <http://nawcc50.org/NancyThorn.html>

## Chapter 50 Dues

Would it surprise you to hear that your Chapter 50 dues are due? So, unless you are one of the ones who payed at the November 8th meeting, or mailed your dues to Ron, you are now due. The good news is that the dues are still only \$15 per year. Your dues mainly go to pay for the rental of our meeting room, and the snacks that you enjoy at our meetings.

You can pay your dues to our (new) Treasurer John Stewart at the next meeting, or mail your check to him at 4200 NE 90, Seattle, WA 98115.

Thanks to all who have already paid, and to you for getting your dues paid soon!

### ***Have you been a good boy (or girl) this year?***

If your answer to the above is “YES”, perhaps you will find one of these in your Christmas stocking!

What is it, and why would I want it, you may ask?

The Lepsi Watch Scope is essentially a stethoscope to read the heartbeat of your mechanical watch. This device syncs with your smartphone (you have one of those, don't you?), to measure your watch's rate variation, amplitude and beat error in just seconds. Best of all, it is small enough to carry around with you, meaning that you can actually bring it on a trip to your retailer to measure the accuracy of that new Rolex you've been lusting after! Or you can use it to measure and record the readings on all of your existing collection, without having to invest in that Witschi timing machine.



To use the Watch Scope, you need to download the Lepsi app and install it on your smartphone. It requires calibration which takes about 3 hours. After calibration, with it connected to your smartphone, you're ready to check your watches. It can be positioned in three different ways. You can place the Scope's soft-touch side directly on the dial while the watch is on your wrist, place the dial of the watch, facing downward on the soft-touch side, or place the soft-touch side on the caseback (movement side) of the watch.

The Watch Scope has another useful feature. It records all measurements in a database that can be stored on your phone, so you can keep tabs on all of your collection.

If you do not happen to get one in your Christmas stocking, it is said that the Lepsi Watch Scope retails for 369 Swiss francs (about \$375 USD). More info at [www.lepsi.ch](http://www.lepsi.ch).

### Note from your Publisher:

When I took over the Chapter 50 Secretary duties about four years ago, I had no idea of what the Secretary was really supposed to do. So as I struggled to figure it out, things just sort of “came to be”.

This newsletter is one of those things that just sort of happened. I felt that we needed some way to convey what was happening within the Chapter, and what events were being planned, to the members and friends of the Chapter. As I stumbled along, I came upon this format that has lasted for most of the 4 years. I hope that it has managed to bring you some interesting, useful information.

This is the last newsletter that I will produce. I will be turning over the Secretary duties to Bob Berghuis very soon. I'm sure that Bob will do an outstanding job of it, but it will be in his own way – not necessarily as I have done it. There is no Chapter Handbook of duties for our officers.

As a final word, I would suggest that the new officers will need the support of all of you. I have observed that volunteers (for anything) are in scarce supply, and are dearly loved by those who are trying to run your Chapter. Those willing to be officers are also in short supply, so let's all help those that agreed to serve. Your help is critical to the future health of our Chapter. Please help where you can.

I look forward to my “time off”, and look forward to seeing you at the next Chapter 50 meeting.

**Below is the tentative 2016 Meeting Schedule for Chapter 50**  
**(You will note that there is a lot of information needed to complete the schedule.)**



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**Fuget Sound Chapter 50**

**2016 Meeting Schedule**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>PROGRAM – SPEAKER</i>	<i>HOSTS</i>
January	10th	Mike Bovarnik – Part of team that developed the first atomic dock	Jan Jaussaud
February	14th	Regular Meeting	
March	13th	Regular Meeting	
April	10th	Regular Meeting	
May		Pacific Northwest Regional – Tacoma, WA May 5 - 7, 2016  <b>NO Regular meeting in Edmonds</b>	
June	12th	Regular Meeting  National Convention, Louisville, KY June 20 - 23, 2016	
July	10th	Multi-Chapter Meeting Ch 50, 135 & WWCA	
August	14th	Ch. 121 BBQ Williams Park, Langley, BC, Canada <b>NO Regular meeting in Edmonds</b> ? Open house at School ?	
September	11th	Regular Meeting	
October	9th	Annual Auction Meeting	
November	13th	Regular Meeting	
December	11th	Joint Ch. 135/50 Christmas Party Chapter 50 Hosts	

**Tentative**



# Pacific Northwest Regional



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Bob Frishman**  
**"Horology in Art"**

**May 5-7, 2016**  
**Tacoma, WA**

**Banquet Speaker**  
**Prof James Evans**  
**"The Antikythera Mechanism"**

Open to Public May 6@1PM, May 7@8:30AM  
 Hotel Murano 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma WA

Hosts: Puget Sound Chap 50, Mt Rainer Chap 135, British Columbia Chap 121  
 Co-hosts: Portland Pacific Northwest Chap 31, Inland Empire Chap 53  
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<p><b>Thursday May 5</b>                  2:00PM Registration Opens                  MART Setup                  4:00PM Early Entry                  5:30PM Setup Closes                  Registration Closes                  Cash Bar                  6:30PM Hors d'oeuvre                  7:30PM Keynote Address</p>	<p><b>Friday May 6</b>                  8:00AM Registration Opens                  MART Setup, Early Entry                  9:00AM MART Open                  1:00PM Public Invited                  5:30PM MART Closes, Cash Bar                  6:00PM Social Hour                  7:00PM Banquet, Speaker                  Prof James Evans..."Antikythera"</p>	<p><b>Saturday May 7</b>                  7:30AM Breakfast                  8:30AM MART Opens                  Registration Opens                  Public Invited                  1:00PM MART Money Drawing                  5:00PM Security Ends</p>
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A 6 hour Gold Gilding workshop led by Nancy Thorn is being offered for \$150 limited to 16 attendees.

See [www.nawcc50.org/NancyThorn.html](http://www.nawcc50.org/NancyThorn.html) for registration form.

Only NAWCC members, spouses/significant others, and their children under 18 will be admitted to the MART.

If you are registering anyone other than immediate family, list their NAWCC member number.

NAWCC Regional rules apply and will be enforced.

Officers and members of the NAWCC and the 2016 PNW Regional are not responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or tort during the Regional.

Table holders requesting adjacent tables must register in the same envelope (only one last name per table).

Special Murano Hotel rate reservation link can be found at [www.nawcc50.org/regional.html](http://www.nawcc50.org/regional.html)

Phone 888-862-3255 or 253-238-8000. Mention NAWCC Regional rate of \$114.00

**Registration Form** (No confirmations mailed or refunds made after April 20, 2016)

Check Box (if applicable) [ ]Fellow [ ]Old Timer [ ]Silver Star [ ]National Officer

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ NAWCC No. \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_ NAWCC No. \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_ (Under age 18 free)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Member\* \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 ea \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Signif Other\* \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 ea \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28 ea \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16 ea \_\_\_\_\_

Display Case 15" x 24" rental \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 ea \_\_\_\_\_

The following fees are in addition to standard registration:

6-Foot MART Table OR \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 ea \_\_\_\_\_

Early Entry \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 ea \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES (explain)

**\*Registration at Door \$35**

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Limited number of wall tables available at \$40/table. Contact Registration Chair to confirm.