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"HAPPY HOROLOGICAL HOLIDAY" Report

The 2014 edition of our "Happy Horological Holiday" party took place on Sunday, December 7th, at the Best Western Executive Inn in Seattle.

We enjoyed the festive holiday decorations that the hotel provided, and the beautiful table center-pieces (Poinsettias) that Rose Olsgaard brought. It was a very pretty setting for our party!

We had a good supply of items offered for sale at our Mart. All of our folks enjoyed the time to have a cup of coffee, browse



Early members checking out the Mart tables.



The Brunch Line-up

the Mart tables, and catch up with news from other members.

At about 11:30, we began the line-up for the buffet brunch. The table was well stocked with pastry, salads, scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes and a variety of fruit and juice. I believe that we enjoyed all any of us wanted to eat, and many of us felt that a "nap" would have been an appropriate follow-up!

After the brunch, our Master of Ceremonies, President Mark Smith,



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brought up our National Director, Chet Ekstrand, to make a special surprise presentation.

Chet had just returned from a meeting of the NAWCC National Board of Directors, and brought the news that one of our members had been awarded the National Fellows Award.

Phil Johansen, who has been an active member of Chapter 50 for many years, and has presented a number of programs on his unique clock projects. Phil is a very accomplished craftsman and has won the National Craft competition twice (and for 2 categories each time!).

Rubens Sigelmann was responsible for nominating Phil for this award, and we are very pleased that National has recognized Phil. Congratulations!

We went from one highlight to the next. Our program this year was presented by Brittany Cox on the early history and development of musical clocks in London.

Brittany graduated from the North Seattle Watch Technology program and went on to study and receive advanced degrees from West Dean College in the UK. She specializes in conservation and restoration of automata, mechanical music, and complicated musical automata clocks and watches.

Her very interesting program introduced us to some of the people and mechanisms involved in the development of musical clocks and the melodies that they played. This activity was centered in the London area and reached it's peak in the early 1700s, although the ideas had existed at least since the 14th century for the combination of a musical clock, mechanical chime, and a mechanical organ fitted with an automaton player.

After all this excitement, we still had the drawings for the numerous door prizes, the beautiful center pieces, AND the 50/50 drawing.



Chet Ekstrand presenting the Fellow award pin to Phil Johansen, while wife Sue Tripp and nominator Rubens Sigelmann look on.



Brittany Cox presenting her program on the development of musical clocks

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There were many door prizes (donated by Ron and Mary Kowalski) and a number of us left

with some very nice things. The beautiful poinsettias were distributed to the lucky holder of the correct number left at their place setting.

Our 50/50 drawing was, I believe, the largest we have had this year, thanks to our persuasive ticket seller, Ceci Dunn. And also thanks to members of both Chapters – 50 and 135! We collected a total of \$232! Since we didn't have change, we rounded up the winner's pot to \$120, which went to the lucky winner – Norm Nelson.

Our thanks go to all who participated in the 2014 "Happy Horological Holiday"! In spite of our somewhat late start with publicity this year, we ended up with 63 members and friends at this year's event. Thanks to all who helped make this one of the best!!!



President Mark Smith calling out the winning 50/50 number



One of the Mart tables, with Hans Dahlke and Roy Moldenhauer



Bob Selene and Siri Childs



Jan Jausaud and Donalee Payne catching up



Norm Nelson (winner of the 50/50 draw), and George Rolstad

Chapter 50 -- Upcoming Meetings



The 2015 Year Begins!

January 11th – Regular meeting – Edmonds Senior Center. The program will be by Clint Harris on “CNC gear cutting”. Snacks provided by David Hayward.

February 8th – Regular meeting – Edmonds Senior Center.

March 8th – Regular meeting – Edmonds Senior Center.

April 12th – Regular meeting – Edmonds Senior Center.

Help us plan the new year!

Above, you will see a listing of the first 4 meetings of the new year.

You will note that we have an outstanding program by Clint Harris for our first meeting in January. Our VP and Program Chairman, Ceci Dunn would welcome input by each of you – with ideas for programs that you would like to hear, and/or what program YOU would present.

We also need your help with snacks for the coming meetings. There have been discussions about the scope of the snacks we have at the meetings, and I think that the general feeling is that we want to work toward scaling back the extent of snacks provided. If you have thoughts or feelings about this, we would also like to hear them.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

For your early planning purposes -- this is the basic Chapter 50 Calendar for 2015. Please feel free to volunteer for any of the vacant Program or Host spots!



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2015 Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	PROGRAM – SPEAKER	HOSTS
January	11th	Clint Harris ONC Gear Cutting	David Hayward
February	8th		
March	8th		
April	12th		
May		Pacific Northwest Regional – Gladstone, OR May 14 - 17, 2015 NO Regular meeting in Edmonds	
June	14th	National Convention, Chattanooga, TN June 18 - 20, 2015	
July	12th		
August		Ch. 121 BBQ Williams Park, Langley, BC, Canada NO Regular meeting in Edmonds	
September	13th		
October	11th		
November	8th		
December		Joint Ch. 135/50 Christmas Party Chapter 135 Hosts	

Future: Pacific Northwest Regional – Tacoma, WA – May 5 - 7, 2016