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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC

MAY 2012

## Next Meeting: Sunday, May 6

**May Program**  
"Brass Used in Time  
Keepers", by Craig White  
Show & Tell—Bring your  
favorite brass-cased time-  
piece

### **Menomonee Valley Chapter 47**

January 15, 2012

March 18, 2012

May 6, 2012

September 9, 2012

November 4, 2012

### **Madison Chapter 171**

First Wednesday of even  
number months

### **Chicagoland Chapter 3**

February 5, 2012

April 15, 2012

September 9, 2012

November 11, 2012

December 2, 2012

### **Chapter 47 Officers and Directors**

- ▶ President: Craig White
- ▶ Vice Pres.: Jim Mirek
- ▶ Secretary: Ed Buc
- ▶ Treasurer: Dan Osterud
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- ▶ Director: Bill Galinski

### **Committees**

- ▶ Librarian: Ray Fanchamps
- ▶ C47 Midwest Regional:  
Representative Craig White
- ▶ Web Master: Jim Mirek

### President's Message



Our third auction went very well during the March meeting. I would like to thank Mike Paul for running another successful auction. Also thanks to Amelia Osterud and Sue White for moving us into the computer age with the data all being collected and printed out via an Access database. This made the transactions much cleaner

and quicker.

137 items were sold from 17 different sellers. We had 77 attendees purchase a paddle this year; and a total of 89 attendees. The auction rules allowed the owner to bid on his own items, but 86% of the items went home to a new owner. 73% of the items were bought by Chapter 47 members and the other 27% were purchased by other chapters or by the general public. Thank you to all members for bringing items to sell, bidding and helping with running the auction.

We have captured your suggestions for suggested improvements for next year to make next year's auction even better.

We have purchased directors and liability insurance for our chapter and chapter members to protect all of us from an unplanned event.

Future educational talks planned are as follows:

May 6 Brass used in Time Keepers by Craig White

September 9 Early Battery Clocks by Ray Fanchamps

November 4 Accutron Watches by Mike Dempsey

Thank you,  
Craig White

**Spot a Clock**—Last month's clock is the tower clock of St. Hyacinth Church. The attached write-up provides a summary of information on the clock.

Can you guess the location of the clock below? The answer will be posted at the September meeting, by the coffee.



## Photos from March 2012 Chapter 47 Third Annual Auction



### Treasurer's Report

February 1, 2012

Opening Balance                   \$2,930.17

Income:

    Dues and Admissions   \$970.00

    Donations               \$80.00

    Total Income           \$1,050.00

Expenses:

    Coffee Donuts Fruit   (\$91.48)

    Hall Rental             (\$625.00)

    Newsletter             (\$102.41)

    Other Expenses       (\$109.20)

    Total Expenses       (\$928.09)

March 31, 2012 Closing Balance       \$3,052.08

The upper left-hand corner of your newsletter's mailing label shows when your dues were last paid. If it does not say 2012, your dues are 'due'. Please pay today. Thanks!

**Dan Osterud, Treasurer**

## Chapter 47 March Newsletter “Spot a Clock”

This month’s ‘Spot a Clock’ is St. Hyacinth Church, located at 1414 West Becher Street in Milwaukee.



St. Hyacinth is one of several Catholic churches founded on Milwaukee’s south side in the late 1800s to early 1900s. These churches were founded to serve the largely Polish population of the area.



St. Hyacinth was founded by Father Jacek Gulski. Father Gulski was born in West Prussia in 1847, and joined the Order of the Franciscan Fathers in 1866. He emigrated to the United States in 1875 and initially settled in Berlin, Wisconsin. He transferred to St. Stanislaus parish in Milwaukee in 1876.

The St. Stanislaus parish grew rapidly under his leadership, with the local population of parishioners exceeding the capacity of the church. Father Gulski left the parish to organize a new parish, St. Hyacinth,

to the west. Construction started in 1882, and the St. Hyacinth Church was blessed on April 1, 1883.



Based on research conducted by Dr. Joseph Baier and published in the NAWCC Bulletin, the clock movement for the church was purchased from Mathias Schwalbach, a Milwaukee clockmaker. Mr. Schwalbach specialized in church clocks, building movements for over 70 buildings. Most were located in the Milwaukee area, but clocks were sold to churches as far east as New York and as far west as Oregon.



According to Dr. Baier’s Bulletin article, the Schwalbach movement was replaced with an electric movement. The church was contacted for additional information, but has not yet returned calls.

If you would like to suggest a clock for the newsletter’s ‘Spot a Clock’, please contact Ed Buc at the Chapter meetings or by email at [timecraft\\_wi@yahoo.com](mailto:timecraft_wi@yahoo.com).



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<input type="checkbox"/> NAWCC Membership Dues <i>Use NAWCC Form-send to NAWCC</i>	1 Year	\$70.00*	Or \$90 with spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Mart Table at Chapter meeting	1 Mart	\$ 0	*FREE to Members
<input type="checkbox"/>			*
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad in MENOMONEE VALLEY TIMES	Annually	\$100.00+	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation to Chapter 47	1	\$	
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