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## NEXT MEETING - MARCH 18

### January Program

Craig White "Casting Lead Weights"

Show and Tell: Bring a weight-driven clock

### **Menomonee Valley Chapter 47**

January 7, 2018

March 18, 2018

May 6, 2018

September 16, 2018

November 18, 2018

### **Madison Chapter 171**

First Wednesday of even number months

### **Chicagoland Chapter 3**

February 4, 2018

April 8, 2018

September 9, 2018

November 11, 2018

December 2, 2018

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### President's Message

Thanks to Brad Smith for his presentation on Jefferson Electric Mystery Clocks. The company was founded in 1915 in Chicago IL and named after Thomas Jefferson. They made transformers, ignition coils, fuses and lamp ballasts until after WWII.

In the late 1940's, the company's president and his wife were vacationing in

Holland. She saw an interesting clock in a shop window and her husband bought it and brought the "Dutch Secret" home to the US. He purchased the Dutch patent and tooled up to manufacture the "Golden Hours" clock.

The Gold Hours were made for over 40 years and 2 million were sold. The clock division was closed in 1992 and sold to Timesavers, in Scottsdale, AZ. Parts and instructions are still available as these clocks have a "cult" following.

In 1966, Jefferson Electric moved to Franklin, WI where today they make dry transformers. Not a single clock of this type is in the facility.

Other models produced were the Golden Helm, Golden Minute, Golden View, Golden Secret and Suspense.

We had some activity at the silent auction table where a few items changed hands. This will be continued at the next meeting. Look closely at the silent auction in March as there will be an item specially priced.

I have not heard any feedback about a repair clinic. Let me know if you are interested.

Educational programs planned for 2018:

March: Craig White will discuss casting lead weights

May: Mike Dempsey will give talk on making a die filing attachment for Sherline lathes.

September: Mike Dempsey will give talk on electric clock repair

November: Craig White will discuss his James Ferguson-inspired Astronomical Clock.

Thank you,  
Craig White

### Spot a Clock

Our last 'Spot a Clock' was from Wauwatosa East High School.

Can you identify the clock below?

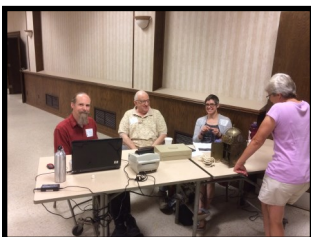


### Photos from the January 2018 Chapter 47 Meeting



### Treasurer's Report

December 1, 2017	
Opening Balance	\$1,560.28
Income:	
Dues and Admissions	\$679.00
Donations	\$ 30.00
Printed Newsletter	\$ 30.00
Total Income	\$739.00
Expenses:	
Donuts, Fruit	(\$ 38.61)
Insurance	(\$577.50)
Business Expenses	(\$ 40.31)
Newsletter	(\$ 45.37)
Total Expenses	(\$701.79)
January 31, 2018	
Closing Balance	\$1,597.49



Dan Osterud, Treasurer

### “Spot a Clock”

This month’s ‘Spot a Clock’ is located at Wauwatosa East High School, 7500 Milwaukee Avenue, Wauwatosa.



This clock is located in the lobby of the school’s theatre. Looking at the back side of the clock, a dial is present. This suggested that the clock may have been located elsewhere and relocated to its present location.



Wauwatosa’s first high school was built on the site of the current Lincoln Elementary School in 1871. A new school was constructed across 76<sup>th</sup> Street to the east in 1934. This school’s design had Art Deco elements, and included a ‘tower of learning’ above the main entrance. Murals were painted in the lobby by WPA artists, and handmade tile and trophy cases lined the walls. Some design details are still visible on the west and south exteriors of the building.



A second high school, Wauwatosa West, was constructed in the early 1970s, and the original school was renamed Wauwatosa East. Because of fears that the new ‘state of the art’ school would draw students away from the original high school, the school board approved an expansion and remodeling program.

Due to deteriorating conditions, the tower was removed in 1974, and the interior was modified with drywall and drop ceilings to match the addition. Unfortunately, this remodel affected the murals and trophy cases, which were thought lost until 2002. Exploratory holes were cut into the walls, and revealed the original oak cases, tile, and murals. An extensive restoration was completed in 2005 to restore this area.



A book written by Ray Py documented the history of the school, and he encouraged the restoration of the murals. His book included a yearbook photo that depicted a clock hanging from the interior of this space, in a stairwell that led to the tower. Other yearbook photos showed this clock model was located in at least two other areas of the school.



The dial of the current clock is slightly different than seen in yearbook photos. Given student usage of the clocks to hang things from, dials were likely replaced during repairs



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"/> Chapter 47 Membership Dues	1 Year	\$25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Card prepaid entry to meetings	1 Year	\$10.00	OR \$3 at door
<input type="checkbox"/> NAWCC Membership Dues <i>Use NAWCC Form-send to NAWCC</i>	1 Year	\$90.00	\$110 with spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Mart Table at Chapter meeting*	1 Mart	\$ 0	*FREE to Members
<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Newsletter via mail	1 Year	\$5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card ad in newsletter	1 issue	\$5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation to Chapter 47	1	\$	
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Many of us have shelves of horological books, but how often do we use them? Each issue, we will feature a repair tip or historical tidbit taken from a common reference book. These tips are offered for informational purposes only. Chapter 47 or its board do not endorse any of the tips or techniques offered herein.

From "Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary", by Sax & Lewis:

"Lead: Properties: Heavy, ductile, soft, gray solid. Density 11.35, melting point 327.4 degrees Celsius... Hazard: Toxic by ingestion and inhalation of dust or fume. Threshold Limit Value (TLV) (as Pb) (fumes and dust and inorganic compounds) 0.15 milligrams per cubic meter of air. For ambient air the EPA standard is 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter. A cumulative poison, FDA regulations require zero lead content in foods and less than 0.05 % in house paints."