

CREOLE #43 Inc.

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors





St.Jerome Knights of Columbus Hall 3310 Florida Ave. Kenner, LA 70065 Saturday - May 20, 2017

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Programs - Steve Barnes Education - Terry Downs Photography -Bob Taggart Librarian - Terry Downs Webmaster - Ann Boyd

 Registration & Mart
 8:30-11:00

 Silent Auction
 9:00-11:15

 Workshop
 10:15-11:00

 Business Meeting
 11:00-11:30

 Crawfish Boil
 11:30-12:30

Dear Creole 43 Members,

Letter from the President

Please join us on Saturday May 20th 8:30 AM till 11:30 PM for bimonthly meeting followed by a Crawfish Boil,which is included with your \$5.00 door entry fee. Let's have some FUN

Nick Bonura has included a Creole 43 roster with the Newsletter for all who receive the Newsletter by email. There will be printed copies of the roster available at the meeting for those who do not receive by email. Please check your information and notify Nick of any updates on your information. We do encourage receiving the Newsletter by email if possible.

A sincere "Thank You" to Ann Boyd for many hours of service publishing our Creole 43 Newsletter and Thanks to Allen Mocklin for stepping up to keep the newsletter coming.

Consider attending up coming events a days drive away or less: NAWCC National, Arlington, TX. 6/28/17—7/1/17 All TX Chapters Houston TX. 8/24/17—8/26/17

Mid South Chattanooga, TN. 8/31/17-9/2/17

Best Wishes, Terry Downs 2017 Dues are Due

Single Dues are: \$10.00 Family Dues are: \$15.00

Please pay your dues in a timely maner so that our data base will be updated more easily. Also, family membership is for the spouse or significant other and any child under 18 years of age. This allows for your spouse to have all the rights the member even if he/she is not a

member



May Crawfish Boil following meeting 11:30 to 12:30

Silent Auction: Bring in your unneeded items to convert them into cash, easily and cheaply on our **Silent Auction Table**. Remember that a successful meeting is one in which you sell something you no longer need or buy something you have always wanted or needed.

Interesting Facts about Time and Clocks

- 1. "O' clock" is a contraction of "stroke of the clock" and comes from 15th century references to medieval mechanical clocks.- Clockwise and counterclockwise were originally sun wise and widdershins before clocks were common.
- 2. The clock's hands moving 'clockwise' were intended to imitate the way the shadow on a sun-dial in the Northern Hemisphere moves during the day. In USA, time zones as we know them were first established by the railroad industry during 1883. Before that, every town kept its own time based on the sunrise and using a central clock. This made scheduling trains nearly impossible, necessitating a standardized time.

Great Southern Regional 2017

Our exhibit theme for the Great Southern Regional this year will be: "MY SPECIAL CLOCK". We will announce this theme at the May meeting and ask each Creole member to participate in the exhibit by putting one or more of their special collection clocks in the exhibit. We will also ask for a brief write up of the history/description of their clock and tell why it is special to them.

November 11 & 12 at the Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA



On going project——- Spot a Public Clock! In you travels around town you may see a public clock, be it a street or tower clock etc., make a note of the location and any particulars about it. Snap a picture and bring it and your information to the next meeting to discuss your find.

Creole Chapter 43 - 2017 Community Restoration Project

At our March meeting Creole 43 members voted to restore a 1930's 5 tube electric Herschede grandfather clock which is part of the Abe L. Shushan Special Collection housed at the University of New Orleans. Abe Shushan, born in 1894 near the Reserve Louisiana area, was an important figure in the 1920's and 1930's and a political associate of Huey P. Long. He was appointed president of the New Orleans Levee Board in 1929. Under his leadership the lakefront sea wall and the New Orleans Lakefront Airport were constructed. The airport opened in 1934 and was first named the Shushan Airport. The brass plaque on the Hershede grandfather clock states that it was a gift to Abe from his friends on February 11, 1932.

Nick Bonura and Joe Pradat have removed the movement and left the clock case at the University. The clock mechanism with dial, pendulum and tubular bell chimes will be displayed on a test stand at the May meeting for inspection and discussion of what repairs are needed to restore the clock back to working condition. We are looking for volunteers who will help in the restoration project.

A brief initial inspection indicates the electric motor seems to be working, but the mechanical brass movement needs a good cleaning. The clock movement will run but the chiming portion occasionally gets out of sequence and sometimes jams and stops the clock. The tubular bells have cracks which may be repaired by soldering. The tubes and strike hammers will need to be restrung and the pendulum bob polished.



Joe Pradat inspecting the Herschede movement at the University of New Orleans

March Meeting Highlights



WORKSHOP: Dave Bertinot demonstrating his Ollie Baker spring winder with a loop-end spring and a barrel. Dave also showed how to install a KWM bushing in a movement plate with hand bushing tools.

Steve Burgamy reported on a repair he made to the "Adler Time" signature clock established in 1910. Adler Jewelers has been in New Orleans since 1898 on Canal Street. Steve says it was an adventure working his way up into the clock, working and balancing himself at the same time. Royal Lions heads are part of this public clock.

Show & Tell: Timepieces that had something to do with the letter "B" were featured. Several clocks were on display including one with a strap-brass movement, a wooden movement, a couple of Seth Thomas Sonora Bell clocks and novelty clocks

Show & Tell for the May Meeting: Timepieces that have something to do with the letter "C"

May's workshop will evolve around the inspection of our Herschede
 clock movement project



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To join or to renew your Creole membership, send a check for \$10.00(individual) or \$15.00 (family) made out to CREOLE CHAPTER #43 to: Nick Bonura-4620 Lake Vista Dr., Metairie, LA 70006

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