



## **Watchmakers' Association of New Jersey, Inc.** **OUR 72<sup>nd</sup> YEAR**

**AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING AND FURTHERING THE ART  
AND SCIENCE OF WATCHMAKING**

**Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:30pm**  
**Place: VFW Hall South Ave, & Centennial Ave.**  
**Website: <http://www.wanj.us>**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to our first message for the Spring! I would like to thank everybody who attended our March Meeting - and made it a success. We enjoyed a presentation from Mark Heist - A watchmaker who specializes in the restoration of Vintage Breitling timepieces. He gave an hour long presentation of his shop, his equipment, and many of the typical pieces that come across his bench, as well as how he approaches repairing or restoring them. A very interesting evening. Thanks Mark!

At this time we have had 21 members renew their dues for this year (2011), we were also fortunate to have several life members donate money to the association, even though they are exempt from doing so. We also had a generous donation from John Sokol - past president - and currently technical director of Richemont USA. Thanks also go to Adolph Stonitsch for his generous donation of used batteries. Since the reclamation value of used batteries is now approaching \$55 per pound (due to the tremendous increase in the value of Silver this past year), it will go a long way in defraying expenses for the association.

Also, Alessandro Betti of ETA will be here in the US giving his famous training course on the 7750, at the AWCI headquarters. The expected date of training will be from May 16th to the 20th. Feel free to call AWCI Central for details!

We reinstated a popular feature of the meeting - The Mart! - All tables are FREE - bring anything you wish to sell that may be of benefit to the other watchmakers or watch hounds!

We also held a quick vote on whether to reinstate the snack corner - only 3 people voted in favor, so we will not be offering snacks after the program, at this time. Feel free to bring your own nosh!

At this time we are still looking for a program - if you have any suggestions, please email myself or Hans Weber.

Until then, thanks for your continued support - see you at the meeting!

Neil Wohl