



Watchmakers' Association of New Jersey, Inc. OUR 73rd YEAR

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

Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:30pm
Place: VFW Hall South Ave, & Centennial Ave.
Website: <http://www.wanj.us>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This newsletter is to inform all past and present members of WANJ what our future will be. At our September 2011 meeting last year Neil Wohl announced he wanted to step down as president. Reuben Simpson of Maplewood offered to be president, with the provision that he had a successful hip operation. Due to some complications after his operation he had to renege on his offer.

As our past president, I have made the decision to serve as your president for the year 2012. I will be assisted by Michael Osnato as my vice president. We will continue our meeting schedule starting with the March 13th meeting at the VFW Hall in Cranford. April 10th and May 8th are the next meetings. If you have any fresh ideas about programs for our meetings, please come forward with them. We also should be looking for a less expensive meeting place, which is still convenient to the central New Jersey area.

I have purposely also addressed this newsletter to members who have not been active or have not paid dues in the last years. Our membership is in a steady decline. We have had 68 paid members, in 2008/53, in 2009/46, in 2010/34, in 2011...

If you can rejoin us, we will welcome you. With a little effort we can grow; we all know some colleagues, watchmakers, collectors, or hobbyists, whom we could bring to the next meeting. That brings us to the subject of dues. The enclosed statement is for \$50 – to be paid in January. Our appeal last year to our Life Members was very successful with 9 donations from them.

On a sad note I have to report the passing of 2 outstanding members of our trade. Ewell Hartman passed away on Nov 22nd 2011. Ewell was a past president of AWCI, he was a cofounder of the Chronometer Club Chapter, and the author of the AWCI Battery Number System.

On January 10th our lifetime member Don DeWolfe passed on. Don had joined WANJ April 10th 1956. Don was a graduate of Joseph Bulova School of watchmaking. He had served in offices including 2 terms as president and was our historian. He was the training coordinator for the Accutron repair service for the Bulova Watch Co. Many Watchmakers owe Don for their knowledge about Accutron Watches. I remember him as a passionate watchmaker and a great friend.

Let us try to continue the spirit of the WANJ into our 73rd year. See you March 13th.

Hans J. Weber