

Did You Know

On March 14, 2009 we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Chapter 59. Since this is a major milestone, it seems appropriate to look at our past.

Late in 1967, "clock club" members consisted of La Mesa clock and watch collectors.

The Chapter 59 charter is dated March 15, 1969 and is signed by D. H. Shaffer (NAWCC President) and Earl T. Strickler (NAWCC Secretary).

The first chartered Chapter Officers were the following:

A. E. Jones, President
 Jack Wolford, Vice President
 Helen Schulman, Secretary
 Bea Bellair, Treasurer

The following Chapter 59 members have served as President in this century:

John Kuraoka
 Tim Rymer
 Earl Starr
 Verlyn Kuhlmann
 Mark Edgar

Verlyn Kuhlmann and Earl Starr served the most years as Chapter 59 officers. Since 1981, Verlyn served a total of 12 years. Over a 21-year period, Earl was President for 6 years and served a total of 13 years.

	Verlyn	Earl
President	4	6
Vice Pres	2	5
Secretary	4	
Treasurer	2	2

The \$5.00 membership dues has been in effect since March 1977.

Joe Kunker is listed as a Chapter 59 charter member in 1968. His name is the only one that appears in almost every membership roster since the Chapter's inception. Some of his accomplishments over the past forty



Joe Kunkler, Ugly Clock contest winner, 2001

years include Secretary (1971), Vice President (1980-1981), taught a clock repair class (1985), and received the NAWCC Fellow award (1992).

Every year in the 21st century, the following Chapter 59 members' names have appeared in the membership roster:

Ervin Amstadt
 Larry Bell
 Ray and Kay Ellis
 Leland Fletcher
 Jack and Lois Gage
 Seymour and Gertrude Glick
 Ray Goetz II
 Doug and Rachel Hill
 Paul Hoffman
 Gary and Loah Horton
 Richard and Cynthia Horvath
 Verlyn and Phyllis Kuhlmann
 Joe Kunkler
 John and Ondine Kuraoka
 William and Nancy Lassen
 Beverly Marsh
 Bill Porter
 Wayne and Yvonne Preston
 Alvin and Joyce Ruppert
 Tim and Therese Rymer
 Stuart and Nikki Smith
 Earl and Joyce Starr
 Ron and Carolyn Thompson
 Richard and Jean Vought
 Howard and Grace Wheeler

The first issue of the "Tic-Talk" newsletter was published in October 1972. John and Susan Lewandowski were the first editors. Over the years, there has been a total of 12 editors. Arnie Lacombe served as publisher for the longest period—21 years from October 1983 until December 2004!



Arnie Lacombe 1999

Over the years, Chapter 59 members conducted several clock and/or watch repair classes. The first was performed by Harvey Lewis in 1972 and the most recent class was taught by Tim Rymer in 2008.

Late 1997, National established Internet connectivity procedures. Early 1998, Steve Clauss created Chapter 59's webpage. John Kuraoka created our first website on a free hosting service. He registered our Internet domain name on June 2003. John currently manages the website which contains, in part, a notice of upcoming events, highlights and photographs of Chapter meetings, and links to Chapter 59 members' websites.

The first Chapter 59 Regional was held at the La Mesa City Hall on July 16-18, 1971. Prior to the current location—the Del Mar Fairgrounds—the Regional was held at the Scottish Rite Center (Mission Valley) for 7 years. The Regional has been at the Del Mar Fairgrounds for 10 years and Earl Starr has been Regional Chairman 8 out of those 10 years.

The first Chapter 59 Christmas party was held in 1972. Chapter members brought to this potluck unwrapped gifts intended for children via the Salvation Army. Since 1975, Chapter 59 has held a Christmas party and charity auction with proceeds going to the Crisis House.

The above historical facts were taken from the "History of Chapter 59 San Diego County Clock Club" by Verlyn Kuhlmann who has been the Chapter historian for 31 years. The above document can be checked out from the Chapter 59 library. Other documentation found in the Chapter archives includes meeting minutes, Tic-Talk issues, membership rosters, photos, and constitutions and bylaws.